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The Montreal Rhapsody Orchestra had Midnight Madness crowds on their feet last week.
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Downtown Bolton BIA celebrates 50 years of Midnight Madness success

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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On August 14, Caledon residents came together to celebrate the 50th Midnight Madness event, hosted by the Downtown Bolton BIA in downtown Bolton around both Queen Street and King Street.

The event ran from 6 – 11 p.m. with a wide variety of food trucks, vendors, firetrucks, games, live performances and more.

From the moment that members of the community arrived, the street was packed with several vendors selling a variety of different items – jewelry, dog treats, homemade baked goods, crochet items galore! Each booth had something different to offer and something for just about anyone.

Many vendors were returning favourites at Midnight Madness, but one small business was participating for the very first time.

Alena's Canadian Candle Company is a small business that was started back in 2021

after Alena Khan, the owner and creator of the company, started to create toxin-free, 100% soy wax candles for those that want to enjoy candles without getting headaches and migraines from the chemicals used in other wax types.

Khan's journey started after she began to get headaches from candles and started to research what was being put into them. She wanted to find a new way to make candles without the chemicals.

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Caledon United FC captures 15U Division gold medal at Heart of Caledon

BY JIM STEWART

The 15U Caledon United Football Club rolled through the Heart of Caledon Tournament on the weekend.

The talented 15U squad, which won its indoor league championship and has moved outdoors with similar success, ran the table with four consecutive victories on Saturday and Sunday at the Caledon East Community Complex.

The impressive streak culminated in a nail-biting 1-0 win over Aurora SC in the championship final.

The stellar play of Peyton Walsh between the pipes was on display all tournament. The unflappable goalkeeper recorded clean sheets in three of the four games she played.

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Diane Pellizzari, seen here delivering a corner kick versus Aurora, scored the gold-medal-winning goal versus ASC. Pellizzari led Caledon United FC in tournament scoring with three.

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Five community groups awarded funds from 2026 Caledon Council Community Golf Tournament

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon announced August 12 five recipients of grants from the 2026 Caledon Council Community Golf Tournament.

These grants are used to help provide funding to local non-profits in the Caledon community.

The five recipients of this grant are Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS), Caledon Community Services (CCS), Caledon Elementary Academy (CEA), Renewed Hope, and Headwaters Health Care Centre Foundation (HHCCF).

These non-profits are using the grants to fund specific needs that established when each organization applied to be a part of the program.

This includes funding building a new community centre for CAS, an accessible transit vehicle for CCS, educational resources and capital improvements for CEA, facility renovations for Renewed Hope, and medical equipment such as scanners and an EKG machine for HHC-CF.

The 2026 Caledon Council Community Golf Tournament Grant is just one of many grants that the Town of Caledon offers to help out non-profits and businesses year-round to provide funds that they may not be able to secure on their own.

“It is wonderful we have multiple primary grant recipients this year,” says Mayor Annette Groves. “Each of these organizations has an important role in our community and they improve the quality of life in Caledon. This tournament is helping improve the lives of others by funding pro-



HEADWATERS FOUNDATION PHOTO

grams and services that may not otherwise be possible.”

Members of the Caledon Council Community Golf Tournament were also in attendance to congratulate the recipients on receiving this grant.

CCCGT Committee Chair Councillor and Ward 6 Councillor Cosimo Napoli and CCCGT Vice Chair Councillor and Ward 4,5 & 6 Councillor Mario Russo spoke to attendees about the award and what it means to invest in Caledon.

“As Chair of the 2026 Caledon Community Council Golf Tournament, it is a privilege to support fundraising efforts that advance these meaningful causes, said

Napoli. “The requests we received have a positive impact across Caledon.”

“The funds raised through this tournament are an investment in our community and in Caledon’s future,” said Russo. “We were impressed by the quality of the application received and the CCCGT funds will enable these initiatives to become a reality”.

Glenda Simeone at the Caledon Agricultural Society shared the impact of the funds will have on the organization, which is using their grant to support the creation of a new Community Centre to be built on the Fairgrounds.

This grant is just one of the funds that are being used to help build the centre and they are hopeful to be able to raise enough money to begin creating the community facility as there is currently no existing indoor recreational space on the Fairgrounds.

“We are very grateful to have received these funds from the Caledon Council Community Golf Tournament Committee to assist in building the new Community Centre,” says Simeone.

The Town of Caledon has been contributors to the Caledon Agricultural Society since 1926 and were one of the funders that allowed the agricultural society to buy the present fairgrounds at the outset. As well, in the present, they maintain and assist with maintenance of the play structure on the Fairgrounds and are supportive of CAS.

“We are always happy to participate with the Town of Caledon and to be able to be granted funds from the 2026 Caledon Council Community Golf Tournament Grant is just wonderful”, says Simeone.



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Christina Early officially launches Mayoral campaign

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

On August 13, mayoral candidate Christina Early officially launched her campaign for Caledon’s top job.

Early took the time to speak to members of the Caledon community and spread her campaign message that focuses on presence, accessibility and supporting and protecting the Caledon Community.

Officially the first candidate to throw her hat in the ring for in the Mayoral race, Early was excited to get the opportunity to share her story with the community.

After serving the Town of Caledon for the last eight years as Councillor, Early decided that it was time for her to take the next step and run for mayor.

Many members of the Caledon community gathered at the launch to not only get the chance to speak with Early but to show their support.

During her speech Early highlighted the importance of responsible growth while also protecting Caledon’s heritage and history

“Caledon is a community of communities, and they are all unique and have their own priorities,” says Early “When I think about Caledon, I understand the heritage, I understand the history, and I really, really understand the culture, because the culture can’t go away. The culture has to stay

intact as we start building and developing this community.”

Living in the community and raising a family in Caledon for the last 30 years, Early says she understands the changes and challenges facing Caledon and is committed to serving the community through transparent processes and decision-making.

She highlighted that growth isn’t simply about building new things, but that the community is part of the growth.

“We know we’ve got to take growth, but we’re going to take a pause and we’re going to do it right. Growth has to be more than building homes, it has to be about the infrastructure. It has to be about businesses and jobs and parks and rec centers,” says Early. “So, there’s room, in [my] opinion, for both history and the future.”

Looking to the future, Early is hoping to be able to work together with the Caledon community, focusing on not only the present Caledon but the kind of Caledon that is going to be for those yet to come.

“This election is about direction, and ultimately, it’s about what kind of Caledon we leave to the next generation,” says Early. “That’s why I’m running for mayor, to protect what we have and build what we need”.

Early says she is grateful for all that have supported her on this journey, especially her family members and Harry and Judy Brander who hosted Early’s campaign launch event.

Caledon Public Library’s Smile for the Library photo fundraiser returns

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon Public Library’s “Smile for the Library: CPL Photo Fundraiser” is back and will be in full swing on August 28 from 10am to 3pm.

Caledon families are invited to sign up to have professionally taken photographs to celebrate the end of summer before students head back to school.

This is not the first time that the event will take place, but the fundraiser is normally held during the winter holidays instead of the end of summer.

Attendees can select from three different types of packages each with their own prices and number of photos and prints that are included.

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\$115 Package

- 15-minute photo session
- Three poses
- Three professionally edited digital photos
- Three 5x8 printed photos (one of each pose)
- Six 4x6 printed photos (two of each pose)

All funds raised through this event will go towards the Caledon Public Library and will be able to go towards current needs in the library, such as new books and other resources that members of the library have requested.

Jill Jambor, Manager of Communications and Cultural Development for the Caledon

Public Library, is the main organizer for this event and is looking forward to seeing all the smiling faces of the members that attend.

“This fundraiser brings together a few different parts of what we do – it was really inspired by families in the community, being inspired by seeing people discovering and making memories, enjoying time together in the library, that we wanted to give them an opportunity to make a memory and preserve it”, says Jambor.

This event also aligns with the library’s mission and values by encouraging and supporting lifelong learning by giving access to not only the event but everything else that the library has to offer.

Being the first time that this event is running outside of the winter holidays, Jambor is hoping that families will use this opportunity to capture lifelong memories before their children start school.

“We used to host this event closer to the holidays, like toward the end of the year. But this time, we’re hosting it earlier because we wanted to capture the back-to-school time of year for kids and families,” says Jambor.

Colleen Lipp, CEO and Chief Librarian of the Caledon Public Library, elaborated on how the funds that the event will go towards adding new things into the library, while offering an opportunity to hear from customers on what they would like the library to have as well.

