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A NEW ERA FOR LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT: Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson, members of the Clarkson family, and members of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services uncoupled the hose to mark the official opening of Bolton's Roy B. Clarkson Firehall Station 302. For more, see Page A17.

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Caledon partners up with Canadian firm to upgrade broadband infrastructure in Bolton

Written By MIKE BAKER

It was announced on Tuesday (Oct. 8) that the Town of Caledon would be investing up to $250,000 to assist with installing over 8 kilometres of fibre optic cable in Bolton.

Outlined as one of the community's top priorities over this term of Council, the announcement that high speed internet lines would be installed in the south Bolton industrial area over the next few months was cause for excitement for Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson.

"Having access to high speed internet is absolutely vital in today's economy," said Mayor Thompson. "The new fibre in the Bolton Industrial Park will provide Caledon businesses access to the services and technology they need to compete locally, nationally, or internationally."

He added, "Our Council has never wavered in trying to find solutions to addressing this vital community need. During this term of Council, we are focused on taking even more action to bring broadband to more homes and businesses in Caledon.

Canadian telecommunications firm Vianet has been selected to carry out the installation of the new lines.

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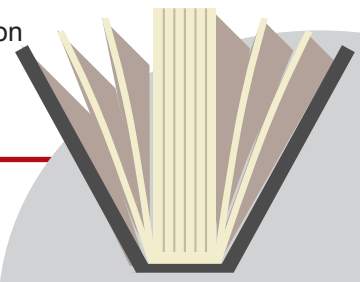
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Bolton flood victims reflect on 'traumatic time' six months later



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SIX MONTHS LATER: Photo taken March 16 by Tracey Lehman, from her front porch looking south on James Street in Bolton. Flood waters, which had frozen overnight, begin to recede after clearing with heavy equipment the previous evening.

Written By KIRA WRONSKA DORWARD

"There's been a lot of good…we've met some new friends and neighbours, so we have a better sense of community. We're more politically aware than we were before," so says Tracey Lehman, looking on the bright side of things six months after the basement apartment her daughter and granddaughter share in her house was destroyed in a flood that affected many residents of Bolton permanently.

It's a recreation of a scene from six months earlier, as a long table of the March 14th's flood victims sit down with The Citizen again to inform the rest of the community as to what has happened since an ice jam on the Humber River melted too quickly and overflowed into their houses. Although Lehman puts a brave face on and speaks to the community spirit the crisis precipitated, many of these Caledon residents are still struggling to dry out different areas of their lives in the flood aftermath.

"To be honest, I don't have any more," Lehman continues. "I don't have anymore resources, energy or time."

Rehashing the immediate events of the flood is not the purpose of this article, and is recounted elsewhere. Suffice to say that a delegation committee spearheaded by three non-flood victim volunteers, Sherry Briochi, Marion Upshall, and Mira Budd, went before Council and the Toronto Recreation and Conservation Authority more than once on behalf of their affected neighbours, looking for governmental assistance and to take steps to ensure such an easily avoidable situation did not happen again. They also, in conjunction with Councillors Annette Groves and Tony Rosa who organized a furniture drive, put together several fundraising initiatives to get these families back on their feet.

"These ladies were the heart, soul, and push," Lehman says,

Events were largely left off for the summer after the delegation had a special meeting of Council in May, where both the province, TRCA, and Town of Caledon made several promises. The most important of which involved providing grants for disaster relief, to retain a consultant, an updated flood response plan based on previous iterations and the outline of an emergency response disaster relief handbook devised by the Flood Committee, as well as a post-report by the TRCA (promised for September).

By the time the September rolled around and The Citizen reached out to some of these organizations, it was clear the residents affected by the flood, who had relied on the promise of assistance from various governing bodies, were largely left to fend for themselves over the summer to rebuild their homes and their lives.

The TRCA's Response

Firstly, the promised post-report had not been written, although a consulting firm called KGS Group had been contracted to do a study. When questioned, the TRCA promised the completed report for December. When asked what steps the Region is taking to ensure there is no repeat this winter and spring, the TRCA released the following statement:

1. The "Lessons Learned and Next Steps" section of the Board Report provides the following answer:

"TRCA staff convened on March 18 to initiate the post-event analysis and continue the collection of high water marks. TRCA has also initiated the process to engage a consultant to conduct a retrospective engineering study of the jam causes. Pertinent information from this study will be taken into account for the detailed design of the preferred berm remediation option. A notable lesson learned this season was in the use of drones in surveying ice conditions both pro-actively (in February), and during the Bolton Jam event itself. Planned improvements to the River Ice Monitoring program include the use of various aerial surveillance methods, including drone, helicopter, and potentially satellite imagery in order to increase monitoring coverage area. As per the advice of geotechnical staff, the berm should continue to be monitored for any evidence of settling, and any repairs required will be completed as part of the planned rehabilitation of the berm. Together with the Town of Caledon, workflows developed during this emergency can be codified for future incident response plans."

The Flood Committee was not thrilled with the delay in the report. "That's great," comments Tracey Lehman when informed about the delay, "but what about next spring?... we can't control Mother Nature, we need a flood-specific plan now…We may not be able to stop [the next] flood, so what we need is a mitigation plan," the implication being that a cohesive plan in place would be preferable before the onset of winter. "The storms are getting worse, and the water is getting higher…We need a disaster plan. We want it posted. We want it before it freezes."

More than just the damage itself, the great problem most affected faced was a lack of insurance coverage, owing to a clause in most clients' agreements that did not cover "overland" flooding insurance, something none of the residents were made aware of when they purchased their policies. This specific kind of insurance is only seven years old, and even if residents in the affected area applied, they would be denied this coverage as they are considered a "red" or "high risk" area. "It's like a [convicted] drunk driver trying to get insurance," explains Marion Upshall.

The Province Steps In

Recognizing the need for some kind of financial aid, the provincial government stepped in, offering grants to cover labour and construction costs, up to a point.

According to the Disaster Recovery Assistance Plan, "costs relating to uninsured essential property that is damaged may be applied for where insurance coverage is only available for a portion of the value of the lost property… the program may provide partial coverage [to those] also affected by overland flooding."

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Annual Haunted Hill Run Run continuing at new location

Written By MARK PAVILONS

The location has changed, but the annual Haunted Hill Fun Run will once again grace local streets, complete with ghosts and ghouls.

Sponsored by the The Rotary Club of Bolton, the 5K/10K Run/Walk and Kids 1K Fun Run will take place Sunday, Oct. 27 and the location has moved to the park behind the Caledon Wellness Centre and Rotary Place. It was moved due to the possible school closures and labour disputes.

Join in the fun and wear your Halloween costume or runner's shirt! Registration beings at 9:30 a.m. and kids are free. Each child will receive a race finisher's medal, drawstring backpack and snacks. These are limited to the first 400 registrations.

At 10 a.m. run or walk along Kingsview to Longwood and into Bolton Camp, along the Murray Stewart Trail. Registered runners for the 5/10 km route need to pick up a runner kit including Haunted Hill t-shirt and goodies. The day includes lunch and prizes. Limited to the first 400 registrations.

Register as a runner, volunteer or sponsor on rotaryhauntedhill.com

All net proceeds for the day will go to local youth organizations including Humberview Alphadogs Robotics Team, First Lego-League Caledon, Kids First Caledon among others.

Organizer Karen Fast said they typically attract roughly 400 runners each year. The total amount raised in the run's 8-year history is roughly $175,000. These funds have been directed to local youth and charitable groups.

"The costumes make it a whimsical event," she said. "The run or walk is a friendly competition so no matter the age, skill level or health of participants you can still have a great time."

Fast said one Rotarian, John Williams, developed Parkinson's and continued to run/walk until his passing. This past year Rotarians were able to upgrade a trail in Bolton Camp and had it named to honor one of their 50-year Rotary members, Murray Stewart. That has been incorporated into the course route.

"The new location actually ties in well with our themes of community, recreation and wellness and aligned with Rotary Place, so it's an appropriate re-location," she observed.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A CHANGE OF LOCATION: The annual Haunted Hill Fun Run will once again take place in Bolton on Sunday, Oct. 27. Since its formation eight years ago, the event has raised approximately $175,000, money which is then reinvested into the community. The event experienced a late location change this year, with participants asked to gather behind the Caledon Wellness centre and Rotary Place.

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Caledon partners up with Canadian firm to upgrade broadband infrastructure in Bolton

Founded in Timmins in 1995, Vianet has been a major component in the efforts to permanently close the broadband gap in parts of northern Ontario. The company will be investing at least $250,000 of their own money into the project in Bolton.

"Vianet is extremely excited about this opportunity to bring ultra high-speed fibre optic services to the Bolton industrial park," said Brian McCullagh, Director of Business Development for Vianet. "This is a great example of how a municipal government, along with private industry, can work together to upgrade essential infrastructure for the future of smaller Ontario communities."

He added, "We thank the Town of Caledon and all those involved who have worked so hard over the past months to bring this project forward and we are eager to get the fibre build started."

Plans to improve high-speed internet connectivity in the community were outlined in Caledon's 2018 to 2022 Council Work Plan, finalized earlier this year. In that document, the Town identified eight areas considered to be underserviced from a broadband perspective in Caledon. The Town established a Broadband Levy, which would provide funding up to $250,000 to fibre optic projects in the community.

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CAFFI pilot project provides unique approach to affordable housing crisis

Written By MARK PAVILONS

A cooperative and engaged partnership has led to an innovate pilot project in Caledon.

Caledon Area Families for Inclusion (CAFFI) is a unique approach to meeting the affordable housing need for some select individuals.

Back in 2017, CAFFI, through its Caledon Housing Initiative, entered into a partnership with Raising The Roof (RTR) to create an affordable rental living place to pilot a housing project. This project aimed to give a few adults with developmental disabilities the opportunity for supported independent living in their home community. This partnership also grew to include the Toronto Regional Conservation Authority (TRCA), the Town of Caledon, Region of Peel (ROP), the Heritage Board, Building Up, Home Depot, SHS Consulting and Ryerson University.

CAFFI chair Patricia Franks explained the TRCA had a heritage building on a piece of property, unused for the past 13 years. They leased the land and building to RTR for $12 per year for 20 years. RTR, with lots of community help and support, is raising all the funds to repurpose the building into a three-person home.

The organization held a fundraiser recently, raising some much-needed funds.

"CAFFI is an outstanding grassroots community organization," said Mayor Allan Thompson. "Through determination, collaboration and hard work they will realize their goal of affordable housing for adults with developmental disabilities with the completion of the one Cedar Mains property. This project will serve as a model for other projects that will help create an inclusive Caledon. I am proud to attend their fundraiser to support them and I can't wait to see what they do next!"

