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HAUNTED HILL – Caledon residents turned out in all manner of costume on October 27 when Bolton Rotary hosted their annual Haunted Hill Walk/Run. Pictured here, when the five-kilometre race started, festive runners flew by cheering bystanders. For more, see Page A9.
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Town appoints members of Illegal Land Use Task Force

Task force will tackle illegal trucking yards, event centres and more

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon officially has a new task force to deal with illegal land use.

On October 22, Caledon Council officially appointed the members of the Town's new Illegal Land Use Task Force (ILUTF). Council first made the decision to create the task force back in June. Over the summer, it ran a recruitment campaign for the ILUTF, and now eight community representatives will be sitting on the ILUTF for the remainder of the 2022-2026 term of Council.

According to a Town of Caledon, the ILUTF will, through collaborative efforts

with Town staff, subject matter experts and community stakeholders, "prioritize community well-being (and) methods to enhance enforcement strategies, and advocate for policy changes to protect public health, safety and environmental well-being."

In addition to the eight community members, Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell and Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa have been appointed to participate in the ILUTF.

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Caledon designated as a Regional Fire and Emergency Training Centre

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Caledon is now home to a regional training centre for first responders. On October 28, Caledon Fire and Emergency Services personnel Mayor Annette Groves and members of Caledon Council, and a representative from the Office of the Fire Marshal attended a ceremony to offi-

cially designate Caledon's Regional Fire and Emergency Training Centre. The ceremony was held at Fire Station 309 in Caledon Village; the training centre is directly adjacent to the station. Groves said the investment in the Regional Training Centre demonstrates Caledon's commitment to excellence in emergency response training and community safety.

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Circular Economy Month marked by community in creative ways

Town supported repair cafe, community cleanup, and textile and e-waste collection

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon took steps to support a circular economy this month.

October is Circular Economy Month, an initiative started in 2022 by the Circular Innovation Council.

According to the Council, a circular economy is one that minimizes waste and makes the most of the earth's resources. It encourages the creation of products that last longer, can be fixed and reused, and can be deconstructed into their original parts.

This differs from our current linear econ-

omy, which the Council describes as "take, make, waste".

One of the things Caledon did to promote this idea was host textile and e-waste collection at the Caledon East Community Complex. This was done in partnership with Diabetes Canada and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

Kyle Rous, a Climate Change, Energy and Environment Coordinator for the Town of Caledon, said it was important for the town to support initiatives that divert waste from landfills.

Another initiative the Town supported was a repair cafe it co-hosted with eco-Caledon. It took place at the Humber River Centre, which itself is an eco-friendly building. All heating and cooling in the building is electric so it has a low carbon footprint.

Rous said the repair cafe was all about giving everyday objects a second chance when they break down instead of just throwing them out. The cafe was a big success, and many people brought in items like clothes and electronics for repair.

Rous himself brought in a microwave that he thought was done for, and to his amazement the "fixers" at the repair cafe had it up and running in 20 minutes.

"It's nice to see people moving away from the culture of getting rid of things," said Rous.

On October 26, the Town hosted a community cleanup at R.J.A. Potts Memorial Park in Bolton in partnership with eco-Caledon and the Region of Peel.

Rous said the town is always looking for ways it can reduce waste and lower its carbon footprint. Some examples include its moving away from single-use plastics and its no-idling policy on town properties.

Rous said the Circular Innovation Council deserves recognition for all the amazing work it's doing.

He also noted that Caledon's climate change, energy and environment team is always looking to hear from residents with ideas and suggestions. The team can be reached by email at environment@caledon.ca.



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(LEFT) Ava Campbell showed a heifer at the Markham Fair earlier this year with good results. From a young age, she's had an interest in cattle shows and participating in them. This year, Campbell finally had that opportunity and will be competing at the Royal Winter Fair. (CENTRE) Campbell competed at a horse show in Traverse City, Michigan, over the summer. She's a talented horseback rider with a promising future, having placed third overall in the Jump Canada Medal Finals Equitation Class at last year's Royal Winter Fair. She's eager to compete at this year's Royal in the Junior Hunters Division and Jump Canada Finals. (RIGHT) Campbell took home a Junior Champion Waterfowl ribbon for the ducks she showed at the Ontario Poultry Breeders Show earlier in the month. She's looking forward to entering ducks and chickens into the Royal Winter Fair. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS**

Teen to compete in cattle, equestrian, poultry shows at Royal Winter Fair for first time in event's history

BY SAM ODROWSKI

A 16-year-old Dufferin County resident will compete at an unprecedented level during the 102nd Royal Winter Fair in Toronto.

While it takes a high level of talent and dedication to show livestock in just one competition at the Royal, Ava Campbell of Mono will be vying for ribbons in several.

She will be a contender in two horse shows, a cattle show, and a poultry show, with her chickens and ducks.

"We're very proud of this accomplishment, and in our recent memory of the Fair, this is the first time that we have seen something like this," said the Royal Winter Fair's CEO Cyrus Cooper about the number of competitions Campbell's competing in. "It's quite a feat."

The Royal Winter Fair takes place from November 1 to 10 at Exhibition Place, where the best competitors across Canada compete at a national level.

"Every year, the Royal is circled on various competitors' calendars, whether you're an Olympic rider or a young, aspiring rider," Cooper noted.

Campbell's ability to train and present animals well is what's led her to qualify for so many different competitions at this year's Royal.

She is eager to show different kinds of livestock and is working hard to prepare in hopes of taking home some ribbons.

At past Royal Winter Fairs, she has done well in horse riding competitions, as this is her main focus.

"A couple of years ago I won a lot of classes in the smalls [horse category], and then I was overall grand champion in the ponies," Campbell recalled. "Last year I was third overall in the Jump Canada Medal Finals Equitation Class."

She has again qualified to compete in the Junior Hunters Division Horse Show as well as the Jump Canada Finals.

"She's been showing horses [at the Royal] for years and competing," said Campbell's father Mark. "The Royal is like the playoffs, if you will, for horse riding."

To qualify, Campbell regularly competed in horse shows at the Caledon Equestrian Park and Angelstone Tournaments in Rockwood.

"You show the horses all year and then you qualify through points. You have to be top eight in Ontario to go [to the Royal] for the horses," Campbell explained.

Throughout the winter, she's in Florida training on horseback, and taking online school so she can remain committed to her passion for riding.

Campbell is hoping her dedication to horse riding throughout the year will yield positive

results at the Royal.

"It's rewarding when you continue to get better throughout the year, and then seeing the hard work pay off... going to these big venues and doing well," she enthused.

Campbell's mother Elizabeth also has a love for horses and riding. She competed in the Royal Winter Fair when she was a teenager as well and is always excited to see her daughter do the same.

"Her mother plays a big role in the helping with the horse and the training as well," Mark noted. "The horses have always been a big part of my wife's life."

Campbell's been invited on a recruiting trip to the University of South Carolina and hopes to earn a scholarship to compete with the school's equestrian team.

For the Royal's cattle show, Campbell will be competing in it for her very first time.

She's competed in sanctioned cattle shows at fairs in the region through the summer to prepare.

Campbell will be showing a full-blood Simmental heifer, owned by cattle breeder Charles Burns of Kingsfield Farms.

Burns said Campbell first developed an interest in showing cattle about seven years ago when they met at the Royal and has been persistent in pursuing the opportunity ever since.

"She kept asking me until I said, 'sure,' and let her show at the Markham Fair for a couple years, and I told her she can show at the Royal this year," Burns recalled.

He added that Campbell has the right temperament for showing animals.

"There's some people that animals just trust, they don't flinch, they're not scared of them. They seem to trust the person right away, and she has whatever that skill is," Burns noted. "The animals don't run away from her."