“What these raised funds allow us to do is to respond in a really kindly way to what we’re hearing from our customers, and that it’s sometimes adding to our library of things. We have regular recommendations of other things people would like to see in our collection,” says Lipp. “And that allows us to respond to that and add those things without having to try to secure funds and using next year’s budget to do it. This allows us to go above and beyond what is funded through our tax supported budget.”

If you’re looking to make a lifelong memory and take once-in-a-lifetime professional family photos, come to the Caledon Public Library’s Smile for the Library Fundraiser.

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Throughout this campaign, I've spent my time listening to families, seniors, business owners, and community organizations. Their message has been consistent: residents want practical leadership, thoughtful decision-making, and a representative who is accessible, accountable, and focused on delivering results.

As your Regional Councillor, I will focus on four priorities:

PROTECT & PRESERVE
Protect Caledon's rural character, farmland, and natural heritage while ensuring growth respects our community and preserves the qualities that make Caledon unique.

SMART GROWTH, STRONG COMMUNITIES
Plan responsibly so roads, infrastructure, public services, and housing grow together, directing development to areas where infrastructure already exists or is planned.

EFFICIENT SERVICES
Deliver reliable municipal services, improve responsiveness, and modernize how residents interact with their local government. Residents deserve quality parks, recreational facilities, and community spaces that are well maintained and keep pace with the needs of our growing communities.

COMMUNITY FIRST
Listen first, communicate openly, and make decisions that reflect residents' priorities. I will carefully evaluate every dollar contributed by taxpayers and ensure public funds are managed responsibly, wisely, and transparently. Being accountable means staying connected to residents, listening to their concerns, and being transparent about how and why decisions are made.

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Local businesses still facing challenges with Airport Road closure

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Last month, many business owners located on Airport Road in Caledon East arrived at their store fronts and were greeted with a paper notice letting them know of the closure from Emma Street to Hilltop Drive that would be taking place from July 6 to September 7.

This was a surprise to owners as they were aware of the Airport Road Improvement Project but did not know that they would face a full road closure instead of the single lane closure they had been told of prior to July 2.

Since the road closure and construction has taken place, many businesses have seen a significant drop in clients and some business owners are worried.

On July 28, members of the community stood before Town Council to talk about improved signage and stronger communications from both Council and the Region of Peel who are in charge of the Project.

Since the meeting, the communication between Council and business owners has improved and there have been more meetings between all parties to find new ways to help the businesses.

Currently, the business owners and Council are attempting to create events to help promote the businesses and get more residents and tourists to support local businesses.

However, businesses are still facing many challenges and losing clients, making it hard to get by.

Ramzia (Shammy) Birko, owner of Frank’s Barber and Hair Salon, is one of the business owners dealing with the challenges of the airport road closure.

She says she has faced new difficulties as in the past few days she has had large trucks and construction vehicles working on the road right in front of her business, making it difficult for clients to walk in. They are also contending with loud noise and vibrations.

“For the past few days, I’ve had big machines and dump trucks going back and forth and digging on the street in front of my business. I’ve had customers say it feels like an earthquake because the ground was shaking and with all the

big machines and work being done one client said she felt unsafe as you must be careful when around these big machines,” says Birko. “So, I decided I’m not going to open today until they finish this part. The employees are being very safe when using the equipment, but being around those big machines and so close to the business, you’re going to worry about your safety”.

Another difficulty that Birko has seen is the signage in the area to let members of the community know that the businesses are still open.

“There are a lot of signs around, but they can sometimes be really confusing. When you see at the entrance of the street that there is a big sign that says, ‘Stop, the road is closed,’ but a smaller sign that says businesses are still open but there are police officers with lights on and everything. I’m still seeing people turning around because they see all of that and think that the road is closed,” says Birko.

Since the start of the construction, Birko has said that she has lost roughly 50 per cent of clients and sees a very small number of people per week.

However, there are still many people supporting these businesses, including several members of the Caledon East community that Birko says walk daily through the area to help support them.

Members of Council, such as Christina Early, have also been there to help support especially when it comes to fixing signs and having communication with businesses.

To help get the word out, a number of businesses have also taken to social media to let the community know that they are open and are taking clients.

One new initiative that Birko says business are looking to do is a passport initiative where participants will get a passport and by going to different businesses and supporting them, they receive a stamp. A passport full of stamps will result in a prize.

However, one major way that people can support these businesses is by spreading the word that they are open and, of course, stopping by.

More information about the Airport Road Improvement Project can be found at peelregion.ca/construction/project-19-4060-june-29-2026-update.

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In the meantime, the Town is providing interim support through its Internet Grant Program. This program helps residents in underserved areas offset the cost of purchasing equipment required to access high-speed internet services. Residents can apply through an online application form available on the Town’s website at caledon.ca/en/town-services/internet-levy.aspx

I also recognize that broadband access continues to evolve. As part of our commitment to improving connectivity, the Town is undertaking research to explore opportunities to enhance and expand the existing program, helping more residents access reliable internet options.

As well, Team Caledon is advocating for accelerated broadband deployment through discussions at the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) Conference. We are calling for continued investment and action to ensure residents and businesses can access the connectivity they need as soon as possible.

Strong connectivity strengthens our economy, supports education, improves access to services, and keeps communities connected. We will continue advocating for improved broadband infrastructure while pursuing innovative solutions that help ensure every resident can fully participate in today’s digital world.

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Sounds of summer and silence

Nails on a chalkboard. The sound of an animal in pain. The voice of someone with whom you don’t have a particularly warm relationship. All of us have certain sounds in our lives that we would rather not hear again, whether the very tone of them makes the hair on the back of your neck stand on end, or triggers a swell of emption you’d prefer not to feel.

Most of us avoid them wherever we can. If we can’t, and know that there’s a good chance of catching that audible trigger somewhere on the wind, we brace ourselves as best we can.

Personally, I try to avoid them wherever I can. But, of course, that’s not always possible.

In a previous job, one such audible trigger was the voice of a co-worker who I dealt with mostly over the phone, only having in-person dealings occasionally.

She was a lovely woman, as far as I know, but there was just a certain something about her voice, an element I’ve never been able to put my finger on despite nearly two decades of hindsight working in my favour, that set my teeth on edge.

More than that, no matter how pleasant our dealings may have appeared if a court stenographer was nearby providing a running written transcript, it was a voice that simply left me feeling depleted after every conversation and I’d need to take at least 15 minutes out of my day to decompress and move on with the rest of the tasks at hand.

Some sounds that make me grit my teeth have thankfully largely come and gone, but a few remain as potent as ever.

I still can’t stand to be in the same room as someone filing their nails with an emery board, for example. The sound of the grit racing against the grain on the nail is one that not only makes those aforementioned hairs stand up and take notice, but leave my eyes darting to locate the nearest exit, just in case.

The sound of someone winding a jack-in-the-box? I don’t really care whether the monkey or the weasel comes out on top in their race around that mulberry bush. No, thank you.

How about June bugs?
In the early days of my career before finding some semblance of work-life balance, I would sometimes pull near-all-nighters to get what needed to be done complete before the weekend. Sitting at my desk in the wee hours of the morning with only the mild buzz of the fluorescent light in my home office keeping me company – along with the ratta-tat-tat of those brown beetles beating up against the glass of my window, drawn to light.

While I have no quarrel with the June bugs themselves, I always found the slightly hollow sound of that distinct ratta-tat-tat against the pane just a little bit unnerving – and, if one happened to have the misfortune of finding one unexpectedly underfoot, so much the worse.

But there’s truth in the adage of not knowing what you have until it’s gone.

While I am sure this is not the case for everybody – depending, of course, on where you happen to live, the amount of light coming out through your windows at night, or the environmental conditions on your property – I realized the other day that this was the first summer in as long as I can remember where I didn’t once hear that ratta-tat-tat against the window.

I might be alone in this, but its absence, as much as I bemoaned it when it was a near-constant in summers past, is almost as unsettling as the ratta-tat-tat that was part and parcel of their busy season.

It’s recent absence – or, perhaps, rather, my own antennae finally picking up on their absence – made me sit up and think about what else we might be missing, or losing, as the world around us changes.

I was lucky enough to grow up on a home that had a couple of acres to explore. The soundtrack to my summer days, if I was feeling especially outdoorsy, was a near endless playlist of birdsong, the buzzing of bees, and the general hum of other critters adding to the symphony. I write this not out of any misplaced nostalgia, but simply to say that whether I am walking through my current neighbourhood or revisiting some of my old stomping grounds, what was once a rich natural orchestra has dwindled to minimalist Muzak.

