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SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY – The Albion Bolton Branch of the Caledon Public Library has been a hub of activity for local youth, including Emma, who took part in their Artful Toddlers program at the start of the week. The Caledon Public Library offers myriad programs to keep youth busy and creative this summer. For a full roster of activities, visit caledon.library.on.ca. **CALEDON PUBLIC LIBRARY PHOTO**

Final planning approvals complete on new business park, “employment hub”

BY BROCK WEIR

Final planning approvals have been completed on a new business park that will be “a major employment hub for Caledon,” says the Town.

The Town, in partnership with Choice Properties and the Rice Group, announced the completion of final planning approvals for the Choice Caledon Business Park on Tuesday.

Set for the north side of Mayfield Road between Airport and Tobram Roads, the latest step in the process has made way for construction.

“Caledon continues to grow as a place where businesses can invest, innovate, and create jobs,” said Mayor Annette Groves in a statement. “The

Choice Caledon Business Park will help strengthen our local economy, create opportunities for residents close to home, and support thoughtful growth that benefits our community today and into the future.”

Once complete, the Choice Caledon Business Park will include 340 acres of employment lands, and two new public roads connecting to Mayfield and Airport Roads, “designed to safely handle truck traffic and support efficient movement of goods.”

It will also offer 107 acres of conservation and natural lands.

“Several major facilities at the business park are already complete or moving forward: a National Logistics Services (NLS) facility is built and oper-

ating, supporting integrated fulfillment and transportation solutions for global lifestyle brands; construction has begun on an additional building that will accommodate another major employer,” says the Town of Caledon.

“Together, these developments represent more than 2.8 million square feet of new industrial space and significant employment opportunities for Caledon residents and the surrounding region. Looking ahead, the business park has room for up to four additional buildings and more than 3.24 million square feet, which will bring even more employment space and attract new businesses to Caledon over time.”

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Caledon approves framework for a future school bus stop-arm camera program

BY MUHAMMAD HAMZA
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The Town of Caledon is expanding traffic enforcement measures to make streets safer for vulnerable users by establishing a red-light camera framework.

Municipal staff have been directed to implement the enforcement model by including the necessary authorization under Ontario Regulation 424/20, which allows the Town to operate the Automated School Bus Stop-Arm Camera Systems program in the future.

Ontario Regulation 424/20 and the amendments to the Highway Traffic Act permit the use of photographic and video evidence to enforce offences involving drivers failing to stop for school buses.

The motion was approved as part of the General Committee’s consent agenda on July 7, 2026, and is expected to receive final ratification at the July 28 Council meeting.

Mayor Annette Groves moved the motion, which directed staff to engage with key partners and stakeholders, “including but not limited to school boards, school bus operators, and vendors,” to explore future opportunities to implement the Automated School Bus Stop-Arm Camera Program in the Town of Caledon.

It also requires staff to report back to the next term of the council on the feasibility and any recommendations.

The Town of Caledon previously declared a traffic safety emergency due to persistent roadway safety concerns, where many incidents of illegal passing of stopped school buses have been reported.

These ongoing concerns posed a serious risk to the safety of vulnerable residents, such as children travelling to and from school, prompting the Town to develop a stronger enforcement framework.

According to the Ontario School Bus Association, more than 833,000 students are transported by school buses every day in Ontario. The aAssociation says school buses are the safest form of student transportation and that motorists are required to stop whenever a school bus has its red lights flashing and stop arm extended.

Since 2020, Ontario has allowed two methods of enforcing school bus stopping laws: police officers can charge drivers who illegally pass stopped school buses, and school bus drivers can report licence plate information to police, who may issue a charge to the vehicle owner.



PHOTO COURTESY OF RENEWED HOPE

Renewed Hope Food Fair delivers 4,430 meals for Caledon residents

BY MUHAMMAD HAMZA
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Caledon-based registered charity Renewed Hope distributed 5,800 pounds of groceries and fresh produce during its July 4 Food Fair, providing the equivalent of more than 4,430 individual meals for residents facing rising grocery and food costs.

Timothy, who asked to go by his first name, a spokesperson for the non-profit, said the event was successful due to its significant community impact, recalling emotional moments when residents thanked volunteer efforts for providing free groceries.

“We had one lady ask how much the market cost, and we

told her everything was free. She said, ‘I’ve never seen anything like it in my life.’ Another woman filled her bag with groceries, started crying, and said, ‘I have never been given anything free. This is absolutely incredible,’” he said.

More than 25 volunteers dedicated their time and energy generously to unload trucks, organize and sort food, welcome guests, distribute groceries, and ensure the event ran smoothly.

While highlighting the economic challenges families are facing these days, Timothy said the Food Fair helped ease the burden of rising grocery costs for residents.

“When they go to the cash register, 65 percent of people have to leave items out of their grocery cart,” he said.

“What we like to do is step up and say, ‘Renewed Hope is here for you. We decided to put on food fairs to help people

with rising grocery costs. With inflation and increasing food prices, it’s challenging for everybody, and this is one way we can help alleviate some of that pressure.”

The Food Fair ran from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the organization’s headquarters at 55 Queen St. N, Bolton.

Renewed Hope extended its sincere appreciation to Anthony Caputo and his team and all other participants for investing

in the well-being of the community and helping ensure that hundreds of families had access to nutritious food when they needed it most.

“Every pound of food distributed represents more than nourishment,” the spokesperson said. “It represents hope. It represents neighbours helping neighbours. We are deeply grateful to evand community partner who made this event possible.”

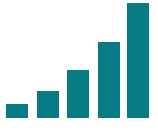
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KIN OF THE YEAR

At the last meeting of the Kin year, Kin Liane Pucci was named Kin of the Year for her outstanding contributions to Kin and her community. Her dedication to all the Kin initiatives was second to none. Well done! Presenting Kin Liane with her award are Past-President Joe Luschak and 2026-2027 President Rose Greco.

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100 Women Who Care support Bethell Hospice

The 100 Women Who Care Caledon (100WWCC) boosted the efforts of Bethell Hospice.

Group members were warmly welcomed at Bethell Hospice Foundation and given an informative tour. Bethell Hospice provides compassionate, respectful care to those in our community facing life limiting illness. In addition to the excellent care given by the staff and volunteers, they also provide programming and care for their resident's families.

Bethell Hospice is staffed by kind, caring professionals and greatly supported by its excellent volunteer force. From running support programs to serving a warm meal to landscaping the extensive gardens surrounding Bethell, they are the backbone of this important Caledon organization.

For more information about Bethell Hospice Foundation, please visit their website www.bethellhospice.org

Shown are Nicole Hand (Bethell Hospice), Colleen Darryl (100WWCC), Fay McCrea (100WWCC), Anne Thompson (100WWCC), Susanne Gage (100WWCC), Arelene Hiemstra (100WWCC), Karen McDonald (100WWCC).

Alton initiative helps pollinators

The Alton Village Association (AVA), with the help and support from the Town of Caledon, is creating a Butterflyway Garden on the Alton Fire Station lands.

Volunteers are on a mission to build, maintain and promote a network of community gardens, that will meet the objectives of the AVA, David Suzuki Suzuki Foundation ButterflyWay and the Town of Caledon's Resilient Caledon Climate Change Action Plan.

This year, a ButterflyWay garden is being built by the gardeners, with the help of the Town of Caledon, at the Alton Fire Station 301, 19630 Main St. It's the first AVA initiated garden, outside of the Alton Village Square.

There are so many benefits for our community to build these gardens. Some are listed in the "Discovery Guide" booklet published by AVA, as well as on their website, where they have many links and resources.