The Town heritage board is giving direction for the restoration of the outside of this building. The inside has been totally gutted and will be brand new. The main floor is totally wheel chair accessible.

Home Depot one of the major sponsors, and staff completed a volunteer day in August, cleaning up the property, building a fence, a bus shelter and a Peace Garden.

The Town and the Region have cooperated with funding, permits and support to get things moving.

The Town of Caledon Community Golf Tournament dedicated 75% of funds raised this year to this project.

Franks stressed this project is a home not a group home and is piloting the Home-Share concept. The plan is to have it ready for three residents to move in March 1, 2020.

"There is still work to do but this collaboration and proving the possible will have many positive ripples in Caledon for years to come," Franks said.

Franks explained it is outside of current government models and is not receiving any special government funding. Supports as needed will come to the home and be paid for through the family/individual's resources presently existing.

Housing options for adults with intellectual disabilities don't currently exist in Caledon and the changes in funding models at the provincial level does not allow for present or future group home development, she said.

This project is benefiting two young women with intellectual disabilities and a third person (home-share) with affordable living. There was a general call to families in Caledon with young adults with intellectual disabilities to participate in the pilot. The families participating are the ones that agreed to be part of this pilot. There is interest by other families who want to see how this all works out before committing to a project.

"We wanted a model where families could transition with their young adult to a more integrated and supported independent housing model, be more included in the community and have the family support (especially from parents) while that was still possible. These young adults grew up in Caledon. This is where they are known, have friends, know their way around. This is where they have the right to live."

This is a new model and Franks pointed out that many Ontario communities are struggling with the same issue of a lack of housing.

If the pilot is successful, Franks sees this concept becoming more popular.

"This addresses many issues and does so through community building partnerships. With all the growth Caledon is expected to undergo in the next 10-20 years, this must be one of the housing considerations by the Town, the Region and the builders. There are at least 75 families in Caledon with children/adults with these challenges. Where are we the community expecting them to live?

"CAFFI Housing and the place it all started, the Caledon Housing Initiative, aims to be proactive, not just reactive to crisis in housing for persons with disabilities. It is an important part of community building and inclusion for all Caledon citizens."



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BUSINESS in Caledon

Businesses at Paisley Courtyards host community celebration

Written By KIRA WRONSKA DORWARD

On Sunday Oct. 6th the women (and man) of Caledon East's Paisley Courtyards got together to honour their customers and celebrate their vibrant business community-with-in-the-community. For those not already in the know, the businesses of this corner of Caledon East next to Tom's include It's Roxie's Boutique, Aroma Touch Day Spa, Carusi Hair Salon, Inkey Music School, and Caledon East Travel.

It's Roxie's Boutique

"We decided on having this event to give back to our community," said Roxie Debreau-Mountain, who has been a business owner and familiar face in the Caledon community for twenty-two years, since running the Inglewood General Store. She opened her new boutique, It's Roxie's, in Caledon East a year ago. "We all work together, referring each other and keeping our client base local," said Debreau-Mountain, who is sporting a recent hairstyle from her friends at Carusi's Hair Salon.

Keeping it all in the Caledon East family, the parking lot that connects all these businesses was abuzz with music and performances provided by Inkey, flowers donated by Glen Echo Nurseries, hot dogs provided by the Noto Brothers Butchers, and desserts provided by Four Corners bakery. Each business owner in turn sat down with The Citizen to discuss their products, services, and what they're all about.

Aroma Touch Day Spa

The newest kid on the block is Jyoti Hallan, the new owner of Aroma Touch Therapy Day Spa. Hallan, a single mother of two teenage boys, took over the business at the insistence of her sons when the former owner, Angie, had to step down last year for health reasons. Her sons, who help with her business, are he "biggest support. They always pitch in." Of her new business, Hallan says, "it's growing. It's a good place for a business here."

For herself, Hallan is enjoying the quiet of the small town. "I love small towns," she says, "and I love my clientele. They're very good, very loyal." Hallan, a former chemical engineer who has been in the aesthetics business since 2014 when she got her diploma in advanced aesthetics.

Her day spa offers a range of services, including but not limited to, facials, body treatment, makeup, waxing, threading, and semi-permanent makeup. However, Hallan's specialty is mobile makeup, for special events such as parties and weddings.

Aroma Touch will be offering special packages for Christmas, including holiday-season facials. To get in touch or book an appointment, please call 905.584.5928, visit www.aromatouchdayspa.com, or follow them on Facebook and Instagram.

Carusi Hair Salon

The most well-established business of Paisley Courtyards, Carusi's has been a fixture of Caledon East since it opened in 2002, and expanded in 2006. Owner Albina Racco-Carusi and her niece and Manager Nancy Racco are part of a team of eight stylists whom Racco-Carusi is proud to say "have been with me for a long time. They are a very talented team that I am very grateful for." Her stylists include Gillian, Charlene, Helen, Lisa, Gurminder, and Elena, making for a formidable group of hair stylists committed to the latest trends and styles.

The salon specializes in colour, but also offers a range of services and styles such as balayage, extensions, and highlights. They are also a family-friendly business, "with hair creations for the whole family."

They plan to offer Christmas gift packs, and encourage those interests to follow their creations on Instagram (@hairbycarusi) and Facebook. To book an appointment, please call 905.584.5950, or email carusihair@hotmail.com.

Inkey Music School

Providing the entertainment out in the Courtyard is Nick and Lisa Carione of Inkey Music School, who have been in business for 21 years, mostly in Caledon East. With private lessons "right across the board" for beginners and intermediates in vocals, piano, guitar, bass guitar, and drums, Inkey has something to offer everyone. "It's not just lessons," says Carione, "we also have performances [during the year] like InkeyFest. We have bands that perform, and YouTube videos that we do." T

he Inkey School performed at CultureFest last weekend, and will be performing at the end of the month for Caledon Public Library's "Block Party" at Robert F. Hall. After Christmas, there will be a performance in March, and of course InkeyFest on June 20 to close out the year's performance.

With five instructors offering classes on a variety of levels, Carione emphasizes that "it's not a class environment. It's not structured, so it's catered to the students' [needs]. In the beginning, we like to get them to love music," with private one-on-one classes. More advanced players take part in group sessions or "band jams".

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Rogers does custom planning for her clients, including individual, family travel, and all-inclusive cruises (which, incidentally, is what the month of October is all about- cruise month). That means there are lots of giveaways this month, with all cruise lines having promotions, that include free perks like AirCanada's BoGo offer, seat upgrades, and seat selection. And if you're planning to book for the holidays, Rogers advises doing so well in advance.

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Part of the beauty (apart from the aesthetic services) of the Paisley Courtyards ladies (and gentleman), is that it is almost a one-stop-shop for luxury services and goods. One can book a cruise at Caledon Travel, prepare for their vacation by shopping for cruise wear at It's Roxie's, then get a facial at Aroma Touch and a hair-cut to match at Carusi's. It's all just a few steps away. These women aren't just local shopkeepers; they are a community within a community working together to promote each other and serve the women of Caledon.

After the success of Sunday's event, the Paisley Courtyard merchants are happy to announce they will also be hosting a Christmas Open House the first week of December.

"Next year," says Debreau-Mountain, "we look forward to welcoming more local shopkeepers joining us."



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CUSTOMER APPRECIATION: The women of Paisley Courtyards (from left to right): Albina Racco-Carusi, Jyoti Hallan, Roxie Debreau-Mountain, Nancy Racco, Charlene Shuman, and Jill Lesser.





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Be your family's superhero. Make a home escape plan and practice it!

Bolton Firefighters invite you to an

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October 12, 2019 | 9 – 11:30 a.m.

- Tour the new fire station
- Meet your local firefighters
- Learn about fire safety and prevention
- Create a home escape plan

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Economic Development Strategy

An Economic Development Strategy is being developed to guide the Town's activities over the next ten years.

Business owners and community members:
We invite you to take part in the online survey:

caledon.ca/survey.

MAYOR ALLAN THOMPSON INVITES YOU TO ATTEND:

Mayor's Business Luncheon

OCTOBER 25
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Royal Ambassador Event Centre

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KEYNOTE
Building your Dream: Building your Community
Bruce M. Firestone





Nominations are now open for Caledon's Accessibility Award for Businesses

The Accessibility Award for Businesses is presented once a year to an organization or business in Caledon that has shown a concerted effort to improve accessibility. Improved accessibility can mean either physical alterations or new programs or features that reduce barriers and permit greater access to service for those with disabilities.

The Accessibility Award is presented at a meeting of Council in recognition of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. The recipients are also recognized on the Town's website and through traditional and social media announcements.

Nominations close on October 31, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

caledon.ca/accessibility

Wanted: Community Liaison

The Seniors' Task Force is currently recruiting for a Community Liaison.

The Community Liaison should be from an organization — ideally a social service stakeholder — that represents older adult-based services in Caledon. They must have the capacity to attend meetings and participate in scheduled working groups. The Task Force meets once a month for two hours during the day. Working group time commitments are arranged by individual members on an as-needed basis.

The purpose of the Seniors' Task Force is to provide staff with assistance and advice on the implementation of the Town's Adults 55+ Strategic Plan. The Task Force will also assist in moving various strategic initiatives forward and may provide advice regarding older adult matters within the municipality, as needed.

The deadline is November 1, 2019 at 4:30 p.m.

caledon.ca/committees

Funding for Community Organizations

The 2020 Municipal, Agricultural and Community Grant (MACG) program is now open.

Is your not-for-profit community organization planning an event or working on a new project in 2020 that will enrich the lives of Caledon residents?

You may qualify to receive funding through the Town's MACG Program.

Learn more: **caledon.ca/macg** | 905.584.2272 x.4521

Deadline: October 15, 2019

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Caledon Sports Hall of Fame

NOMINATIONS NOW OPEN

The Caledon Sports Hall of Fame honours those who have made a significant contribution locally, provincially, nationally and internationally in sports.

Nomination categories include:
Athlete, Builder and Team.

Learn more about nomination details at
caledon.ca/cshof

Deadline: November 8, 2019

Athlete Builder Team

Road Allowance Notice

Town of Caledon Council will consider permanently closing an unused road between Lots 25 and 26, Concession 4 east of Hurontario Street pursuant to the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, s. 34. A final decision will be made at a meeting of Council on October 29, 2019.

