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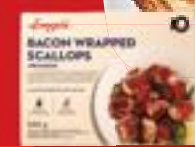
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**A "SIGN" OF THINGS TO COME:** Caledon East Revitalization Task Force members Heather Savage (resident), Regional Councillor Christina Early, Peter Dhillon (resident), Kim Harvey (resident), Councillor Doug Maskell, Tim Donovan (resident), and David Frost (resident) celebrated the Town of Caledon's recent purchase of land in Caledon East. For more on the potential revitalization opportunity, see Page A15.

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## Two wanted in connection to double homicide as investigation continues

BY BROCK WEIR

A former Olympic snowboarder and another Canadian citizen have been named in connection to a double homicide in Caledon last November.

On Thursday, the United States Department of Justice alleged that Ryan James Wedding, 43, and Andrew Clark, 34, were wanted in connection with the homicide, in an announcement that saw the two men and 14 other defendants charged in relation to a transnational drug trafficking operation.

"The superseding indictment alleges that Wedding, Clark, and others conspired to ship bulk quantities of cocaine – weighing hundreds of kilograms – from Southern California to Canada through a Canada-based drug transportation network...from approximately January 2024 to August 2024," the Office alleged. "The cocaine shipments were transported from Mexico to the Los Angeles area, where the cocaine trafficking organization's operatives would store the cocaine in stash houses, before delivering it to the transportation network couriers for transportation to Canada using long-haul semi-trucks."

"As alleged in the superseding indictment, the organization resorted to violence – including multiple murders – to achieve its aims. Wedding and Clark allegedly directed the November 20, 2023, murders of two members of a family in Ontario, Canada, in retaliation for a stolen drug shipment that passed through Southern California."

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## Nearly 50 tickets issued during parking safety blitz in Southfields

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon recently took proactive steps to address parking issues in one of its villages.

On October 9 and 10, town municipal law enforcement staff went to Southfields Village for a parking safety blitz. They patrolled for, and proactively addressed, parking-related violations.

Municipal law enforcement staff also addressed parking and stopping contraventions in school areas.

In an emailed statement, Caledon's Director of Municipal Law Enforcement Jagdeep (Jack) Hunjan said Caledon is committed to improving compliance with parking regulations to enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists.

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# Local family physicians recognized for providing outstanding care

BY PAULA BROWN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) is recognizing the outstanding

care provided by family physicians across the province.

The Ontario College of Family Physicians announced in a press release on October 17 that nine family doctors in the Dufferin-Caledon area had been recognized by their patients for the outstanding care they've provided.

“What we heard from patients in all corners of the province, including in Dufferin-Caledon, is that family physicians are there for patients, providing care when they need it most,” said Dr. Jobin Varughese, President of the Ontario College of Family Physicians. “We are thankful for the dedication and care that family physicians show to patients in their communities.”

The recognition is part of a campaign run by the Ontario College of Family Physicians (OCFP) to highlight the essential role of family doctors. During the campaign, Ontarians were asked to tell the OCFP about how their family doctor has gone above and beyond for their care.

According to the Ontario College of Family Physicians, the campaign received responses with more than 750 family doctors being recognized across the province.

Dr. Jamie Van der Ham of Dufferin Area Family Health Team was among the local physicians in Dufferin County who were recognized in the campaign. He received nominations from four different patients and was among the most of any family doctor in the province.

Dr. Van der Ham was recognized for the outstanding care he provides particularly to an elderly patient who has a challenging cardiovascular condition.

“My husband has an ICD (implantable cardioverter defibrillator) and Dr. Van der Ham is on top of all of his appointments and procedures, and at our age that gives us a real feeling of confidence and security,” said the patient.

Another patient added, “He is concerned about my health, and I feel so well looked after.”

One more noted, “My family doctor always follows up with me after any visit. He

truly cares about my well-being.”

Dr. Carol Mills, from the Dufferin Area Family Health Team, was also recognized for the care provided to her patients.

“Our family doctor serves my husband and myself, and our two children and grandchildren – a true family doctor. She is supportive of all of us in our various age brackets, including diagnosing special issues and finding specialists,” said the patient.

In addition to bringing recognition to the essential role that family doctors have in their patients' lives, the OCFP campaign also brought to light the need for more family doctors.

The Ontario College of Family Physicians said they heard from many Ontarians who do not have a family doctor but are in need of one.

According to the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team, the estimated number of local community members needing access to primary and team-based care was over 15,000 as of March 2022.

With the population of the area projected to increase 37 per cent by 2031, Dufferin County and Caledon would require 43 additional family physicians – 14 for Dufferin County and 29 for Caledon – in the next seven years to keep up with population growth.

“Family physicians are the foundation of our health care system, and every Ontarian should have access to one,” said Deepy Sur, CEO of the Ontario College of Family Physicians. “We can get there by ensuring family physicians have the right supports in the right place to allow them to continue to provide patient care.”

At the time of print, there are roughly 2.5 million Ontarians without access to a family doctor.

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## Blitz took place on October 9 and 10

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“Southfields Village in particular is experiencing an increase in on-street parking and parked vehicles overhanging sidewalks and roadways,” said Hunjan. “The Town continues to prioritize safe and accessible streets and thanks the community for its ongoing cooperation.”

Town staff said nearly 50 tickets were issued during the recent parking safety blitz, with common offences including: parking in a signed no-park zone; parking or stopping too far from the curb; parking facing the wrong way; stopping over sidewalks, footpaths and

crosswalks; parking within three metres of a fire hydrant; and parking on a boulevard.

Fines issued during the recent parking safety blitz ranged from \$45 to \$300.

A Town of Caledon news release issued prior to the blitz stated that its goal was to address parking violations and assist with the safe and orderly flow of traffic within the Southfields Community.

Caledon is currently working on a parking strategy study for Southfields Village.

Those looking for more information on the study can visit the following link: haveyour-saycaledon.ca/southfieldsvillageparking-study.

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Bolton Rotary's annual Haunted Hill Walk/Run is taking place on October 27.

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# Residents invited to participate in Caledon's spookiest run this weekend

## Annual Haunted Hill Walk/Run held by Bolton Rotary

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Nowhere else can you find Iron Man and Frankenstein lined up for a running race.

On Sunday, October 27, Bolton Rotary is hosting its highly-anticipated annual Haunted Hill Walk/Run event.

There's a one-kilometre kids fun run at 9:30 a.m. and a five-kilometre walk/run beginning at 10 a.m. — costumes are encouraged for both. The runs both start outside the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness in Bolton.

Registration for the runs is free, and kids fun run participants will receive a medal that was designed and 3D-printed by Humberview Secondary School students.

Bolton Rotary covers costs of the event thanks to generous sponsors, and all pro-

ceeds from the event go to youth programs in the Caledon community.

Bolton Rotary member Karen Fast explained there's some exciting new initiatives at this year's event.

"One is a school challenge; we're inviting groups of six to eight students to form a team and participate, and the school will get a \$500 cheque and the runners get a pizza party," said Fast. "We've got one or two teams already."

Another new activity at this year's event is a scavenger hunt that was designed by a Humberview Secondary School student.

Fast said many local students have volunteered to help with the run. There will be food and prizes at the event, and many spooky decorations.

"It's a community event and we are so happy to put this on for everybody," said Fast. "Any proceeds we make over and above our expenses go back to youth programs; things like the Caledon Cavaliers rugby team — we just put in new goal posts for them and a new storage container."

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## NEW DETACHMENT COMMANDER

The Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is proud to announce and welcome its new Detachment Commander, Inspector Natalie Majer.

Inspector Majer brings an impressive 30-year career that began in 1994 at the Burk's Falls Detachment. Since then, she has served in numerous frontline detachments, including Notawasaga, Highway Safety Division, Southern Georgian Bay, and Collingwood/Town of Blue Mountains. Her experience extends beyond Frontline Operations, including leadership roles in the Communications and Technology Services Bureau and the Field Support Bureau. Most recently, she held the role of interim Detachment Commander at Haliburton Highlands.

"A passionate advocate for mentorship and inclusivity, Inspector Majer serves as a mentor with the Ontario Public Service (OPS) Diversity and Career Champion Program, supporting under-represented members in their career growth and development," say Police. "As a former board member of the Ontario Women in Law Enforcement

(OWLE) and member of the International Association of Women Police (IAWP), she has championed initiatives that promote equity and empower women in policing.

"Inspector Majer's commitment to fostering a diverse and inclusive workplace extends to her involvement with the OPP Central Region Steering Committee for Women Igniting Change (WIC) Member Support Network, a group focused on driving positive change and gender equity within the organization."

This year marks the 50th Anniversary of OPP Women in Uniform, a milestone that highlights the significant contributions and progress made by women in the OPP.

Inspector Majer, as a member of the 50th OPP Anniversary of Women in Uniform Steering Committee, is committed to celebrating this historic achievement. Her leadership and dedication reflect the values of inclusivity and equity that continue to shape the future of policing, as the OPP recognizes the accomplishments of its women veterans and current members, while empowering the next generation through recruitment and mentorship.

"In addition to her professional achievements, Inspector Majer has demonstrated leadership in

the broader community through her work on charity campaigns within the OPS, including her roles with United Way and Federated Health Charities. She is a recipient of the prestigious Police Exemplary Service Medal, recognizing her dedication and contributions over three decades of public service."

A graduate of Brock University with a Bachelor of Arts Degree, she has been an active member in various community groups, including the Royal Victoria Hospital Foundation Campaign Cabinet.

"Inspector Majer is an accomplished police professional with 30 years of service in multiple OPP detachments and divisions, with a broad experience in highway safety, communications and technology, and central operations that will help Caledon as we continue to grow," said Mayor Annette Groves. "Our town is in good hands with Inspector Majer as our new Detachment Commander."

## SHOPLIFTING INVESTIGATION



Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a shoplifting incident and are requesting the public's assistance to identify two persons of interest.

"On August 29, 2024, shortly after 10:00 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to a report of a theft at a local LCBO," say Police. "As part of the investigation, officers are requesting the public's assistance to identify two persons of interest."

Anyone with information is asked to call 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

## ARREST FOLLOWING BREAK AND ENTER

Members of the Caledon OPP have laid

charges in connection to a break and enter investigation.

"On September 26, 2024, a break and enter was reported at a residence on Valleygreen Crescent, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "High-valuable items were stolen, including vehicle key fobs."

"On October 1, 2024, police were called while the suspect was re-attending the same residence to steal a motor vehicle but was not successful. Officers attended and located the suspect vehicle and seized it."