The ButterflyWay Garden at the Alton Fire Station was made possible with a grant from the Town of Caledon, the "Climate Action Fund" in 2026. Staff at the Town have been wonderful with their help and support.

The garden design is based on a matrix of native grass, with swaths of flowering native plants that blossom at different times throughout the season.

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CHARGES LAID IN FRAUDULENT COLLISION INVESTIGATION

Members from the Caledon OPP have laid charges against an individual following an investigation into a fraudulent collision report.

“On January 21, 2026, officers from the Caledon OPP received a report of a fail to remain motor vehicle collision,” say Police. “The complainant alleged an unknown driver struck their vehicle and fled the scene without exchanging insurance information.

“Officers entered into an investigation which suggested a fail to remain collision did not occur, but rather the complainant had previously been involved in a collision approximately a month prior, which resulted in significant damages to their vehicle. At the time of the collision, the vehicle was uninsured and as a result, the complainant fabricated a new collision report in an attempt to obtain reimbursement for the damages illegitimately.”

As a result of the investigation, a 23-year-old from Caledon was charged with:

- Public mischief;
- Fraud over \$5000.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

If you suspect illegal activity surrounding vehicle collisions or fraudulent automotive insurance claims, call the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. Alternatively, if you wish to remain anonymous, you can submit a tip to Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca.

DRIVERS REMINDED TO SLOW DOWN AFTER NUMEROUS INCIDENTS

Officers from the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continue to enforce traffic laws throughout the region and are reminding motorists that excessive speed remains a significant contributor to serious collisions.

Over the past several weeks, officers have laid multiple charges in relation to high-speed driving offences.

On July 1, 2026, a driver from Brampton was stopped on County Road 109 in the Town

of Amaranth travelling 132km/hr in a posted 80km/hr zone, the driver was charged with:

- Drive Motor Vehicle- Perform stunt
- Speeding 1- 49 km/h over posted speed limit

The charges have not been proven.

On July 3, 2026, Dufferin OPP responded to a traffic complaint on Highway 10 in the Town of Mono, the vehicle was located and stopped and a driver from Creemore was charged with:

- Carless Driving
- Owner operate a motor vehicle without insurance

The charges have not been proven.

On July 8, 2026, a driver from Ajax was stopped travelling 116km/hr in a posted 60 km/hr zone on County Road 17 in Melancthon Township, the driver was charged with:

- Drive Motor Vehicle- Perform stunt
- Speeding 1- 49 km/h over posted speed limit
- Fail to surrender permit for motor vehicle

The charges have not been proven.

On July 9, 2026, a driver from Mississauga was stopped travelling 116km/hr in a posted 60 km/hr zone on 3rd Line Melancthon Township, the driver was charged with:

- Drive Motor Vehicle- Perform stunt-Excessive Speed-Community Safety Zone
- Speeding 1- 49 km/h over posted speed limit

The charges have not been proven.

On July 9, 2026, a driver from North York was stopped travelling 132km/hr in a posted 80km/hr zone on Highway 10 Melancthon Township, the driver was charged with:

- Drive Motor Vehicle- Perform stunt-Excessive Speed
- Speeding 1- 49 km/h over posted speed limit
- Pass- roadway not clear- approaching traffic

The charges have not been proven.

In each stunt driving incident, the vehicles were towed from the scene and impounded as required under provincial legislation.

The Dufferin OPP is committed to keeping our roads safe through proactive enforcement and public education. Drivers are reminded to obey posted speed limits, drive according to road and weather conditions, and make responsible choices behind the wheel.

Anyone with information regarding unlawful activity is encouraged to contact the Ontario Provincial Police at 1-888-310-1122. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit information online at www.crimestopperssdm.com.

Local advocacy group spreading the word about human trafficking

BY JOSHUA DRAKES

CRY NoT, a grassroots anti-human trafficking committee based in Dufferin County, is working to confront a crime that often remains invisible in small communities.

A local committee of parents, concerned residents and volunteers are taking the initiative to shine a light on human trafficking in Dufferin, a danger they say is all too real. The group offers educational presentations to schools, community groups and charities to teach them what they can do to help.

Member Sheri Moir said that the group, formed in 2020, just before the onset of COVID-19, grew out of a presentation to the Rotary Club of Orangeville by Dufferin Caledon Victim Services on sex trafficking in the region.

“We joined together as a committee because a Rotary Club member was moved by a presentation that was given to our Rotary Club of Orangeville by the Caledon Dufferin Victim Services about human trafficking, in particular sex trafficking, in our area,” she said. “Our vision is just to safeguard and protect our community against the evils of sex trafficking through awareness and education of the public.”

That mission was on display during a recent presentation at the Centre Dufferin New Horizons Club.

Using a standard educational talk they have refined over time, CRY NoT walked attendees through the stages of sex trafficking, from grooming and manipulation to control and exploitation.

The session was designed for people with little or no prior knowledge of the issue, breaking down complex information into clear, understandable segments and offering concrete takeaways.

The presentation drew strong engagement, with questions and discussion continuing afterward, a sign Moir was happy to see as a crucial way of keeping such a heavy topic from being silenced by shock.

“I just loved how we engaged and had a

really good Q&A after a presentation,” she said. “Sometimes the audience is very silent because it’s just so much information and they’ve just never heard of it before, and they’re just so shocked by the information. But it was really nice to have that engagement at our presentation last week. It just keeps the conversation going.”

The seniors session is just one example of CRY NoT’s broader outreach. The committee has brought its presentation to town councils across Dufferin County, local service clubs, school parent councils, and other community groups.

Their material has been vetted by the Upper Grand District School Board for use with parent councils, reflecting their focus on equipping adults – parents, grandparents, and caregivers – to speak with youth and recognize red flags.

CRY NoT’s educational efforts are supported by partnerships with organizations such as Caledon Dufferin Victim Services and the OPP’s anti-human trafficking task force, which have provided specialized training and webinars. These resources have been put to good use in reaching youth, who are most affected.

“Dufferin Caledon Victim Services provided us with guidance and information, and the OPP anti-human trafficking task force did a webinar for us... and we were able to speak with two officers who were directly involved in it,” Moir said. “Having conversations with the young people in our lives, whether they’re our children or our nieces, or nephews, or friends’ children, is very important. The more they know, the more they can spot the danger before it happens.”

Underlying their work is a central message: human trafficking is not just a big-city issue or solely a matter for police.

It is a community problem that can surface in rural areas and small towns, and an informed public is a critical line of defence in spotting warning signs and supporting those at risk.

For more information, go to crynot.ca.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Tire pressure measurement

4. Request

7. Clairvoyance

10. 007’s creator

11. Adult male

12. God of battle (Scandinavian)

13. Cloths spread over a coffin

15. Breeze through

16. Ladyfish genus

19. We all take them

21. Earl’s jurisdiction

23. Members of U.S. Navy

24. Rummy-like card game

25. Affected by injury

26. Member of a Semitic people

27. Withdrew from a union

30. Woman’s cloak

Puzzle No.

34. Spanish river

35. Prohibit

36. Something you can take

41. Dish soap brand

45. Ottoman military commanders

46. Ancient Italian-Greek colony

47. Makes somber

50. Discuss again

54. A tool to inject

55. Support

56. Informal term for money

57. Catch doing something wrong

59. Prehistoric people

60. Large African antelope

61. Vehicle

62. Georgia rockers

63. High resolution microscope

64. Pitching statistic

Solution in the classifieds.

65. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Indoor plant

2. Marketable

3. Rather

4. Collected

5. A bag-like structure in a plant or animal

6. Irish hip-hop trio

7. Ageless

8. Course requirements

9. Pokes at

13. TV channel

14. They ___

17. Cooking material

18. Investment account

20. Iron-containing compound

22. Swiss river

27. Small coin (French)

28. Electronic countermeasures

29. Taxi

31. Helps little firms

32. Unhappy

33. Midway between northeast and east

37. Glowing

38. Item to be addressed

39. An informal body of friends

40. Intrinsic nature of something

41. Neural structures

42. Brews

43. A place for ships

44. One who sings holiday songs

47. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)

48. Scottish town

49. The most worthless parts

51. Sticky

52. Put to work

53. Precursor to the EU

58. Retrospective analysis (abbr.)

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Caledon Music Festival to showcase transformative storytelling through music

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

“Transformation – it’s how music tells stories, how narratives are expressed in music, in all different forms that could mean a lot of different things and transform into these wonderful concerts that we present,” says Terry Lim, Founder of the Caledon Music Festival.

The Caledon Music Festival 2026 returns from August 1 to 23, bringing talented musicians to Caledon for three weeks of inspiring concerts.

This year’s presentation of three fabulous concerts is, as he said, “an exploration into the depth of storytelling, how music tells stories and can transport audiences to fantastical and otherworldly places.”

The first concert of the festival takes place on Saturday, August 1, beginning at 7 p.m., at the Davis Family Farm.

Lim describes it as “Opera Fantasy.”

“Audiences will experience a unique ambiance of the sunflower farm, [a] beautiful summer evening and enchanting operatic melodies as they enjoy a selection of beverages,” he said.

“Bring your lawn chair and friends to one of the most picturesque outdoor concert venues in Caledon East, overlooking the beautiful Davis Family Farm.”

Many of the stories are based on tales from operas, most famously Puccini’s Turandot, Verdi’s Rigoletto, Saint-Saëns’ Samson et Dalila, Puccini’s La Bohème, and others, Lim promised.

Sunday, August 16 sees the second concert, which is very near to the hearts of the performers, the audiences and Lim himself.

Set at the wonderful Alton Mill Arts Centre, this annual “Side by Side” program

is an opportunity for young artists and festival artists to collaborate. Each year, a selected number of top Canadian young artists are paired with the festival artists.

The young artists sit alongside the festival artists during rehearsals and a dedicated concert.

“The highlight of this experience is the Side-by-Side concert,” Lim explained. “Here, the collective effort is showcased, demonstrating how well they can create music as a unified team”

Defining the depth of joy for one and all, he added, “Beyond the technical aspects of playing instruments, the program emphasizes mentorship and a comprehensive learning experience that goes beyond the rehearsals.

“The concert becomes a platform to witness the harmonious blend of musicians, illustrating the power of collaboration and a shared passion for music,” Lim said.

On Sunday, August 23, at 3 p.m., Westminster United Church in Orangeville will host “The Grand Finale.”

“The summer festival comes to a close with a celebratory concert that will send you out into the end of summer on a positive and wonderful note,” Lim said.

He added they are bringing back “by popular demand” an evening of “musical brilliance” featuring violinist Luri Lee, clarinetist Eric Abramovitz and pianist Joonghun Cho.

“Delve into the depths of chamber music as these remarkable artists unveil the mysteries of their craft with an enchanting concert,” Lim said.

In other years, there have been more than three concerts for this festival, but this year has seen grants to the arts significantly

slashed. There have been donations, and Lim puts that money aside in case grants are tight.

“I am always excited to play,” said Lim, who is himself a flutist. “The audiences are really important. Many of the same people come, and they say that this festival is the highlight of their season. They know the players are the best of the best [that] are coming.”

As the Alton Mill is such a perfect setting for the concerts and is always included in the programs, co-founder and owner of the Mill, Jeremy Grant, took a pause to talk to the Citizen about the Caledon Music Festival at the Mill.

“It’s a beautiful experience,” he said. “Being able to attend as an audience member to see a combination of things – being outdoors for the fresh air, the heritage ambiance; feeling like you have something fantastic, from the perspective of the chance to be there. It’s a great sense of pride to be a host and to support the arts.”

“It is a beautiful experience: when I was young and travelling in Europe, sometimes, just by chance, I would happen on a concert to hear classical music that was being performed in an ancient ruin or a Roman amphitheatre,” he continued. “Similar to here – it sets the right mood to let go and just soak it in.”

So, with Terry Lim and Eric Abramovitz, together, they bring the talented musicians to Caledon to create and stage unique concerts at singular and very special venues.

With over three weeks of performances featuring renowned artists worldwide, there’s something for everyone. Single tickets, family passes and festival passes are sold exclusively through their website at www.caledonmusicfest.ca.

Southfields Summer Sizzle coming to Caledon on July 26

BY MUHAMMAD HAMZA
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Southfields residents will have an opportunity to enjoy family-friendly activities, food, and entertainment when the Southfields Summer Sizzle event takes place on July 26.

The Sunday event, organized by Rocky da Realtor and Pureform Movement, will be filled with a variety of exciting activities, including a live DJ, a bouncy castle, face painting, and giveaways.

Happening at John Clarkson Park, 415 Dougall Ave, Caledon, the event is also offering free barbecue for the community.

Co-host Rocky Punia said the event is a wonderful opportunity for people to have fun and build relationships.

“We hope a lot of the community comes out. It’s an opportunity for neighbours to meet each other, get to know one another, and build a stronger sense of community.”

Punia said that children have an opportunity to participate in colouring activities using specially designed placemats.

The event festivities will begin at 1 p.m. and conclude at 4 p.m.

The Southfields Summer Sizzle event is also hosted by Dilpreet Jutla, who runs a Pilates fitness studio with two locations, one in Bolton and the other in Caledon, close to Southfields Park.

She said attendees will also have a chance to win special prizes and receive special promotional offers during the event.

Jutla added that Pureform Movement will host an open house beside the park, where visitors can tour the studio and ask questions.

“Our doors will be open for people to come and see the place and also ask any questions,” she said.

Jutla said she will also reach out to local Councillors, as everyone is invited to the event.

While celebrating the second anniversary of her Southfields studio, Jutla said the event is being organized to thank the community for its support and bring residents together.

“I feel there’s a need for events like this to bring people together. It’s an opportunity for neighbours to meet, support one another, and build a stronger community,” she said.

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Power of (Dogeared) Pages

I’ve never really been a morning person. Then again, I haven’t really been a coffee person until relatively recently, so maybe that helped set the trend.

My grandmother often joked that I would only get up early in the morning if I had something specific to do. On the one hand, considering her motto was, “Don’t talk to me until I’ve finished my second cup of coffee,” she really didn’t have much ground in this argument, but, on the other hand, isn’t that true of most people?

If you’re naturally a night owl, chances are you’re probably not going to set the alarm at some ungodly hour just for the sport of it; no, there should be a pretty good reason. If you’re less of a night owl and more of an early bird, however, you’re getting up with the crows anyway, and probably cutting it short in the evenings to catch up.

Admittedly, I know the value of being an early riser.

On the rare mornings that I’m up before the sun, I do marvel on how much more time there is to clear the day’s to-do list with a fair bit of time left over to spend the way you want to when all is said and done.

Getting my brain in gear to make it a full-on lifestyle change is always a goal, but is yet to be a hurdle I can fully clear.

My grandmother was right, though; if there was clear motivation on the other side, I could make it happen – and one such motivator was in the cards this past Saturday when one of my favourite used book stores in the Greater Toronto Area hosted its annual-ish summer book sale.

Now, I’ve loved a good second-hand book for as long as I can remember. One of the first instances of this love affair I can remember is hours pent poring over the stacks of vaguely sorted books, magazines, and other cool, old stuff at a store called Green Books, which used to be located on the southeast corner of Yonge and Wellington in Aurora.