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Smart tech taking over from dumb humans?

by Mark Pavilons

We're becoming a society of smart-tech operators.

Our young people have grown up with the tech, but what about those of us who remember dial-up, fax machines and film cameras?

Apparently today's mature adults are catching on very quickly.

A recent study conducted by Environics noted that 58% of Canadians aged 65+ and almost 8 in 10 (78%) aged 50-64 own smart phones.

"The findings show that Canadians over the age of 65, just like those aged 50 to 64, are feeling confident about using technology and many feel the impact on society is positive," says Bridgette Murphy, managing director and COO of AGE-WELL. "We also found strong interest among respondents in using technologies to stay healthy, engaged and living independently for as long as possible."

The poll found that more than 8 in 10 Canadians over the age of 65 believe technological advances can help older adults stay safe, in their own homes longer and stay independent. And, 7 in 10 agree that technological advancements can help older adults stay active and manage health better as they age and can reduce social isolation. When they have difficulties with technology, 53% of respondents turn to their children and 18% to their grandchildren.

Been there. We all have our unique talents and specialties.

In our household, my wife is the iPhone expert and I'm a bit of a slow learner in phone tech. In my opinion, a phone is a phone, but I do love the services that provide maps and directions. I use my iPad for games and shopping and my computer at work for, well, work.

I don't want to respond to emails on my phone, but I have sent a photo or two to my desktop at work.

The majority (74 to 80%), according to the study feel confident using current technology;

Only 15% of Canadians over the age of 65 and 50-64 believe the impact of technology on society is negative; 6 in 10 (61%) over the age of 65 believe the impact of technology on society is positive.

Almost all (93%) of smart phone owners aged 65+ find them easy to use and 98% of those owning smart phones aged 50-64 find them easy to use.

The majority of Canadians have at lease one social media account.

Most of us are familiar with the computing power in our hands, on our wrists and on our desks.

But one of the most common "computer" we operate daily is our vehicle.

Today's automobiles are almost like smart computers on wheels. Almost every system today is monitored, tweaked and adjusted by the on-board computers. Car's today can have as many as 50 different computer systems in them. These control a huge number of things in your car including engine controls for emissions; safety features and comfort and convenience features.

We like to think we're in total control of our vehicle, but are we?

My wife's mini-van has an "econ" button that adjusts the shift timings making it shift harder at low speeds and easier at high speeds. So it increases fuel economy when driving longer distances in the 2 mile-per-gallon range. Perfect when we visit our daughter at university in London.

My wife had a very weird incident with her mini-van recently. After hitting the remote to unlock the car during her lunch hour, the locks went crazy, locking, unlocking in quick repetition for more than 30 minutes. Like an Olympic gymnast, she sprinted, in between locks, and made it inside. Try as she may, she couldn't tame the beast. Again, she timed her exit perfectly, making it out alive!

I've read Stephen King's Christine, but common on!

A search on Google revealed this is more common that you'd think, yet our mechanic had yet to encounter, or reproduce, such a thing.

In my experience over decades of car ownership, electrical woes are the worst to locate, diagnose and fix. While trouble-shooting with scanners, and even remote scans via iPads are easier, fixing all those codes caused by bad sensors remains troublesome. One loose wire in our car and we're toast!

We're putting our lives into the buttons of tiny, smart gizmos.

If our TV remotes give into the tech gods, they can really ruin our lives. I've had a few occasions, where I just couldn't change channels or adjust the volume. It was as if the remote simply refused my commands! How ungrateful!

The smarter our gadgets get the dumber we get. We're just putting ourselves at the mercy of circuits and flashes of light. We've even forgotten how to get up out of our chair and adjust something manually.

It is deja vu all over again? Common sense would tell us that smoking and vaping isn't good for us. It would also suggest that handing over the keys to your home and car to a machine is just plain dangerous.

The skepticism over technology has always been with us. Ever since the industrial revolution, we've been fearful of just how far technology can take us.

Technology will continue to improve, and I'm looking forward to advances in medicine to help people who die young and needlessly from illnesses that plague us. Of course, living longer will have ramifications for our planet, but that's a topic for another discussion.

There's no doubt in my mind that science and technology will help further humankind. But we must be cautious, for one frayed wire, one loose connection and we'll go from the top of the food chain to the bottom!

But at least we can watch armageddon live on our smart phone!

Editorial

Too many open microphones

MONDAY NIGHT'S LEADERS' DEBATE may well go down in history as the worst ever, at least in modern times.

As many observers have pointed out, there were too many leaders, who likely all felt short-changed by the format.

There was also a curious poitioning of the six, with Green Party leader Elizabeth May and NDP leader Jagmeet Sing at opposite ends and Liberal leader Justin Trudeau and Conservative leader Andrew Scheer next to one another, allowing them to engage in shouting matches.

In a Globe and Mail opinion piece Tuesday, Steve Patterson, host of The Debaters on CBC Radio One and The Debaters Live touring show, found it "the most ridiculous debate that our democracy has ever staged. And I say this having moderated more than 700 debates that were intentionally ridiculous."

He said there were at least two leaders who shouldn't have been there, Maxime Bernier and Yves-François Blanchet – "the former because he is a fearmonger who espouses xenophobic policies and broke off from the Conservative Party because he thinks Andrew Scheer is a Liberal – perhaps the least disturbing of his misconceptions – and the latter because his entire mandate is to pursue the interests of one province."

And while applauding the "unprecedented all-female journalist lineup of debate moderators," there were also too many of them.

Then there was the unusual audience setup, with one-third on the stage behind the leaders, and the other two-thirds behind the party leaders' backs. "The end result: an awkward staring contest between the 'stage people' and the 'behind-the-back people,' with each one wondering who would blink first and what the hell was happening. They had also been specifically instructed not to make any noise or, apparently, show any signs of life."

And then there was the matter of the questions put tothe leaders. "It's always difficult to determine exactly what questions to ask of leaders. Apparently 8,000 questions were submitted by Canadians, which were then divided into five categories. Yet none of the ones selected really touched on foreign policy, and the section on Indigenous issues was quickly hijacked, becoming exclusively about pipelines – a further indignity to the issues. Meanwhile, the best question of the night, about the climate crisis, came from a man who was watching from the Halifax library. Which begs the question: If you're going to go to everyday Canadians for questions anyway, why have any moderators at all?"

In the end, there was "not enough of the one thing debate viewers are looking for: a clear idea of the grasp of issues of each leader. A ridiculous idea on paper was turned even more ridiculous by its execution."

One thing not mentioned in the opinion piece was what we see as the chaos caused by having six open microphones, a choice that opened the door to shouting matches, which occurred regularly between Messrs. Trudeau and Scheer and often made it impossible to understand what either was saying.

As we see it, each leader ought to have worn a small mic that would be turned on only when he or she "had the floor."

In the end, we doubt that the debate changed anyone's mind and may actually have led some viewers to conclude that they wouldn't vote for anyone.

If there were any winners, they might have been Ms. May and Mr. Singh, who were relatively calm in addressing the issues and might be seen as expecting this election race to end in a dead heat, giving them an ability to keep a resultant minority government from taking any actions they would oppose.

And with the Liberals and Conservatives both unable to govern without help from the NDP and Green caucuses, there might even be the possibility of Canada having its first coalition government, with Green and/or NDP MPs having seats at the cabinet table.

That possibility might also open the doors for the new government to adopt some of the policies being advanced by the two parties, which recent polls show having support from about one-quarter of the electorate.

In the circumstances, it will be interesting to monitor the polling between now and Oct. 21.



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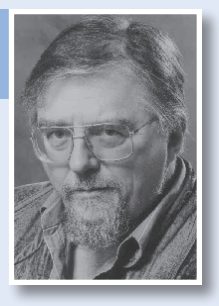
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Hong Kong protests

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



After the 17th consecutive weekend of increasingly violent protests in Hong Kong, the first protester was wounded by a live bullet on Tuesday. Tsang Chi-kin, an 18-year-old student, was one of a group of about a dozen students attacking a policeman who had become separated from his comrades. The student was shot in the chest as he struck the man with a metal pole. He is expected to survive.

A hundred other Hong Kongers, civilians and police, were treated in hospitals on the same day for injuries incurred during what the Beijing regime calls "riots". The violence has grown over the months, and sometimes that is an accurate description of what is going on in the streets. Even if the protesters are in the right, they are definitely a lot less non-violent than they were at the start.

What is remarkable (though rarely remarked upon) is the restraint shown by the police who, although employed by the Hong Kong city government, ultimately serve the repressive dictatorship in Beijing.

It's only relative restraint, of course – we are not talking about the RCMP or 'kindly British bobbies' here – but during months of escalating violence they have still managed not to kill anybody. Even on Tuesday, when the rest of China was marking the 70th anniversary of the People's Republic, the protests in Hong Kong continued and nobody died.

To understand how remarkable this is, ask yourself this. How many protesters would American police have killed by now if equally violent protests had been taking place in the streets of a major American city every weekend for the past four months?

This is not proof of how nice China's rulers are. It's evidence of how worried they are. They dare not make too many concessions to the protesters, but they want to avoid using major force against them – doing another Tiananmen Square massacre, so to speak – because they think the price would be very high. They are right about that.

When Britain returned the colony of Hong Kong to China in 1997, it was China's main financial window on the world. That's why it was granted a special status in China ('one country, two systems') for the next 50 years. It has free speech, the rule of law, all sorts of privileges that do not exist in the rest of China – but ultimately it must bow to Beijing.

Two decades later, its status as a global financial centre remains a major asset for the regime, but there are red lines that President Xi Jinping will never cross, like letting Hong Kong people choose their own government in a free election. This is now one of the protesters' demands (although it wasn't at the start), but it simply is not going to happen.

The Communist Party rules through carefully chosen, mostly non-Communist puppets in Hong Kong, but it does rule. As Carrie Lam, Hong Kong's chief executive, explained in a private meeting with business leaders last month, her freedom of action is "very, very, very limited."

She got into trouble in the first place by putting forward a new extradition law that would have allowed Hong Kong residents to be tried in Chinese courts, where accused people have few rights and the conviction rate is 99%. She probably did it against her own better judgement, but the orders came from above.

When the public pushed back, sensing that this could be the beginning of the end for Hong Kong's relative freedom, Lam probably wanted to drop the matter, but it took her months to persuade Beijing to let her do it. In June she "shelved" the law, in August she said it was "dead", but only in early September did she actually get Beijing's permission to withdraw it.