Of course, outside of our insect cousins, whether they’re part of a creepy-crawly equivalent of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir or closer to the one-man-band offered by Dick Van Dyke at the start of Mary Poppins, there are other benchmarks that we subconsciously use to mark the change of seasons.

Not too long ago, there was a general window in time where it was safe to pack away your winter woollies and bring out some of your lighter gear for the spring and summer. Now, doing that is simply a matter of tempting fate.

Given the volatility of the weather, it’s getting harder and harder to leave the house with a safe outfit choice that will get you through the whole day. In fact, I’ve now taken to keeping a couple of changes of clothes in the office, along with an “emergency” pair of boots, just in case any beachy weather in the morning gives way to wind and hail a few hours later.

Heck, even if you’re in the comfort of your own home and have no intention of going out for the day, you only have to look at the microburst that hit northwest Aurora a couple of months ago, leaving a trail of destruction behind it, as just one example on how so much can turn on a dime – and how off-guard we can all be caught.

Whether it is the volatility in our weather or the once-cacophonous medley of our insect brethren winding down to a Billie Eilish-like whisper, it’s getting harder and harder to ignore – and deny – the rapid environmental changes happening in the world around us.

By the same token, it’s also getting harder and harder to allocate patience for those who choose bury their heads in the sand, and either pretend it’s not happening, refuse to look at the big picture, or, worse, resign themselves to the idea that there is nothing we can do here at home because other far-flung populations and governments are doing far more to exacerbate the problem.

While I’d still be hard-pressed to be in the same room as someone filing their nails with reckless abandon, take a stress-free phone call from a past-co-worker, or show any kind of interest waiting for the top to fly off a jack-in-the-box, I have a new appreciation for that hollow ratta-tat-tat against the window.

Is it something I’d seek out? Probably not, but if they came tapping again, I’d welcome them with open arms (not open windows) and hope some other signs of natural healing aren’t too far behind.



Burdens, trust and the “economy”
of a higher power

by Mark Pavilons



We’ve been encouraged to bear one another’s burdens.

If we truly can do that, we embrace the truth and learn to trust.

Religious doctrine aside, we’re asked to love others, to be righteous, honest, genuine and at times, altruistic.

Humans are also trustworthy, but we’re quite guarded. Trust has taken a beating over the past decade and we’ve lost faith in our political leaders, large corporations, and others in our greed-based money economy.

We in the west live by the all-mighty dollar – the economy of the marketplace. We measure success by wealth, but is money just a tool?

We’ve let money rule us – that’s the system we’ve built over centuries, from our ancestors sailing the oceans to modern entrepreneurs sending satellites into orbit.

What if we could substitute money for human commodities like love, compassion, aid, support and giving?

We throw around the word “love” like it was an everyday salutation. But we should really mean it, feel it and give it freely.

That’s what it’s all about.

I reconnected with a high school friend recently, during an hour-long conversation.

Geoff, who was the best man at our wedding, moved to the U.S. many years ago for work and he’s been a successful entrepreneur. He admitted that he put business and self-interests ahead of reaching out to friends, and so we seldom spoke or exchanged emails over the past 10 years.

But this one conversation, which he initiated after reading one of my columns on Facebook, was a much-needed spark, a flame of love if you will.

He was genuine in his motives, to help give me strength and hope in my time of need. We fed off of one another’s energy and at the end of the conversation, I was renewed, emotionally shored up.

We’re both quite intelligent and articulate so we click quite well.

The journalist in me probed and prodded and he let me into to his world, and his journey of awareness and what’s truly important in the world.

In his case, he found solace, guidance and, yes, purpose, in his faith. He admitted it’s a

constant journey, one that relies on the support of family, friends, even business associates.

He’s driven by Christian values and that’s reassuring, especially in the world today. We need those lessons, words of wisdom and common sense given to us in Scripture, to not only feel human, but to be part of the human equation.

He’s written a book, “The Kingdom Economy – Build a Legacy of Love in a Transactional World.” His message is simple – “Allow it open your imagination to a life – and a legacy – formed not by transactions, but by love.”

Changing our values from a monetary economy to a “Kingdom economy,” reshapes our decisions, restores our peace and transforms the way we lead, give and live.

Geoff pointed out that every economy around the globe runs on exchange – we trade something for something else. But the intent in the world economy is one of achievement, profit and control. It “rewards accumulation.” The Kingdom economy, however, runs on relationships, not transactions.

“Love creates what pressure never can. Hope grows where fear once dictated ... And purpose begins to breathe again,” Geoff writes.

Like Geoff’s message, I think we all get to a point where we asked ourselves, “is this all there is?” We also ponder the true meaning of wealth and happiness and how we measure these things. Why don’t we gauge them in terms of love, mutual respect and understanding?

It’s really about values, since success alone can’t satisfy our lives. I believe, as Geoff does, that we all have a true calling, and have much more talent that we let on. We are born with inherent skills, unique qualities that are meant to be shared.

Mine tend to reveal themselves in the written word. But my words would be meaningless if they weren’t backed by feelings, honesty, a sense of all things human.

I’d be creating gibberish if I didn’t believe in every syllable that I write.

I have often wondered, and written the phrase, “there must be more than this.”

In recent years, many people have chosen to slow down and abandon the inclination to move faster and achieve more. When we do that we see more, feel more and understand the world around us. I have always appreciated this beautiful world, from the unique abilities of tiny insects to the composition of the Earth’s atmosphere. Every plant, tree and of course every human being, is a miracle. We all know we’re unique, and should be treating one another as priceless gems.

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This ‘n that

Regular readers will know that occasionally, when feeling overwhelmed by the news cycle, I find myself reduced to simply listing a lengthy list of grievances under the heading “this ‘n that.” I suppose I do so as an attempt to draw your attention to the kinds of issues we should all be concerned about, while at the same time, not using an entire newspaper’s worth of space to expound upon them at length. I have, after all, occasionally been accused of being wordy! So in today’s edition of “this ‘n that” we have: trucking, aggregate, destroying the great outdoors and accessing the great outdoors, elections, hotel bills, and – believe it or not – espionage, followed by “stuff happens.” Most of which are important matters impacting Caledon residents directly, but some are just egregious examples of our current Premier’s disrespect for members of the voting public.

Here then, in no particular order, are just some of the things happening in the province whilst politicians lounge about on their 21-week summer vacation and the Premier soaks up the summer sun in Muskoka. This, by the way, being one of the many locations increasingly off-limits to Ontario residents. It seems we can go almost nowhere these days to access public spaces like beaches, parks and conservation areas, at least that is, without spending copious amounts of money for the privilege of doing so. Have you tried visiting a conservation area lately? I don’t know how a family can afford to enjoy a day out in the great outdoors! It cost a friend and I a total of \$27 recently to attend a birthday party. That’s because it was being held in a conservation area. Just two adults in a car, which left me wondering how much a family of four or five might cost. Access to public spaces seems to be getting more and more difficult. What with the Ford government destroying conservation areas and tearing down public spaces like Ontario Place, those of us without cottages on a lakefront are falling increasingly on the side of the “have nots” when it comes to summer enjoyment in the great outdoors.

Look at me, I’m already digressing significantly. Let’s focus on Caledon.

In the ongoing “conversation” about aggregate and the potential for a blasting quar-

ry in Ward One, the Ford government has made plain their disdain for resident concerns by overruling the years of effort by the Town of Caledon and area residents with the simple stroke of a pen. More specifically, not a pen so much as a broad sideswipe that literally disallows the many forward-thinking attempts of our Town and its citizens to ensure at least some measure of control over aggregate extraction. Area resident Tony Svelka, who has researched and published extensively on the topic, said it best, calling it “a chilling precedent, one that should alarm anyone who believes in accountable government, environmental stewardship, or the basic right of communities to shape their own future.” So much for democracy, and so much for the environment too.

Meanwhile, various Ministers of Ford’s government continue to rack up questionable hotel expenses. Sure, one of them resigned recently, but to be clear, he only left his position as the Minister of Tourism, Culture and Gaming and did not resign from the government itself where he continues to serve as the MPP for Willowdale. As for the other guy who not only billed hotel expenses, but is also alleged to have used constituency funds to advertise in his father’s paper? No consequences whatsoever that we are aware of. Perhaps that’s because, speaking of hotels, the Conservatives were booking yet another hotel, this one in Jamaica, so they could spy on their arch nemesis as she vacationed there.