I was in single digits at the time, always went in there without a specific objective, but always knew when I found what I was looking for.

It’s an interest that hasn’t abated at all in the intervening decades, and was in full bloom on Saturday – and with a couple hundred other booklovers that had the same idea and started a dauntingly long lineup before we were even out of the subway.

My goal of snagging a couple of books by L. Frank Baum, author of The Wonderful Wizard of Oz, including a \$5 first edition of one of Dorothy’s later adventures, tantalizingly teased by the bookseller over Instagram, might have been thwarted by the line-holders, but as far as missions go, it was still fruitful.

No matter what type of book each person was looking for, I think it’s fair to say that most of the people who were lined up Saturday morning were there for the thrill of the hunt. Myself included. But it was more than that; over my years of book collecting, I’ve found it’s never just about finding a deal.

It can be a matter of unwittingly stumbling into a world between the pages that open up new possibilities.

It can be a matter of finding a long-forgotten biography or memoir, by or about a long-forgotten person, whose life and contributions should be remembered.

It can be as simple as being a part a new chapter for the book itself, especially when you find one with signatures, inscriptions, or other indicators of where it’s been and whose fingers helped mellow the pages and turn down the dogears.

It can also simply be a matter of taking in that unique smell that comes only with a used book of a certain age.

In this era of e-Books, streamed audio books, and other media that can fall under this umbrella, there’s also something comforting about having a physical book in your hands that you can read and enjoy at your leisure – a definite selling point for this slower-but-deliberate reader – without having it snatched away at the whim of the publisher or other stakeholders.

This is a reality so many “collectors” of digital films, video games, and more are now living with as movies and shows get removed from streaming services and games get deleted or fall victim to expired licenses, thus putting the whole question of “ownership” into, well, question.

Another bonus of buying used books is supporting largely independent retailers and small businesses, while keeping “previously enjoyed” volumes out of the landfill when readers are done with them – contributing to the circular economy in ways that are not always considered.

“When you choose between new and used books, you’re making a significant decision about your carbon footprint,” agrees Wolfman Home Repair. “Buying a new book typically results in about 7.5 kilograms of carbon dioxide emissions and consumes two kilowatt hours of fossil fuels, whereas opting for a used book reduces those emissions to less than one fifth of that amount. This stark difference highlights the carbon-saving power of book reuse, as it prevents books from ending up in landfills where they generate double the global warming emissions during decomposition.

“Buying used books supports bookstore sustainability and promotes a culture of reuse.... Since used books do not require new resources or manufacturing processes, they offer a nearly carbon-neutral option for readers. This approach to sustainable reading not only helps the environment but also fosters a sense of community through book exchanges and events at community-centred bookstores. By opting for pre-loved books, you contribute to a more eco-friendly lifestyle and help minimize the overall carbon footprint associated with reading.”

Our local libraries are a great place to check out the latest bestseller or the most up-to-date reference book on just about any topic under the sun, not to mention take advantage of the myriad programs and services they offer that make them true community hubs for all.

They are also, on the flipside, a great starting point in finding used books – volumes either donated for sale by patrons or discarded from the collection after not being checked out in a while – and the money raised in these sales, in turn, helps them buy new books to take their place.

Truth be told, however, it always pains me to see books “discarded” from library collections and strewn to the proverbial wind. Obviously libraries want to keep the newest and most up-to-date books on their shelves – space is, after all, at a premium – but once they’re out of the collection, there’s no turning back. It does, yes, lead to the thrill of the hunt, but a hunt that can feel unnecessary, especially when the hunt yields a former library book!

I’m so thankful that used book stores help give these volumes a new lease on life and firmly believe every community should have at least one.



Resilience is one of humankind’s strengths

by Mark Pavilons



Some say that resilience is much more than survival; it’s endurance with direction.

Yet how often are we mere mortals lost, without a map or compass to guide us?

When every rock, tree and fork in the road looks the same, what is it that keeps us moving?

Resilience, and of course, persistence.

I think it’s inherent, and just comes naturally. It may not arise in the manner or form we wish, but it’s there, ready and willing to help us in our time of need.

And boy, are there many of those in this crazy journey called life.

As children, we fall in the mud, get up and walk slowly home, knowing our mom will have something to say about the state of our clothes. We fall out of a tree, check our knees to see if they’re bleeding, and continue on.

As adults, we lose, suffer emotional and physical pain, and collect ourselves, and try to move on. We’re a bit slower than our younger selves, a bit more hesitant.

Funny how we lose all that gusto and fearlessness we once possessed.

I used to have a pretty high pain tolerance, and developed quite a thick skin from adolescent bullying and dents in my self-esteem outer shell. I turned to humour, solitude, studying and creative hobbies to protect myself.

As Boomers, we had it quite good, and didn’t really grasp the reality of life in general. We were too busy enjoying the simple pleasures.

But as we age, boy does reality sink in.

For me, this is as real as it gets – fighting cancer.

When we leave our homes each day on our daily treks, we never think about getting into car accidents, tripping on the sidewalk or getting hit by a meteorite. We don’t think our lives will change overnight, with a life-altering diagnosis.

But it does, my friends, and we are never prepared.

We talk about resilience making us stronger, more hopeful, more optimistic.

Well, I can tell you, facing desperate times can also reduce you to rubble, turn you into a tired, exhausted meat sack that would love to be climbing that childhood tree again. I’d give anything to turn back time. Anything.

Brené Brown said joy fuels resilience, “ensuring we’ll have reservoirs of emotional strength when hard things do happen.”

I remember times when that substance was abundant.

According to Dr. Michelle P. Maidenber, resilience is born through adversity and when you face discomfort, setbacks, and uncertainty, not avoid them. When you persist through difficulty in service of your values, you build confidence and adaptability.

She says resilience is not a fixed trait; it’s a dy-

namic process. It is cultivated through how we engage with adversity, not how we avoid it.

Every roadblock teaches us something valuable if we’re open to noticing and accepting it. Hard times provide opportunities to grow, adapt, and reconnect with our capacity to prove to ourselves that we can endure and persevere.

She admits that we mere mortals are not in control of everything. I’d say there’s plenty beyond our control.

Resilience is built through “emotional engagement.”

In my years-long process of dealing with cancer, it’s been 80% emotional. How can it not be?

Physical symptoms aside – and I’ve been lucky not to have had severe ones – cancer is a constant monkey on my back. It never leaves me, always nags at me and drains that supply of joy that was once abundant.

Resilience? Well, it’s more like steadfast determination, succumbing to a litany of tests, procedures and treatments. It becomes almost rote.

More often than not – for me anyway – there was seldom any good news. Most of the time it was finding ways to manage the disease, and “live alongside it.”

Not much of a positive prognosis.

What happens when options run out? My current chemo treatment is one of the final approaches. My oncologist is reaching out to others to see what’s available and what’s on the horizon. My fate is in the hands of new trials, the work of cutting-edge research, and leading hospitals (and we have them all).

Alas, the Internet provides little in the way of hope. There are many posts about “miracle cures,” and the use of veterinary de-worming medication that hasn’t been accepted by mainstream medicine.

While very few of these may pan out, the process, including human trials, takes time.

That’s one luxury many cancer patients simply do not have.

One of the reasons we face disappointment is that we live in a society that demands quick results. But resilience requires effort, patience, and a willingness to stay no matter what.

“Resilience is very different than being numb. Resilience means you experience, you feel, you fail, you hurt. You fall. But, you keep going,” according to Yasmin Mogahed.

I can tell you that my journey has been filled with all sorts of trials and tribulations.

It’s been bleak at times.

My friends tell me to stay strong and that their thoughts are with me. I’ve even sought out healers and religious friends who offer their prayers.