"On that same day, the Caledon Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU), with the assistance of the Dufferin OPP CSCU, executed a search warrant in both the vehicle and a residence. Evidence, including stolen property and currency, was located and seized."

As a result of the investigation, Usamah Kasis Bishara, 31, of Maple, was charged with:

- Enter dwelling house - commit indictable offence;
- Enter dwelling house with intent to commit indictable offence - two counts;
- Possession of break in instruments;
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000;
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000;
- Possession of a forged document with Intent;
- Disguise with Intent;
- Possession of a credit card - five counts;
- Possession of identity document - seven counts

The charges have not been proven.

The accused was held for a Bail Hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville.

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## DANGEROUS OPERATION CHARGES

On October 5, 2024, at approximately 5:30 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to a two-vehicle collision on The Gore Road, just south of Finnerty Sideroad, in the Town of Caledon.

Minor injuries were sustained. The investigation led officers to arrest one of the drivers for Dangerous Operation.

As a result, Tevaughn Brown, 27, of Tottenham was charged with:

- Fail to Remain;
- Dangerous Operation.

There were minor injuries sustained to the victim vehicle driver.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on November 7, 2024, to answer for the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

"Drivers and other road users can significantly contribute to safer roads by avoiding taking unnecessary risks and complying with all traffic laws," say Police. "The OPP is committed to reducing traffic-related fatalities and injuries and ensuring all road and waterway users - drivers, pedestrians and passengers alike - make it safely to their destination."

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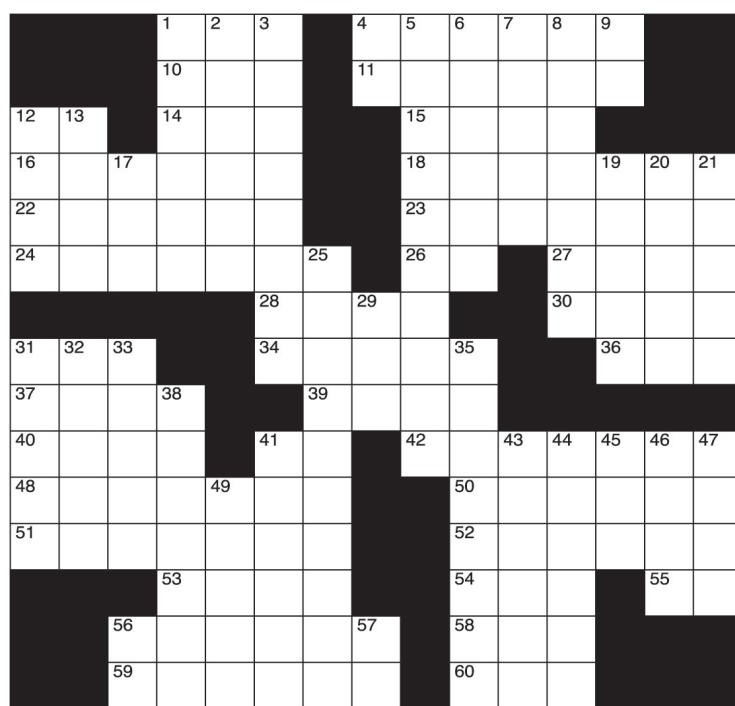
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19. Night monkeys
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# Investigation continues into double homicide in November

Continued from FRONT

“Another member of that family survived the shooting but was left with serious physical injuries. Wedding and Clark allegedly also ordered the murder of another victim on May 18, 2024, over a drug debt.”

Wedding, who participated in the 2002 Olympics, is charged with eight felonies: two counts of conspiracy to distribute controlled substances, one count of conspiracy to export cocaine, one count of leading a continuing criminal enterprise, three counts of murder in connection with a continuing criminal enterprise and drug crime, and one count of attempt to commit murder in connection with a continuing criminal enterprise and drug crime.

“Clark is charged with the same eight felonies, plus an additional count of murder in connection with a continuing criminal enterprise and drug crime.”

The charges have not been proven. “This complex investigation spans multiple jurisdictions and agencies, with an alleged retaliation over stolen drugs tragically impacting an innocent family in Ontario,” said Marty Kearns, Deputy Commissioner of the OPP, in a statement. “Today’s announcement reflects the tireless months of work undertaken by agencies in both Canada and the United States, as well as support from law enforcement in Mexico and Colombia. This is a testament to how collaboration and investigative diligence cross borders to identify perpetrators and bring crucial answers to victims and their families.”

Added Peel Regional Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah: “Today’s investigative outcomes stand as a powerful testament to the tireless dedication and collaboration of law enforcement agencies across Canada, the U.S., Mexico, and Colombia. These investigative outcomes are important for the families who have endured tragic loss, casualties of criminal greed and a drug trafficking war. Peel Regional Police remains unwavering in its commitment to working alongside our global partners to bring those responsible for violent acts and homicides – both within Peel and beyond – to justice.”

In November 2023, Project Midnight, a joint Peel Regional Police (PRP) and Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) investigation, began when police identified a connection between three residential shootings in the City of Brampton, a homicide in the City of Mississauga and a double homicide in the Town of Caledon.

“The Project Midnight investigation, led by the PRP Homicide Bureau and the OPP Criminal Investigation Branch, remains ongoing, with assistance from Caledon OPP Major Crime Unit, OPP and PRP Forensic Identification Services, and in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner, Ontario Forensic Pathology Service and the Centre of Forensic Sciences,” say Police.

Police are urging anyone with information about this investigation to call the dedicated tip line at 1-833-941-5570. Anonymous tips can be shared by contacting Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://ontariocrimestoppers.ca).

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The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day as soon as possible after 3:00 p.m. at the Town of Caledon Municipal Office, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon.

**This meeting will be held virtually and in-person. Visit [caledon.ca/taxsale](http://caledon.ca/taxsale) to click on the meeting link or call into the meeting to listen to the proceedings at: Phone Number: 1-416-216-5643, Meeting Access Code: 2634 174 6952 # or attend in-person at the Town of Caledon Municipal Office, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon Ontario. Please advise us if you require an accessibility accommodation to participate.**

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### Remembrance Day Services

To honour the memory of all Canadians who have served their country in time of war, the following services will be hosted in the Town of Caledon.

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Sunday October 27, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.  
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Sunday November 10, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.  
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# BrightStart Caledon Family Centre launches new website

Site has enhanced accessibility features and a new location page

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A non-profit supporting Caledon families and children has a new home online.

On October 16, BrightStart Caledon Family Centre launched its new website: [www.brightstartcaledon.com](http://www.brightstartcaledon.com).

The website is a key part of BrightStart Caledon's rebrand — the non-profit was formerly known as the Caledon Parent-Child Centre.

BrightStart Caledon has rebranded as part of its effort to expand its reach and further its work with families and children in Caledon.

Shelly Ives, BrightStart Caledon's Manager of Community Relations and Volunteers, says it's all about connecting with the community.

"As the cornerstone agency for children and families in Caledon, the aim of the website refresh is to make it easy for our growing community to know who we are, what we do and how to find us," wrote Ives in a media release.

She explained that as Caledon is growing and more families are coming to raise their children here. As such, requests for BrightStart Caledon programs and services have increased in demand, complexity and diversity.

Ives said BrightStart Caledon's website has a fresh look and user-friendly navigation that will help families find all the information they need about BrightStart Caledon's free programs, services and supports.

"We are thrilled to unveil our new website to the public and provide an enhanced online experience for our valued families and community partners," said Ives. "The site's improved navigation and ease of use reflects our dedication to supporting the needs of our community's children, parents and caregivers."

There are a number of key features on the new website, such as enhanced accessibility features. There's improved site navigation, translation services, and an easy-to-use contact page. There's also a new location page that details BrightStart Caledon's sites, hours of operation, programs and events.

Another addition to the site is a "Discover BrightStart Caledon" page where visitors can receive an overview of what BrightStart Caledon can offer their family.

Ives encourages all parents and caregivers with young children in Caledon to check out BrightStart Caledon's new website. Those interested can subscribe to email newsletters on the website to keep up with all things BrightStart Caledon.



PAMA's latest exhibition was started thanks to the dedication of five quilting artists. PAMA PHOTO

# Art from artists with disabilities in the spotlight at PAMA this fall

Unveiling Ability: Empowerment Through Art is on display now

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Inclusive art is taking centre stage at a local gallery this fall.

Unveiling Ability: Empowerment Through Art is the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives' (PAMA) latest exhibition. It showcases inspiring artwork created by artists with disabilities and serves to promote inclusivity and community engagement.

In a variety of different media, artists in the show channel their personal experiences and challenges into their work. Each piece of art tells a story about how art has inspired the artists, and is a testament to the contributions of people with disabilities to the arts.

The show is on now at PAMA, located at 9 Wellington Street East in Brampton, and can be viewed

until March 16.

Amy Dunlop, a museum curator at PAMA, said the exhibit is inspiring and empowering.

"A rich, colourful exhibition, Unveiling Ability: Empowerment Through Art is more than meets the eye," said Dunlop. "Partnering with Brampton Caledon Community Living, this exhibition provides an opportunity to amplify artists living with disabilities. On display are sixty art pieces from fabric wall hangings and quilts to mixed media, sculptures and paintings on canvas."

Salma Hossain, a partner of the exhibit, explained the idea for the show started with the perseverance of five quilting artists who wanted their work to be part of a community exhibition event.

"With time, other artists joined in the same mission... this exhibit at PAMA is a depiction of empowerment of artists, who deserve recognition of their exceptional talents," said Hossain.

Susana York is another partner of the exhibit. "Unveiling Ability is an opportunity for artists to be recognized in their community for their exceptional gifts and talents," she said. "We appreciate PAMA highlighting the diversity of the community through their various art exhibitions, inclusive of citizens with disabilities."

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# Established Headwaters artists CJ Shelton and Ann Randerad featured in new show

## Migration is Headwaters Arts' October exhibition

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The latest show at the Headwaters Arts Gallery is all about change.

On now until November 10, Migration: Moving Through by artists CJ Shelton and Ann Randerad is on display at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

The exhibition features more than 120 paintings and wood-fired clay and porcelain pieces of art.

Headwaters Arts marketing lead Sue Powell said Shelton's paintings are soulful and

expressive.

She said the forms and surfaces of Randerad's art are truly impressive.