Yes, the Ford government actually sent someone to spy on Bonnie Crombie, former leader of the Liberal Party and current candidate to get her old job back as Mayor of Mississauga. Sometimes I wish this column was actually a vlog so you could literally see me shaking my head and rolling my eyes in disbelief. Just, why? Why are we engaging in espionage level tactics over someone spending a few days off down south? Are we that afraid of Bonnie Crombie? This isn’t a Jack Ryan movie, Mr. Premier – you’re supposed to be running a government not running off to the Caribbean on some little asinine adventure. Oh, and by the way, when someone calls you on this kind of nonsense, a response of “stuff happens” is a wholly inadequate reply.

Here’s where we really need Mr. Ford – and Caledon residents in particular have been drawing your attention to the urgency of the matter for quite some time now: Road safety.

We have collectively “had it up to here” with you and your transportation Minister Sarkaria telling us we have the safest roads in North America. We absolutely, categorically, do not. The sheer volume of so-called “chameleon carriers,” the Driver’s Inc. “business model,” untrained and unsafe drivers, illegal trucking yards and dangerous operators offering “driver training” has ballooned out of control. News outlets have done undercover reporting to expose the urgency of resident concerns. The Auditor General has highlighted where the government has failed us.

Petitions, the Ontario Trucking Association, groups (both local and province-wide) like our own CCRSA, all have logged thousands of hours protesting, presenting at the municipal, provincial and federal levels of government and joining with other like-minded groups and MPP’s who support the cause of road safety. What do they hear in response? Nothing but a resounding silence from your government.

People are dying on our roads every, single, day and you CAN do something about it, Mr. Premier. Not only CAN you, but you MUST. Especially here in Caledon where we are already at significant risk day in and day out, and that’s before your aggregate policies and Highway 413 construction allows hundreds more potentially dangerous trucks on our roads.

Where do we go for help? With your government on an extended leave of absence, with your clear disdain for the democratic principles of municipalities managing their own affairs, and smart a\$\$ remarks like “stuff happens” when questioned about that little political junket down south, what you are truly saying to the residents of Ontario is not only that you just don’t care, but also, that you are clearly not worried about any potential political consequences either. Despite your occasional bombastic talk directed at Mr. Trump about how he manages the US, what you have really shown us is that you have achieved a Trumpian level of

disdain for the electorate right here in Ontario. And that’s how I feel about “this ‘n that.”



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We humans, regardless of our heritage or country of residence, abide by rules, guidelines and laws. These laws set out government powers, and what behaviours are expected of us. Most tend to reflect basic values – refrain from committing crimes against our fellow men and women. We should be more intent on contributing, and not taking.

Sure, many regimes curtail human rights, to the point where people cannot act the way they feel in their hearts. They are prevented from gathering, protesting, and practicing their religion of choice.

But here, our Charter of Rights and Freedoms, provides certain guarantees: “Everyone has the following fundamental freedoms: (a) freedom of conscience and religion; (b) freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication; (c) freedom of peaceful assembly; and (d) freedom of association.”

With those freedoms comes responsibilities – the duty to respect others and share our beliefs and opinions. We are obligated to gather, feed off one another’s joy and energy and live in a more peaceful collective.

Our Charter is a contract – between the government and us, and between people themselves. We are bound to live in acceptance, follow our conscience and perhaps even grow and learn.

Maybe part of our journey should be to re-examine the reign of money and look to the dominion of love and personal relationships.

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ARTS & CULTURE



Headwaters Arts opens new “Art of Abundance” exhibition

BY KATHRYN FRASER
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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On August 7, Headwater Arts formally opened its newest exhibit titled Art of Abundance, running through September 23 at the Alton Mills Arts Centre.

The show is described as a beautiful, eclectic mix of landscapes, florals, abstraction, ceramics, and art – all created from recycled material.

Art of Abundance features more than 40 pieces from 22 artists selected by Headwater Arts, and this is the fifth themed member art show for Headwater Arts in 2026.

The exhibition features a variety of different works of art from oil, watercolour/gauche, acrylic paintings, mixed media, ceramics, clay, photography, paper sculptures, wax pastels, and pen/ink creations.

Michelle Hudson, a featured artist for this exhibition, spoke about her intention behind her piece, titled “Untamed Beauty”, a wonderful piece made from alcohol inks and acrylic.

“My intention was to paint wild, vibrant flowers and untamed growth”, says Hudson, “to symbolize resilience and creativity illustrating the abundance that emerges when we release self-doubt and embrace authentic expression”.

Fabienne Good, another featured artist in the show, spoke about her piece, titled “The Shape of Plenty,” which is made out of upcycled paper that has been intricately woven. She elaborated on both the importance of the piece but also what it represents.

“Across cultures, vessels once embodied gratitude. In ancient China, finely woven baskets filled with offerings were presented in recognition of the land’s generosity, acknowledging abundance as a gift rather than an entitlement. The story of abundance is also the story of excess,” said Good. “The desire for enough slowly transformed into the pursuit of more. Surplus became wealth, wealth became power, and power gave rise to conquest, hoarding, and the relentless extraction of the Earth’s resources.

“Today, the consequences surround us. The fact that each of the three vessels remain empty is not a symbol of lack, but of perspective.



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What does it mean to live with enough? Should abundance be measured by accumulation or by our capacity to recognize the richness already present in the world around us?”

On August 8 the Headwater Arts Gallery held an opening reception in which many members of the community were able to come out and show support for these artists and get to know more about their work.

Participating artists in addition to Good and Hudson include Angela Burdon, Anne Schnurr, Bhavna Bhatnagar, Christine Currie, David Moir, Elena Kuznetsova, Freda Wrench, Iris Rannieri, Janis Dixon, Katia Howatson, Linda Murphy, Laura Leichnitz, Wayne Richards, Lindsay Pearson, Marjorie Gegear, Miles Cohen, Nicola Ross, Piera Pugliese, Susan Henry and Victor Gligor.

For more about the exhibit and Headwaters Arts, visit www.headwatersarts.org.

Caledon Public Library launches Mobile Makerspace

BY KATHRYN FRASER
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On August 17, the Caledon Public Library announced a new Mobile Makerspace would be launched this fall.

This program will help to bring creative technology and maker equipment to many library branches across Caledon for people to enjoy.

Mobile Makerspace was started after the Caledon Public Library received a grant from the Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation to organize this program.

The Mobile Makerspace will give access to a variety of equipment and hands-on learning for Caledon residents. Items such as a laser engraver, 3D printer and a Cricut will be part of the Mobile Makerspace area for all to use.

Colleen Lipp, CEO and Chief Librarian of Caledon Public Library, says she is excited for this new program and giving access to members in the community.

“This initiative supported by the Brampton Caledon Community Foundation reflects on our commitment to bringing innovative, hands-on learning opportunities directly into the community,” says Lipp. “The Mobile Makerspace removes barriers to access and invites residents of all ages to explore creativity, technology, and new skills in a welcoming environment.”

The Mobile Makerspace will be available on the following days at select locations:

- September 15, 11 am – 5 pm, at the Alton Branch;
- October 15, 10 am – 12:30p m at the Southfields Village Branch (drop-in only);
- October 22, 2-8 pm at the Inglewood Branch;
- November 10, 2-8pm at the Caledon

Village Branch.

Access to the equipment will be a first come first serve basis. However, all visitors are able and encouraged to reserve a time slot in advance.

President and CEO of Brampton and Caledon Community Foundation (BCCF) Jim Boyd says he is looking forward to the support that BCCF can provide for the Mobile Makerspace through their Community Grant.

“We are proud to support Caledon Public Library’s Mobile Makerspace through our community grants program,” says Boyd. “Our mission is to enrich the quality of life in Brampton, Caledon and supporting communities by inspiring philanthropy, partnerships and lasting impact. This project is an excellent example of those values in action, bringing innovative learning opportunities directly into communities, expanding access to technology and helping residents build skills through creativity and exploration.”

The Mobile Makerspace will be available to use for those 13 and older or younger participants if accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Supplies will be available to at the locations; however, any participants looking to bring their own supplies are asked to contact makers@caledon.library.on.ca at least 48 hours before visiting the space to confirm that the materials are compatible with the equipment.