I appreciate them all, and their love. That is more fuel for this tired old guy’s tank.

I get it that my acceptance is misunderstood as giving up. Some say acceptance is one of the most powerful tools for resilience.

In my experience, it hasn’t made things easier. Has it made me wiser? Perhaps.

Has it made me more appreciative, and helped me embrace my blessings? A little.

Facing the end is never easy, for anyone, whether you’re young or old. When I’m at the hospital awaiting treatment, I look around at the faces in the waiting room – trying to see how many are my age. Yes, there are younger patients, but most are seniors.

It’s funny, but by looking at the wrinkled faces, they seem much more resilient than I am.

Hmm. Perspective, wisdom, acceptance, enjoying a life well lived?

I dunno.

I will continue to dig deep and summon my resilience.

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Shop Local, Support Local

Last week I wrote yet another column on our traffic nightmare here in Caledon and many responded sharing their concerns. Frankly, this week could easily be similar, but this time due to concerns about the impact of a problematic road closure in Caledon East.

This story is about how closing a road, even temporarily, has the potential to wreak havoc not on our roads, but on local business. Rather than focus on the negative, however, I'd like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to remember the importance of shopping local.

Perhaps you recall something called COVID? During those terrible days of lockdown a small but mighty movement emerged reminding us about the importance of supporting local business. Campaigns were launched, people were regularly encouraged to consider supporting small businesses and the truth is, many of us bought into the idea. Not enough, unfortunately, to keep every small business afloat, but to some degree the idea gave us hope in bleak times, maybe even a feeling that we were each able to do some good in some small way. It's time to embrace that feeling again because some of our Caledon East friends and neighbours need the help. Plus, it's summer and if there's ever a better time to shop and support local, I don't know when that is!

Caledon East residents know only too well some of the same traffic nightmares facing residents across our town. Dump trucks and fully loaded 18 wheelers barrel up and down the hill on Airport Road at alarming speeds, travelling through a tiny downtown corridor that was never meant to accommodate large trucks in the first place, and at a volume that is simply not sustainable. Currently, the Region of Peel (Airport Road is a regional road) is undertaking a major road project that involves the full closure of a significant portion of Airport Road through its downtown core. Where will all the traffic go? It's a loaded question.

Original plans were that the stretch of road impacted would maintain one lane open during construction. With very short notice, residents and businesses were suddenly told a full closure would be in place for the duration of construction which is supposed to take place July 6 through September 7, peak summer travel and tourist time. The closure also impacts users of the Caledon Trail system. So where does all that traffic go and on which area roads will residents feel the impact? Worse still, where does all the traffic that would typically support the many local restaurants, clothing stores, hair stylists, barbers, butchers and bakers go? One

store is celebrating a grand opening this weekend and we wish them well, but how are folks going to get there to join in the celebration? That's where we all play a role.

Much like we rallied together during Covid times, it's important we rally now to support the beloved local businesses that we all talk about, care about, and frequent regularly, whether we're walking the trail system, or specifically make destination trips to Caledon East in order to enjoy all it has to offer.

Driving into the downtown core to partake in a great Italian dessert, a hot table meal, or breakfast on a Sunday morning is a treat. Shopping for that perfect dress for a summer wedding, having your hair cut and styled so you look great, and maybe even the car tuned up so you arrive at that wedding on time? Well, all the businesses that can make this happen are still open! Health care providers, pharmacies, your accountant, specialty food stores and restaurants, music studios, you name it – they are all still open and it's up to us to ensure they stay that way. There's literally never been a better time to shop and support local!

The planned construction itself has been a massive undertaking and we know planning is always a challenge. That said, the short notice about the change from a partial to full closure was unexpected, very last minute and was clearly NOT well planned, or, for that matter, well communicated.

Addressing safety concerns on area roads is essential, and by the time the project is completed, should help address them. The goals include: reducing lane widths, installing roundabouts, addressing safety by improving cycling and pedestrian crossings at intersections, enhancing and/or creating multi-use pathways and sidewalks, and an effort to "deter truck traffic and other high-speed through traffic," while also ensuring "that improvements respect and preserve the character of Main Street."

These are lofty goals to be achieved in just two months, but if you already loved Caledon East before all these changes, AND you want to be able to walk around safely and enjoy it all again in the future, then we need to make an extra special effort right now to support and shop local so that when the construction dust disappears, that's the only thing that's gone.

Our Readers Write

Area veterinarian retires

After a 39-year tenure as a local veterinarian, the time has come for me to retire.

It has been an extraordinary privilege to care for your beloved companions and to witness the remarkable bonds between animals and their humans. While I cannot remember all the thousands of dogs, cats, gerbils, mice, parrots, snakes, and other pets I have had the honour of treating, I will never forget the unconditional love, loyalty, and joy they brought into your lives and mine.

This career has been both humbling and rewarding. Despite the occasional bites, scratches, quills, chewed shoe laces, face-licks, drool, and other memorable bodily fluids, I have loved every minute of caring for your furry companions.

My journey began decades ago when Dr. Gil Plummer gave a fresh-eyed veterinarian her first opportunity in his Nobleton clinic. I walked into a practice blessed with wonderful clients, passionate and gifted colleagues and an incredible community – that blessing continued throughout my entire career.

Veterinary medicine has been far more than a career; it has been a calling. Through the animals, their loving owners and dedicated people I've had the pleasure of working along the way, I have learned countless lessons in goodness, kindness, loyalty, and compassion. It has been and honour to build relationships with generations of families

and pets, sharing in new beginnings, difficult goodbyes and the multitude of moments in between. Thank you for entrusting me to be a part of life's important moments – through the wonderful, hectic, furry, funny, heartbreaking and unforgettable.

That support was never one-sided. There were times in my life when I needed understanding and encouragement, and a shoulder to lean on. So many of you noticed, asked, listened, and offered kindness when it was needed most. For that, I am profoundly grateful. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

In the next chapter, I will continue servicing remote communities and animals with Cat Lake Friends of Animush and doing community outreach. I will pursue adventuring, exploring, and hiking, and doing what I can for the animals. See you on the trails!

I wish you, your families, and your beloved pets all the best in the years ahead. It has been an honour beyond words.

If you would like to share a favourite memory, story, or photograph, I would be delighted to hear from you at drwicky@gmail.com

With gratitude,

DR. HELEN WICKI-NADLER

REMEMBER TO SHOP LOCAL!



Public Consultation Notice

The Credit Valley Source Protection Authority invites public comment on proposed amendments to the Credit Valley - Toronto and Region - Central Lake Ontario (CTC) Source Protection Plan and Credit Valley Assessment Report, to reflect the addition of a new well to the Town of Orangeville's drinking water system.

The new well is being added to the Orangeville Drinking Water System to meet current demands and support future growth. The proposed amendment includes updated water budget, risk assessment, wellhead protection areas and threat enumeration. The Clean Water Act, 2006, requires consultation with all landowners, municipalities and other implementing agencies that may be impacted by such amendments.

The proposed amendments are available for review at ctcswp.ca. Hardcopy versions are available upon request at Credit Valley Conservation, during regular business hours.

Written comments on the proposed amendments must be received on or before August 31, 2026, and addressed to:

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Council advances Municipal Accommodation Tax process

BY MUHAMMAD HAMZA
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Caledon Council has tentatively approved a municipal staff request to proceed with a Municipal Accommodation Tax (MAT) process by preparing a draft bylaw and developing a business case for an Eligible Tourism Entity (ETE) before reporting back to Council for final consideration.

The Ontario Regulation 435/17 of the Municipal Act, 2001, authorizes lower-tier municipalities to establish an administrative framework for the MAT bylaw.