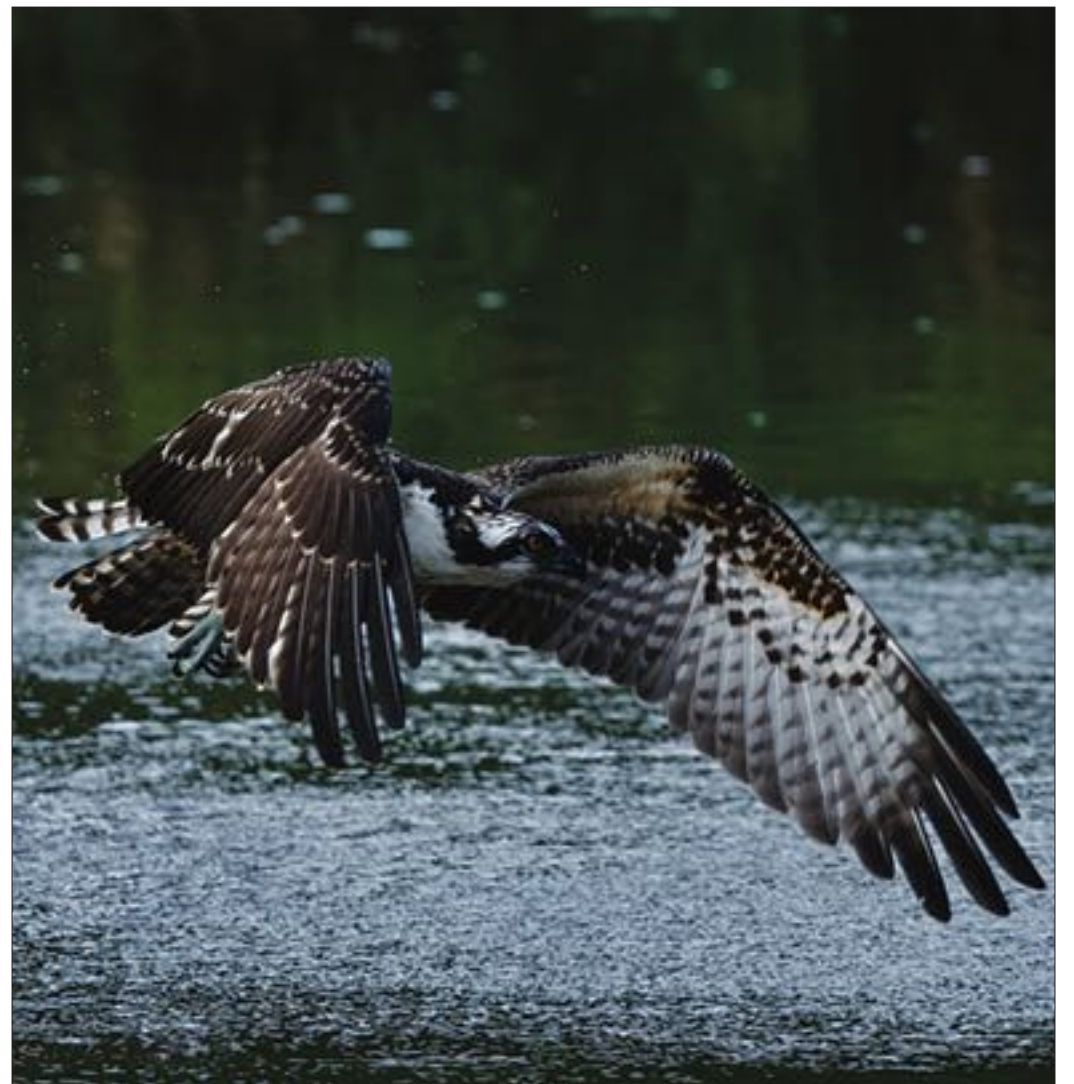
"Both of these well-established artists consistently push their personal boundaries, their mediums and processes, transforming their works resulting in free and fresh directions," said Powell.

Shelton said moving through unknown landscapes requires a leap of faith and trust in the instinctual call to seek new horizons.

"Just as birds and migratory animals always know how to find their way, Migration connects viewers to their own innate ability to navigate change... to search, to grow, and to learn," said Shelton.

Shelton works in acrylic paint and mixed media, and said she's inspired by nature and the landscapes of both "seen and unseen" realms.

Powell notes Shelton's paintings are stylistically contemporary yet "evocative of



Pilgrim's Process by CJ Shelton is one of over 120 pieces of art on display in the Headwaters Arts Gallery for the new Migration show.

CJ SHELTON IMAGE

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universal themes that speak to our hearts and spirits."

Shelton has her own studio and gallery in the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

Powell said Randerad creates landscaped forms and containers in clay that are both sculptural and functional. She said they evoke the essence of age-old ruins, typographies, and undiscovered terrain.

Randerad has her own studio and gallery

in Amaranth.

Shelton and Randerad will host an artist's talk at 1 p.m. on October 26 in the Headwaters Arts Gallery where viewers can learn all about their work and artistic process.

The Headwaters Arts Gallery is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Alton Mill Arts Centre (1402 Queen Street West).

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# Tess Prendergast is the new Provincial Liberal candidate for Dufferin-Caledon



Tess Prendergast (centre) is the new Provincial Liberal candidate for Dufferin-Caledon. MPP Andrea Hazell (left) of Scarborough-Guildwood and Ontario Liberal Party president Kathryn McGarry (right) joined her and supporters for her nomination on October 20 in Caledon.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

## Prendergast was officially nominated at October 20 meeting in Caledon Village

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

There's a new Provincial Liberal candidate for Dufferin and Caledon.

On October 20, Tess Prendergast was officially nominated as the Provincial Liberal candidate for Dufferin-Caledon at a Dufferin-Caledon Provincial Liberal Association meeting in Caledon Village.

Prendergast currently serves as a Councillor for the Town of Orangeville and is a French teacher and librarian.

She said she was inspired to be the Provincial Liberal candidate for Dufferin-Caledon because she sees firsthand how Provincial policies impact everyday Ontarians. Her experience as a Councillor for the Town of Orangeville has informed her approach to fiscal responsibility and moderation.

"While social progress is paramount, it must be matched with what is feasible within our current government systems and what is responsible to the taxpayer," said Prendergast. "I think people are looking for stability and sensibility in decision-making right now."

Prendergast said tackling Ontario's housing and affordability crises is key, as is improving the healthcare and education systems.

She said building housing in areas that already have infrastructure in place is very important, so that the cost of developing greenfield areas does not fall on taxpayers.

Prendergast said there needs to be more investment in the people that work in Ontario's healthcare system in addition to investments in infrastructure.

"I really care for the residents of Dufferin-Caledon, I'll be a true advocate," said Prendergast. "I can't wait to start knocking on doors and talking about the Ontario Liberal Party."

She said now is not the time for flashy investments in large infrastructure projects like highways when there's so many people in Ontario who are using the food bank and struggling to make ends meet.

"The Conservatives seem to be prioritizing profit for developers," said Prendergast. "The Ontario Liberals will prioritize smart budgeting that helps working families, focusing on affordable housing, public healthcare and education."

Prendergast said people in Dufferin and Caledon deserve better than what they've been getting from Premier Doug Ford and MPP Sylvia Jones in the past six years.

"When you vote Liberal, you're voting for stable, predictable, and sensible support. We need a government that's on our side," she said. "Leadership isn't just about passing laws. It's about listening, collaborating, and solving problems. I believe in a sensible approach, one that balances progressive policies with fiscal responsibility... we need to build up our communities, not tear them down through cuts, neglect and decision making that benefits a wealthy few."

Josh Loeffler, President of the Dufferin-Caledon Provincial Liberal Association, said in a news release that Prendergast is ready to bring fresh perspectives and a strong voice for the community to Queen's Park.

He said she's a dedicated community leader and passionate advocate for public services and environmental sustainability.

Loeffler said Prendergast's extensive experience in education, social justice and municipal governance has prepared her for the provincial stage. He said she's long been engaged in local politics and community development, focusing on affordable housing, healthcare, and accessible public transit.

"Her priorities reflect the Liberal values of

strong public services, promoting economic opportunities, and ensuring that government decisions are transparent and accountable," wrote Loeffler. "As a French teacher and librarian, she is deeply committed to improving education, public healthcare, and the environment, and aims to bring these values into the provincial legislature."

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# Seeking solace – even in spooky season

Halloween is just a week away and our communities are in full swing, keen on celebrating the spooky season in style.

Whether they are municipally-organized events and gatherings, or myriad fun ideas brought to life by local businesses – from getting a head-start on trick-or-treating to a chance to decorate pumpkins in what might be, for some, new and novel ways – there is no shortage of opportunities to embrace your inner ghoul in the best possible way.

As most of my own plans for this past weekend were scuttled due to a scratchy throat in a bid to not spread whatever wealth was kindly bestowed upon me – in this post-free rapid test world we're living in, it's probably best now to assume the worst until you're otherwise sure – it was a matter of getting into the spirit of occasion from home.

So, naturally, a few scary movies were considered.

With a veritable bounty of cinematic creepiness available thanks to countless streaming services and specialty channels, it was hard to settle on just one movie. Would it be a return to well-loved classics, the more ridiculous the better? A brand-new one focused more on gore rather than suspense? A spoof designed to upend some of the more eye-rolling horror or thriller tropes?

With no decision ultimately made, conversation about the aforementioned tropes was the order of the day.

Take watching a scary movie taking place in an old house when you're all by yourself; the last thing you want to hear is the creak of a floor on-screen or off. A creak under normal circumstances is not normally a cause for concern. But, under those circumstances, that commonplace sound can make the hair on your arms stand on end.

If you light upon a movie taking place in the woods, a camp, or another wilderness setting, the distant and distinct hoot of an owl – or, at the very least, what you and the characters might just think is hoot – or the sound of a twig snap underfoot, chances are they're harbingers of some sort of upcoming bloody cinematic calamity.

Yet, hearing a distant crack of a branch or the snap of a twig can spur no end of panic on screen, hearing the same sound on a calm walk down one of our scores of trails or more woody destinations can be a sign of calm, helping to attune your senses to nature and the world around you.

If you are an 80s or 90s kid, you know all too well what I'm talking about. After all, what household in that era didn't have at least one CD lying around with music marrying the sounds of pan flutes, saxophones or harps, or some combo thereof, with those of waterfalls, rustling leaves and the sounds of distant seabirds in a bid for some sort of relaxation or New Age Zen?

Heck, in those days, you didn't even have to have one at home; all you needed to do was find a little kiosk at your local Shopper's Drug Mart, and they all had one, grab the headset affixed to the side of the display, and press a button to listen to Whispering Willows, A Winsome Walk, or Bodacious Babbling Brooks, or whatever the name of the track might be.

Of course, these tracks never really went away; they remain as they always have been, but they've also been retrofitted to suit the age we live in.