Too little, too late. By then the protests had escalated far beyond the specific law to sweeping demands for democracy in Hong Kong. Most people outside China will sympathise, but it cannot happen. The Communist regime's first priority is its own survival, so it will not permit such an example to flourish on Chinese soil.

The protesters have won what they originally came out for: the withdrawal of the extradition law. Their other demands will never be granted, because they imperil the ultimate authority of the Communist Party. It's time to collect their winnings and step away from the table.

If they don't, Beijing will ultimately crush the protests no matter how much economic and reputational damage that does. In August it doubled the number of troops it keeps in Hong Kong under the guise of 'rotating' the garrison: the replacements came in, but the others didn't actually leave.

Sooner or later, if things go on like this, they will be used.

How young is too young to vote?

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



I'll admit, prior to a recent discussion, this is a topic about which I had not given a great deal of thought. Prompted to do so however, I've been reflecting upon it with friends, family and with the many young adults of my acquaintance. I've also done some research and it seems to me, in an era where Greta Thunberg and Autumn Peltier, aged 16 and 15 respectively, are addressing the UN and single-handedly making a global impact, it is nothing short of pompous to suggest youth have nothing of merit to add to political debate and/or no valid opinion and so must be prevented from exercising the right to vote.

In an age where young adults feel disenfranchised and at the same time we (us older folk) are seeking out ways to ensure youth become more politically engaged, what better way to do so than by granting them the right to vote at age 16. Young adults often believe they have no potential influence over the outcome of an election and they're right, because at least for those between the ages of 16-18 they're not eligible to exert that influence. Yet, all political parties allow young adults between the ages of 14 – 16 (it varies) to volunteer for candidates, to join a political party and/or to canvas on their behalf. Presumably, these are engaged and involved young adults. Is it too much of a stretch to entertain the concept that they have sufficient intelligence to weigh the pros and cons of candidates in order to register an informed vote? Youth aged 16 or more are granted a license to drive and they are eligible to work and to pay taxes for the privilege of doing so. I ask – if you can drive a car, earn income and pay taxes to the government, all at age 16, why not also allow these young citizens to vote?

Some of you may recall that locally, we had a young adult running for the position of school trustee. He was 19 at the time and a student in university. The provincial Progressive Conservatives have a sitting MP who is just 22 years of age and who was first elected at age 19. Neither emerged as fully formed, politically savvy and sentient human beings at age 19. Those seeds would have been sown much earlier. Who – and what - determines maturity? Who assesses fitness to vote? Why is age (specifically the age of 18) the "magic" number? I know of (and I'm sure most of you do too) many older adults who have no business exercising their right to vote. They might be 30, or 40 or 50+ but their mental fitness to vote? That's another matter entirely! Perhaps there should be some form of "means test" to determine voter competency? If only.

Not long ago, in 2018, Stéphane Perrault, then acting chief electoral officer, told CBC News, "changing the minimum legal age for casting a ballot is a "fundamental policy" change only Parliament can make" — but he thinks it's worth considering. "Voting when you're 16 is voting at a time when most Canadians…. are still in school, at a place that we can actually get to them and engage them." Polling stations are located inside schools and many schools actively engage their students in education around the electoral process. There is no doubt in my mind that some young adults are significantly better informed than their adult counterparts and well-equipped to handle the responsibility of voting. In fact, Mr. Perrault went on to share another fact: "we know that Canadians who vote early in their lifetime will continue to vote, and those who don't vote in the first few elections will tend not to vote later on. So there's a real benefit to making sure that Canadians vote early."

Stéphane Perrault is not alone. Elizabeth May, leader of the Green Party, tabled a private members bill just this past August suggesting young adults aged 16+ be given the right to vote. In a tweet on the 23rd of that month she wrote: "Yes. I tabled a private members bill to change voting age to 16! Greens are clear that young people need a voice." With this announcement, at least one political party is acknowledging that young adults not only have the right to join a party, canvas and to volunteer but also to vote for them. It remains to be seen after this federal election who will be in power and whether this bill will gain any traction in parliament.

I'll end with this. Not only do I believe there is significant merit in having the voting age reduced to 16, I believe too that we can capitalize on it. I suggest we partner students with seniors for a "Drive the Vote" initiative where students volunteer to drive a senior to the polling station. Think about it. It's a win – win situation for both students and seniors and potentially, for all of Canada as well. #DrivetheVote. BTW – Where's DOFO?

Our Readers Write

An accident just waiting to happen

As a local resident and driver of these roads for the past 50 years, I have to say I am seeing something that is very scary and what I believe a very bad accident just waiting to happen.

I drive Highway 10 up and down the mountain almost daily as I go between Mayfield and Orangeville. And coming down the mountain it is like the Indy 500, with so many vehicles in the fast lane wanting to go faster than those bad drivers who choose to drive in the fast or passing lane at a slower speed. That is another problem all of it's own.

But the biggest problem with what I am seeing is these vehicles in the fast lane right on the bumpers of the car in front of them are fully loaded gravel and dump trucks of all sizes and combinations.

And these are not the Grahams & Jimmy Dicks of the trucking industry, but rather they are the independants. And I always smell a very strong smell of burning break pads and burning clutch plates, so this tells me these drivers are not experienced in bringing such loaded vehicles down such a steep grade.

The real scary part is any day now one of these big rigs is going to loose it's break or clutch and then the collateral damage will be inevitable.

I am not sure what is the answer here, and I certainly can't tell if any politician is like minded as all they are doing is throwing each other under the bus and no one seems to be telling us what they will do for us. It was that horrific head on crash on the forks of the credit where 8 teens were killed on Mother's Day 1995 when our past Mayor started Road Watch.

Any suggestions for the Hot Wheels tearing down the mountain everyday would be great.

Brian Perras
Caledon

Focus on arthritis

There are 6 million reasons why arthritis needs to be a healthcare focus during this federal election: that's how many Canadians live with chronic pain, restricted mobility and fatigue from arthritis in their daily lives.

I'm joining the Arthritis Society in challenging each party to commit to the following:

- Ensure all Canadians have access to medicines they need by providing a national pharmacare program that gives equitable access to a broad range of medically necessary treatments at an affordable price, wherever you live in Canada.

- Stop taxing medical cannabis and make it available through pharmacies. Medical cannabis IS medicine, and should be treated the same as other medications.

- Help reduce joint replacement wait times by increasing the Canada Health Transfer. Arthritis is the cause of most joint replacements. Provinces struggle to provide these surgeries in a timely fashion. Increasing the Canada Health Transfer will help Provinces ensure people don't have to wait in unnecessary pain.

By committing to these actions, the parties can show their support for Canadians living with arthritis. To learn more visit: www.arthritis.ca/FedVote2019.

Sara Papasodaro
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Early morning collision investigation leads to 18 criminal charges

On Friday, Oct. 4, at about 3:35 a.m., officers from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Caledon Detachment received a call for a single vehicle collision in the area of King Street and Creditview Road in the Town of Caledon.

When officers arrived, they received information that a passenger of the vehicle involved in a crash fled on foot immediately after the collision. The officers became concerned for the passenger's safety and began searching the area.

The officers located the passenger and determined that the party was not hurt. Further investigation was conducted, which led to the following items being located by the officer:

- Two replica firearms, several automobile master keys, and multiple break in instruments.

As a result, Kara Janes, 30, of Brampton, was charged with the following offences:

- Fail to comply with recognizance X 11 counts;
- Possession of automobile master key X four counts;
- Possession of imitation weapon X two counts, and
- Possession of break in instruments.

The accused will appear at the Orangeville Court of Justice later today to answer to the charges

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information in relation to this incident is asked to contact Caledon OPP detachment at (905) 584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to $2,000 upon an arrest.

Make sober choices this Thanksgiving weekend

On Friday, Oct. 4, at about 10:35 p.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a traffic complaint in the area of Highway 50 and Old Church Road in the town of Caledon. The complainant advised that the vehicle was travelling under the speed limit and was swerving into oncoming traffic.

The officer located the vehicle and determined that the driver was impaired. The driver was arrested and transported to the Caledon Detachment, where breath tests were conducted.

As a result, Holly Coles, 51, of Caledon was charged with:

- Operation while impaired, and
- Operation while impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration Equal to or Exceeding 80 mgs.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on Oct. 24 to answer to the charges.

On Sunday, Oct. 6, at about 2:50 a.m., officers responded to a traffic complaint in the area of Highway 10 and King Street in the town of Caledon. Officers attended the area and conducted an investigation.

As a result, Sukhwinder Sahota, 43, of Caledon was arrested and charged with:

- Operation while impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration Equal to or Exceeding 80 mgs

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice on October 24, 2019 to answer to the charges

Caledon OPP would like to remind all motorists to drive sober over upcoming Thanksgiving weekend:

- Plan a way to safely get home before the Thanksgiving festivities begin;
- Always designate a sober driver;
- If you are impaired, take a taxi, call a sober friend or family member;
- If you see an impaired driver on the road, call 911, and
- If you know someone who is about to drive while impaired, take their keys and help them make safe, sober travel arrangements to where they are going.

Caledon OPP welcomes seven new officers

Last week, Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has welcomed seven new officers to help us serve our community. The new recruits graduated on Oct. 1, after attending the Ontario Police College in Aylmer, Ontario, as well at the Ontario Provincial Police Academy in Orillia.

A career in policing is primarily about working with people to ensure public safety through crime prevention and law enforcement. Police work requires the building of relationships in the community, while preserving the peace, preventing crime, and assisting victims of crime.

The new officers were selected based on their:

- Education
- Lifestyle/Life Experience
- Community Service
- Employment
- Leadership
- Driving
- Communication Skills
- Special Skills
- Motivation
- Fitness

The officers had gone through an extensive selection process and training, and are ready to fulfill their life-long dreams of being officers with the OPP. "Our seven new officers bring many languages, cultures and life experiences to serve the Caledon community," Inspector Mike Garant

If you are interested in giving back to your community, volunteering part-time with the Caledon Auxiliary Unit is a great way to make a difference. Visit www.opp.ca for details.

Foodland robbery suspect arrested

On Friday, Sept. 20, at approximately 11:04 a.m. officers from Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a reported robbery at a business located in the area of Airport Road and Hilltop Drive in the town of Caledon.

Information was received that a male suspect attended a grocery store and attempted to steal cash. The suspect got into an altercation with the store employees. As a result, the employees were transported to a local hospital with minor injuries.

After an extensive investigation involving Caledon Major Crime Unit, Community Street Crime Unit and Regional Support Team, the suspect was identified as Brian Turner, 27, of Brampton.