For the competition, Campbell's focus will be on ensuring her heifer looks at its best at any given moment, standing tall and remaining calm.

When it comes to the ducks and chickens Campbell is entering in the Royal, she was recently named Junior Championship for her waterfowl at the Ontario Poultry Breeders Show.

She said she's eager to compete in this category as well.

The Royal Winter Fair features a variety of competitions that allow qualifying Canadians to demonstrate their skills and move on to international championships.

"We're very proud of the fact that the Royal offers the opportunity to compete at a high level for various individuals from all walks of life, age, and gender as well," Cooper said. "That's what's unique about the Royal every year, and that's what makes it special."

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Members of Ontario's Serious Fraud Office (SFO) have arrested two more individuals following a criminal investigation linked to a door-to-door sales fraud which victimized over 200 people across Ontario.

"In this fraud scheme, salespeople attended the homes of older adults and vulnerable people to initiate frauds where victims unknowingly entered into home service and/or renovation agreements at exorbitant prices," say Police. "Many victims believed they were getting services/ installations and renovations for free through government grants or rebates.

"Organizers of this fraud then used the fake agreements to register Notice of Security Interest's (NOSIs) against victims' homes without their knowledge. Later, these NOSIs were paid off to the benefit of the organizers using fraudulent, high-interest mortgages against the victims' homes. In many cases, this fraud left the victims in

financial peril; and in some cases, forced the victims to sell their homes."

As a result of the investigation, police charged two individuals under the Criminal Code.

Austin Acheson, 29, of Woodbridge, has been charged with:

- Fraud Over \$5000 - two counts
- Danielle Harrison, 39, of Mississauga, has been charged with:
- Fraud Over \$5000 - three counts;
- Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000.

The accused were arrested on October 15 and 17, 2024 and were subsequently released from custody and are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Toronto in November.

The charges have not been proven.

Investigators are asking anyone with additional information regarding this fraud to call the dedicated tip line at 1 (833) 941-5865 or email OPP.Nettle@opp.ca.

Anyone who suspects they have been the victim of any other fraud is urged to contact their local police or anonymously to Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222- 8477

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DRIVER ALLEGED TO HAVE HIT MOTHER & CHILD CHARGED

Members of the Caledon OPP have charged a driver involved in a collision with dangerous operation.

"On October 22, 2024, just before 7:00 p.m., officers responded to a collision at Kennedy Road and Dougall Avenue in the community of Southfields Village in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "The incident involved a parent and young child that were hit by a vehicle. Both were transported to hospital with injuries that are not life threatening or life altering in nature."

As a result of the investigation, Sehajpreet Singh, 21, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Dangerous Operation

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on November 21, 2024, to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.

For anyone who witnessed the collision or have dashcam footage 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. When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

If you are affected by this incident or witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

COLLISION INVESTIGATION

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have issued a three-day licence suspension to a driver involved in a collision.

"On October 22, 2024, shortly before 11:00 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a two-vehicle collision on Mount Pleasant

Road, near Caledon King Townline, in the Town of Caledon. No injuries were reported," say Police.

"As a result of the investigation, officers charged a 61-year-old of Bolton with Careless Driving. Additionally, the driver was issued a three-day licence suspended for registering an "warn" on an Approved Screening Device (ASD).

"A warn range on an ASD is having a Blood Alcohol Concentration (BAC) between 0.05-0.079. First time penalties are an immediate 3-day licence suspension and \$250 fine. Second time penalties are an immediate 7-day licence suspension, \$350 fine and an education or treatment program. Third time penalties are an immediate 30-day licence suspension, \$450 fine, an education or treatment program, and a six-month ignition interlock condition.

"The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. Motorists are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it."

STOLEN VEHICLE RECOVERED

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have recovered a stolen vehicle from an alert by the police vehicle's Automated Licence Plate Recognition (ALPR) system.

"On October 28, 2024, shortly before 11:00 p.m., an officer was conducting a proactive patrol on Kennedy Road, in the community of Southfields Village," say Police. "At that time, an alert was received by the ALPR system advising the officer of a stolen vehicle. The stolen vehicle was later located at a residence on Valleyscape Trail. The investigation led to two individuals being arrested.

"Later that same day, the Caledon Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) executed a search warrant at a residence and collected evidence of the offence."

As a result, Samardeep Brar, 27, of no fixed address, was charged with:

- Possessing automotive master key;
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000;
- Fail to comply with probation order - two counts.

Navreen Dhaliwal, 31, of Brant County, was also charged with:

- Possessing automotive master key;
- Possession of property obtained by crime over \$5000.

Both accused were held for a Bail Hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville.

The charges have not been proven. Members of the Caledon OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities.

If you observe a suspicious vehicle or person in your neighbourhood, report it to police by calling 911. If possible, note of the make, model, colour, driver/occupant descriptors, and the plate number. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca

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11. Pronoun to identify something specific
12. Uttered in an impassioned way
16. Outfits
17. "Westworld" actor Harris
18. Stewed game casserole
19. Indignities inflicted on others
24. Blood type
25. Says beneath one's breath
26. Taxis
27. Transmits genetic information from DNA to the cytoplasm
28. NFL great Randy
29. Where college students live
30. Brief Yankees sensation Kevin
31. Condiment
33. -frutti
34. Polish city
38. Astronomy unit of distance
39. Romanian village
40. Bears first overall pick Williams
43. Irritated
44. Clothing for sale has them
45. One-time world power
49. When you anticipate arriving
50. Farm building
51. Organize thoughtfully
53. Detective
54. One who reduces
56. Nursemaids
58. Partner to "Pa"
59. World's longest river
60. Commemorates
63. Compound
64. The Lannisters and Starks fought for one
65. Email function

CLUES DOWN

1. Open-roofed entrance
2. Japanese religion
3. Dancer's garments
4. Distributes
5. Yemeni port
6. Spanish doctors
7. It cools your house
8. Engine variant
9. Makes more manageable
10. Days (Spanish)
13. Milliliter
14. Spread out from
15. With two replaceable hydrogen atoms
20. Respectful title for a man
21. Equally
22. Scarlett's home
23. Big Blue
27. Subway dwellers
29. One-tenth of a liter
30. Central European river
31. Distress signal
32. Expression of sympathy
33. Bar bill
34. Football equipment
35. Dance music
36. Russian river
37. Mary __, cosmetics
38. Gym class
40. Autos
41. Fourth and honorable name in ancient Rome
42. Defeats (abbr.)
44. A way to color
45. Planet
46. Form of humor
47. Taken without permission
48. Go over again
50. Auto parts manufacturer
51. Detective's source
52. Home of the Flyers
54. Short official note
55. Emit coherent radiation
57. In the year of Our Lord
61. Atomic #18
62. Not from, but...

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Remembrance ceremony held at Mono Mills Cenotaph

More Remembrance Day ceremonies planned in Caledon this November

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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November is a time to remember those who have served our country in times of war. Last weekend, a Remembrance ceremony was held at the cenotaph in Mono Mills.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen, and Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell were all in attendance. The ceremony featured bagpipers and a colour guard. There will be more Remembrance ceremonies held in Caledon this fall. The Alton Legion is hosting its annual Remembrance service at 10 a.m. on November 10 at the Alton Legion Hall (1267 Queen Street). There will be a potluck lunch following the service. The Town of Caledon will host a Remembrance Day service beginning at 10:50 a.m. on November 11 at Town Hall (6311 Old Church Road).