If you were a news junkie during the last US Presidential Election, for instance, you might recall these sounds coming from your TV on Election Night – and in the several days of nonsense that followed.

The good people behind Calm, an app designed to help you meditate and get to sleep, were clever enough to read the pulse of the nation – and, indeed, much of the world – and dedicated their ad space on multiple news networks to their "soothing sounds." It pushed their product, of course, but it also served to help those who were particularly anxious about the results take some deep breaths – if only for a minute – and regroup before coverage continued. On that front, just like every vote, every minute counted as well.

Amid that electoral horror show, that humble twig snap was ultimately a welcome break.

Now, four years later, here we are again.

There are less than two weeks now before Americans go to the polls, and I think everyone can see that anxiety ramping up again as the day inches ever-closer – and we're feeling it on both sides of the border.

Of course, our own homegrown politics, and the uncertainty therein, is not helping matters, and here it seems Canadians are being bombarded by stressors from just about every direction.

Election stress, found the US-based Henry Ford Health, is real – citing data from the American Psychiatric Association stating that 73 per cent of those polled said the greater poll was causing them anxiety.

"There are two big factors at play," said Dr. Deepak Prabhakar, Chair of Psychiatry and Behavioural Medicine at Henry Ford Health, on why this election seems a bit different. "Several years ago, we did not have social media engagement at the level we see today. The only way we'd learn about an election would be on TV or in the newspaper once or twice a day. Now the news cycle is constant. And everyone is trying to get their stories picked up by consumers so headlines tend to be sensationalized – even those that are factual.

"Secondly, a lack of social media meant that even if someone was constantly thinking about an election, they did not have a way to share their feelings. But today, there are social media channels in which to do that."

In the article penned by Elizabeth Swanson, Dr. Prabhakar shared several tips to get those feeling stressed through the next couple of weeks, but they can, in my opinion, be applied all-year round, whether we're living with national and international concerns, or the proverbial "small stuff."

- Be mindful of how you use social media.
- Cultivate your personal life.
- Get involved in your community.
- Have respectful discussions with people on the other side of the fence.
- Remember that engagement in the election is a positive sign.

"When you read a book, you go in with an open mind," he said. "You're learning the author's viewpoint without trying to change how they think. You might not agree with everything the author is saying, but you're open to taking it in. So, tell yourself: 'I'm just going to be listening today. I'm not here to convince anyone of anything. My purpose is to listen and understand their perspective.' If, however, you get to a point in the conversation where you're getting angry or anxious, it's okay to step away."

If you do, perhaps you'll step towards your favourite Halloween Horror – it might be relaxing by comparison!



# Playing my own personal version of Jenga

by Mark Pavilons



has to be weighed and valued on its significance. Some are vitally important to the foundation, keeping everything stable. You have to know which ones to keep and which ones to get rid of.

My wife is my rock and the cornerstone of our family. While getting it from all sides, she maintains order, tries to keep everything on track. She has plenty of sound advice to dispense and often cools simmering heads.

Her pieces must stay in my Jenga building.

The next few are laid by my own hands, but they may not be as solid. My wife is the special one, and I tend to make things fit. Ideally, the blocks I place are good enough to withstand the forces of nature and passage of time. Hopefully, they are thoughtfully placed, making them important to the overall picture.

As the structure is climbing skyward, it's important to know which pieces are irreplaceable and which can be discarded, without affecting the overall cohesion. It's all about balance, they say.

Just like life, we have to balance everything that comes our way – our jobs, finances, households, vehicles, children, pets and groceries. Each is unique and has their special place in the big picture.

It can be trial and error, deciding which pieces can be removed before the whole thing comes tumbling down. But some must be tossed, so they don't negatively impact our lives and the monument we're building.

Negative things and negative people fall into this category. Toss them aside, I say!

Jenga teaches us that sometimes, you have to let go of what's holding you back to move forward.

We Boomers may have laid the ground work for the generations that follow. And yet, many of us are only now (in our late 50s and early 60s) getting a handle on things. I don't know all the answers and I don't really get the meaning of life, but I'm a lot closer than I was a decade ago.

Part of this newfound knowledge comes from others – I've met thousands of fascinating people in my line of work. I've been able to pick up countless tidbits to help me shape things.

The Internet also offers countless resources, from psychology papers to self-help advice and metaphysical experiences. I recently learned about the healing effects of sounds, and those produced by tuning forks.

I don't know if 128 Hz will actually restore balance, promote relaxation, and aid my body's natural healing processes. But it's worth a try. Many people believe the vibrations produced by the tuning forks help balance the body's energy, and support overall health by resonating with the body's natural frequencies.

Will it help steady my balance during my Jenga journey?

I believe that we should draw upon our strengths and use everything at our disposal, to combat the daily challenges. Whether it's vitamin supplements, meditation, long walks in the woods, or rough-housing with the dogs, we can be steadfast in our approach and our journeys.

At the end of the day, life is not a game a chess. It's flipping Jenga!

## Our Readers Write

### 413: A Call for Smarter Growth Solutions

The recent tabling of Bill 212, the Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act by Transportation Minister Prabmeet Sarkaria, is a troubling escalation in the Ontario government's push for Highway 413. This bill represents an alarming departure from transparency and environmental responsibility. It permits round-the-clock construction, fast-tracks land expropriation, and imposes harsh penalties on those who oppose the project. Even more concerning, it eliminates the need for further environmental assessments—except for Indigenous consultations—and keeps critical studies on natural and cultural heritage hidden from the public eye.

This legislation is a clear sign that public opposition to Highway 413 is growing, and that our collective efforts are making a difference. However, it also highlights the urgent need to continue pressing for better alternatives. Building this toll-free mega-highway will destroy irreplaceable farmland, fragment our ecosystems, and carve through the Greenbelt, threatening the very fabric of our com-

munities. Meanwhile, there are far more sustainable solutions to address Ontario's growth, such as improving public transit, subsidizing truck tolls on Highway 407, and investing in green infrastructure.

Our voices are crucial in shaping a more responsible future. Concerned citizens must speak up now. I urge residents to contact Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, or Kyle Seebach, MP for Dufferin-Caledon, to express their opposition to Highway 413. You can also take action by signing the petition and picking up a lawn sign at headwatersthe413.com

Bill 212 shows that the government is feeling the pressure, but we cannot stop here. Let's demand long-term, sustainable solutions that protect our natural heritage and ensure Ontario's growth is managed wisely.

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## Time for another episode of "This 'n That"

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As a person who moves through life with what I strongly believe to be undiagnosed ADHD (and no, I'm not making light of it, nor using the term loosely), sometimes focusing on just one thing is a challenge. This is particularly true in our fast-paced, ever-changing environment, both here in Caledon, and around the world. Also, talking about just one thing ad-nauseam, even an important hot-but-ton topic like truck traffic, is bound to eventually bore the pants off readers. With this in mind, rather than being hyper-focused, it seems like it's time for yet another episode of "this 'n that."

As someone who twice ran for the position of school trustee for the DPCDSB, I can say with some small amount of confidence that spending an absurd amount of money to travel to Italy, to personally oversee the purchase of religious statues (also absurdly priced) is ... well, absurd.

In case you missed it, four of six catholic school trustees in Brant Haldimand Norfolk felt their decision to travel to Italy, in person, to view statutory (instead of maybe using Zoom or Facetime, for example) was the responsible thing to do. As one of them explained, "There is no way the Board would hand over a penny without seeing the statues in person."

Presumably, this was to ascertain they would be getting value for money, which, of course, is ironic because, first, where's the value for money in spending \$100,000 on statues, and secondly, in approving \$45,000 in travel costs? At a time when we are increasingly holding the government to account for not ensuring appropriate funding is in place

for education and health care, the actions of these trustees feeds directly into the narrative that while the government feels it funds schools appropriately, said money is being mismanaged by others.

Fall has always been one of my favourite seasons and not because of the pumpkin spice, me being one of the few people who actually dislikes it. No, it's a favourite simply because of the overwhelming beauty of nature at its finest, even as it begins to decay.

When it comes to nature, there is no doubt that Caledon has some of the most spectacular displays around, with beautiful, twisting roads from which to view it. Of course, therein lies the problem. Caledon is already a town beset by bad and/or speeding drivers, illegal trucking yards, egregiously dangerous stunt drivers (just this past weekend 11 of them were caught in the area of Highway 10 and Mayfield Road alone) and high-volume aggregate traffic. Add in the annual arrival of "leaf peepers" from all over the GTA and you have a recipe for disaster.

Parking on shoulders, blocking driveways, watching the trees not the roads, speeding and inattention were all in full view this past weekend. The best (worst) example of all, one that I literally witnessed occur twice in the span of about 10 minutes, were folks who stopped dead in a live lane of traffic at the crest of a hill, one car disgorging its occupants heedless of oncoming traffic and the other (the driver!) to lean out of the window taking pictures with a cellphone. You can't make this stuff up. Since we now know, courtesy of CBC Marketplace, that some folks are buying licenses, it's

clear that a reminder not to stop in a live lane of traffic didn't come with the bill of sale.

Speaking of trees, I know it's a little late but is anyone going to call out our Premier for the decimation of over 800 trees at Ontario Place? Does anyone care at this point? Once billed as "It's all yours!", a place for average Ontarians who don't own lakefront homes worth millions, to be able to go and enjoy the outdoors; a children's village, paddle boats, the Cinesphere and more, Premier Ford has effectively destroyed everything about this priceless piece of real estate and handed it over to a high-end spa for the wealthy (who, ironically, claim to have "care and consideration for all things nature.") instead. Between the closure of the Science Centre and Ontario Place, you really can't help but wonder if Ford truly hates families or simply likes rich people more?

Kudos to area residents who put their principles into practise by engaging in a peaceful protest near the site of yet another alleged illegal trucking yard this past weekend. While at least one Councillor urged restraint for safety reasons, this committed group of residents nonetheless got out from behind their keyboards, making a choice to take a stand against what politicians have repeatedly referred to as "bad actors," but who are in fact people who are flagrantly breaking the law without any meaningful consequences. With the naivete of optimism, I applaud these residents and the Caledon Community Road Safety Advocacy group for their efforts and hope with the provincial legislature back in session, we'll perhaps see a firm commitment to helping Caledon, and our immediate neighbours,

deal with these "bad actors" once and for all.

Finally, on another political note, MPPs and Premier Ford are finally back at work after a 19-week absence and allegedly traffic woes are high on their fix-it list of things "to do." This includes, we are told, continued efforts to get the 413 built while ensuring transit and bike lanes are not.