On October 3rd, 2019, Turner was arrested by OPP officers in Gravenhurst and charged with the following offences:

- Robbery with Violence;
- Assault X two counts, and
- Assault causing bodily harm.

The accused will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice later today for a bail hearing.

Caledon OPP would like to thank the public for their assistance in this investigation.

COMMUNITY events

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen ***editor@caledoncitizen.com****, call* ***(905) 857-6626*** *or* ***1-888-557-6626*** *if you wish to have an announcement published.*

Free Community Event – Let's Talk ... Climate Change
At Bolton United Church, 8 Nancy Street, Bolton, L7E 1C7
Friday, October 18th for 6 pm Supper – followed by guest speaker Mark Berardine, President of Wellington Catholic Teachers Association & Member of Guelph Labour Council
For more information call 905-857-2615 or e-mail office@boltonunitedchurch.com

Caledon Chamber Concerts presents the opening concert in our 2019-2020 season. The concert features the Serenade Ensemble in a program titled "Flute and Strings", with music by Mozart, Schubert and Ries. The concert will take place on Saturday, October 19, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at St. James' Anglican Church, 6025 Old Church Road, Caledon East. Tickets are $35 for adults and $15 for students 16 years and under, and may be purchased at Forster's Book Garden, Howard the Butcher and BookLore. For information about this concerts call Gordon Morton at 905-880-2445. For information about the rest of the season,

Caledon Concert Band presents Halloween Hoedown on Sunday, October 27 at Caledon East Community Complex. Starting at 2 p.m., the event will feature creepy and country classics. Kids attend for free, students and seniors can purchase tickets for $15, with adult tickets costing $20. For more information and to buy tickets, visit caledonconcertband.ca, or call 905-951-7979.

Caledon Public Library Caledon East Branch is hosting a Caledon East Block Party on Saturday, October 26th, 10 am – 2 pm. It is an opportunity for Caledon East residents to discover or re-discover their community library, meet neighbours and local organization and businesses. The event will include fun activities for the whole family – scarecrow building, pumpkin painting, video gaming; a demonstration of our Circuit Maker and the 3d printer; music; free BBQ and so much more.
Bolton North Hill Park Community Tree Planting Saturday October 26th 2019, 10am – noon
Please join us, rain or shine, to help Community volunteers, including Bolton Girl Guides & Boy Scouts, to plant potted native trees & shrubs in the Bolton North Hill Park (behind the Wellness Centre).
This is a family friendly event and youth of all ages are welcome. Come prepared with closed-toed waterproof footwear and we supply gloves, tools, treats & refreshments.
Park in the rear or side parking lots of the Caledon Centre for Recreation & Wellness (14111 Hwy 50 Bolton L7E 2V2).
Co-sponsored by Toronto & Region Conservation (TRCA), Town of Caledon & Bolton & District Horticultural Society (BDHS)
Treats & refreshments generously donated by Bolton's Tim Hortons.
For further information; contact Richard Hunt @ rich.hunt2018@rogers.com or 905-583-1487 – during the event call my cell @ 416-417-7676

Achill Choral Society presents "Glorious Sounds" christmas concerts
Our concerts include traditional Christmas favourites and feature Bob Chilcott's spectacular and upbeat Gloria, performed with a pianist, string ensemble, and soloists. We include an audience sing-along. Led by Artistic Director Shawn Grenke. November 30: 3:00 pm, Christ Church Anglican, 22 Nancy St., Bolton. December 1: 3:00 pm, Westminster United Church, 247 Broadway, Orangeville. Adults $25; Youth (13-17) $10; Children $5. Ticket seller information and online tickets are available at Achill.ca or call Gail at 905 857-2737.

Seniors Drop-in Centre is open every Friday at St. James Church in Caledon East. Hosted by Caledon Seniors' Council and open from 10.00am to 3.00pm every Friday.
A friendly Social place to meet, chat, play euchre or bridge with other community members. Lunch is served at noon for a mere cost of $5.00 Pot luck lunches, Birthday
Celebrations Guest speakers and trips are also included. All seniors welcome. Call Alex for more info. At 905-584-0591.

An evening of euchre is held the first and third Friday of the month at Terra Cotta Community Hall. Play will start at 7 p.m. sharp. The cost is $3 per person, and proceeds raised will go to the operation of the hall. For more information, contact John or Cheryl at 289-344-0033.

Caledon East Seniors Club #588 meets every Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. at the Caledon Community Complex, Caledon East. Everyone is welcome for an afternoon of friendly euchre and lunch. For more information, call (905) 951-9376.

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Terry Fallis, Cathy Hird present new novels at Forster's Book Garden

Written By KIRA WRONSKA DORWARD

Forster's Book Garden had double the luck over the weekend as two authors came for signings at the store. Both comedic writer Terry Fallis and former Palgrave United Church Minister Cathy Hird were present to promote their new books, Albatross and the last book in her second fantasy series, Shattered, respectively.

"It's gonna be a great day," said Donna of Forster's Book Garden. "Terry's a big name, and Cathy has her own following because she was Minister of the United Church…so we should have a big crowd, and that's always exciting." Aside from the presence of the writers, Bolton Mills Retirement Community donated a gift basket as a draw prize for the event.

Fallis, coming to fame after self-publishing The Best Laid Plans, which subsequently won the Stephen Leacock medal, was eager to talk about the theme of Albatross, which examines the relationship between professional success and personal happiness.

"To me," says Fallis, "it's a story about the tension that exists between happiness and success, and the confusion that happens when you're at that place in your life…you work so much for success, and then are surprised when that doesn't bring happiness. The moral of the story is that we have to find out what makes us happy, and how to incorporate that into your life."

Speaking from his personal experience as a best-selling author, Fallis continues, "very few people have the luxury of building a career out of something that you love to do… and suddenly you can't turn back from that. I've seen a couple of friends go through that, so it inspired me to examine the issue."

Obviously a novel written by someone at the height of their career, Fallis assures everyone that Albatross is not a novel about golf, although the author does play his fair share while not writing. "It's about life, love and loss, and that tension between happiness and success. I hope its similar [to my other novels] in that readers will be entertained, they'll enjoy it, have a few laughs, and hopefully get a lump in their throat once in a while."

Former Palgrave United Church Minister Cathy Hird was delighted to be back among her flock. "It's great to comeback and reconnect with people and see how the Caledon community is faring…Working in Caledon, I learned a lot about actually living out of your environmental community. Palgrave United Church is consciously green…so I think it helped me ground my writing in the moment and the place. My second fantasy series [is] set just outside of Thornbury…I think the 9 ½ years [in Caledon], I thought about walking softly in creation, and it's there in the writing."

Reflecting on her body of work, her two separate fantasy series, and her upcoming novel, Hird ruminates, "[The fantasy series] are very different, and with each one I've been able to delve into a different place, a different take on people…I think the upcoming [novel] is the best, but I love what I explored in each of them."



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AUTHORS VISIT: Terry Fallis signs a copy of his new novel Albatross for local Fionna Ferguson, as former Minister and author Cathy Hird looks on.

Protect Mono hosts fashion show fundraiser to oppose new gravel pit

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

A not-for-profit group opposed to a new open gravel pit in Mono hosted a fundraising fashion show at Mrs. Mitchell's Restaurant on Tuesday, October 8.

Protect Mono is trying to stop a proposed gravel pit at a location on Highway 89, near Violet Hill. The proposed pit would cover an area of over 300 acres.

The property is owed by Orangeville-based Greenwood Construction, which provides concrete, aggregates, and asphalt products to Orangeville and the surrounding area.

The fashion show began with lunch at the restaurant then featured a runway show with models wearing designs by Italian fashion designer Sofia Verna.

"We've been fighting an application by Greenwood Construction," explained Protect Mono chair Leeanne Farrugia. "They're an aggregate company and they applied to re-zone over 300 acres of farmland right across the road (from the restaurant). They own 410 acres there. We're a not-for-profit organization. We work to engage our neighbors and inform them of this application. We are concerned about the health and safety of our community and the environment. There are 120 families that live in a close radius to that area. Traffic safety is a huge issue. We're not anti-aggregate, this is just an inappropriate location for industrial activity. The land is not zoned industrial, it's zoned rural / residential."

An application to the Town by Greenwood to have the area re-zoned was turned down by Mono Council but there has since been an appeal of the decision.

Organization member Rosemarie Eger said she and members of the group would prefer to see the land remain as it currently zoned.

"It's productive agricultural land now. It's being farmed," Ms. Eger said. "Mono has a plan in place and there never was a pit plan there. It was always supposed to be residential and agricultural land. This area is a unique area. It came together from three glaciers and it formed the unique topography and geology that we have here. We're stewards of our world. We have to preserve something for our children and our grandchild."

Protect Mono has fears that an operational gravel pit in that location will present a danger on Highway 89 with increased heavy truck traffic entering and exiting the pit.



The Rotary Club of Bolton will be hosting the 8th Annual Haunted Hill 5K/10K Run/Walk and Kids 1K Fun Run on Sunday, October 27, 2019

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At 10:00 am run or walk along Kingsview to Longwood and into Bolton Camp along the Murray Stewart Trail. Registered runners for the 5/10 km need to pick up a runner kit including Haunted Hill t-shirt and goodies. The day includes lunch and prizes. Limited to the first 400 Registrations.

Register as a runner, volunteer or sponsor on rotaryhauntedhill.com

All net proceeds for the day will go to local youth organizations including Humberview Alphadogs Robotics Team, First Lego-League Caledon, Kids First Caledon among others.

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D-C candidates face tough questions on parties' climate change actions

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

The minutes speed by until the Oct. 21 federal election, and under the Better Ballot Policy on debates, answers to questions are strictly timed and the red light means "stop talking, it's someone else's turn."

Thus candidates were kept on an even keel, able to be as clear as possible with their sometimes foggy, even pandering official policies and their personal points of view.

Stefan Wiesen garnered the most approval from the attendees, with his Green Party's clear vision of how determined people need to be to really make a difference, while outlining practical solutions.

The evening, staged at Westminster United Church on Thursday, October 3, was well attended. The five candidates each took their turn to open their remarks. They were Allison Brown (NDP), Chad Ransom (People's Party). Michele Fisher (Liberal Party), Kyle Seeback (Conservative Party) and Stefan Wiesen (Green Party). The moderator was Ray Young.

It should be noted here: however much the Better Ballot assured the overall polite demeanour of the participants, it has to be said this was not so much a debate as a Q and A. Inasmuch as there was no provision for rebuttal, questions were posed and responses were primarily scripted. So, while the Better Ballot system eliminated attacks and over talking, it also killed the fire that makes such actual debates more interesting and, in some ways, more informative. It would be good to see one last debate with the Better Ballot re-thought and rebuttal permitted.