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Caledon Fire and Emergency Services personnel, members of Caledon Council, and a representative from the Office of the Fire Marshal attended a ceremony to officially designate Caledon's Regional Fire and Emergency Training Centre on October 28. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Ontario Fire Marshal designates Caledon as the GTA's second regional training centre

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"The new Regional Training Centre will allow us to work with our other fire agencies and partners in the betterment of fire training," said Groves. "Caledon, as you know, is poised to grow to 300,000 residents by 2051 and with that comes the responsibility to staff an exceptional team of first responders to keep Caledon residents and visitors safe. We are extremely proud of our fire and emergency services. They step up every time we call."

Groves said Caledon Council is behind Caledon Fire and Emergency Services "1,000 per cent" and committed to ensuring the service is ready to serve the community.

Caledon's Fire Chief, Dave Pelayo, said the Regional training centre will provide Caledon firefighters with access to high-quality training programs that meet provincial standards.

"Training close to home means reduced travel times and costs, allowing our firefighters to focus on their professional development without logistical challenges,"

said Pelayo. "We are grateful for the support of the Fire Marshal's Office in this initiative. They provided resources and oversight to ensure that all training aligns with the latest firefighting techniques and safety protocols. This collaboration means that our firefighters will be receiving top-tier instruction that will equip them with the skills they need to manage a wide range of emergencies efficiently."

Pelayo noted the Regional Training Centre promotes collaboration with neighbouring fire departments and will be a great place for joint training exercises.

"The spirit of cooperation ensures that our teams are ready to work seamlessly together when responding to incidents," said Pelayo.

Specialized training courses such as advanced firefighting, hazardous materials response, and incident command will be held at the centre. It will feature modern facilities and equipment like live-fire training structures, simulation equipment, and classroom spaces equipped with the latest technology.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Adoption of By-laws 2024-082 & 2024-083

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Town of Caledon passed By-laws 2024-082 and 2024-083 on October 7, 2024, to adopt Official Plan Amendment No. 1 and amend Zoning By-law 2006-50 under Sections 17, 26 and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P.13. The intent of these amendments is to develop updated mineral aggregate policies and mapping for the Council-adopted Future Caledon Official Plan and updates to Zoning By-law 2006-50, where appropriate, building upon the findings of the Joint Peel-Caledon Aggregate Policy Review.

And **TAKE NOTICE** that any person or agency may appeal to the Ontario Land Tribunal in respect of the Zoning By-law 2024-083 by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Caledon no later than the close of business on the **12th day of November 2024** a Notice of Appeal.

LOCATION:

The Official Plan Amendment BL 2024-082 relates to the entire geographic area of the Town of Caledon.

Zoning By-law Amendment BL 2024-083 relates to:

- Part of Lot 27, Concession 5 WHS, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy;
- Part of Lots 13, 14 and 15, Concession 5 WHS, Geographic Township of Caledon; and
- Part of Lot 16, Concession 2 WHS and 3 WHS, Geographic Township of Caledon.

EXPLANATION OF PURPOSE AND EFFECT

The purpose and effect of BL-2024-082 (Official Plan Amendment 1) is to amend the Council-approved Future Caledon Official Plan to:

- Implement the Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study
- Build upon the findings of the Joint Peel-Caledon Aggregate Policy Review.
- Establish Chapter 20 with updated mineral aggregate policies
- Establish Schedule E12 with updated Caledon High Potential Mineral Aggregate Resource Area (CHPMARA) mapping.
- Amend text and Schedules related to mineral aggregate policies elsewhere in the Official Plan, where appropriate.
- Authorize additional implementation projects and requests for reports on study issues.

The purpose and effect of BL-2024-083 (amending Zoning By-law 2006-50) is to:

- Update zoning standards, where appropriate.

The basis for these By-laws is contained in Staff Report 2024-0544: Recommendation Report: Supplementary Aggregate Policy Study as brought forward to the Special Town Council Meeting on October 7, 2024.

All oral and written submissions relating to the Amendment were considered by Council before this decision was made.

Official Plan Amendment No. 1 is subject to approval by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and is therefore not subject to appeal. Any person or public body will be entitled to receive notice of the decision of the approval authority if a written request to be notified of the decision (including the person's or public body's address, fax number or email address) is made to the approval authority. The approval authority is the Municipal Services Division – Central Region Office, Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, 777 Bay Street, 17th floor, Toronto, Ontario M7A 2J3

The last date for filing a notice of appeal to BL-2024-083 (being the Zoning By-law Amendment that implements OPA 1) is **November 12th, 2024**. Such notice of appeal must be filed with the Town Clerk of the Corporation of the Town of Caledon and must:

1. Set out the reasons for the appeal, and the specific part of the proposed official plan amendment to which the appeal applies,
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The appeal form is available from the Ontario Land Tribunal on their website at <https://olt.gov.on.ca/forms-submissions/> or by contacting the Town Clerk.

Additional information in respect of this Amendment is available for inspection at the Town of Caledon, Planning Department, weekdays between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., by contacting Jeff Hignett, Senior Planner, Strategic Policy Planning, 905-584-2272 x. 4222 or jeff.hignett@caledon.ca.

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Task force will tackle illegal trucking yards, event centres and more

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One of the ILUTF's main goals is to advocate to higher levels of government for assistance in dealing with illegal land use. It is set to begin meeting this fall and pro-

vide its first update to Council in 2025.

Joel Assaly, a Municipal Law Enforcement analyst for the Town of Caledon, has noted a concerning rise in illegal parking and storage of tractor-trailers and other commercial vehicles in Caledon.

In staff reports, he's noted there seems to be a blatant disregard for regulations in the Town of Caledon and that harsher fines are needed to discourage illegal activities.

Also on October 22, a letter from Mayor Annette Groves to Vaughan Mayor Steven Del Duca was presented on the Council agenda.

The letter discussed opportunities for partnership between the two municipalities to fight illegal land use.

"The dramatic increase in illegal land use, specifically around truck and container yards along and near our shared border, has raised significant concerns for resident safety and wellbeing, including congestion, noise, air quality and quality of life," said Mayor Groves in the letter. "These yards are also a visual blight on the landscape along our boundary.

"Our enforcement teams collaborate regularly, and I know senior staff from Caledon, Vaughan and Brampton will be meeting later this week to coordinate efforts... the time is now to galvanize our partnership, both at the staff and political levels, to advance changes to the Municipal Act and the Provincial Planning Statement to combat illegal land use. We know the Province will be taking steps to empower municipalities to address bad actors in these industries. Let's focus on working together to accelerate action that improves the well-being of the people we serve."

Those looking for more information on Caledon's fight against illegal land use can visit caledon.ca/illegallanduse.

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 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. 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/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.

Caledon Church of Canada. Every Sunday morning @ 10 am. Monday prayer meeting @ 7 pm. Resources: Prayer counselling, Baby/child dedication, Visit the sick, Wedding Services, Food bank and more. For all your pastoral services: 647-891-9400 • caledoncoc@gmail.com
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2024 Rise Up Success Conference
Hosted by: Natalie Masucci
Where: Copper Creek Golf Group (Kleinburg)
When: November 16, 2024
Time: 9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Tickets: \$50 adults, \$40 Adolescents (10-19 yrs)
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Stitched Glass - The Knitting Pilgrim Sat Nov 2
Kirk Dunn combines storytelling, images, and three huge knitted panels to explore the connection among Judaism, Christianity and Islam. #BYOK (bring your own knitting)
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Palgrave United Church 34 Pine Ave

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, 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**
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Please put the the name of the concert in the Comment or Message portion.
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Caledon East United Church, 6046 Old Church Rd.
All are welcome!

Bethell Hospice Foundation Holiday Bazaar – Friday, November 22 and Saturday, November 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Christmas greenery, potted plants and centerpieces, homemade baking and jams, unique crafts, vintage items, and silent auction.
Inglewood Community Centre, 15825 McLaughlin Rd., Inglewood. All proceeds support Bethell Hospice Foundation.