For Caledon residents, I interpret this to mean a continued emphasis on single-driver commuter traffic and gridlock, a complete lack of investment in transit options that are not cars, furthering the destruction of the environment and an utter disregard for species at risk who have the nerve to get in the way of "progress." All of this while maintaining a continued focus on denying the obvious – that there is a 115 km underutilized highway sitting virtually empty that would immediately alleviate the critical mass that is transportation gridlock today. This apparent unwillingness to address a completely viable alternative leaves me skeptical of any commitment the government might make to also address the increasingly serious issues of illegal truck yards; dangerous trucks and improperly licensed drivers, and speeding, all impacting residents throughout this beautiful community we call home.

Sorry. It looks like I drifted into the "talking about traffic" lane. Looks like I might be hyper-focused after all.

## Keeping the community warm: Coats for Dufferin runs to mid-November

With colder weather on the way, it's once again the time of year to sort through the closet and decide which winter clothes to keep for the season and which to donate.

For items on the way out the door, an annual Dufferin-based initiative is willing and ready to take them off your hands and give them to local residents in need.

Coats for Dufferin, a Dufferin-based initiative run by local realtor Jacqueline Clement is collecting donations of new and gently used coats, snow pants, hats, gloves and boots for their 2024 campaign.

"It's a basic human right, just like having a meal and a roof over your head, that you should be able to walk down the street or for children to go out for recess and not be frozen," said Clement. "What struck me was the lack of awareness of how many people in our community need help. It's a huge expense every year, especially with young children because they grow out of them."

Coats for Dufferin is an amalgamation of two previous initiatives: Stay Warm Shelburne, which was started in 2022 by Shelburne-based realtors Claire Knight and Dave Crowe; and Coats for Kids, started by Clement in 2021. In 2023, the two initiatives joined together to address the need for winter outdoor wear for adults and children.

Since starting the coat collection, Coats for Dufferin has been able to provide nearly every elementary school in Dufferin County with a closet full of winter gear and coats for students to access. The initiative is looking to collect adult sizing to provide the same resource for the high schools.

"Each local school has their own closet of a wide range of sizes for them to be able to supply children that come into the school, whether they just forgot a coat that day or they need to keep it," said Clement.

A significant aspect of Coats for Dufferin is that every coat or winter outerwear item that is donated to the initiative stays directly in the community to benefit residents in need.

"This is a great way to up cycle, keep a bunch of

clothing waster out of our landfills and to ensure that it stay in our community," she said.

Donations of new and gently used coats can be dropped off at 14 different locations throughout Dufferin County.

### Shelburne:

- Streams Community Hub
- Turn it Out Dance Studio
- Shelburne Public Library
- Shelburne Auto & Cycle

### Orangeville:

- Tan-tations
- Bamboo Babies Kids Boutique
- Art of 8 Martial Arts Academy
- The Hair Lab
- Bin There Dump That
- Century 21 Millennium

### Grand Valley:

- Grand Valley Dental
- The Perked Pierogi

### Mono:

- Orangeville Storm Soccer Club
- Hockley Hounds

"We do try to make it super easy and convenient. You don't need to wash it or do anything other than put it in a bag and drop it off. If dropping off isn't an option, then please reach out to us and we would be happy to try and coordinate a pickup as well."

For those who don't have a winter clothing item they can donate but are still interested in helping with the initiative, Coats for Dufferin will also accept gift cards for Walmart and Giant Tiger.

"It is a really great way for us to be able to fill holes in the donations. Sometimes the schools will give us odd requests, like needing socks or mittens instead of outerwear, so this allows us to go out and do our best to fill those gaps," said Clement.

Coats for Dufferin will be accepting donations until November 15.

"No donation is too big or too small," said Clement.

## My Tea Bar opens Orangeville location



On October 18, My Tea Bar marked the opening of its Orangeville location.

SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

### Local business also has locations in Bolton and Brampton

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There's a new place for bubble tea and healthy food in Orangeville.

On October 18, Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones attended the grand opening of My Tea Bar's Orangeville location (520 Alder Street).

The local business also has locations in Bolton and Brampton, with the Bolton location also having had a grand opening recently.

Orangeville location owner Jujhaar Singh said My Tea Bar is all about putting nutrition back on the Market. He said the business is looking to partner with schools and promote its healthy smoothies in the community.

Some of My Tea Bar's offerings include milk teas, smoothies, milkshakes, acai bowls, and patties.

Singh said word of mouth has been great for growing the business so far.

"It seems people are promoting our brand even more than us now, I've been seeing lots of posts on Facebook," said Singh. "At My Tea Bar everything's authentic."

As My Tea Bar grows in the Orangeville community it will be looking to get more involved in community events.

Singh said he looks forward to seeing more people trying out what My Tea Bar has to offer.

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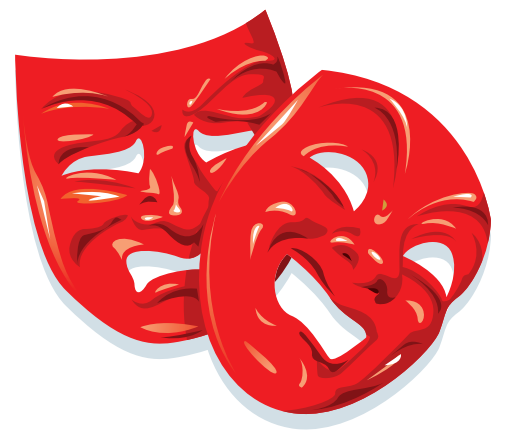
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## Theatre Orangeville's Tip of the Iceberg – Three men in a boat

A REVIEW BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Take two lifelong pals, and we're talking about 70 years – odd, living in an unnamed fishing village on the Newfoundland coast, spinning tales and memories, enough to make you laugh all the way – these two are on their way to find the fountain of youth.

It is at the sea surface level of an Iceberg. The third man is the story's one-man band, and he is fun too.

Tip of the Iceberg is Theatre Orangeville's first play of its 2024-25 season, which opened on October 17 and is running until November 3. A different sort of play, it features Sweeney MacArthur, marking his debut here at Theatre Orangeville as Archie, whose idea it is to make the voyage to an Iceberg.

Our well-loved Stephen Sparks is his best friend forever, Gordon does not exactly volunteer to sail and row the distance, but he does not resist either.

They depart the shore, rattling off the memories and yarns they share, reminiscing like any old sods might, and mixing in the folk poetry and music such an adventure ought to invite.

Chris Rait, as that one-man band, is as well, one of the three playwrights, with himself, Jeannine Duwyn and Mark Williams who, as one might say, strung this story together.

Rait sits to the side of the boat with guitar and bodhrán, providing music and songs throughout the play. Some he sings solo; in others, he performs with the two mariners in unpretentious harmony.

The audience is invited to join in when the shanties are familiar. They do too, laughing and clapping.

While the plot of the adventure is its own original tale, the stories Archie and Gordon remind and tell each other are, in large part, remembrances of Newfoundland families the playwrights themselves know. All the quick back and forth, the rapid relating of wit and sagacity passed between the two are quirky and very amusing.

What else to say about the dialogue is the dialogue itself, which feels straight from the Atlantic coast. It seems Stephen Sparks has taken the required elocution lessons and has pretty well caught the tone and feel of Newfoundland speech.

Almost as a character in itself is the remarkable, beautiful lighting design by Chris Malkowski, telling the background story as a pure delight. The wonderful set by Beckie Morris is the Iceberg only, a geometric form, so cleverly put together as to almost hold forth while it changes and blends with the subtlety of the lighting.

During the exchanges, these two adventurers tell us a lot about their lives, the successes Gordon has achieved, and the recent near-ruin into which Archie is at risk of falling.

He has a plan, though, for his own res-

From left: Stephen Sparks, Sweeney MacArthur and Chris Rait take to the Theatre Orangeville stage at the Orangeville Opera House for Tip of the Iceberg, co-written by Rait, Mark Williams and Jeannine Duwyn. The play is on now until Nov. 3, with set design by Beckie Morris and light design by Chris Malkowski.  
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO



cue; sounds crazy to start with and it includes an offer to his pal.

They tell us about their families and the places and opportunities they have missed and yet long for. They are endearing. Constantly on stage for the whole performance, MacArthur and Sparks keep us completely engaged and even wish we could visit the village that birthed them.

Directing this watery tale, David Nairn has pulled the story together to a natural flow keeping the audience happily listening to the dialogue which maintains the distinctive flavour of the Newfoundland accent without getting carried away, as is sometimes the case in real life.

Archie and Gordon are simply loveable and

the musical element is charming: adding Stephen Sparks on harmonica, with the MacArthur spoons dancing.

Rait, music director of the show, also here for the first time, has had success with two other productions with this play. As a singer/songwriter, he has shared the stage with such luminaries as Burton Cummings and Ron Sexsmith.

The Big Book of Irish Songs came into his life as a teenager, and brought a passion for "catchy melodies and the power of rhythmic lyrics."

Sweeney MacArthur has had a long career in Canadian theatre as well as performing in several famous theatres in the UK. In Germany, he toured with the Rocky Horror Show. Was it he who brought Stephen Sparks to the

whimsy of Newfoundland speech?

In all, the real questions are what happened after a drift, really, to the Iceberg with all its mystery and risks? Could a person die there or learn the meaning of life?

Tip of the Iceberg, "a folk play," as Rait calls it, is a terrific beginning to this new season. On now and running to November 3.

For more information and tickets, go to [www.theatreorangeville.ca](http://www.theatreorangeville.ca) or call the Box Office at 519-942-3423.

You can drop into the Box Office at 87 Broadway, Orangeville for tickets as well.

While there, you might also like to make a tap with TipTap Pay technology to tap a donation of any size to the "I Love My Theatre Orangeville" fundraising campaign.

## Just a few days left in Forks of the Credit Preservation Group's online charity auction

Toronto Maple Leafs tickets and a week at a cottage on a private island among items up for auction

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

A local non-profit is currently hosting an online charity auction.

The Forks of the Credit Preservation

Group (FCPG), a group dedicated to preserving the ecological integrity of Caledon by stopping a proposed blasting quarry, is trying out a new fundraising initiative.

"Fall for the Heart of the Headwaters" is an online auction fundraiser with a variety of unique items and experiences for sale. Bids are accepted until 7 p.m. on October 26 and funds raised will support the FCPG's work.

The auction can be found at the following link: [www.32auctions.com/fcpg2024](http://www.32auctions.com/fcpg2024)

Debra Wilson, an FCPG volunteer who helped to organize the auction, said her husband has also volunteered to deliver auction items to anyone within three

hours of Caledon.