This event was hosted by Climate Change Action Dufferin/Caledon (CCA-CD).

Allison Brown was asked to begin, which she did in French then proceeded in English to explain that she has been a nurse for 30 years. "My parents sacrificed a lot to move to Canada and I am happy to serve as best I can. There are so many issues around climate change."

With a note of irony, Chad Ransom remarked, "You're wondering why I'm here. I don't believe there is a crisis and I think we have longer than ten years to sort things out." Looking around at the church, he said, "I was christened here. I'm here because I want to make sure everyone is taken care of."

Michele Fisher opened by saying, "I was part of the campaign that stopped a pit from being developed [in this area] years ago. I have a long-time commitment to the environment. I'm convinced we have a serious ambition for the environment."

Kyle Seeback opened his remarks by emphasizing, "We have to leave a greener, cleaner planet for our children. It's essential that we take this campaign globally." Mr. Seeback and his family moved to Orangeville in 2017.

Stefan Wiesen, who came to Canada from Germany in 1993, got his Canadian citizenship and has been active in the community as a matter his life's interests. He began his remarks with, "There is a lack of political will-power to make the changes needed."

There were four set questions, plus three "local" questions, and then, such as time allowed, questions from the audience written on cards and present by the moderator.

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FOCUS ON WOMEN IN BUSINESS







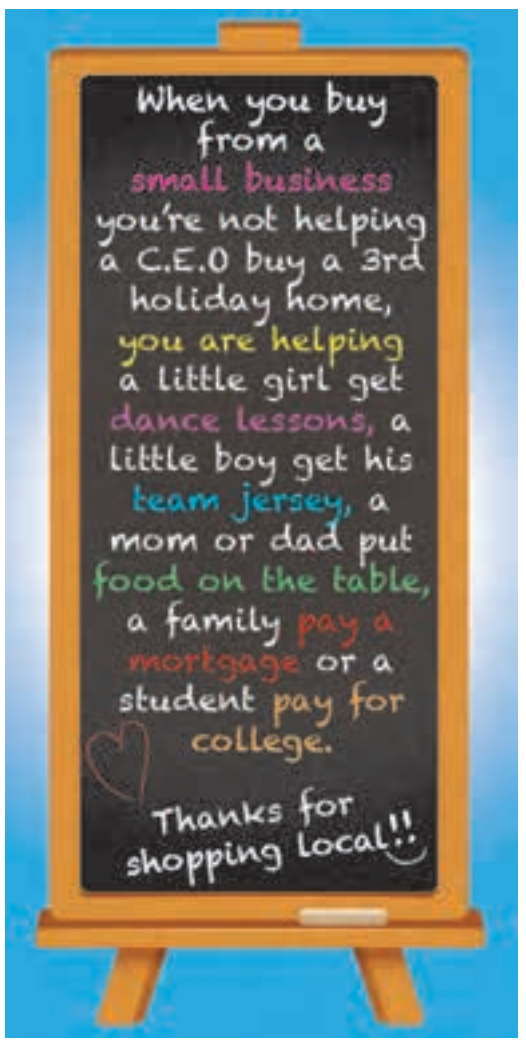


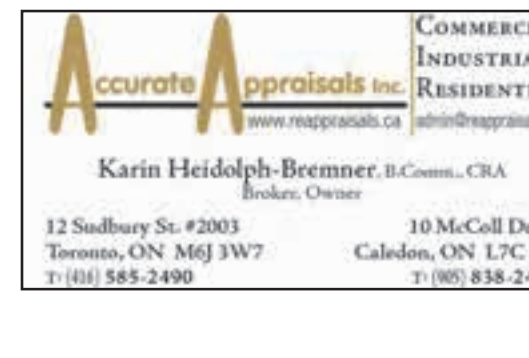












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D-C candidates face tough questions on parties' climate-change actions

Moving briskly on, to the first of the pre-written questions, its subject was climate change and how each party planned to meet Canada's international obligations to reduce Green House Gas pollution.

First to speak was Mr. Ransom, "I do not believe in the climate crisis but I am interested in seeing people practise what they preach."

Basically, planting two billion trees, building infrastructure for electric vehicles and cutting corporate taxes for those companies showing strong green initiatives, were the beginnings of the Liberal plan, according to Ms. Fisher.

In his turn, Mr. Seeback stated that Conservatives mentioned the Paris Climate Agreement that, according to the parliamentary budget office, Canada has not achieved its goals to date. "We would invest in green technology. There's new technology with steel; eliminating carbon in steel production. Enforce regulations against big emitters; protect green land and take this globally, especially against China."

It is the bickering about the subject that bothers Mr. Wiesen: "We need to focus, all hands on deck, with no partisanship. There needs to be stringent targets." He opined that not all countries can be leaders but that Canada can lead, as we have done with peace-keeping.

"The national electrical grid needs to go across the country, east to west," said he.

Ms. Brown told us that the NDP have a bold climate plan that will create 300,000 jobs. She talked of encouraging electrical vehicles. "Dufferin-Caledon has seen the negative effects of flooding. We'll be working with communities," she promised.

Next up was a question about water. With the longest coastline the world, half the world's fresh water lakes and "roughly 10% of the world's wetlands;" and with the re-emergence of pollution "hotspots" like Lake Erie, the question asked what policies were in place to work with different sectors of the country to reduce water pollution and the risk of floods.

Ms. Fisher was first on for that, talking about the proposed investment of $2 billion to cover 36 projects to upgrade water plants.

Mr. Seeback kept it short by saying there had to be no more waste going into water.

However, Mr. Wiesen was ebullient; "Why now?" he asked. "After all these years of allowing industry to discharge industrial waste into water – the equipment to clear water exists – this is the Green plan."

The Bill of Rights about water was Ms. Brown's handle on the subject. She maintained government has to work with communities and felt it is important to monitor Canada's flood maps.

Mr. Ransom spread his hands and said, "This is the headwaters for the most rivers in Ontario. It's common sense," says he, "not to dump waste into the water. I think there should be a tax rebate for properties with a wetland that is properly cared for; the wetlands are the responsibility of the landowners."

Following a question about wilderness conservation, the fourth query raised the ugly subjects of pollution and toxic substances. In spite of rigorous legislation in years past, reducing such dangers as coal, lead and DDT, the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA) has not been updated in 20 years. Given that many more substances have come into the public arena with pesticides and chemicals in prepared foods, showing ill affects on the health of citizens and costing millions in health care, candidates were asked to claim whether they would commit to protect Canadians from these toxins and update the CEPA.

Taking up the mantel, Mr. Wiesen was firm, "Any company must prove chemicals in their products are not harmful. The Green Party is fiscally responsible – getting rid of toxins reflects savings in health care."

"Environment and people must be protected," Ms. Brown remarked. "The law hasn't been undated since 1995. Water bottles and cans - there needs to be a deposing them."

Chad Ransom claimed, "The PPC will lower tax rates by 10% for companies to be more profitable – strengthening environmental policies – we'll incentivize people for lower emissions."

"The Liberal party is set to reform the Environmental Protection Act; eliminate coal, reduction of mercury and ban single use plastics. The Liberals banned asbestos," Ms. Fisher assured the meeting.

Technology and globalization of the problem is the mantra of the Conservative party, as explained by Mr. Seeback. "New investment in technology bioreactors. All emissions can be absorbed."

What followed were three local questions: the first: what are your three top priorities for helping with climate change?

Ms. Brown offered her regrets for not having policy answers except to say, "The resources are there and the knowledge. We have to use them."

Sitting next to her, Mr. Ransom explored cleaner living, good use of technology, and a tax rebate for owners of four acres left for wilderness.



PHOTO: CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

CLIMATE DEBATE: Five of the six candidates vying for your vote in the Oct. 21 election participated in an debate focusing on the environment on Oct. 3. Pictured above from left to right, Allison Brown (NDP), Chad Ransom (PPC), Michele Fisher (Liberal), Kyle Seeback (Conservative) and Stefan Wiesen (Green)

Proposing her own list, Ms. Fisher suggested, "Infrastructure for electric transportation across the country The same for municipalities too. Five thousand plug-ins across the country.

She said, "We'll plant trees and use climate change technology."

There was real progress on a certain matter from Kyle Seeback, "We need to take advantage of technology. Steel production accounts for 20% of global emissions.

There's new technology to help with that. Bill and Linda Gates are working on new technology to deal with cement. There will be green patent credits on new technology.

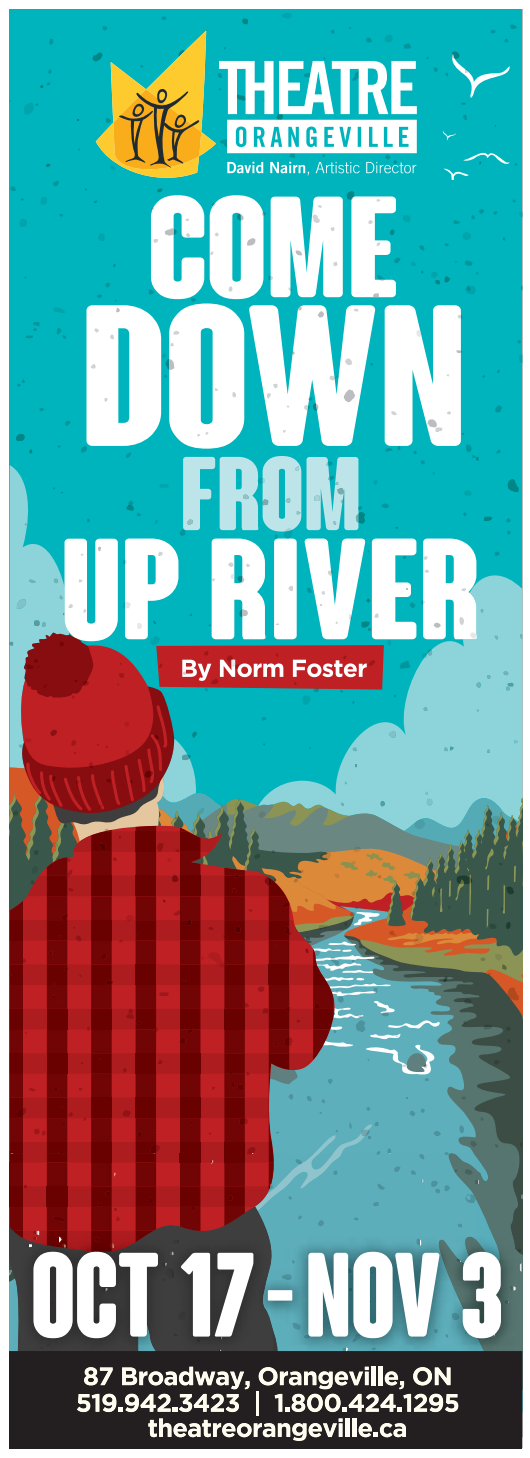
"It's absolutely essential that we go global with India, China and Russia, get them increasing their efforts."