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Albion Bolton Historical Society
Join us on Monday, November 18th at 7:30 - 9:30 PM for a scheduled meeting of the Albion Bolton Historical Society with the presentation "OH CANADA! Our Home & Inventive Land!" by Professor Mark Rector. The Albion Bolton Community Centre, 150 Queen Street South, Bolton, Meeting Room C, 2nd Floor. (Elevator available)

Friday November 22, 2024
Let's Talk ... Life Water Canada – bringing clean water to Haiti and Africa
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7 pm guest Speaker Betty-Ann Reid
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www.boltonunitedchurch.com

Craft & Bake Sale - Saturday, November 2nd, 2024 8:00am to 1:00pm - Caledon Seniors Centre at 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton ON. Information call 905- 951- 6114. (Silent Auction, Craft Vendors, Homemade Baked Goods, Breakfast Peameal Bacon on a Bun, Lunch BBQ, Tea Room & Lots More!) Home Baking Donations & Cash Donations Welcome For More

Public meeting on Alloo Secondary Plan to be held November 19

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

LOCAL JOURNALISM
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A company would like to plan for 14,000 housing units in the south of Caledon.

The Town of Caledon will be hosting a public information session at 7 p.m. on November 19 at Caledon Town Hall (6311 Old Church Road) on the Alloo Secondary Plan.

Glen Schnarr and Associates, on behalf of the Alloo Landowners Group, is proposing an amendment to Caledon's Official Plan so it can develop a secondary plan for 14,000 housing units across 1,800 acres in the Alloo area of Caledon.

The land in question is bounded by Mayfield Road in the south, the Highway 413 Protection Corridor in the north and west, and Chinguacousy Road to the east.

The 14,000 proposed housing units would accommodate roughly 40,000 people.

The secondary plan would include a protected natural heritage system, employment area, community amenities, connected road and active transportation network, and a "mix of land uses" according to a Town summary of proposed changes.

"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," said the Town in a public notice.

Residents can attend the public meeting on November 19 in person or online. They can also submit written comments about the secondary plan on the town's website, caledon.ca, or by emailing agenda@caledon.ca or planning@caledon.ca.

Public Notice



NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR APPROVAL TO EXPROPRIATE LAND Form 2

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(b) in the case of an owner who is not a registered owner, within thirty (30) days after the first publication of the notice.

The approving authority is: Name of expropriating authority

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The Regional Municipality of Peel
Aretha Adams, Regional Clerk

THIS NOTICE FIRST PUBLISHED ON OCTOBER 31, 2024.

Plans to create cricket field in Inglewood referred back to municipal staff

Full-size cricket field at Johnston Sports Park going ahead

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon will be getting one full-size cricket field soon, and plans for another have been referred back to Town staff.

At Caledon Council's October 22 meeting, Councillors approved plans to build a full-size cricket field at Johnston Sports Park, requesting a proposal for the field in the 2025 budget.

Councillors also referred plans to build a neighbourhood-size cricket field in Inglewood back to town staff. In the referral, staff were directed to present Council with a Parks and Recreation strategy that includes a plan for facilities and amenities.

There was a significant response from residents of Inglewood upon hearing of

plans for the cricket field in their village. Residents delegated at the October 22 Council meeting to share their thoughts, and many others submitted written comments.

Several residents stated they were not consulted prior to hearing about the plan to create a cricket field in the village, and asked staff to work with Inglewood residents on adding recreational activities to Inglewood parks that bring value to residents that live there.

Council first approved recommendations to create the two cricket fields on October 8, but final approval was required at the October 22 meeting. At present, Caledon does not have any cricket fields.

A full-size cricket field is 140 by 120 metres and requires four acres of parkland. This is the equivalent of two regulation-size soccer fields. A Town staff report submitted to council on October 8 details the plans for Johnston Sports Park.

"Johnston Sports Park is a district park that currently contains six soccer fields... phase five of the park's development includes the addition of two regulation soccer fields. With minor design changes staff can integrate a full-size cricket field over the planned soccer fields. This practice of integrating soccer and cricket fields is an approach taken by a number of GTA municipalities," said staff in the report.

Runners enjoyed a scary good time at Bolton Rotary's Haunted Hill Walk/Run



Medals were prepared for participating runners and walkers. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon residents came out for a fun, family-friendly run in their Halloween costumes last weekend.

On October 27, Bolton Rotary hosted its annual Haunted Hill Walk/Run event outside the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness.

Well over 100 people attended to enjoy a morning of community, exercise, refreshments and the Halloween spirit.

Children took part in the one-kilometre-long fun run and received medals designed and 3D-printed by Humberview Secondary School students.

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Trick or Treat

There's a good chance you are reading this column after the mayhem of Halloween is over but if not, first things first – go answer your door and distribute some delicious delights! It's the one time of year when we can all be a kid again and indulge in a little dose of sugar-induced happiness. If, on the other hand, you are in fact reading this AFTER the Halloween shenanigans are over, never fear – there's lots of tricks, and maybe some treats to talk about, as long as our Provincial government is sitting that is! Whether there are tasty treats in store for Ontarians, or a whole boiling, black cauldron full of tricks is anyone's guess.

Under the category of "trick," there's the shiny, brand new Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act! Also known by the more boring moniker, Bill 212. It promises to save you something like 30 minutes commuting time per day. That seems like a "treat" but I question what's hidden inside the candy. Will it be dangerous, make you feel unwell, or in other ways be considered toxic? It's certainly possible because here come the "tricks." The act promises to "speed up land acquisitions" (which might read more like circumventing processes put in place to protect landowners) and to implement 24/7 construction (because nothing says well-rested commuters like nearby homeowners being kept awake all night long by shuddering, loud machinery.) As for

lost farmland, animal habitats and whitebelt lands, well let's just say it seems nothing is sacred. As Halloween traditions go, such disregard for the environment is akin to finding a rotten apple amidst your chips and chocolate.

If Mr. Ford were looking for a "treat" to dish out over Halloween I have a suggestion for him, one he hinted at recently and that's far more enticing than a pillowcase full of candy – reducing or eliminating tolls on the #407. It appears Green Party Leader Mike Schreiner, who also had something to say on the subject, agrees. "I'm glad the Premier is waking up to the reality that we need to end gridlock solutions today, not in 20 years," he commented. Further, Schreiner said, "Selling off Highway 407 was one of the worst deals in Ontario's history. The Ford government can start repairing the damage by subsidizing tolls for trucks on the 407, which would free up space for cars on the 401 at a fraction of what it would cost to build any new highway – a solution the Ontario Greens were the first party to call for."

This would certainly be an easy, and quick fix to the immediate problem of traffic gridlock and dare I say it, potentially one that might actually result in the promised "saving 30 minutes of commuting time" now, not in the 10-15 years it will take to build the highway, rendering any savings essentially meaningless to most of us reading this column today.

SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON



In another example of "Is this a trick, or a treat" we have the promised \$200 "rebate," coming soon to a bank account near you. Does anyone know why we are getting \$200 from the PC government? I spent some significant amount of time trying to find the "reason." Unlike previous years where there was at least the semblance of an excuse (think, license plate stickers) it appears there's no reason for this cash influx other than as a treat for citizens, being dangled prior to the possibility of an election early next year. Actually, wait, I take that back. I found something, from a speech to the Empire Club in Toronto (always a bastion for us common folks) earlier this month. Ford is quoted as saying, "Put money into people's pockets and they'll go out and do something as simple as going out for dinner, maybe buying your kids sneakers or clothes, or maybe putting a little renovation on our house." Okay, that last point has to be a joke right? A renovation? For \$200 bucks? I'm not even sure you can buy a couple of cans of paint for one room in a house for \$200 bucks these days. The idea is this \$200 "gift" from the government will prompt us to spend money, jump-starting the economy. The reality is this is nothing but a hyped-up trick disguised as a treat and it's one that will cost Ontario an estimated \$3.2 billion dollars! Just think how many MRI's that might get us, or how many hospitals could eliminate "hallway health-

care" with a portion of that money. Some "treat" indeed.