Wilson explained the FCPG wanted to offer lots of cool experiences in its auction in addition to items. Some examples of experiences people can bid on include an introductory flying lesson, a week at a cottage on a private island, and tickets to a Toronto Maple Leafs game.

"Our work to stop the quarry has not ended, we wanted a fundraising approach that would let people have fun and help us raise money at the same time," said Wilson. "With an online auction, hopefully it will be easier for our supporters from out of town to chip in."

As of press time, the auction had already raised nearly \$6,000 for the FCPG.

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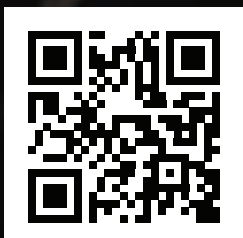
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# Break the Silence, Walk in My Shoes shines light on harsh reality of gender-based violence

BY BROCK WEIR

If Yellow Brick House was able to open up a third shelter for women and children fleeing domestic and gender-based violence tomorrow, it would be overflowing from the outset, leaving many to look elsewhere to find a safe space for the night.

While a third shelter might still be out of reach for Yellow Brick House, every available bed helps, and your efforts this fall can help support spaces as the organization gears up for their annual Break the Silence, Walk in My Shoes fundraiser.

Set for Sunday, November 3, at Aurora's St. Andrew's College, this year's event aims to raise funds for the 16 shelter beds under their umbrella that do not receive Provincial support. Participants are invited to register for the walk, which has a number of routes through the school's scenic campus, all the while collecting pledges to help support the goal.

It's also a chance to raise much-needed awareness of the stark realities of domes-

tic and gender-based violence both close to home and across the country.

"The basic principle is to raise awareness of the issue of domestic violence and to offer support to Yellow Brick House (YBH) to fund unfunded shelter beds," says YBH Executive Director Lorris Herenda. "Out of the 41 beds Yellow Brick House offers through two emergency shelters, only 25 beds are funded. We need to raise funds for 16 unfunded shelter beds at a cost of approximately \$50,000 a year per shelter bed.

"Last year, we started [the event] with a very symbolic practice where we tie purple ribbons to a pole in memory of the women and children we lost this past year. Last year, that meant 67 ribbons were tied for the lost lives in Ontario. This year, our numbers are still very high. At the end of August, we were at 49 women and children, but we also know there were several deaths in the month of September and, unfortunately, already in October. It's important as we break the silence to remember all the lives lost because domestic violence is still prevalent."

It takes a while to see a shift in these statistics, and sometimes it takes a generational shift, but Herenda says the pandemic created a backlog on access to community services which is still being addressed, particularly a rise in calls to YBH's com-

munity counselling and support services.

"We are trying to address the wait list because we're encouraging women and children who are living in violent situations to reach out and get support," she says. "At the same time, we're recognizing that we may not have the capacity to address that immediately. We're trying to be innovative and come up with short-term interventions to stabilize the family while they are on the waitlist to get longer-term counselling support."

Also exacerbating the challenge is the affordability crisis.

"Food insecurity and the whole affordability crisis has absolutely 100 per cent impact on the women and children we serve. When a woman leaves a violent home with her children, she is not only faced with the uncertainty of what her future is going to hold in terms of housing and lack of affordable housing, but also how she is going to feed her children," says Herenda. "The financial supports, if she doesn't have a job, results in struggles. Access to food banks has been reduced in terms of available food. We often get calls from women who are really trying to establish themselves in the community to lead violence-free lives, saying basically, 'I don't have enough money to feed my children, to afford the food prices, or utilities, or skyrocketing rent.' In addition to

dealing with the trauma of intimate partner violence, they are now dealing also with uncertainty of surviving.

"For some women that may translate into having to return to their abuser because there is no other solution for the current time being, until the economy stabilizes. Definitely we are hearing a lot of the concerns from the families we serve about the struggles they are dealing with and trying to balance stabilizing their mental health, stabilizing the trauma from the violence and abuse they are experiencing, while at the same time trying to balance being able to afford groceries for themselves and their children. It's a crisis situation, I believe, currently that we are experiencing in Ontario and we don't have any solution for it. We rely on our community a great deal to help us support the families we serve through donations of gift cards for grocery stores or food itself that we have our volunteers prepare food packages and transitional food packages for the clients who are leaving our shelters and moving independently, but it is a challenge."

To step up and be a part of the solution, more information, including registration and how to pledge, can be found at yellowbrickhouse-2024walk.raiselysite.com.

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# Town purchases property in downtown Caledon East

## Property will be used to support revitalization of downtown core

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon has purchased land in Caledon East.

On October 21, Town Communications staff announced Caledon had purchased a parcel of land in Caledon East's downtown core.

The property is roughly a half-acre in size and is located next to the Caledon Trailway at the southwest corner of Airport Road and Emma Street. The property is currently vacant and, in the past, it's been used for storage and parking.

The Town's media release notes the property was purchased to support the revitalization and beautification of Caledon East's

downtown core. The Caledon East Revitalization Task Force, which is made up of residents, staff, and Caledon Council members, will be working to determine the best use for the property.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell said the renewal of downtown Caledon East has been a priority for him ever since he was elected in 2022.

"This was a rare opportunity for the town to secure land along a major road for resident and public use. Special thanks to town staff, who worked diligently on this project, and to my council peers for supporting this acquisition," said Maskell.

Regional Councillor for Wards 1, 2 and 3 Christina Early said the property has been vacant for decades.

"The purchase is a signal to residents and businesses that the town is committed to revitalizing Caledon East and transforming it into a more attractive and livable village," said Early.

According to the town, the Caledon East Revitalization Task Force is working with town staff and other stakeholders to pre-

serve the culture and history of downtown Caledon East, increase economic vitality for small businesses, and establish community projects and events, beautification activities, tourism, wayfinding, and visitor initiatives.

"The task force will provide input into opportunities for the property's future use for the community so town Council can consider any project needs in its 2026 budget deliberations," reads the media release.

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## Notice of Public Meeting Proposed Official Plan Amendment

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2024-0004

A Public Meeting will be held to consider a proposed Official Plan Amendment application. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

**Meeting Date:** November 19, 2024  
**Public Meeting Start Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Council Chambers  
6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East



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**HOW TO PARTICIPATE:**

- Attend In-Person: Members of the public may register to delegate in-person and speak to an item listed on the agenda or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting.
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- Booking an appointment to visit Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit [caledon.ca/development](http://caledon.ca/development) for more information.

**APPLICANT:**  
Glen Schnarr & Associates on behalf of Alloa Landowners Group

**LOCATION:**  
725 hectares (1,800 acres) are bounded by the Highway 413 Protection Corridor to the north and west, Chinguacousy Road to the east, and Mayfield Road to the south. Part of Lots 18, 19, 20, and 21, Concessions 3, 4 and 5, WHS (Chinguacousy)

**PROPOSED CHANGES:**

The applicant has applied for an Official Plan Amendment (POPA 2024-0004) to facilitate the development of a secondary plan planned for approximately 40,000 people and 14,000 diversified housing units, across a total area of 724.38 hectares (1789.9 acres). The Secondary Plan will also include a protected natural heritage system, an employment area, community amenities, a connected road and active transportation network, and a mix of land uses, including commercial/mixed use. The employment area will be planned for approximately 2,470 jobs and a further 1,490 population-related jobs are expected. The estimated density will be approximately 90 residents and jobs per hectare.

**LEAD PLANNER:**

Bailey Loverock, Senior Policy Planner  
Strategic Policy Planning, Planning Department, Town of Caledon  
905-584-2272 x.7338  
[bailey.loverock@caledon.ca](mailto:bailey.loverock@caledon.ca)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment, additional information and material, please visit [www.caledon.ca/notices](http://www.caledon.ca/notices) or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ACCESSIBILITY:**

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Multi-Tenant Landowners: Please post this notice in a visible location to all residents of the land.  
**Notice Date: October 24, 2024**



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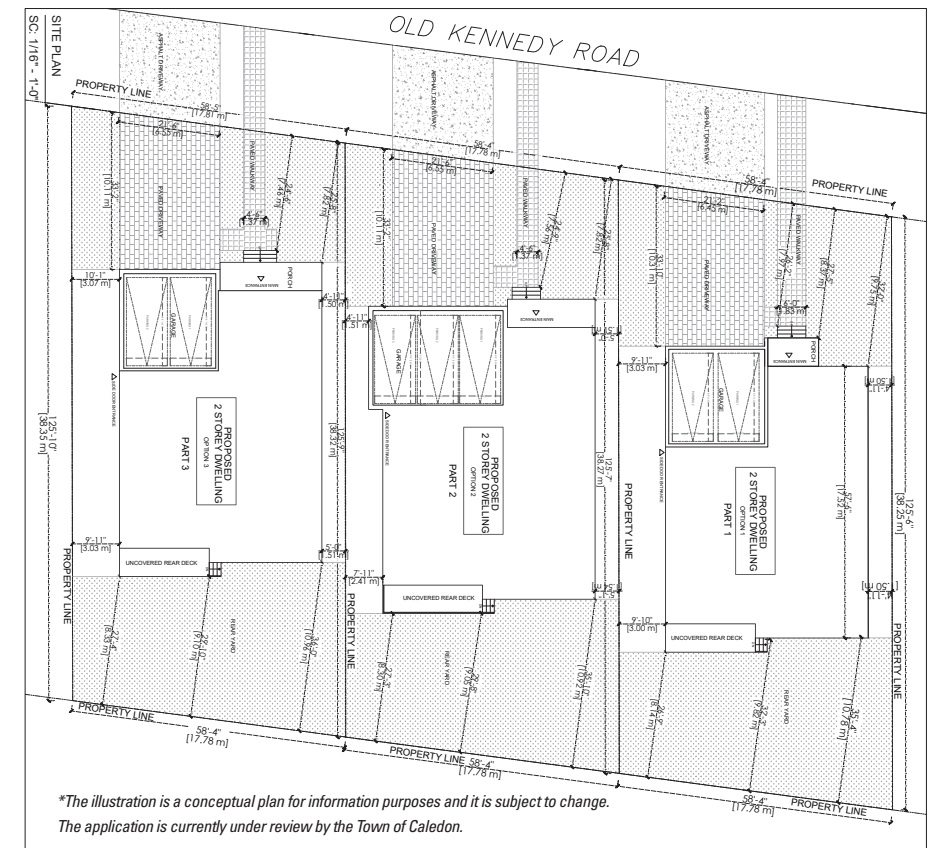
## 12507 Old Kennedy Road Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBER: RZ 2021-0009

A Public Meeting will be held to consider a proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Please be advised that the Town of Caledon is now offering a Hybrid Committee and Council Meeting model offering options for you to engage with Council, including in-person or virtual opportunities.