“We are thrilled to see the Mobile Makerspace come to life and travel across Caledon,” said Catherine Arthurs, Caledon Public Library’s Supervisor, Maker & Emerging Technologies. “These pop-up experiences are designed to spark curiosity and confidence. Whether someone is trying maker tools for the first time or building on existing skills, there is something for everyone to discover.”

COMMUNITY events

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Monthly Dinner – Friday, August 28, 2026

The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is having a Monthly Dinner on Friday, August 28, 2026. The menu is Stuffed Chicken Kebab, Tzatziki, Pilaf, Lemon Potatoes, Greek Salad & Lemon Ice-Cream Dessert. Cost is \$16. Pick-up at 5:15 pm, dine-in served at 5:30 pm, local delivery available for \$2. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 by Thurs. August 26 at 3:30 pm to buy your tickets!

Sip and Paint Night

Friday September 11th, Caledon Seniors Centre You don't have to be creative to join us for our paint night, you just have to want to have fun. Instructors will guide your creativity while you create a beautiful hibiscus painting. All the supplies will be provided and your ticket includes a beverage of your choice. Tickets are \$35.00 for members or \$38.50 for non members. This is a fundraiser for the Caledon Seniors Centre so everyone is welcome, you don't have to be 55+ For more information please visit our website at www.caledonseniors.ca

Caledon Harvest High Tea - Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 2 to 5 pm

Join us for an elegant afternoon of tea, treats, community, and giving at the Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton, to support CAFFI Housing's initiative to provide accessible, supportive housing and a stronger future for people with disabilities in our community. Enjoy delicious refreshments and snacks, opportunities to win exciting prizes, and wonderful company, all while making a meaningful difference. Tickets are \$35/person (advance purchased required) and can be requested by contacting caffihousing@gmail.com or 905-857-5191. Come raise a cup of coffee or tea and help support a great cause!

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Caledon appoints new Chief Information Officer Gino Alborino

BY KATHRYN FRASER
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The Town of Caledon has announced a new Chief Information Officer (CIO) for the municipality – Gino Alborino.

Alborino’s appointment was announced August 11.

The Town looks forward to having Alborino join the team and help lead digital innovation and service excellence for all.

Alborino’s main role will be to lead the Town’s Information Technology, Communication and Customer Experience divisions, to help advance digital transformations that enhance municipal services, will strengthen organizational capabilities and improve experience of both businesses and residents.

Prior to this advancement, Alborino led enterprise digital transformation initiatives to help modernize resident services, strengthened data-informed decision-making and improved operational efficiency across Halton Region, while he served as the Director of Digital Services and Data management.

In addition to his work in Halton Region, Alborino also holds nearly three decades of experience in municipal leadership in technology, digital transformation and customer service, as well as many years of education including an Executive MBA in Digital Transformation, Bachelor of Commerce in Information Technology Management, and the Chartered Director Program through McMaster University.

Alborino has also obtained a number of awards and has been recognized for his leadership skills through the IT World Canada Digital Disruptor Award, Canada Excellence in Municipal Systems Award. He has also been appointed as a judge for the Gartner’s Eye on Innovation for Government Awards.

Stepping into this new role, Alborino says he is excited and looking forward to helping the Town of Caledon in its growth.

“It is an honour to join the Town of Caledon at such an exciting point in its growth,” says Albornino. “I look forward to working alongside Council, staff, residents and community partners to deliver innovative, secure and accessible digital services that make it easier for people to interact with their local government while supporting the Town’s long-term vision.”

Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Legal Officer Steven Dickson also hailed the addition of Alborino to the Town of Caledon municipal team as Chief Information Officer.

“As the Town continues to grow and evolve in an increasingly digital world, strong leadership in technology, communications and customer service is essential,” says Dickson. “Gino brings an exceptional combination of strategic vision, innovation and operational excellence. His extensive experience leading digital transformation and modernizing public services will help the Town to better serve our growing community while enhancing the services residents rely on every day. We are excited to welcome him to our leadership team.”

Alborino’s first day in office was August 17 and this is just the beginning of his journey with the Town of Caledon.



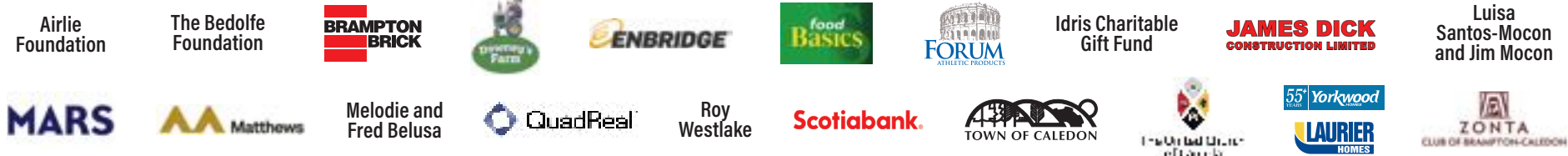
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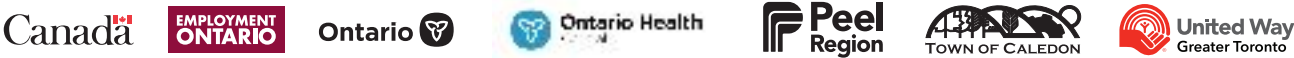
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Sterritt and Larmer drive in two runs each in Bolton’s 8-6 series-deciding win over Orillia

BY JIM STEWART

Carson Burns scored the winning run on a wild pitch and Ben Sterritt and Jack Larmer delivered two RBIs each to lead Bolton to an 8-6 victory over Orillia at Taylor Fields on Monday night.

The Brewers clinched the best-of-five quarter final playoff series three games to one and eliminated the higher-seeded Majors from the NDBL playoffs.

Red-hot Brewers third baseman Amin Juarez menaced Orillia pitchers in the previous three games and Monday night was no exception. The five-spot-hitter picked up three more knocks at his home diamond, including two doubles, and collected an RBI.

Remarkably, Juarez finished the four-game series with 12 hits.

Brewers Player/Head Coach Mike Wallace commented on Juarez’s torrid hitting and its impact on the lineup: “He’s on an Ernie Clement-kind of tear here. It’s how we’ve won championships—getting big hits up and down the lineup. Amin’s hitting for power. One of his doubles clanged off the fence—it just missed going out. We need length in our lineups when we

face the league’s best pitchers as we [go] deeper in the playoffs. Amin has lengthened our lineup and he had an MVP performance in the series.”

Juarez was involved in the turning point of the game during which a wild pitch by Majors’ reliever Ron Francisco led to two runs at the top of the seventh to give the Brewers the winning run and an insurance run.

Coach Wallace described the chaotic and decisive moment of the playoff series: “It was one of the crazier plays in baseball. I was up to bat with Carson Burns on third and Amin on second. I had a close-up view of everything from the batter’s box. The wild pitch went to the backstop, their catcher threw to the pitcher covering home, and the ball deflected off Carson as he was sliding into home. Amin ended up scoring from second base with great baserunning to give us a two-run lead.”

In addition to some opportunistic scoring in the seventh, the Brewers advanced to the next round because their first five hitters in the lineup—Brett Chater, Sterritt, Larmer, Carson Burns, and Juarez—went 8 for 14 at the dish with five RBI and six runs scored collectively on Monday



Carson Burns hit two home runs to pace the Bolton Brewers to a 6 – 1 win over the Owen Sound Baysox. The Brewers took a 2 – 0 lead in their best-of-five NDBL semi-final series with the victory on Monday night at Taylor Fields.

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night. Chater scored two runs to pace the offence at the top of the order.

Coach Wallace commented on the season-long production he’s received from his first four hitters.

“For much of the year, we’ve had this consistency from the top four and Amin’s hot streak has lengthened a lineup that has been hitting so well. Some of our guys are streaky hitters, too, so if they had a down series against Orillia, I expect they’ll heat up against Owen Sound.”

Brewers starter Paul Cota surrendered six runs in five innings of work versus the Majors, but only three runs were earned. Charlie Hughes picked up his teammate in the sixth and seventh innings to earn the win in relief. Hughes delivered two shut-out innings during which he walked none and struck out two Majors. He was the pitcher of record in two of the Brewers’ victories over Orillia. Coach Wallace also credited Monday’s series-clinching win to Hughes’s shut down relief appearance, especially after blanking the Majors for seven innings in Game 1.

“Orillia has a scrappy hitting lineup. To shut down the Majors after we had taken the lead 8-6 was a big part of a game that had gone back and forth. We needed Charlie to hold them in the sixth to give our

offence a chance to win the game in the seventh. He’s a phenomenal pitcher to do what he did in the series. He was incredibly good against Orillia.”