If Council ultimately approves the bylaw, a four percent MAT rate would be imposed on the purchase price of short-term accommodations, like AirBNB and Vrbo, for visitors on stays of fewer than 30 days.

Under the provincial regulations of 435/17, the revenue generated from the taxes will be divided between the municipality and an ETE with “an operational mandate of tourism growth, destination marketing, and experience development.”

The staff report, titled “Municipal Accommodation Tax in the Town of Caledon,” was prepared by Emily Quinton, Officer, Tourism and Culture, Business Attraction and Investment, who explained the MAT framework and responded to questions from Council members.

Council approved the motion at the committee level and is expected to give it final approval at their July 28 meeting.

The MAT was introduced in 2017, and more than 80 Ontario municipalities have established and implemented a MAT by-law framework, including Mississauga, Brampton, Vaughan, Barrie, Guelph, Oakville, and Kitchener.

MAT rates vary by municipality, with most rates between four percent and six percent.

During the General Committee meeting,

Mayor Annette Groves asked staff to confirm whether there will be a public consultation or engagement with those from the hospitality industry after the bylaw implementation.

“I would hope that there would be public consultation and conversation with the folks in the hospitality industry to ensure that they are consulted, because it will affect them,” she said. “Before you bring the bylaw, would there be a public information centre? Would that be something that you would be doing?”

Quinton responded, “there will be public consultations; there will be work with other departments at the Town. This is just step one.”

The discussion took a different turn when Councillor Tony Rosa opposed the motion by arguing that Caledon lacks sufficient accommodation options and the proposed tax could further increase costs for visitors.

“I don’t think we’re ready... I would feel more confident implementing this type of tax when we have more accommodation options in the municipality,” he said.

Quinton said that the town is exploring ways to attract more permanent accommodation investments while expanding Caledon’s tourism sector.

Not everyone is happy with the Council’s decision; small-scale accommodation providers raised concerns about MAT, saying it will affect them financially.

“I am concerned that a flat 4% municipal accommodation tax disproportionately impacts small, independently owned accommodations while having a much smaller effect on large hotel chains with greater economies of scale,” said Bruno Roldan, owner and operator of The Liberty Inn – Nordic Spa Hotel.

While acknowledging Council’s efforts to create new revenue streams to support tourism and local infrastructure, he said the government at every level should be making it easier for small businesses to succeed, not creating ad-

ditional barriers that favour large corporations.

Roldan added that small, family-run businesses, like his, are an important part of Caledon’s identity and local economy, and policies should recognize the challenges they face.

“As a four-suite, family-run inn, we simply do not have the economies of scale to absorb an additional 4% cost,” he said.

Roldan emphasized that the additional cost would ultimately be passed on to guests, making his hotel less competitive compared with large accommodation providers that can spread costs across hundreds of rooms and broader revenue streams.

“For a small business like ours, even modest increases in the total cost of a stay can influence booking decisions, particularly when guests are comparing multiple options.”

He added that visitors often compare destinations based on the total cost of their trip and that additional taxes can influence where they choose to stay. Although the four per cent tax seems modest, Roldan said, “it adds to the overall cost of travel and could make Caledon less competitive if neighbouring municipalities offer similar experiences at a lower total price.”

Similar concerns have also been raised by Lena Kushnir, the owner of Caledon Manor & Country Inn, saying that the proposal will not be beneficial for her businesses.

“For our organization specifically, it is devastating because we are a small bed and breakfast,” she said. “We’ve had two or three rooms. We’re not a big hotel. The profit margin is very small.”

While recalling the past discussion on that issue with a local Councillor, Kushnir said she was assured by them that the small businesses would not get hurt by the decision, but the situation is opposite now.

“One of our Councillors gave me a heads-up that I might hear more about this and said the Town was not ‘going after the small guys.’ I

was told the tax was intended primarily for the larger hotels in Bolton and some of the larger resorts,” she said.

“I am not at all happy with it. Not happy with the wording and parts of it.”

Business Park moves forward

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The Town says the Choice Caledon Business Park strengthens Caledon’s “growing role as a key employment centre and supports the Town’s long-term economic goals” while creating jobs and supporting local businesses.

“Choice Caledon Business Park is a clear demonstration that Caledon is open for business. With final planning approvals now in place, this transformative development reflects the Town’s commitment to fostering innovation, supporting responsible growth, and creating conditions for long-term economic success,” said Caledon CAO Nathan Hyde in a statement. “It will attract new businesses, create high-quality jobs, strengthen our economic base, and continue to position Caledon as a premier destination for business and investment.”

Added Rice Group CEO Michael Rice: “Choice Caledon Business Park is more than an industrial development; it is a long-term investment in the future of Caledon. We are incredibly grateful to the Town of Caledon staff and all our project partners for their collaborative approach, professionalism, and commitment in helping our team bring this development to life while achieving critical development approvals on schedule. With an additional three million square feet of industrial development in the pipeline, this project will continue to attract industry-leading logistics, distribution, and advanced manufacturing companies, creating jobs, driving investment, and reinforcing Caledon’s position as one of Canada’s premier employment destinations.”

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Caledon Flag Football League launches program at Humberview Secondary School

BY JIM STEWART

The Caledon Flag Football League launched its program at Humberview Secondary School in Bolton on Saturday morning.

In pleasant mid-July conditions, over sixty avid flag football aspirants took the turf to take in the finer points of a sport being demonstrated at the 2028 Olympics in Los Angeles.

The field was filled with instructors—largely comprised of Humberview’s Varsity Football players and Robert F. Hall’s OFSAA-winning Varsity Girls Flag Football players. The teenage mentors inspired the kids to work on the skills required in the growing sport. Scrimmages ensued to test and demonstrate those skills.

After the inaugural morning session, the Humberview Huskies’ instructional quintet of Head Coach Adrian Piscitelli, and four of his current and graduated players – David Durnford, Zein Alkatalami, Grant Munich, and Charlie Mundy – gathered at Stacked for a post-launch brunch.

Each of the Huskies was impressed by the talented and fun-loving participants that gathered on their turf field.

Durnford, a Running Back with the Huskies, “really liked the turnout.”

“The best part of the workout was getting to meet the players for the first time.”

Alkatalami, a Wide Receiver who graduated from Humberview in June and is heading to Western to study Medical Sciences, described the highlight of the inaugural session: “We had a scrimmage and they learned well even though it was hectic—everyone was smiling and happy when we finished the game.”

Munich, an Offensive Lineman with aspirations to play Guard for the Wilfrid Laurier Golden Hawks, was impressed by the young Flag Footballers’ ability to concentrate on some complex drills: “It was great that the kids loved doing the



The Caledon Flag Football League launched Saturday morning at Humberview’s turf field.

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

drills, including the Octopus Drill. They looked good moving through the drills and they had lots of room to work, especially with the 14-16 year-old group.”

Mundy, who was a two-way player with the Huskies as both an Offensive Tackle and a Defensive Tackle, commented on the quality of athleticism he saw on the field: “A few of the kids were rep football players. It was clear that they had played football. The kids were from all over—Orangeville, Tottenham, Caledon East, Brampton, and Nobleton. There was a ten-year old who could really throw. When we told them that we were going to scrimmage, their eyes lit up.”