In Halloween terms, a "trick" is often something sneaky, absurd, gross or – occasionally – funny.

Tell me dear reader, under what category does building a tunnel under the 401 in order to alleviate gridlock land? Enquiring minds want to know. It's definitely absurd, and it would be funny, if not for the fear that Premier Ford is actually serious about this proposal and willing to spend money to study its feasibility. I'm not sure any of our local residents' lovingly created Halloween haunts could scare me as much as the prospect of tunneling under the 401 does.

One final note, here's something that doesn't scare me. If you ARE reading this on Halloween night as the trick or treaters come and go, and a few of the local teens come knocking a little later this evening – don't be a drag. Give out the last of your gooey goodies. Seriously folks, if the older kids knocking at your door have made at least a cursory effort to dress up, indulge their inner child. Where's the harm in that? Soon enough they'll be adults and dealing with the likes of politicians day in and day out. Give 'em a treat before they start experiencing tricks on the regular.

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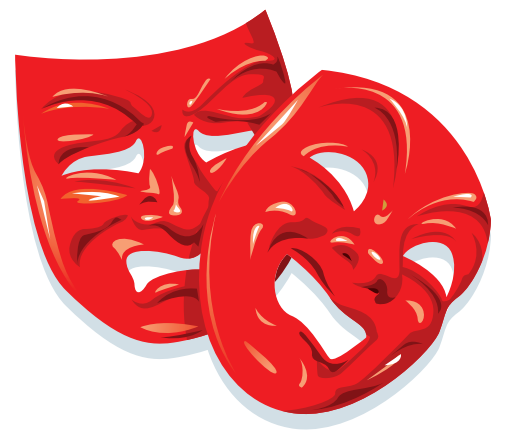
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Bolton author Glenn Carley launching new books

Carley's latest work was inspired by and created with his daughter Adriana

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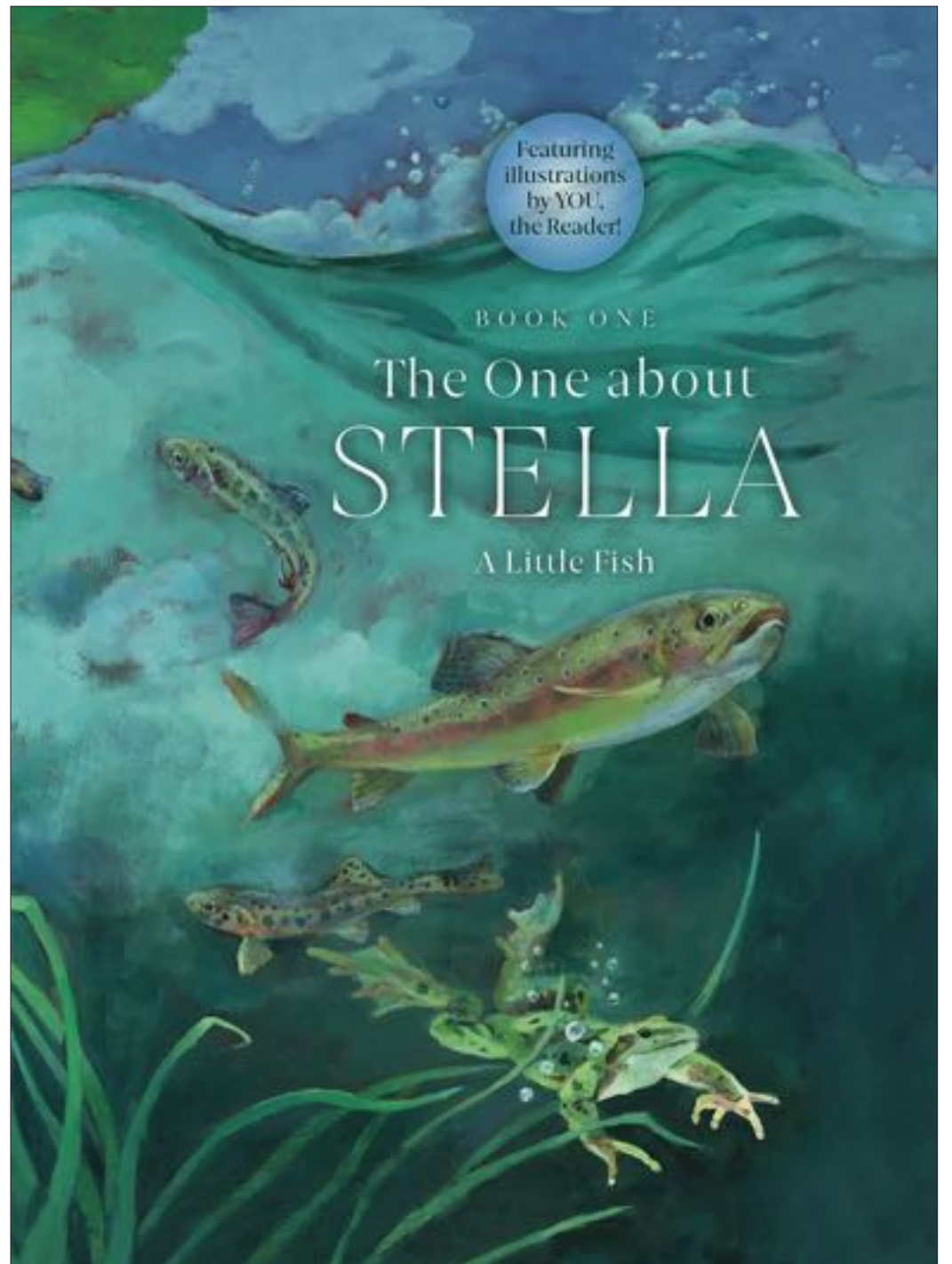
A prolific Bolton author is soon releasing new books.

Glenn Carley is a long-time Bolton resident and published his first book back in 2008. Before becoming an author, he had a long career in chil-

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dren's aid that eventually led him to be the chief social worker for a GTA school board.

Carley's latest book is a children's book, titled *The One About Stella: A Little Fish*. It's being published by Rock's Mills Press, and it was inspired by and created with his daughter Adriana.

The book is the first in a series of four. *Stella: In Search of Elderfish*, *Stella: A Rescue in the Wetlands*, and *Stella: A Curious Migration* are set to come out next.

A unique aspect of the books is that they have space for children, parents and caregivers to add their own illustrations, allowing their imagination to run wild. Carley said this couples reading comprehension with imagination for young readers.

Each *Stella* book opens with a hand-drawn map, and the books take place in "The Great River" at various times and places.

The perspective of the book is entirely underwater, from a trout's eye view. Carley said his goal was to make the reader feel like they are underwater, experiencing the vivid beauty of nature.

Most of the characters in the books are female; Carley wanted to make the book inspiring for young female readers as he had his daughter in mind when writing.

The first *Stella* book sees Stella leave her home in the warm shallows of the Great River to go on an exciting adventure. She meets dangerous characters like TurkeyLegs the Heron, friends like Slingo (a salamander), and sees amazing sights like thundering waterfalls.

The *Stella* books, and Carley's other work, are available locally at Forster's Book Garden in Bolton and Booklore in Orangeville. They can also be purchased through Rock's Mills Press or Amazon.