The series win over Orillia earned Bolton a semifinal matchup with first-place Owen Sound.

The pennant-winning Baysox swept the Caledon Cardinals and captured the series with a 12-2 win in Owen Sound on Sunday afternoon.

The Cardinals—competing in the franchise’s first playoff series in just their second season in the NDBL—put up a valiant fight in Games 1 and 2 as the Baysox eked out a pair of one-run victories: 6-5 and 3-2.

Coach Wallace said he was impressed by the fight that Caledon put up, especially in the opening games of the series.

“They played Owen Sound tough and the Baysox are a very good team. Hopefully, we can follow the Cards’ example and play well in our series against the Baysox.”

Although there are many variables in the upcoming semifinal series between first-place Owen Sound and fourth-place Bolton, Coach Wallace maintained that, “There are three certainties in this life: death, taxes, and the Brewers advancing to Round 2 of the NDBL playoffs.”

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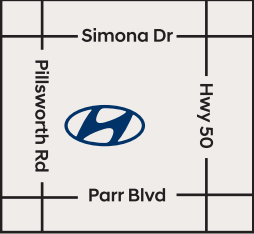


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New Caledon coaches Villamere, Greenwood, and Rusk put Admirals through their paces as training camp opens at CECC



New Admirals Head Coach Brandon Villamere keeps a watchful eye on both on-ice groups during Opening Day of the OJHL Club's training camp at the CECC. **PHOTO BY JIM STEWART**

Admirals name Caledon resident Nicholas Wlodarczyk as their new Captain

BY JIM STEWART

The Caledon Admirals' brand new coaching staff kicked off the OJHL squad's 2026-27 season by running an intense, multi-stationed on-ice practice on Sunday afternoon at the Caledon East Community Complex.

Newly-hired Head Coach Brandon Villamere, assisted by Coach Chelsey Greenwood and Coach Mike Rusk, was pleased by the amount of team-building the Admirals have done prior to hitting the ice together on Sunday.

"It's become a close-knit group already.

We had a potluck on Friday. Our new Captain Nicholas Wlodarczyk and his family hosted it here in Caledon. I was flipping 150 burgers and I didn't even get any. We went through six party-size pizzas, too. We're building a culture where it's fun to come to the rink for both the players and the coaches. Events like Friday's potluck create those bonds needed for a long season."

Through his valiant work on the grill on Friday night, Coach Villamere demonstrated his understanding that one of the ways to a player's heart is through his stomach – as anyone who has coached male teenaged student-athletes knows only too well.

He exuded confidence in the team that has been assembled by General Manager Ken Jeysman.

The veteran GM had a bird's eye view of the Admirals' first training camp skate from the top row of the CECC.

As GM Jeysman attended to the administrative needs of his newly-signed players

in the mezzanine after practice, Coach Villamere shared his initial impressions of the workout and the 26 skaters and four goalies gracing Pad 2 with their presence.

"It was great. The boys are really working at setting the tone for the season. They're hungry. First day was good. Very happy with their effort."

It's evident that Coach Villamere wants to build on two consecutive seasons of improvement by the ninth-place Admirals who finished the regular season 21-29-1-4 and missed the playoffs by 14 points in the OJHL West Division in 2025-26.

The new Head Coach's recipe for building on that success and narrowing the gap with eighth-place Mississauga is three-fold: "Size, speed, and grit."

"We're going to play a high speed, physical game. We have eight guys who are over 6'4" so our big guys are going to play big and our smaller guys are going to play smart."

By the time the Admirals host the Toron-

to Warriors for their final preseason game on August 30 at the CECC, their 2026-27 roster will be finalized and The Fleet will set sail and navigate the treacherous waters of the OJHL West. The OJHL kicks off its 2026-27 season on September 3.

Meet the new Admirals Coaching Staff

As per the Caledon Admirals official website:

Brandon Villamere—Head Coach

"Brandon's experience includes AAA in the GTHL, the OJHL, and his personal training BBHS program, training, and coaching numerous elite OHL and NHL-drafted players."

Chelsey Greenwood—Assistant Coach

"A two-time national champion at Liberty University, Chelsey has also made an impact behind the bench at the AAA, Junior, and U18 Tier 1 levels. Most recently, Chelsey became the first female coach in the OJHL and helped lead the Lindsay Muskies to their first play-off appearance in 13 years. Her experience in player development, video analysis, and working with athletes from AAA to Junior, NCAA and USports, OHL, and beyond will be a tremendous asset to our players and organization."

Mike Rusk—Assistant Coach

"With over 15 years of coaching experience, Mike has coached teams at the minor hockey AAA, Jr. A, and minor pro levels. Mike is excited to return behind the bench—bringing his passion, playing background, and coaching expertise to the Admirals. He coached the 2026 Sutherland Cup Champion [Cambridge Redhawks of the GOJHL to a 45-5-0 regular season record and a dominant 16-1-0 run through the playoffs]. He was drafted by the Chicago Blackhawks in 1993, and was selected to the OHL Second All-Rookie team."



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Caledon United FC captures 15U Division gold medal with 1-0 win over Aurora SC in Heart of Caledon tournament final



(ABOVE) 15U Goalkeeper Peyton Walsh earned three clean sheets versus South Simcoe, Richmond Hill and Aurora. (RIGHT) Maya Perez made a game-saving block in the final minutes of the gold medal game. Perez played a gritty two-way game for Caledon United FC and scored two goals versus South Simcoe.
PHOTOS BY JIM STEWART



Continued from FRONT

Diane Pellizzari provided all the offence Caledon United would need versus Aurora with a timely first half goal. It was Pellizzari’s third goal of the tournament and first game-winning goal.

The 15U squad’s impressive undefeated weekend commenced with an 8-0 white-washing of South Simcoe SC on Saturday afternoon.

Maya Perez, Sasha Noel, and Maddie Wilson-Fairservice tallied two goals each in the blowout win.

Victoria Bosco and Pellizzari contributed a goal each to the offensive onslaught in the tourney opener. Walsh, sporting number 66 on her light blue jersey to commemorate England’s only World Cup victory back in 1966, earned the shutout.

In Game Two, the red-clad home side endured a much closer contest.

Eliana Barichello fired the game winner in Caledon United’s narrow 1-0 victory over KO Academy of Richmond Hill. Walsh provided her team with a second consecutive clean sheet to kayo KO.

In Game Three, Caledon United edged Barrie 2-1 to finish pool play at 3-0. Maddie Wilson-Fairservice scored the game-winning goal to send her team to the tournament championship game versus Aurora.

Pellizzari tallied Caledon United’s first goal of the match.

Pellizari displayed her goal-scoring prowess in the championship game versus Aurora.

Fifteen minutes into the match, the fleet-footed forward kicked the ball from outside the box. Her hard shot was mis-handled by Aurora’s pink-clad goalkeeper and the ball deflected into the lower right corner.

It was the only goal Caledon United would need due to the stellar goalkeeping of Walsh.

With one minute to go in the first half, Walsh delivered an impressive combo of saves to keep Aurora off the scoreboard.

The blue-jerseyed goalkeeper stopped an initial shot from eight feet and then corralled a successive shot in the crease to thwart the yellow and black-clad visitors.

A combination of saves by Walsh and some stellar defensive plays preserved the precarious lead in the second half. With fifteen minutes left in the match, it was Walsh to the rescue again as she repelled another Aurora incursion with a pair of sure-handed saves and smothered the ball both times to prevent any late-game rebounds.

With eleven minutes left and moments after a water break, Maya Perez thwarted a dangerous scoring opportunity by Aurora by slide tackling and blocking a shot that was labeled for the lower right corner of the Caledon net. It was a game-saving play by the brilliant two-way player.

Caledon Soccer Club President and 15U Caledon United Football Club Head Coach Gabriel Borges said he was pleased to see his team run the table at his own tournament and acknowledged during our pre-game chat that “This is a big game for us.”

His team responded with a big game performance versus Aurora.

Borges, whose parents devoted much of their summers as Administrators for the Aurora Soccer Club, has lived a life similarly shaped by community service.

Coach Borges’s squad was full value for the win on Sunday afternoon at the Caledon East Community Complex and showed their capacity to win in four different ways en route to a gold medal at the Heart of Caledon tourney.

Heart would be the operative word to describe this stellar squad’s play versus Aurora. The sky is the limit for this talented football club. Strong goaltending, aggressive play in the midfield, shutdown defences, and an abundance of athletic goal scorers are four vital ingredients for any successful soccer club. Caledon United Football Club 15U checks all those boxes.