Coach Piscitelli expressed his gratitude towards

his quartet of Huskies and the six Wolfpack players who served as on-field coaches to the sixty participants: “I couldn’t have done this without them. It would have been very difficult. We have six female coaches from Hall’s OFSAA championship team—Olivia, Abby, Piper, Isabella, Veronica, and Leah along with Coach Stephanie—who provided great instruction. Brooke Ross—one of our recent graduates of Humberview and our Class Valedictorian—has been a sensational Director of Programming for us. As an OUA Flag Football player, she brings a special on-field presence. We were blown away by how the players enjoyed this morning’s session. Brooke and I got great feedback from

parents—they were so grateful we’re running the program. One of the most satisfying things about today’s session is how parents found us to enroll their kids in Flag Football. We did a door-to-door flyers campaign, did a social media campaign that had good results, too, but best of all was simple word of mouth. Many mentioned ‘That’s why we came to you.’

Encouraged by the turnout and enthusiasm of the inaugural session, Coach Piscitelli noted that “We’re starting Flag Football registration for the Fall which will run in Bolton on Saturday mornings from September 12 to October 24 and in Aurora will run Sunday mornings from September 13 to October 25.”

Brewers launch four home runs to crush league-leading Knights 13-2

Brewers move into fourth place by edging Angels 2-1 in Barrie

BY JIM STEWART

The Bolton Brewers set off a fireworks display from the batter’s box at New Lowell Recreation Park on Wednesday night.



Brewers’ slugger Ben Sterritt hit his third home run of the season and collected four RBI in Bolton’s 3-1 thrashing of first-place New Lowell.

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART

Mike Wallace, Jack Larmer, Ben Sterritt, and Brett Chater belted one home run each in Bolton’s 13-2 romp over the league-leading Knights.

It was the Knights’ first loss of the season after stringing together thirteen consecutive victories.

What made the Brewers’ emphatic victory even more unlikely was the Knights’ dominant performance at the 59th annual Senior Division All-Star game at Mansfield Community Park on Sunday afternoon.

Returning to a format last used in 1986, the reigning champs took on a team of all-stars from the league’s other eleven teams—including Brewers Matteo Stothers and Logan Hart. New Lowell stomped the Senior Division All-Stars 8-2. The Knights belted five home runs against the all-star staff in an exhibition game in which they never trailed.

However, the veteran Brewers seemed undaunted by the Knights’ power show in Mansfield and showed off their own propensity towards the long ball in New Lowell on Wednesday night.

The Knights plated two at the bottom of the second to take an early lead, but the hard-hitting Brewers put up a five-spot in the fourth and eight more in the fifth to mercy the reigning champs.

Leading the 13-run onslaught was Brewers’ two-spot hitter Sterritt who went 4 for 4. The left-handed slugger delivered four RBI to pace Bolton’s offensive fireworks show. Lead-off hitter Chater, the reigning league MVP, matched his prodigious teammate with four RBI. Bolton’s Dynamic Duo, arguably the most dangerous 1-2 combo in the NDBL Senior loop, wreaked havoc atop the batting order.

Brewers’ starter Carson Burns delivered a qual-

ity start and reined in the league’s most dangerous lineup.

After giving up two early runs—neither of them earned—Burns recorded six strikeouts in his tidy mercy-shortened performance, yielding only two hits and walking two. It was the fifth quality start in a row by the Brewers’ pitching staff.

Significantly, the Brewers chased long-time nemesis Brandon Norrie in the fifth inning—belting three runs and banging out ten hits versus the ace of the 2025 League Champions.

In the decisive eight-run top of the fifth, the Brewers poured it on—scoring one off Norrie before impelling his departure, and then rocking relievers Chris Esson and Shane Duffett for four and three runs, respectively. Staked to an eleven-run lead, Burns shut down the Knights at the bottom of the fifth to ensure a quick five-inning victory by the visitors.

It was the Brewers’ best performance of the 2026 campaign and Head Coach Mike Wallace was thrilled about his team’s thirteen-hit attack against the division’s top-ranked team. Wallace’s two-run shot contributed mightily to the mid-week mayhem in New Lowell: “It’s been a struggle for me at the plate after tearing my bicep. It felt good to finally be able to hit and I’m just trying to help out the team. I got a good part of the bat on a fastball and it just made its way over the fence.”

The veteran Brewer player-coach offered insights into the team’s big night against Norrie: “He’s had a lot of success against us over the last two years, including the playoffs. This time, we got to him. We talked before the game and we didn’t want anyone to have to carry the weight alone into the game. We put out the best lineup in Brewers’

history.”

The Brewers continued their winning ways in Barrie on Friday night by edging the Angels 2-1 to sweep the season series versus the vastly-improved ballclub that features five players with NCAA experience.

Bolton ace Matteo Stothers threw a complete game five-hitter—striking out two and walking one. The deceptive starter—who pitches effectively to contact—yielded a run in the first inning to the Angels, but put zeroes on the board for the remaining six innings to earn the club’s tenth win of the season.

Coach Wallace praised Stothers’ complete game performance versus the Angels: “I can’t say enough about Matteo. Every time he takes the ball, he gives us a chance to win. It was fun to watch. He was really locating his curveball in the bottom of the zone. It was setting up his fastball.”

Angels’ starter Francisco Alejandro yielded both runs at the top of the fourth when Ben Sterritt and Justin Melanan scored for the Brewers. Melanan drove in Sterritt to tie the game. The three-spot hitter—just back from his honeymoon—crossed the plate on a wild pitch to secure the winning run for Bolton.

WALL-BANGING BREWERS ON LATE-SEASON HEATER

Since June 22, Bolton has outscored its opponents 48-23—a six-game stretch which includes two wins over Barrie; wins over Mansfield, Creemore, and New Lowell; and a disappointing loss to Midland during which the Brewers coughed up a late three-run lead. In all, the Brewers have moved steadily up the NDBL Senior Division standings and sit in fourth place with a 10-7-1 record.

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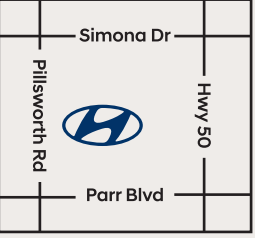

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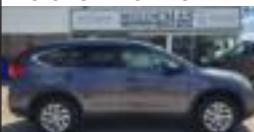


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CMHA revamps Mental Health in Motion to help address urgent needs in community



Motion 5K Walk will take place at Newmarket's Tom Taylor Trail, AOK Park, on Sunday, September 13, starting at 10 a.m. The day will include a tour of the MOBYSS bus, guest speakers, light refreshments, and a Kids Zone. For more information, to register, or to sponsor a participant, visit cmhainmotion.ca.

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May died peacefully on July 9th in her 103rd year surrounded by her family. She immigrated to Canada from the Netherlands in 1948 with her loving husband Jack (predeceased). One of May's greatest passions was founding the Inn in Cataract as well as cooking for her friends and family. May was also an avid reader and possessed a deep admiration of classical music. Her quick wit, humour and her love of cruising around in her Jeep will be forever remembered by everyone who knew her.

May is survived by her beloved children Willy (Warren predeceased) Wilkins, Frank (Catherine) Denreyer, Sam Denreyer (Lise Dumas), Michael (Monica) Denreyer and Mary-Ann Denreyer; and her nine grandchildren Krista, Donald, Jenny, Kari, Danielle, Ryan, Samantha, Mackenzie, and Tyson.

In accordance with May's wishes a private celebration of life will be held for immediate family at a later date. The family appreciates your love and support at this time.

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BY BROCK WEIR

Demand for mental health support continues to grow in York Region and South Simcoe, and indeed across the country – and the local branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association is urging residents to lace up in support vital care services close to home.

After a year's hiatus, the Canadian Mental Health Association of York Region & South Simcoe (CMHA-YRSS) is set to re-launch a re-vamped version of their popular fundraiser, Mental Health in Motion.

Set for Sunday, September 13, at Newmarket's Tom Taylor Trail and AOK Park, the CMHA-YRSS has set a fundraising target of \$100,000 while making it easier than ever before to take part.