Carley's catalogue includes works like *Good Enough From Here*, an arctic memoir about a young civilian man coming of age at a Canadian Forces base in Nunavut; *Jimmy Crack Corn: A Novel in C minor*, a story about the journeys of exhausted

urban warrior and "do-gooder" Jimmy the Bleeder as he explores what it means to be good at something you did not set out to do; and two children's stories inspired by and created with his son Nicholas, *The Long Story of Mount Pester* and *The Long Story of Mount Pootzah*.

Carley's love of books started as early as he can remember. Every Christmas, his aunt that lived in Montana would send him a box of books and candy. A little bit of positive reinforcement never hurts, and Carley developed a lifelong love of reading and writing.

When Carley was a young man working in London, England, he wrote his first manuscript. While it was never published, it showed him he could complete a writing project.

"All my life has been organized around writing, I love being a writer," said Carley.

Carley loves being able to have his books sold locally, and every time he releases a book he gives a copy to the Caledon Public Library.

For aspiring writers, Carley said it's important to find a method that works for them. Carley is an early riser, waking up at 5 a.m. most days. Since he feels great in the morning, he usually does about three hours of writing shortly after waking up and having a coffee.

When he finishes a writing session, he leaves himself notes to help him pick up where he left off.

"There's a thousand different things that can get in the way of completion," said Carley. "This is my own personal method and style, [try to] get a method that works for you."

Another book Carley has recently created is the novel *Stumblebum Waytes*. It's the story of a man who retires, afflicted by an undisclosed illness. As he gets better, he learns to separate fevers from dreams and dreams from reality. He soon forms a band of serenaders, and this leads to the main character going on an internal journey.

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Theatre Orangeville's 'Twas the Night Gala set for November 16th

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

An interview with Laura Sheehan Austin, Theatre Orangeville fund raising committee chair, and committee member Hazel Mason, spoke to how soon Theatre Orangeville's fabulous annual 'Twas the Night Gala is coming up.

Set for November 16 and staged this year at the Hockley Valley Resort, this party promises all it has been and more.

The luxurious establishment is at 783522 3rd Line, EHS in Mono, L9W 5X7.

The banquet, silent and live auctions, will all be held in the hotel's Montclair Ballroom, which seats 300 people very comfortably. To have the silent auction there means patrons can still see the entertainment and have access to all the chances to spend.

During the course of the evening, Artistic Director David Nairn will stand for the 25th year as auctioneer, as only he can – cajoling and teasing bidders to increase offers between competing bidders.

For Laura Austin, this year's 'Twas Gala is about its being David Nairn's last year as host and that needs to be celebrated. As a major support in the fund raising, she praised a great canvassing committee, with amazing volunteers, collecting silent auction contributions from an unbelievable community.

Every year new people still join in the effort, including the incomparable Joy Bell, who has been with them all this time.

Traditionally, Father Christmas attends. In the Montclair Ballroom, a pianist on the stage will provide seasonal music and the Theatre Orangeville Youth Singers will sing carols on the stairs.

For this most important fund-raising event of the year, Ms. Austin is organizing the Silent Auction items, "a huge amount of work," she said, comparing it to "84,000 emails." She is willing though, for "the actual night is so much fun, being in a room with a community who are raising funds, joyously living in a community within two degrees of separation."

Ticket sales are doing well; tables are being reserved.

This year, people were looking for a change in the menu from prime roast beef. The new menus are a vegetarian meal of green salad and stuffed pepper. For meat lovers, it is carved beef tenderloin and chicken supreme, with green salad. Dessert all round.

Once again, Anne Marie Warburton, founder and owner of Gallery Gemma at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, is donating a fabulous piece of jewellery.

There are several new Live Auction items, from wine tastings, with tickets to the Shaw Festival, tickets for the Women's Hockey League; likewise, another professional hockey game of choice. All of which add one night accommodation.

Both the Hockley Valley Resort and Adamo Winery have donated combination packages. The Toast of Orangeville offers dinner at Blue Bird Restaurant and overnight at the Nest, plus tickets to Theatre Orangeville.

Later, in conversation, David Nairn he described his last 'Twas as "bittersweet."

For 25 years, he has been "Master of the House and head cheerleader," although he admits that he and his wonderful lady, Leisa Way, are looking forward to attending the great event next year as guests.

"The name change to 'Twas kept things fresh," he explained but, withal, the event is generally acknowledged as the beginning of the festive season. He confirmed that in as many of the Theatre Orangeville galas as he has attended and hosted, there has never been one he did not enjoy.

At every one he has attended, he has come away with admiration for the support, the camaraderie and fellowship of the community.

When people see the talent of the singers and performers at 'Twas, he reminds them it is the support of people that helps these young people blossom, making the point that most of the donations came from local artisans and businesses.

"This is a fundraiser," he was clear. "The money is important – all those sales are vital funds and also a darn good night mingling with friends."

The proof of how good a night shows in the numbers of people who keep coming back. For entertainment, there are some "super stars," super-exciting and a few surprises, we were promised.

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Statistics Canada is reports that the economy added 47,000 jobs in September, while the unemployment rate declined for the first time since January, to 6.5 per cent.

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Seniors learn how to stay on the road safely with CarFit and Southlake

Initiative showcases how to use vehicle special features to best advantage

BY BROCK WEIR

A new initiative dedicated to helping drivers 65 and over stay on the road safely, and even after experiencing a physical challenge, is now making inroads into the Greater Toronto Area.

CarFit, an initiative led in Canada by the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists and CAA, held their first events in the Greater Toronto Area last week with Southlake Regional Health Centre's Trauma Unit in Newmarket.

As Southlake is a Level 3 trauma centre for the area, the CarFit team spent last

Thursday morning training members of the hospital's trauma team on their 12-point safety checklist, enabling the hospital to help keep seniors safe behind the wheel.

"This is for our over-65 population to fit them to their vehicles," says Lynda Foster, Trauma Coordinator for Southlake. "As you go through ages and stages, things change, people get new hips, knees and shoulder injuries. We really work with our Occupational Therapy team to make sure our community is really fitted to the safest possible way of driving."

"With our trauma program here at Southlake, we have an injury prevention portfolio and we're really trying to bolster and offer as many things as we can. This gave us an opportunity to really make sure we're providing the safest avenue possible for our seniors to be driving."

According to Brenda Grant, CarFit coordinator for the Canadian Association of



Occupational therapists Samantha and Christeena help retired paramedic Ian Pythian through the CarFit checkpoint. PHOTO BY BROCK WEIR



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Occupational Therapists, the program was developed by AAA, the American Association of Occupational Therapists and the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), recognizing that older adults experience changes to their body, including osteoporosis, which can make them more susceptible to injury.

"It's a fun, educational program – it's more from a preventative point of view to keep people safely driving. Eventually, CAA and the Canadian Association of Occupational Therapists brought it to Canada, we have been working on it close to a decade now, and we have another team promoting and creating the program here in Southern Ontario."

Thursday's launch invited senior drivers to come through a checkpoint set up near the hospital, where the recently trained Occupational Therapists at Southlake were available to take each driver through a 12-point checklist. Some of the areas the checklist covered were ensuring a clear line of sight over the steering wheel, maintaining adequate space between the driver and the airbag, proper pedal positioning, and adjusting mirrors to minimize blind spots.

First to go through the checkpoint was retired paramedic Ian Pythian, 78, who served as a York Region paramedic for 51 years. Having responded to more than his fair share of car accidents, he had nothing but praise for this safety program.

"So far, I'm not doing too bad," he said with a chuckle, giving a thumbs-up to Occupational Therapists Samantha and Christeena. "I am sure some people will have to be adjusted and this is good training for senior citizens."