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Women in Food and Agriculture event to celebrate local farmers



(Top Row, Left to Right) Amy Oucherlony. Gail Winters. Jeanette French. (Second Row) Karen Hutchinson. Val Steinmann.

BY JOSHUA DRAKES

Local farmers will take centre stage next week as community members gather at GoodLot Farm in Caledon for an evening celebrating the women who help put food on local tables.

Women in Food and Agriculture, offered by the Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance, takes place Tuesday, Aug. 25, from

5 to 8:30 p.m.

Organizer Marci Lipman said that the event coincides with the International Year of the Woman Farmer and aims to recognize the often-overlooked contributions of women to agriculture, food production and rural communities.

“Women are celebrated in all fields... but we seldom hear of women in agriculture,” she said. “Since this is my idea, I

thought that it was important for us to recognize women farmers, to recognize the women who put food on our plates in our region.”

The evening will feature a panel of five women farmers from across the Headwaters region: Jeannette French of Lennox Farm in Melancthon; Amy Oucherlony of Fiddle Foot Farm in Mulmur; Karen Hutchinson of Albion Hills Community Farm in Caledon; Val Steinman of Heartwood Farm in Erin; and Gail Winters of GoodLot Farm and GoodLot Farmstead Brewing Co. in Caledon.

Tralee Pearce, publisher of In The Hills magazine, will moderate the discussion, followed by an audience question-and-answer session.

Together, Lipman said that the panelists represent decades of farming experience and a broad range of agricultural operations. Their work includes vegetable production, community gardening, agricultural education, regenerative farming and more.

The goal is not only to celebrate women farmers, but to start a broader conversation about their role in an industry where the traditional image of a farmer is still often male. Women on farms can be food producers, educators, community builders, mothers and stewards of the land — often holding several of those roles at once.

“We have five women farmers on a panel who will be discussing the questions that people have about why women farm and what it entails,” Lipman said. “Today, there are a lot of women who are the primary farmers on the farm. They are growing the food, taking it to market, educating people about how they grow the food, and they are big community builders.”

The event will also highlight the importance of knowing where food comes from and supporting local producers. Organizers point to farmers’ markets and direct farm purchases as ways residents can connect with the people growing their food, while many local farmers are also working to care for and regenerate the soil for future generations.

“These farmers are caring for our soil,” Lipman said. “They are stewards of the land, and... many of them are not using pesticides. They’re just doing regenerative agriculture, sustaining the land and making it healthy for the next generation.”

Women in Food and Agriculture will also function as a fundraiser for the Headwaters Food & Farming Alliance’s Farm to School program. The program brings farmers into schools to teach children where their food comes from and connect them with farming through hands-on learning.

Importantly, the event is open to everyone – not only women. Organizers say anyone interested in local food, farming and the people behind it is welcome to attend.

Tickets include light bites prepared by Crowded Table and Carney Country Catering, along with one complimentary drink.

For more information, go to <https://headwatersfoodandfarming.square.site/events>

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NOTICE is hereby given to the electors of the Town of Caledon that the Municipal and School Board Elections will be held on Monday, October 26, 2026, to elect the following offices for the 2026 to 2030 term of Council:

- Mayor
 - Local Councillors
- Regional Councillors
 - School Board Trustees

Advance Voting

Date	Time	Location
Friday, October 9, 2026	1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Caledon Equestrian Park 200 Pine Avenue
		Albion-Bolton Community Centre 150 Queen Street South
		Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness * 14111 Regional Road 50
Saturday, October 10, 2026	11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Alton Library 35 Station Street
		Southfields Community Centre * 225 Dougall Avenue
		Caledon East Community Complex * 6215 Old Church Road
Sunday, October 18, 2026	11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.	Victoria Parks Community Centre 35 Victoria Crescent
		Albion-Bolton Community Centre 150 Queen Street South
		Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness * 14111 Regional Road 50
Monday, October 19, 2026	1:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Inglewood Community Centre 15825 McLaughlin Road
		Southfields Community Centre * 225 Dougall Avenue
		Caledon East Community Complex * 6215 Old Church Road

Voting Day

Date	Time	Ward	Location
Monday, October 26, 2026	10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Ward One	Caledon Central Public School 18357 Kennedy Road
			Alton Library 35 Station Street
			Cheltenham Community Centre 14190 Creditview Road
			Inglewood Community Centre 15825 McLaughlin Road
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			Caledon Equestrian Park 200 Pine Avenue
		Ward Five	Albion-Bolton Community Centre 150 Queen Street South
			St. Nicholas Elementary School 120 Harvest Moon Drive
		Ward Six	St. John the Baptist Elementary School 200 Landsbridge Street
			Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness * 14111 Regional Road 50

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Municipal Elections 2026

Orangeville DQ’s Miracle Treat Day raises nearly \$37,000 for SickKids in one day

BY JOSHUA DRAKES

The Orangeville Dairy Queen demonstrated its ongoing commitment to charitable causes this past week, breaking donation records with its annual Miracle Treat Day fundraiser.

The restaurant drew massive crowds as the community showed up in force.

Owner John Lockyer said it was a record-setting fundraising day, with nearly \$37,000 raised last Thursday, Aug. 13, for the SickKids Foundation, including Blizzard sales, roundup contributions, and additional donations.

“It was absolutely fantastic,” he said.

The business sold its second-highest number of Blizzards ever for Miracle Treat Day with 5,800 sold, while recording its highest number of same-day sales, excluding pre-orders. It also raised more money on the day than ever before.

Combined with fundraising already collected through customers rounding up their order earlier in the year, the total has now reached almost \$70,000. The restaurant is aiming to raise another \$15,000 this year through customers rounding up to reach \$85,000 total.

The busy day saw customers line up outside the restaurant as the community turned out in strong numbers. Lockyer said his team handled the rush expertly, and commended their dedication.

“The community just turned out and helped us out just tremendously; it was just fantastic,” Lockyer said. “Some of our team members worked really, really, really long hours, and they did just an amazing job. And they were just as happy and friendly and fast at the end of the night as they were when they got there before lunchtime.”

The event also brought local SickKids survivors and families into the restaurant to help. Volunteers worked the drive-through, mixed Blizzards and delivered orders to tables. Orangeville’s mayor and deputy mayor also joined the



Dairy Queen Orangeville owner John Lockyer (left) worked with Daxton and Parker Nichols, whose lives have been impacted by SickKids, on Miracle Treat Day, helping break fundraising records, with the store raising \$37,000 on the annual fundraising day alone. **JOSHUA DRAKES PHOTO**

team for the day, helping serve customers.

“Almost every couple of hours, we had another young person who had been touched by SickKids, who was a survivor, to help us out,” Lockyer said. “They worked at the drive-through. They mixed blizzards. They delivered orders to tables. Most of the folks were local, and many of them reached out to us to ask if they could come help.”

Lockyer credited the wider community for the event’s success, including local businesses that purchase Blizzards for their staff, regular customers who round up their orders and residents who make donations to SickKids Foundation.

“I conduct the orchestra, but we’ve had so many businesses that we can count on every year for buying blizzards and sharing them with their staff, and then we have the same faces that

come by once or twice or three times a week and round up their order,” he said.

“We have the same folks who write us a cheque to the SickKids Foundation every year that goes on behalf of Miracle Treat Day. So, it’s just a wonderful event, and we’re just so lucky that we live in a community where everybody can come together and work together for something that’s as important as fundraising for SickKids.”

The restaurant expressed its appreciation to everyone who bought a Blizzard, donated, volunteered or helped make the day a success, emphasizing that the fundraising effort is a community-wide effort supporting an important cause.

With another Miracle Treat Day behind them, Orangeville demonstrated once again that it’s a community that shows up when it matters most to support a good cause.

Food bank shelves show gaps as summer donations lag, ahead of critical fall stretch

BY SAM ODROWSKI

As Orangeville Food Bank shelves thin out heading into September, Executive Director Heather Hayes says the items missing most aren’t always what people expect.

“Hygiene products are always a struggle,” Hayes said. “So are cleaning products. If you didn’t have money for food, hygiene products are slightly lower on that list. And if you didn’t have money for hygiene products, you probably don’t have money for cleaning products, and a lot of people miss that.”

Hayes said the shortage extends to basic cooking staples; items she describes as essential but easy for donors to overlook.