The Sinatra test was brought forward by Mr. Wiesen, "Pipelines, fracking has to stop. Only then can we make any progress. (to great applause). Then, renewal of natural water and lands. [Finally] Dealing with food waste and taking a wholistic approach."

Inevitably, the Trans Mountain Pipeline came to the table.

"Did you drive your gas-powered car here?" Ms. Fisher demanded of the crowd. "We depend on oil and gas. The pipeline is safer than train or/and truck and we have strong plan for environmental protection."

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Bolton flood victims reflect on ‘traumatic time’ six months later

According to the Disaster Recovery Assistance Plan, “costs relating to uninsured essential property that is damaged may be applied for where insurance coverage is only available for a portion of the value of the lost property…the program may provide partial coverage [to those] also affected by overland flooding.”

When it came to filing claims and dealing with the provincial adjustors, “everybody’s story was different,” says Lehman, who’s claim was approved in late September. Earlier in the month, Lehman had been candid with The Citizen about the extent of the damage to the basement apartment her daughter and granddaughter had been living in, and how much of a struggle they had faced over the summer to rebuild and recoup their losses.

“We’re between $15,000 to $17,000 for replacing the furnace, air conditioner, insulation, dry wall, and general materials. Because [the province] hasn’t come back to us with anything, I’ve been borrowing… If this had been my fault, my insurance would have covered it, but because it was ‘an Act of God’, it’s the Town’s fault and I have to pay?”



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COMMUNITY UNDER WATER: Some of the victims affected by the flood in Bolton back in March have opened up about the troubles they’ve had getting their lives back on track. Dozens of homes in the community, like the one pictured above, were left partially underwater after an ice jam on the Humber River quickly melted.

This goes into another major issue with those applying for disaster relief assistance. All applicants had to pay for any costs upfront, later to be reimbursed after filing the necessary paperwork with the province and meeting with the adjustor. If residents could provide an estimate, they were given a percentage for a down payment to a contractor, but the contractor would have to agree to wait to be paid the principle until the reimbursement came through. Most residents simply did not have the liquid assets lying around to start the process, and some still haven’t even begun to either file a claim or start rebuilding.

“With no insurance and no disaster relief upfront, people are forced to sit and do nothing, or do it themselves,” says Lehman. “And the [Town and Province] don’t get it. We’re starting to get money back now that we can reinvest into something we can use. The good news is, I’ve become very handy with power tools.”

Two families are still not even back in their homes, and there is some doubt as to whether they will ever be. One family, recent immigrants from Portugal living in a basement apartment have since moved into cramped quarters with relatives in Etobicoke after their apartment and possessions were completely destroyed in the flood. “The river runneth through it,” says Briochi. “It was bad. They were lucky to be alive.” To add insult to injury, after storing donated furniture items in the Albion-Bolton Recreation Centre for a few months, the Town obliged them to move their things into storage at their own cost, using the excuse of needing the space for a children’s camp that never ended up using the municipal space.

“God forbid anybody have a heart and compassion at the Town of Caledon,” remarks Briochi.

Starr Jones, in contrast, has had relative success with applying for and receiving compensation for the damage to her house fairly quickly. However, during the flood, she struggled with even being recognized as a resident of Bolton, was told her address did not exist by emergency workers, and her name was lost five times on the list of affected residents, who needed to be registered on that list to receive emergency accommodation and support.

“Nobody was talking to anybody,” says Jones of her experience with dealing with emergency responders. “No one from the Town ever spoke to me.” It took Jones three weeks to get her hydro back up and running.

Michael Pascucci and his wife were also residents for whom insurance became a very expensive and useless agreement. Not covered for any of the damage because they lacked the “overland insurance” clause, they have as yet not attempted to rebuild or apply for the provincial grant.

“For us,” says Michael, “because the water [outside] was gone in two days, people forgot. Meanwhile there’s still three feet of water in the basement and everything is still destroyed.”

For families and individuals to take it upon themselves to rebuild their homes, Briochi asks, “if they don’t know about home maintenance, what makes you think they know how to tear down and rebuild?”

Marion Upshall, who runs a home building company, adds, “giving a generic list of links without any guidance doesn’t help.” The Province has subsequently provided one consultant to help residents with rebuilding their homes.

When contacted, the office of MPP Sylvia Jones, responsible for overseeing the Disaster Relief, released this statement:

“The safety of families in Dufferin-Caledon will always be my top priority as MPP. Our communities were heartbroken by the flooding that affected homes in Bolton, and I want to thank the first responders, volunteers and concerned citizens who stepped forward to keep their neighbours safe in these very difficult times.

I have been working with the Minister of Municipal Affairs on providing assistance to Bolton residents who were affected by the flood. It is important that disaster assistance is accessible to those who are eligible, and we are determined to ensure help is there when and where it is needed to keep people safe and meet their essential needs. While Disaster Response Assistance (DRAO) is not designed to replace insurance, we have taken steps to ensure information is accessible to help individuals and families understand what they are eligible for and get them the help they need quicker and more efficiently.

As a result of feedback from Ontarians, we have added resources and personnel to help serve applicants of the program. For example, we have made improvements to the list of eligible items and updated the caps on them to provide more assistance. Detailed information about Ontario’s disaster recovery assistance program is available on the government’s website – Ontario.ca/DisasterAssistance.”

In the wake of the disaster, there was such a state of confusion that further impeded dealing with the situation at hand. In terms of getting assistance and recognition from the Town, Province, and TRCA, “it was insane what we had to go through just to get the delegation [before Town Council],” says Briochi. “I had to force that delegation.”

In the most recent Town Council on Sept. 24, Fuwing Wong, General Manager of Finance and Infrastructure Services for the Town, stated he was not aware of the infamous report-to-come from the TRCA, despite the many mentions of it at previous council meetings.

“We went in with a positive idea to promote economic development [by using local businesses to rebuild], but more importantly to work in partnership with Council to help with the process,” she says with exasperation.

Several Town Council meetings addressed the Flood Committee and delegation, with mixed results in the minds of those involved. The first meeting was held in March immediately after the events, a second in April to address concerns going forward, and another in May which resulted in the promises mentioned at the beginning of this article. Since Council has reconvened in September, issues are still being sorted and residents’ problems continue to be heard out.

Discussing how concerns about the ice jams rising water levels were largely ignored by the Town in February and March, Starr Jones comments, “I would just like the Town to be a little more respectful and actually listen to the people who live here. It’s right in our backyard, we can see what’s going on, and we know the area.”

“They waited too long [to act]”, is the consensus of the group on the Town’s response to the events of March 13th and 14th. “The provincial funding is not adequate, and no one’s house is ever going to be exactly the way it was. Not even close.”

“I want the Town to be held accountable for a responsible strategic plan going forward, so I don’t stress every March that this is going to happen again,” says Lehman. She goes on to discuss what had been the ambiguous role of the TRCA and the municipality when it came to making the calls about the flood.

“We know now that the TRCA is an advisory board to the municipality,” she continued. On March 13th and 14th, the TRCA had issued warnings, which the Town failed to act on. There has subsequently been much inquiry and debate into which governing body is ultimately responsible for acting to prevent and deal with emergencies such as the Bolton Flood, which was very unclear to all parties at the time.

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Also of concern are the minutes and action item updates from these various meetings and Town Councils. When asked to provide minutes of the May meeting, Sandra Sharpe of the Mayor’s Office sent this statement:

“I’m sorry if there was confusion, however ,to clarify, the purpose of the second meeting was to provide an opportunity for impacted residents to hear from the Province on the disaster relief funding. No minutes were taken. I can refer you to our Public Works and TRCA about measures they are taking to mitigate any further impacts to flood in the area.”

“We have a lot left to do,” says Lehman. “My big thing right now is we cannot change the past. I want to know what the long-term plan is, with the Farmer’s Almanac predicting a similar winter that gets cold and heats up. I have seen the TRCA down in that valley for two weeks counting trees instead of removing debris from the river. We’re starting to move forward now, but we’re going into another winter, and we don’t know what’s going to happen. Why would we want to go through this again? We’re dealing with these types of water levels again still in the fall.”

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When asked for a statement regarding the Town’s conduct during and after the flood, as well as steps going forward, Mayor Thompson stated:

“Natural disasters, like the Bolton Flood in March of this year, can be unpredictable and can test a community’s ability to respond and care for those affected. I am very proud of the response of the Town, our community partners, agencies and, most of all, the kindness of Caledon residents and businesses.

During the event, The Town of Caledon’s Community Emergency Response Plan was put in place to bring the necessary support organizations together to coordinate and provide essential services, such as accommodations, to those in need. Following the flood, the Town worked very hard with our local MPP to secure funding through the Province’s Disaster Recovery Assistance for Ontarians reimbursement program.

We continue to work with TRCA to ensure residents have the necessary information available for flood emergencies, so that they know what to do in case of a flood and how to keep their family safe.”

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Not having an official record of what was said between municipality and residents, and therefore what may or may not have been agreed upon, is problematic for residents and the Flood Committee trying to make their way through the bureaucratic quagmire, with residents having to flit between the TRCA, the provincial government, and the Town for answers.

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IMPACTS STILL FELT SIX MONTHS ON: It took several days before the flood waters subsided. Even today, some of the homes impacted by the devastation back in March still have water in the basement.





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PHOTO: MARK PAVILONS

A NEW ERA: Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson was on hand on Wednesday afternoon to celebrate the grand opening of the new Roy B. Clarkson Firehall.

New era for local fire department

Written By MARK PAVILONS

A new era of effective, life-saving care was ushered in with the official opening Wednesday of Bolton's Roy B. Clarkson Firehall Station 302.

The dual-use facility houses Caledon firefighters and Peel paramedics, available 24/7 to serve the needs of the community.

Dignitaries and representatives of neighbouring fire services attended the ceremony and unveiling of the sign. The building stands as a testament to those who give so much in the service of their community.