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**APPLICANT:**  
G-Force Urban Planners and Consultants on behalf of Navinder Singh Lal

**LOCATION:**  
12507 Old Kennedy Road  
Part Lot 20, Concession 2 EHS (Chinguacousy)  
East side of Old Kennedy Road, North of Mayfield Road  
Ward 2

**PROPOSED CHANGES:**

To amend Zoning By-law 2005-50, as amended, by rezoning the subject lands from Agricultural (A1) to an appropriate residential zone category, to facilitate the development of three lots, each containing a single detached dwelling.

**LEAD PLANNER:**

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Community Planner  
Development, Planning & Development Department  
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## Hall Wolfpack edges Suzuki Grizzlies 18-17 in ROPSAA Senior Football showdown in East Caledon



A trio of Wolfpack defenders tackle Suzuki star quarterback JJ Robinson.

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

BY JIM STEWART

In ideal October conditions, the Hall Wolfpack Senior Football team edged their ROPSAA rival David Suzuki Grizzlies 18-17 on Friday afternoon in East Caledon.

Wolfpack Head Coach Jonathan Beresford acknowledged his club's narrow win with a shrug of relief after the Grizzlies put up eight points in the final ten seconds of play.

"We made it interesting at the end."

Coach Beresford attributed the one-point victory to "Our DB's."

"We were facing a very skilled quarterback today in JJ Robinson and a very big Grizzlies' receiving corps. Our defensive backs kept Suzuki's passing game under control for most of the game with lots of knockdowns."

The Wolfpack Head Coach singled out the play of DB Keltrick Amanatey and praised his mobile group of defensive backs who "stuck with the game plan and guarded well against their receivers."

"It was a satisfying win over a well-coached, talented Grizzlies team."

Amanatey echoed his Head Coach's satisfaction with the big win versus the Grizzlies.

"It's a big victory for us. Last year, we lost to the Grizzlies. We felt ecstatic when we held on to win."

The agile defensive back, who was credited with three knockdowns and two near-miss interceptions, acknowledged how equally-talented the teams were on Friday afternoon.

"That was a close game all the way to the end and it was our biggest win of the season."

Hall's suspenseful one-point win on their home turf improved their record to 4-0-0.

The Wolfpack opened the scoring with 33.5 seconds left in the first quarter.

Tyler Ferlito plunged into the end zone on a quarterback keeper to give Hall a six-point lead.

Hall kicker Liam Healey kicked a convert to make it 7-0 after twelve minutes of play. The opening major by Ferlito was set up by a grisly Grizzly punt that gave the Wolfpack the ball on the 28-yard line.

On the first play from scrimmage, Hall halfback Lucas Carson-Pedri rumbled for a first down and two successive runs set up Ferlito's keeper inside the five-yard line.

With 1:12 remaining in the second quarter, Suzuki quarterback Robinson directed an impressive drive that included a 60-yard pass and run play and a deft toss into the end zone to narrow Hall's lead to 7-6.

A mishandled snap on the Grizzlies' convert attempt was smothered by a trio of Wolfpack special team defenders to maintain their team's one-point lead.

However, Ferlito was intercepted on his own 45 with 57.6 seconds left before half time. The crucial turnover resulted in a 15-yard field goal by the Grizzlies as time expired and the visitors took a 9-7 lead into intermission.

After Healey kicked a single to narrow Suzuki's lead to 9-8 with 4:53 left in the third quarter, the Wolfpack's kicker split the up-rights with a timely field goal at 10:44 of the final quarter to give Hall the lead 11-9.

After the Grizzlies shanked a punt to give Hall the ball on Suzuki's 35-yard line, the Wolfpack's most electrifying offensive play of the game sealed the victory.

Running back Lucas Carson-Pedri rushed off tackle right, broke four tackles, and sped into the end zone to put Hall up 17-9. Healey's first convert attempt was blocked by the Grizzlies, but officials deemed to visitors to have been offside on the play. Healey made no mistake on the subsequent effort to provide his club with an 18-9 lead.

As it turned out, the Wolfpack needed all of that nine-point lead.

The Grizzlies' next drive was assisted by a fumbled punt recovery, two big penalties against Hall's otherwise peerless defense, and two dropped interceptions by the Wolfpack secondary.

Despite these five extra chances during which the Wolfpack failed to clinch the victory, the Grizzlies did not get into the end zone and turned the ball over on downs.

On their ensuing drive, however, Robinson threw a dart for a 65-yard pass and run touchdown with less than ten seconds to play to narrow Hall's lead to 18-15.

The Grizzlies' two-point convert was thwarted, but a pass interference penalty in the endzone against the Wolfpack gave the visitors another shot. With 7.9 seconds left on the clock, a rushing play secured two points for

the Grizzlies to make it 18-17 and create some apprehension amid the Wolfpack supporters.

Suzuki's short kickoff failed to create one last possession and Hall dodged a bullet to re-

tain their perfect regular season record.

As Coach Beresford noted, his Wolfpack squad made it "interesting" right down to the final second of play on Friday afternoon.

## COMMUNITY events

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen by calling (905) 857-6626 or emailing [admin@caledoncitizen.com](mailto:admin@caledoncitizen.com) if you wish to have an announcement published.

**TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton** – Real People, Real Weight Loss is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-ins are 6:00-6:30 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is \$59, and monthly dues are \$20. Today is the best day to make changes to your lifestyle! If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and support the efforts of all our members, and your first meeting is free. Come join us. For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or see [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org). Online memberships are also available.

The Bolton Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/ or has been affected by someone who has problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: [boltonalanon@gmail.com](mailto:boltonalanon@gmail.com).

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Kirk Dunn combines storytelling, images, and three huge knitted panels to explore the connection among Judaism, Christianity and Islam. #BYOK (bring your own knitting) General admission tickets; \$40 adults - \$20 students cash concession. Doors open 6:30 pm. 7-9 pm Reserve seats now call 905 880 0303 or on website [palgravekitchen.org](http://palgravekitchen.org)  
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**Bethell Hospice Celebrate Light & Love Tree Lighting**  
Bethell Hospice is a place where lives pass, stories are cherished, and legacies carry on forever.

As the holiday season approaches each year, friends of Bethell Hospice are encouraged to support the Celebration of Light & Love Tree Lighting event, to ensure Bethell Hospice care continues for all future families in need. The 2024 Tree Lighting event will be held outdoors at Bethell Hospice with the lighting of the trees and the reading of the names of those remembered starting at 7:00 p.m.

The Tree Lighting Ceremony is a way to offer comfort, compassion, and healing during a time of reflection. As guests walk down the Bethell Hospice driveway holding a light of remembrance, and with the choir serenading in the background, it is a tranquil time to honour the memory of a loved one.

Friends of Bethell Hospice are encouraged to make a donation to illuminate a light in memory of someone special, or in memory of someone they love. To make your donation online, please visit [bethellhospicelightandlove.ca](http://bethellhospicelightandlove.ca), or call the Fundraising office at 905-838-3534 ext. 2248. May Your Light Continue to Shine Brightly!

The next concert of our 2024-2025 concert season takes place on **Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.** The concert will feature the Kodak String Quartet. Members of the quartet are **Edgar Donati**, violin; **Martin Noh**, violin; **Daniel Spink**, viola; and **Blake Kitayama**, cello. The concert takes place at St. James Anglican Church, Caledon East. **Single tickets for adults are \$40 and can be purchased here.** Children 18 years of age or younger are **FREE!** **Alternate ways to buy tickets** You can buy single tickets by e-transfer. Email for payment: [gordonkmorton@gmail.com](mailto:gordonkmorton@gmail.com) Please put the the name of the concert in the Comment or Message portion. You can also buy tickets with cash or cheque at the door (if there are seats available). Please make cheques payable to Caledon Chamber Concerts.

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# No Good Way: Motionball to mark 10th anniversary of campaign to end use of R-word

Motionball Caledon has supported the campaign through its Marathon of Sport events

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
LOCAL JOURNALISM  
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There's no good way to use the R-word. On October 17, the national non-profit motionball, which supports Special Olympics, announced November 20 will mark the 10th anniversary of #NoGoodWay Day. #NoGoodWay is a campaign that was started to promote inclusive language and support all those living with an intellectual disability. It aims to end use of the R-word

Motionball Caledon is a supporter of the #NoGoodWay campaign, which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year. MOTIONBALL CALEDON IMAGE

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forever. The campaign is an anti-bullying initiative that seeks to end the negative and casual use of the word. Since 2014, over 21,000 Canadians have taken a pledge to not use the R-word ever again. Motionball notes that the words people use have the power to shape the world for the better. The #NoGoodWay campaign promotes the power of positive language and leadership. On November 20, monuments across Canada — such as the CN Tower and the Provincial House in Nova Scotia — will be lit up yellow in support of the campaign. Paul Etherington, co-founder of motionball, said he's thrilled the #NoGoodWay campaign has reached the 10-year milestone. "This campaign has always been about standing alongside Special Olympics athletes and all Canadians with intellectual disabilities to eliminate harmful language from our conversations, but this year, we're also focusing on hope, positive change, and the leadership Canadians have shown," said Etherington. "Our words matter, and together, we can continue to foster respect and inclusion for the next decade." At motionball Marathon of Sport events across Canada, participants are encouraged to take the No Good Way pledge. Caledon's motionball Marathon of Sport event is no different. This year's event was held on September 28 and was a great success. It served as an opportunity to promote the #NoGoodWay campaign too. Motionball Caledon volunteer Lucrezia Chiappetta said she encourages everyone to take the pledge online at the following link: [motionball.com/nogoodway/#pledge](https://motionball.com/nogoodway/#pledge) "By supporting this movement, individuals are helping to end the use of hurtful language and are making a stand for a more inclusive community," she said. "Let's choose kindness." Chiappetta said those interested can follow @motionballcaledon to learn more about how Motionball Caledon is celebrating the #NoGoodWay campaign.

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# Humberview Huskies win Friday Night Lights football game with last-second touchdown

Movie moment had crowd of nearly 2,000 going wild

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
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INITIATIVE REPORTER

It was the kind of game-ending touchdown football players dream about.

Last Friday, Humberview Secondary School's football team, the Huskies defeated Cardinal Ambrozic Catholic Secondary School's Riverhawks 14-7 thanks to a last-second touchdown.

With the clock running out, Huskies quarterback Ian McCausland found receiver Mathew Zborowski with an amazing pass and he ran it into the end zone to give Humberview the win.