“If I look out at the shelves right now, there are six bottles of oil on the shelf for 1,600 people rolling through the food bank, and I have one bottle of mustard and two bottles of ketchup, one jar of mayonnaise,” Hayes said.

“Everything has a cost to it... condiments, spices, oils — they all are integral to making something taste good or being able to cook something. There’s no entree that you make starts without a fat. It just doesn’t exist, whether it’s coconut oil, ghee, olive oil or butter. We don’t get any of those kinds of things.”

Hayes said the food bank sees donations decline predictably each summer, a pattern that makes the weeks ahead especially important.

“We tend to fall off people’s radars during the summer,” Hayes said. “You get busy, you’re out to the cottage, that kind of thing. But as September rolls around, our programs are really critical to making sure that everybody’s got the food they need.”

She said the food bank is looking for donations across the board as the season turns.

“We’re open to anything,” Hayes said. “Come on down.”

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Downtown Bolton BIA celebrates 50 years of Midnight Madness success

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Since then, Khan has been to several markets and shows and spent her first time at Midnight Madness.

“It’s a lot of fun and it’s great to see people in the community come out and support businesses”, says Khan. “I can definitely see myself coming back and participating in future years to come”.

The family/kids’ zone was another popular area where there was a giant bouncy castle boom box for children to jump and play, as well as fire trucks and police cars in which attendees were given the opportunity to take a seat.

Many children running around and laughing could be seen and the atmosphere of the children’s area was a loud but exciting one.

There were also many food trucks selling a variety of delicious food. Pizza, Grilled cheese, tacos, Mac and Cheese, Corn, hot dogs, jerk chicken were just a few items that were available for attendees to purchase.

In addition to the vendors, food, and activities there was also lots of entertainment for those that wanted to take a break and enjoy a performance.

Headlining the event was Montreal Rhapsody Orchestra, a musical group who covered a wide variety of songs, including Shania Twain’s “Man I Feel Like A Woman”, Usher’s “Yeah,” OutKast’s “Hey Ya”, and ending

the show with Bon Jovi’s “Livin on a Prayer.”

The performance was filled with lots of singing, dancing, clapping and cheering from the audience as many of the attendees gathered to sit, stand, jump around and dance throughout the night.

This year’s Midnight Madness also featured a new section located in the Royal Courtyards’ parking lot where there were even more vendors, as well as a car show in partnership with Caledon Cruisers, who provided several cars for attendees to get a close look at.

In honour of the 50th anniversary, the night ended with a wonderful drone show that captivated the attendees as they watched from the street.

All this hard work would have not been done without the Downtown Bolton BIA and Sarah Leslie’s dedication to another successful midnight madness.

Vilma Lamanna Tarquini, a Caledon resident, recognized Leslie for all of her hard work not just for Midnight Madness but also many other events that run throughout the year.

“If you spent any time in our community, you’ve probably crossed paths with Sarah Leslie, and you will know exactly why people appreciate her so much,” said Lamanna Tarquini. “Sarah is one of those volunteers who just shows up in all the ways that matter. No fuss, no spotlight, just always offer-

ing support with a big heart. She’s the person people call when it comes to planning events for our community and for local organizations.

“When someone needs help, Sarah doesn’t hesitate, she just gets all excited and gets the work done. But the truth is much of Sarah’s work goes unnoticed even though she deserves to be acknowledged. Her work in our community does matter, even when it isn’t mentioned. She doesn’t volunteer for praise, but she absolutely deserves it.

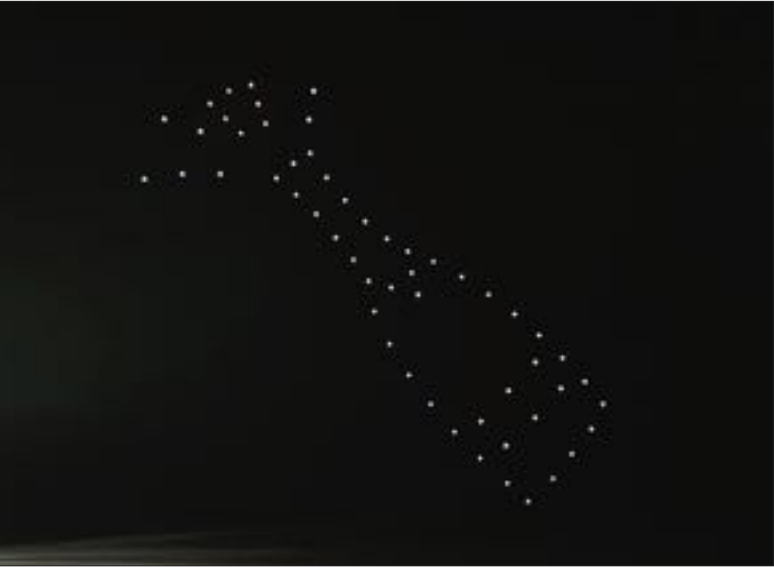
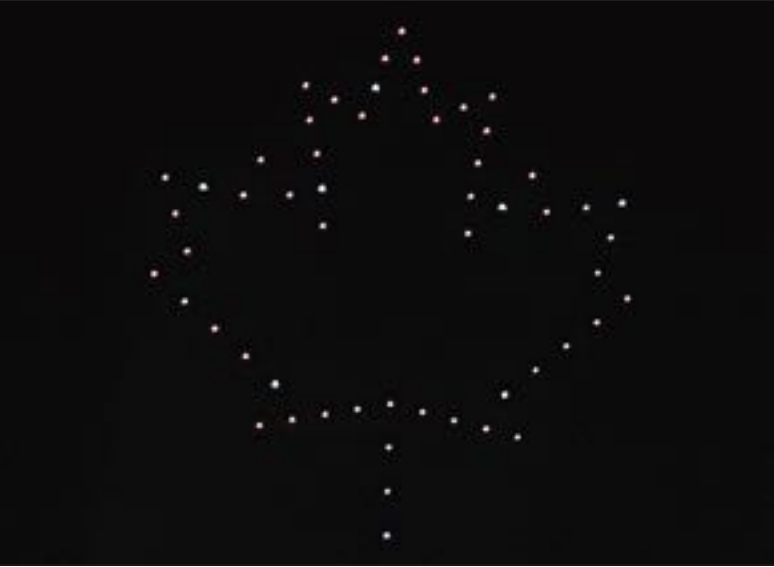
“Her impact is real hands-on and felt across the community every single day! Sarah plays a key role in Midnight Madness, Bolton’s signature street festival, where she has served as both an event coordinator and a long-time volunteer. Beyond Midnight Madness, Sarah is also active with the Bolton Community Crew who helps run many community events such as CrossCurrents Cafe at the Humber River Centre which showcases artists and strengthens community connections. She’s also one of the driving forces behind Bolton’s Town-wide Trick-or-Treat, where families look forward to every year. Overall, Sarah Leslie is known for her dedication, commitment and compassion to bringing people together, making her a key contributor to our community.”

To find out more about events offered by the Downtown Bolton BIA, visit their website at downtownbolton.ca/events.



(TOP ROW) The Bouncy “Castle” was a big hit with kids and families in the Kids Zone. The streets were full of party-goers. (SECOND ROW) The Caledon Cruisers’ car show was a popular attraction at Royal Courtyards. Emergency vehicles, such as this apparatus from Caledon Fire, proved “hot” with attendees. (THIRD AND FOURTH ROWS) The Drone Show was a highlight of the evening, featuring shows of love, patriotism, and a celebratory cake and pop of champagne.

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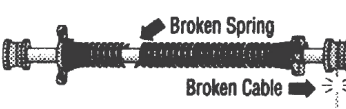
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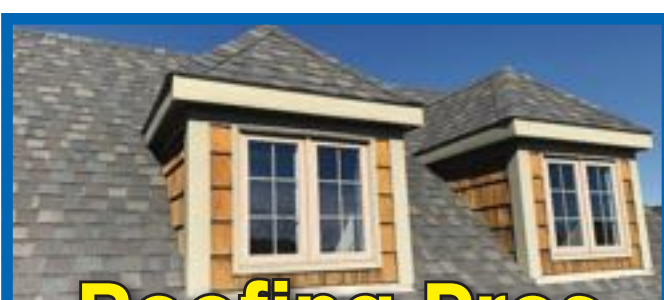
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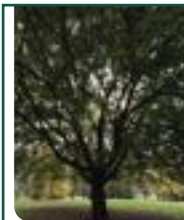
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