"A recent poll conducted by Mental Health Research Canada found that youth and equity-deserving groups are more likely to use artificial intelligence tools for mental health support, underscoring ongoing gaps in access to care," says Catherine Matzig, Senior Director of Philanthropy, at the CMHA-YRSS. "The need for community mental health supports that bridge those gaps is profound. That's why we're proud to reintroduce Mental Health in Motion to our community – with no registration fee. Every step the community takes, and every dollar fundraised, reinforces that we don't want anybody left behind when they need the care

the most."

CMHA-YRSS meets youth, adults, families, and caregivers right where they are to provide immediate, compassionate, person-centred support. Funds raised will go towards CMHA programs that need it the most, such as the Mobile Youth Walk-In Clinic – MOBYSS.

"Mental Health in Motion is first and foremost a fundraiser and this year our goal is to raise \$100,000 for mental health services in York Region and South Simcoe. By making registration free and the event accessible, we are hoping that what we're doing is inviting more people to get involved, to fundraise, and to help us reach that goal," says Matzig. "Everybody who participates represents an opportunity to make a difference in the conversation around mental health and about reducing the stigma that still, unfortunately, can surround mental health."

"We're hoping that literally hundreds of people will join us, that when they register, they will create their own fundraising pages, that they will rally their friends, family, and co-workers to support them financially, but also hopefully come out and participate themselves."

"We're hoping that this event raises funds so that our community can access mental health supports when they need it. We want to create connection. We also know that being outside, being together, creating community, and having conversations around mental health is incred-

ibly important. We know that that all creates senses of wellbeing, of community, and we hope this walk gives people the opportunity to experience those benefits while supporting mental health in our community."

While the event is, again, a fundraiser first, she adds it's also about promoting "healthy habits," of "encouraging people to take small steps that support their own wellbeing – and what easier way than walking?"

"Mental health doesn't improve in isolation. It only improves when communities come together, when people come together, and that's what Mental Health in Motion is all about," says Matzig. "It may look a little different than it has in years past, but there is an amazing energy and synergy when literally hundreds of people walk together and send a message throughout our community that mental health matters."

"I really encourage people to participate if it's their first time, and if they've done it a lot in the past, just come out and be part of that incredible energy. I hope people leave feeling connected – connected to their community, connected to their own well-being, and connected to the idea that support for mental health is available. If people walk away knowing that they're not alone, and that we can all make mental health a priority, then I think we have achieved everything we set out to do."

The CMHA-YRSS' 2026 Mental Health in



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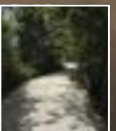
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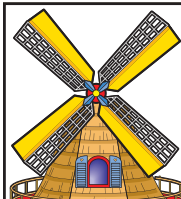
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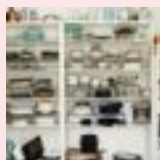
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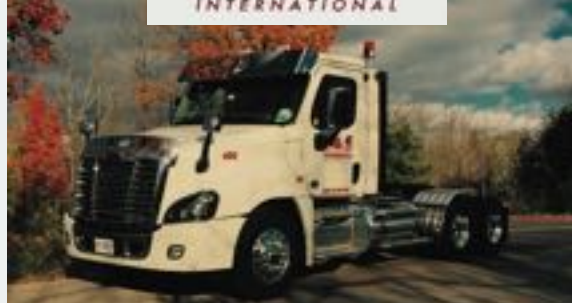
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Town advances public square project in Caledon East

BY MUHAMMAD HAMZA
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The Town of Caledon has approved the funding of \$50,000 for the detailed design of a Public Square in a Caledon East construction project.

The funds will be paid from the DC Parks reserve, and the capital funding for the project will be included in the 2027 municipal budget.

The motion to do so was brought forward by Councillor Doug Maskel, and seconded by Mayor Annette Groves, and unanimously approved by Council at its

July 7 General Committee meeting.

It is expected to receive final ratification at the July 28 Council meeting.

The subject site where the construction of Public Square will occur was purchased by the Town of Caledon in 2024.

The parcels of land located at the corner of Airport Road and Emma Street in Caledon East were left vacant for 40 years until the Town acquired the property.

Following public input on how to proceed with the development of the property, which was gathered through Have Your Say Caledon, the Town’s engagement platform on Caledon’s East Revitalization Task Force page, and further public engagement at Caledon Day 2025 and 2026, the task force endorsed the initial design concept of the project.

The Caledon East Revitalization Task Force was established

by Council on June 6, 2023.

The purpose of the task force was “to recommend and implement activations, events, projects, and beautification initiatives that support the revitalization of downtown Caledon East as approved by council and provide updates to council and the public on progress made.”

Councillor Mario Russo thanked Councillor Doug Maskel for bringing the motion forward, saying that completing the work alongside other planned revitalization projects would avoid unnecessary disruption and allow residents to benefit sooner.

“If there are possibilities to expedite the work and do it in conjunction with other work, then we don’t get criticized for finishing work and then starting new work. It gives us an opportunity to have the work done simultaneously and quickly.”

Notice of Application for Approval to Expropriate Land Form 2 Expropriations Act

In the matter of an application by the Ministry of Transportation for approval to expropriate land, pursuant to s.11(2) and subsection 11.1(3) of the *Public Transportation and Highway Improvement Act*, being in the Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, Town of Caledon, Regional Municipality of Peel, Province of Ontario.

For the purpose(s) of: The identified parcels are within the proposed right-of-way for Highway 413, Highway 410 and Highway 427, freeway to freeway and municipal interchange ramps, and Transitway and Transit Stations.

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1. ALL of PIN 14297-0167 (LT), being Part of Lot 23, Concession 3 East of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, Town of Caledon; shown as Parts 3, 4 and 5 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0061 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-42160.
2. Part of PIN 14297-0184 (LT), being Part of Lot 25, Concession 1 East of Hurontario Street, Geographic Township of Chinguacousy, Town of Caledon; shown as Part 1 on a plan filed with the Ministry of Transportation as P-5152-0029 being a Reference Plan deposited in the Land Registry Office for the Land Titles Division of Peel as Plan 43R-41908.

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Alton initiative helps pollinators

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Here is a list of the native plants that have been planted.:

Little Bluestem (Schizachyrium scoparium). Foxglove Beard Tongue (Penstemon digitalis). Lanceleaf Coreopsis (Coreopsis lanceolata). Purple Coneflower (Echinacea purpurea). Stiff Goldenrod (Solidago rigida). Dense Blazing Star (Liatris spicata). New England Aster (Symphyotrichum novae-angliae).

Due to concerns over juglone sensitivity, close to a black walnut tree, they used Prairie Smoke (Geum triflorum) instead of the Columbine (Aquilegia) that had been originally planned.

Black walnut trees are often seen as a problem in gardens, however, many of Ontario’s native plants have evolved to tolerate juglone and will grow quite well near them. An informative article, by a local Alton native nursery.

The AVA purchased the plants for this ButterflyWay Garden from three different nurseries. It is important, when building these gardens, to en-

sure the plants are keystone species for pollinators and therefore true natives, are free of pesticides and contribute to healthy, native habitats to support bees, birds and butterflies.

The three native plant nurseries are In Our Nature, Alton; 2. Ontario Native Plants, Flamborough, and Origin Native Plants, Guelph.

AVA now has two ButterflyWay Gardens in the Alton Village Square and this new garden, when completed at the fire station will be a third, but there are also residents and businesses who have added ButterflyWay Gardens to their landscapes. The Alton Village Butterfly Gardens are part of a greater network of native plant gardens in Caledon, the Caledon ButterflyWay Project.

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