Humberview head coach Adrian Pis-

citelli said the crowd of nearly 2,000 went wild.

Piscitelli said everyone at Humberview worked really hard to promote the game ahead of Friday's action.

"It was an amazing evening with an incredible finish to the game, and one the team really needed," he said.

Piscitelli said the game was hard-fought and a close battle right to the very end. He said the Riverhawks are a very strong and well-coached team that battles for every inch of the field. They took an early 7-0 lead over the Huskies, and maintained the lead all the way until well into the fourth quarter.

Humberview didn't get onto the scoreboard until there was six minutes left in the game.

"We had first and goal from the five-yard line and we had sent a very conservative play into the game. The snap sailed over

our quarterback (QB) Ian McCausland's head and bounced all the way back to the 20-yard line. Now, we practice that in situations like this the QB is to yell fire, fire, and jump on the ball and we live to see another play," said Piscitelli. "Ian, on the other hand, collects the ball at the 20-yard line, runs as far back as the 25-yard line, out-flanking not one but two defenders, leaps in the air like a hurdler and throws a 22-yard touchdown pass without his feet on the ground, which is way harder to do than it even sounds."

After the touchdown, the Riverhawks played well to bring the ball back up the field, but Humberview's defense was strong.

The Riverhawks attempted a field goal from the 30-yard line, but Huskies captain Daniel Chmura blocked it — his second blocked field goal of the game.

"We needed a huge stop and we got it.

Our defense played the game of their season especially when it counted the most. Daniel Chmura blocked what may have been Ambrozic's game-winning field goal... the block by Daniel set Ian up to drive the ball downfield on the game winning drive," said Piscitelli. "Ambrozic covered us very well and Ian had to be Ian and get us a first down himself along the way with a great run to the far side... we got down to 16 seconds left, just enough time for one last play... Ian makes his second acrobatic throw of the night (and our) receiver Mathew Zborowski catches it, makes one guy miss at the goal line, and Humberview Field erupts louder than I have ever heard it. A very special, very fitting, very perfect way for Daniel Chmura and Ian McCausland to play their last game at home."

## Mayfield and Humberview secondary schools to face off in Friday Night Lights football action

Game to be held at 7 p.m. on Mayfield's new turf field

BY ZACHARY ROMAN  
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More exciting football is going down in Caledon this week.

On Friday night, the Mayfield Mavericks of Mayfield Secondary School will take on the Humberview Huskies of Humberview Secondary School.

The match will take place at 7 p.m. on Mayfield's new turf field, which had its official grand opening on September 28.

Tickets for the game are \$10 at the door and all proceeds go to the Mayfield Athletic Program. Fans are encouraged to dress up for the game's theme of neon/glow in the dark.

The Mavericks are entering the game with a record of 2-2 and are looking to get their win rate for the season above .500.

The Huskies are going into Friday's game with a record of 1-3 after a big win last week at their own home-field Friday Night Lights game.

The cheer teams from Mayfield and Humberview secondary schools will be performing at halftime.

There will be food trucks, concessions, and merchandise for sale at the game.

## Credit Valley Conservation to host Care for Your Land webinar

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) invites rural landowners to attend the Care for Your Land webinar on Tuesday, Oct. 29, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.

"Managing a rural property is challenging," said CVC's senior manager of ecosystem restoration, Kate Hayes. "The Care for Your Land webinar will provide participants with practical tools for managing their property when there is drought, storms, invasive species and much more."

Webinar participants will learn how to manage woodlots, meadows, ponds and streams, water and wastewater.

Participants will also learn from land care experts on how to assess their property, manage risks, make improvements and keep their property healthy. CVC staff experts will be available to answer questions.

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He was a loving husband, proud son, brother, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He was also a farmer, immigrant, firefighter, chauffeur, pipe-smoker, bear-hugger, advice giver, and good friend. He was silly, and stoic, and smelt like Borkum Riff Black pipe tobacco and Old Spice. You could often find him, leg crossed, sitting by the window doing the crossword puzzle, or elbows deep in the sink washing up after a family dinner.

His spirit is carried on by the ever-growing Buckley clan, who has debated renting a hall for family gatherings on several occasions. His wife Charlene (nee Toplis), and their 4 children Mark (Tracy), Serena Wilgress (Peter), Allison (Chris), and Lisette Mattingly (Dave). Grandchildren Charity (Aaron), Bryn (Scott), Jaimi (Ben), Arielle (Louie), Jessica (DJ), Christopher, Cole, Eric, Konner (Brady), and Jacob (Reese). And great-grandchildren Alexander, Jaiden, William, Emberlynn, Vann, Tanner, Reed, Henley, Harper, Georgia, Zoey, and Jackson. If you've lost count, that's 37 and counting.



Chris was born in Kent, England and predeceased by parents Charlie and Ethel Buckley, siblings Essie Huddle, Ray (Joan) Buckley and Wendy (Terry) Fleming, brother-in-law Peter Huddle, niece Gaye Munt, and granddaughter Kyla Park.

Funeral Service was held at Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre 21 First St Orangeville, Ontario on Wednesday, October 9th, 2024. Memorial donations to Headwaters Health Care Foundation or the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

OBITUARIES

# ANNE MACALPINE SMITH (NEE MILLER)

Peacefully on Monday, October 21st, 2024 at the age of 88. Beloved wife of the late Duncan Smith (2022). Dear Mother of Duncan, Gordon (Lisa) and Donald. Cherished grandmother of Logan, Zachary, Garret and Savvy.



Remembered by her brothers Archie, Jim and Billy. Anne will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.



Visitation will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on Monday, October 28th, 2024 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Memorial Service will be held in the chapel on Tuesday, October 29th, 2024 at 2:30 pm. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

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# BIAGIO MAZZA

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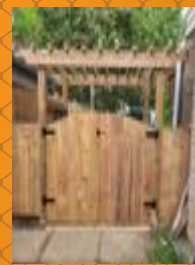
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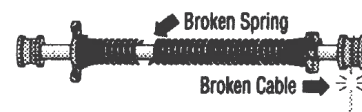
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# WonderTree marks grand opening of family clinic, offering wraparound mental health care

BY SAM ODROWSKI

WonderTree Child, Adolescent and Family Practice celebrated the grand opening of its clinic in Orangeville on Friday, Oct. 18, with a ribbon cutting and open house.

The clinic, located at 685 Riddell Rd., Unit 105, offers clinical psychology services for families, with a focus on children and adolescents with autism, genetic disorders, ADHD and neurological diagnoses.

WonderTree's 15-staff-member team provides wraparound mental health care to clients with depression, anxiety and other mental disorders, both in-person and virtually across Ontario.

The grand opening marked the organization's one-year anniversary of offering virtual care.

"WonderTree was born out of a shared desire between Dr. Michelle Cardella and myself to create something special, a space that wasn't just another clinic, but a true support system for children and families," said Dr. Stephanie Lavoie, director and clinical neuropsychologist at WonderTree, who founded the organization with Cardella.

"We both saw a pressing need for a place where families with complex presentations could find support, not just through one specialist, but through a coordinated multidisciplinary team. In Ontario, right now, many families are often being told your situation is too complex or they are left waiting for services for months and sometimes years. Michelle and I wanted

to change that narrative."

Lavoie said WonderTree's mission is to offer personalized care that nurtures every child's potential.

"When we look at the existing health and education sectors, we see significant gaps. Too often families struggle to access the services they need. The system can feel fragmented, especially for those navigating neurodiversity and complex medical concerns or twice exceptional profiles," she said. "We built WonderTree to bridge those gaps, offering wraparound care so that families don't have to jump around between different providers or face long wait lists."

The clinic's multidisciplinary approach brings together experts from different fields to collaborate on the care their clients receive. Lavoie said this sets WonderTree apart from a typical private practice.

"By working together, we ensure that no child is left behind and that families can find the answers they've been seeking," she remarked.

"Whether a child is struggling with anxiety, learning disabilities or complex needs, we bring together experts in various fields to collaborate and tailor interventions that truly work for each family."

WonderTree offers psychological assessments, executive function coaching, job coaching, parent coaching and therapy, speech and language therapy, child and adolescent therapy, occupational therapy, medication consultations, targeted academic support, and life skills support.

"Our team includes a range of professionals, and we all really want to work together to meet that one goal of supporting the child. The collaborative journey has shown us the power of multidisciplinary care. Families are no longer left to piece together the solution on their own, and instead, they have us to work side by side with them to create that comprehensive plan to meet the needs that their child has," said Dr. Michelle Fardella, Director and Clinical/School Psychologist at WonderTree, during its grand opening.

"We've heard stories of parents who are overwhelmed by a system that wasn't set up to support their child's full potential, and we believe that we're the place where families find answers sometimes when other people have said 'no.'"

Lavoie and Fardella designed the clinic to be sensory-friendly to support the children and youth they serve in-person.

"We also actively seek to learn and grow from the communities we serve, seeking the feedback of neurodivergent families as we designed the space and designed our services. By incorporating feedback, we hope to continuously refine, adapt our services and be more affirmative and responsive, ensuring that every family feels seen, heard and supported," said Fardella.

Attendees of the grand opening at WonderTree on October 18 included Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post, Councillor Joe Andrew and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, who's also Ontario's Health Minister.

"I am here as the MPP, but I have to say as the Minister of Health, my heart grows big when you talk about multidisciplinary care," Jones remarked.

"As a province, we were able to, in February, expand multidisciplinary teams, and it is exactly what you highlighted in your speech, that ability to ensure that we are not just giving phone numbers to people or brochures to families who are looking for service. It's bringing those teams together."

Jones added, "When I see that happening here in our own community, it makes me very proud, and I know that you will do well. I know the families that you're serving and will expand to serve will really see the impact because we have to go beyond individual silos and ensure that people get access. No doors, the wrong door, and the multidisciplinary teams, I feel strongly, is the way to go."

Dr. Lavoie said she'd encourage parents to reach out if they are interested in having their children receive care at WonderTree.

"The first step is just reaching out. We offer free 15-minute consultations, whether they connect with either myself or Dr. Michelle Cardella, and we'll speak with them, and get a sense of what's going on. We can make some recommendations about what services or what kinds of supports might be the right fit for them," she explained.

WonderTree's phone number is (905) 425-9525 and the clinic is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week.

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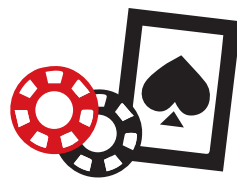
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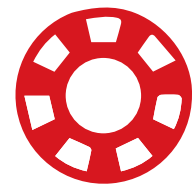
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