Now that they've made this first foray into the GTA, both CarFit and Southlake are hoping to see the initiative grow across the area.

Grant says she would love to connect with seniors centres, hospitals and other like organizations to expand the program and, for seniors who might be looking for a brush up or a reassuring confidence boost as they get behind the wheel after a traumatic injury or surgery, Foster says she and her team can make that happen simply by emailing injuryprevention@southlake.ca.

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November 1 to 7 is Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services encouraging people to test smoke and carbon monoxide alarms

BY ZACHARY ROMAN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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With the upcoming time change, local authorities are reminding residents it may be time to change the batteries in their smoke alarms.

Daylight Savings Time will end this Sunday, November 3. Caledon Fire and Emergency Services is asking residents to test their smoke and carbon monoxide alarms and replace their batteries if necessary after they change

their clocks.

The reminder is especially pertinent as November 1 to 7 is Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week.

Carbon monoxide is a colourless, odourless gas that can be fatal when undetected. Common sources of it include gas appliances, fireplaces and vehicles running in garages attached to a house.

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services is reminding residents that carbon monoxide detectors are essential safety devices and will alert you to the presence of carbon monoxide in your home. The service also notes fuel-fired appliances should be serviced yearly by a professional.

Carbon monoxide detectors should be kept clean and free of dust and debris, and installed throughout the home.

The Government of Ontario offers carbon monoxide safety tips on its website, www.ontario.ca/page/carbon-monoxide-safety.

Caledon's Fire Chief Dave Pelayo said testing smoke and carbon monoxide alarms regularly makes all the difference.

"Regardless of the power source, alarms should be replaced every 10 years for optimal safety," said Pelayo.

Caledon Fire and Emergency Services is hosting some free, family-friendly activities for Carbon Monoxide Awareness Week.

From 3 to 4 p.m. on November 2, "Skate with Sparky" will be held at the Caledon East Community Complex.

This free public skating event will let children meet Sparky the Fire Dog, enjoy hot chocolate, check out a fire truck and meet local firefighters.

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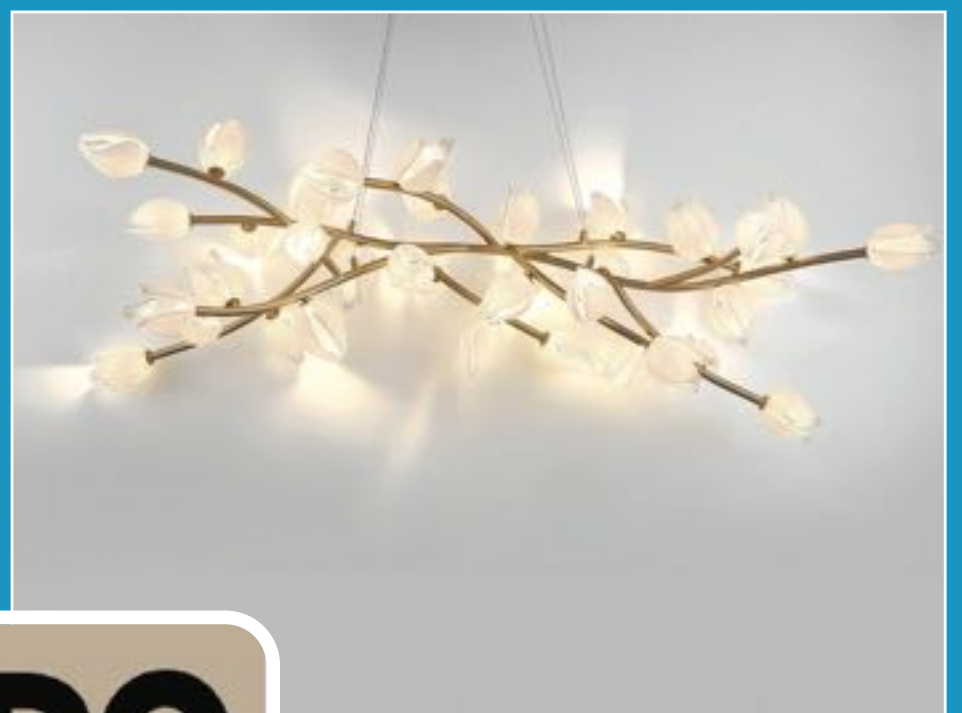
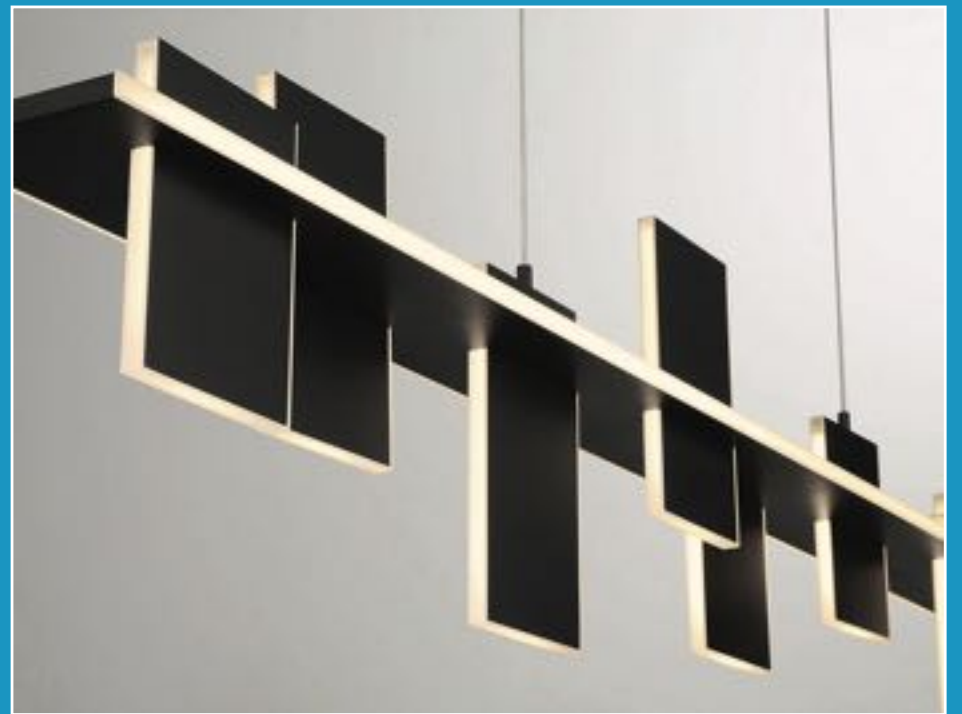
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Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week

Lebourdais leading the way as the Wolfpack's Quarterback and Primary Pass Rusher this Fall



MIKAYALA LEBOURDAIS
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BY JIM STEWART

Mikayala Lebourdais has made quite an initial impact as a student-athlete at Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School.

The Grade 9 student was voted MVP at a Flag Football tournament hosted by Hall in September that featured over 300 athletes.

Lebourdais is a two-sport athlete who plays rep hockey for the Caledon Coyotes and she has burst on to the high school athletics scene as the quarterback and primary pass rusher of Hall's Varsity Flag Football squad.

The rookie pivot has left quite an impression on her Wolfpack coaching staff, comprised of Andrea Czyrka, Chris Fielder, and Nick Pusateri, who nominated her as our newspaper's Student-Athlete of the Week.

The trio of coaches assessed the exceptional qualities of their quarterback.

"Mikayla is a dedicated and hard-working athlete. She listens and adapts to situations quickly. Her instincts on the field are very strong, even though this is her rookie season. She is coachable and committed as she attends practice every day. Mikayla has also showed a relentless ability to take on adversity, starting the season as a rookie and quickly earning a spot as a starter."

Coaches Czyrka, Fielder, and Pusateri noted Lebourdais's qualities as a student-athlete.

"In her first year of high school, Mikayla has quickly learned how to successfully balance her academics at the same time as her demanding flag football and hockey schedules. She is quickly learning how to schedule her day to ensure she can attend practice every day while still making time for her homework and studying."

What impresses the coaching trio the most is "Mikayla's burst speed."

"She is one of the fastest girls on the team and her determination to shut down the attack is vital as her role as primary rusher. She is fearless and does not hesitate when it comes to rushing, flagging, or even blocking a kick in the game."

The coaching staff cited a series of key performances that highlight Lebourdais's Fall season.

"Mikayla had a number of outstanding performances at our very own Second Annual Flag Football tournament here in Caledon East. In a field of over 300 girls,

Mikayla earned the MVP award in our first game of the tournament and her skills only got better as the tournament played on. She earned a number of sacks against the opposing teams' quarterbacks and even blocked multiple punt attempts. Mikayla's speed and reaction time has been vital to her role as rusher. She was able to shut down the attack before it even got started and allowed our offence to maintain possession of the ball for the majority of each game."

Lebourdais took time from her studies, on-field responsibilities, and rep hockey practice to answer our interview questions:

Caledon Citizen: What qualities did you demonstrate in your sports season to earn Student-Athlete of the Week honors?

Mikayala Lebourdais: "As a Grade 9, experiencing high school for the first time, I can say that my participation on the girls Flag Football team has helped me make friends and be more confident overall. Playing Flag Football, I have demonstrated teamwork, perseverance, and focus. As a rusher, I work hard to help my team by being fast and aggressive in my defense. My ability to stay calm under pressure and always give my best effort helped me earn MVP in the first game I played with our team."

Caledon Citizen: What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2024-25 season that you are most proud of?

Mikayala Lebourdais: "The moment I am most proud of is being named MVP in our first game after playing the rusher position. I consistently applied pressure on the opposing quarterback and made key plays that contributed to our team's success. My speed and anticipation were crucial in breaking up plays and keeping the other team on the defensive."

Caledon Citizen: In addition to your high school sports teams, what other community teams do you play for and at what level?

Mikayala Lebourdais: "In addition to Flag Football, I play rep hockey with the Caledon Coyotes. Playing hockey has helped me develop many skills that I use in Flag Football, such as teamwork, communication, sportsmanship and perseverance - all within a competitive environment."

"For the past three years, I have also volunteered on the ice supporting coaches for the Caledon Coyotes U9 and U11 house league hockey teams. This has allowed me to help my sister, and her teammates learn hockey and develop their hockey skills. Sports have played such an important role in my life, and I enjoy being a mentor for younger girls who play hockey in Caledon."

Caledon Citizen: How would you describe yourself as a student at Robert F. Hall? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong? Honor Roll?

Mikayala Lebourdais: "My experience as a student at Robert F Hall has just started. I am dedicated and hardworking, balancing both my studies and athletics. In addition to Flag Football, I plan to get involved in other sports and clubs that in-

terest me. My goal is to maintain a strong academic record, with the hope of making the Honour Roll."

Caledon Citizen: What are your post-secondary plans regarding prospective academic/athletic destinations?

Mikayala Lebourdais: "My goal is to attend a university where I can continue my academic and athletic interests. I hope to continue playing sports at a competitive level while also following my dreams of becoming a lawyer in the future."

Caledon Citizen: Who is your role model in terms of the person you admire the most?

Mikayala Lebourdais: "My role models

are my parents. They have always been so supportive of me and my goals; always trying their best to get me to the places I need to be and always supporting me in all I do; from games, practices, school assignments/tests to all my life milestones and difficult moments."

Caledon Citizen: How do you feel about being nominated as The Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week?

Mikayala Lebourdais: "I feel incredibly honored and grateful to be nominated as the Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week. It motivates me to continue working hard both on and off the field, and it's exciting to be recognized for something I'm passionate about."



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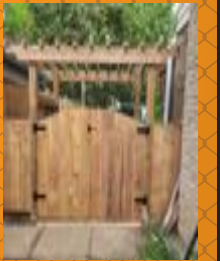
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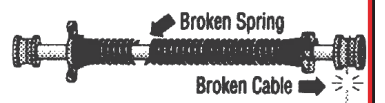
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Houghton University in NY "felt like home" to Bolton's Matthew Giallo after committing to the NCAA Highlanders

BY JIM STEWART

Bolton resident Matthew Giallo confirmed that he will play NCAA baseball for the Houghton University Highlanders in New York in 2025-26.

Giallo, who competes in the eleven-team Canadian Premier Baseball League, was the third student-athlete from the Titans Baseball Club's Class of 2025 to commit to a post-secondary destination this Fall.

The 18U Titans' first baseman explained his decision to commit to the NCAA D3 Highlanders: "I chose Houghton University because they showed a genuine interest in me."

After a few weeks of communication, I visited the campus. During my visit, I spoke with the head coach, team players, and faculty members, all of whom were welcoming. Houghton is very welcoming to Canadians--even celebrating Canadian Thanksgiving with the team and coaches. By the end of the day, it felt like home."

In addition to praising the hometown fit of Houghton, Giallo also acknowledged how attracted he was to the compelling natural setting of Allegheny County in western New York.

"I am very excited to explore Houghton's beautiful trails and embrace the rural life-style."

The Honor Roll student at Humberview Secondary School has "chosen to major in Political Science with a minor in Philosophy and German" and outlined his athletic and academic goals as a student-athlete at Houghton University.

"Academically, I aim to maintain a GPA of 3.8 throughout my four years and complete all necessary credits to apply to law school."

Titans 17U Head Coach and Director of College Placement Denis Bailey praised Giallo's prospects as an NCAA baseball player.

"Matt has the opportunity to develop some more power at the next level and will be a middle of the order bat for the Highlanders."

Giallo expressed his gratitude to Coach Bailey and the Titans Baseball Club of the Canadian Premier Baseball League for assisting him with his college baseball placement.

"The Titans exposed me to various universities and colleges, helping me identify the level of baseball that would be the best fit for me. Additionally, traveling to different states allowed me to discover which areas I enjoyed the most. My meeting with Coach Denis Bailey also highlighted the need to look for a University which suited my goals and personality. This led to my search to include not just the baseball program, but the size of the university, size of classes, and what University life would look like on a day-to-day basis."

In addition to thanking the CPBL club for their help in finding Houghton to fit his needs as a student-athlete, Giallo also reflected on the highlight of his career as a Titan: "The Fall ball season of 2023 was my highlight as a Titan. It was my first week joining the organization, and from September to November, I went on trips, played games, and practiced with some of my best friends, creating bonds that will last a lifetime."

Giallo offered this timely advice to younger players in baseball programs about achieving post-secondary goals as a student-athlete: "My advice to younger players would be to avoid a 'Division One or bust' mindset. Attending a lower division school where you have the opportunity to play and enjoy yourself is much more valuable than going to a Division One school where you may never play. Before choosing a college, it's important to visit and truly consider whether you can spend the next two-four years there."



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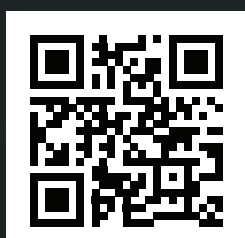
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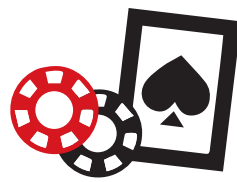
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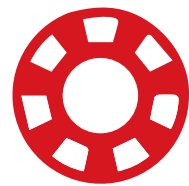
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