Clarkson was a 33-year veteran of the department in Caledon and died while fighting a house fire in February of 1980. There is no better tribute to a man who epitomizes the sentiment, "all give some, some give all."

It was fitting during Fire Prevention Week to open a new station and honour those who serve.

Carey Herd, Caledon's acting CAO, said this state-of-the-art, 18,000-square-foot facility houses bays, quarters, training space and offices.

Caledon Fire Chief Darryl Bailey said a huge team effort was required to undertake a project of this magnitude. He lauded the efforts of Caledon council and staff, noting this station is a very important step in providing high standards of service.

Peter Dundas, Peel's Chief Paramedic, said he's grateful with the relationship between Caledon Fire and Peel Paramedics. Station 302 will provide effective response and is strategically located to serve the community.

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D-C candidates face tough questions on parties' climate change actions

Mr. Seeback was forced to agree completely with her adding, "We have to find a way to marry these two – the tar sands with lower emissions."

Neither mentioned that the Trans Mountain Pipeline has nothing to do with gas in Canadian cars.

Mr. Wiesen did not agree: "A hard no! Mr. Trudeau had to buy the pipeline or the government would have been sued by the industry. But he should have said, 'we made a mistake and let's move on.' We can't just shut the tar sands down; we have to slowly fade it out by replacing it with green energy."

In summing up, Allison Brown referred to her "honesty and willingness to serve."

Chad Ransom is a "home town boy" for freedom of speech and compromise, wanting to make Canada a "better place to live."

Michele Fisher predicted five to ten years when it will easier to other options for driving and the plan to pass "hard five year milestones that future administrations cannot undo."

Kyle Seeback hoped his interest in the environment had surprised people and mentioned A Red Plan.ca to read the Conservative environmental proposals.

Stefan Wiesen offered simply, if people wondered who to vote for "Vote with your heart; science has your vote."

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Caledon Golden Hawks hold off Flyers to return to win column

Written By JAKE COURTEPATTE



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HAWKS BACK TO WINNING WAYS: The Caledon Golden Hawks celebrate a second period goal against the Midland Flyers in a 4 - 2 win at Caledon East Arena on Sunday.

The Caledon Golden Hawks managed to pick up a welcomed two points in Sunday's home matchup against Midland.

Taking to the ice for the regular Sunday hosting duties at Caledon East Arena, the Golden Hawks faced off against a streaking Flyers squad, having picked up wins in three of their previous four games.

Yet Caledon managed to get on the board first late in the opening frame, when an errant breakout pass from a Midland defender was intercepted by Luke Miehm, who fed Kory Lund for the game's first goal.

Noah Li doubled the home side's lead in the second, taking a breakaway pass from Ben Snow before burying the backhander.

Midland finally managed to best Caledon goaltender Jason Cumbo just past the midway point of the game, though William Patry notched his first of the season before the buzzer to restore the two-goal lead.

Both sides exchanged goals in the third, including an empty netter from Daniel Butt, for a final score of 4 – 2.

Cumbo, who earned an assist on the game's second goal, picked up his first victory of the season in his fourth try. He made 31 stops on 33 Midland shots.

It was a much-needed return to the win column for the Golden Hawks, who were stifled two nights prior by the Huntsville Otters on the road. Caledon gave up a 3 – 2 third period lead with three straight Huntsville goals to skate away with a 5 – 3 loss.

Cameron Clewes had Caledon's only goal at even strength, while Logan Hoover and Marc Bottero each contributed powerplay markers.

An up-and-down start to the season has the Golden Hawks hanging in the balance, though wins in two of the team's last three games certainly show potential.

They currently sit with a record of 3-5-0-0 through the first month of the Provincial Junior Hockey League season, good for a tie for sixth in the Carruthers division standings with the Flyers.

The Stayner Siskins, who the Golden Hawks will not have to face for the second time until late November, are pacing the league with a record of 5-2-0-0.

Next up for the Golden Hawks is a meeting with the Schomberg Cougars on the road on Thursday, a .500 club who hold just a two point advantage over Caledon.

The Golden Hawks are back at Caledon East Arena on Sunday to play host to the last place Otters, with puck drop scheduled for a 7p.m. start time.

For stats, schedules, and more information, visit www.jrcgoldenhawks.pointstreaksites.com.

CSHL News

Yale 6, Jiffy Lube 4

The other Yale goals were scored by team rep Ian Kerr, Roger Sinclair and Steve Tarasco. Joe Palumbo and Steve Smith led the assists parade with two each. Single helpers went to Dave Armstrong, Dom D'Orazio, Howard Wight and Luch Pinarello.

Jiffy Lube sponsor Brian Fetterly's hot hand continued as he scored for the second week in a row. The other goals came from Carlo Fantin, Clark Chung and CSHL president Rich Petrie. Team rep David Shoalts, Jamie Hardman, Jim Sabaziotis, John Pallotta, Romas Krilavicius and Peter Kuchar all had one assist.

Grit 5, Fines Ford 3

Team sponsor Greg Collins was the scoring hero with three goals. Val Acocella contributed a goal and two assists while Brian Samuel had the other goal. Team rep Victor Marrelli bagged three assists with John Castellucci getting two. Greg Unger was in brackets on one goal.

Mike Foley was in the driver's seat for Fines with two goals. Team rep Nick Taccogna matched Foley in points with a goal and an assist. Gary Hughes set up two goals.

Heart Lake Insurance 7, Rutherford 2

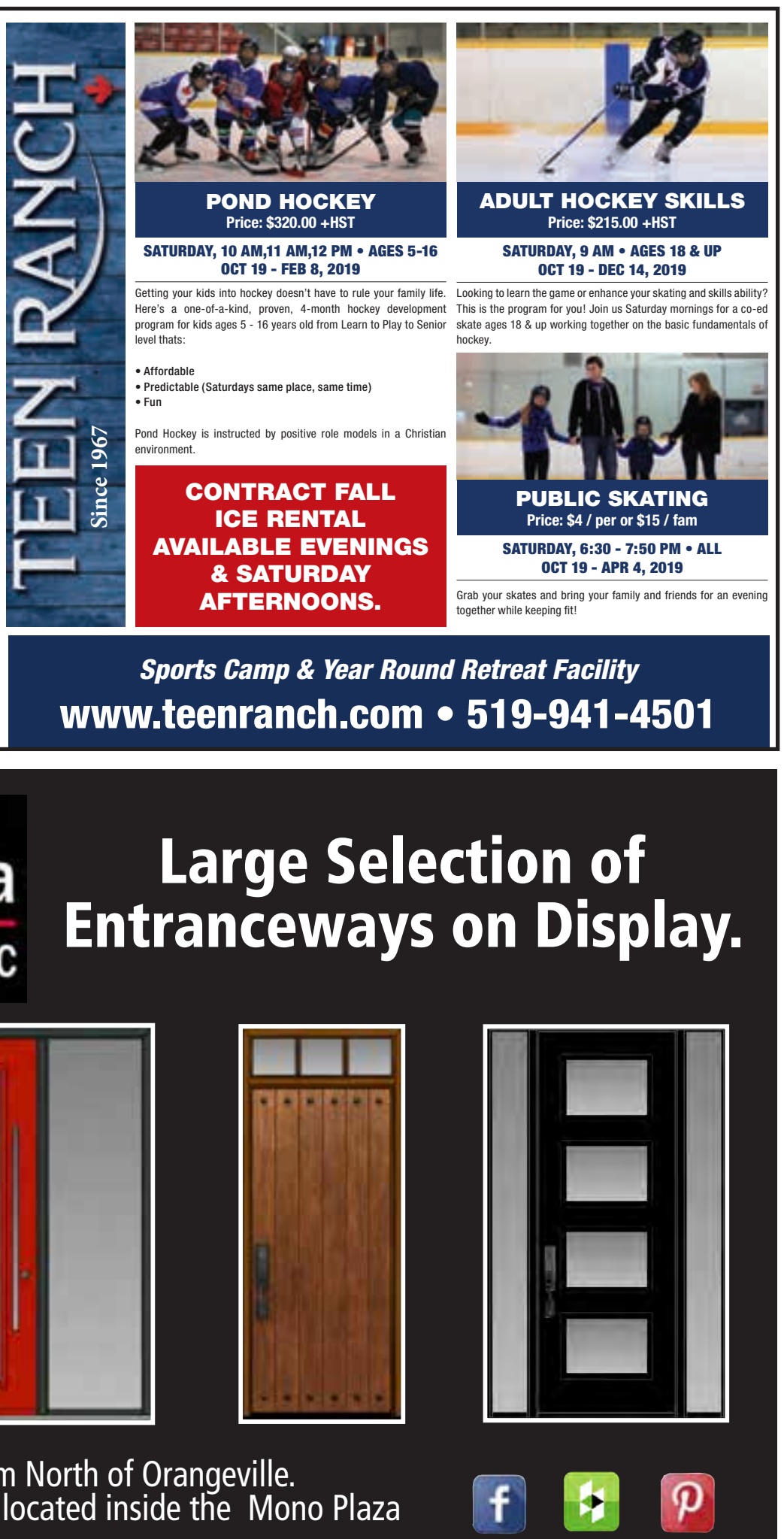
Kyle Smith ensured the Heart Lake win with three goals and one assist. Tim Sinclair had a goal and an assist. Alec Dorosh, Bill Doherty and team sponsor Chris Spilar also scored. Dom Spignesi had two assists along with team rep Ted Callighen. Bill Herder, Claudio Lentini and Frank McKay all grabbed one helper.

Team rep Peter Coghill scored once and set up the other goal, which came from Bob McHardy.

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Half-ice hockey becoming the norm for younger age groups

Written By JAKE COURTEPATTE

In a nation of hockey-crazed Canadians, there is always a polarizing subject to split the population.

The latest has been the implementation of half-ice hockey into the minor ranks, leaving parents and players alike on either side of the fence as to its effects, both positive and negative.



With the implementation of split-ice into the Tyke level for the 2018-19 season, the start of the 2019-20 season last month brought in new rules for the Novice level to play at half-ice for the first half of the season, before making the transition to a full length pad.

"You don't put five- and six-year-olds on a full-size soccer pitch, or expect them to play basketball on a full-sized court with no height adjustments – hockey is no different," Hockey Canada says on its website. "Cross-ice/half-ice hockey allows young players the opportunity for more puck-touches which promotes greater opportunity for skill development (puck-handling, shooting, skating, coordination) and decision-making."

The changes come hand-in-hand with a new style of puck at the novice level, moving to a 4-ounce puck rather than the regular 5.5-ounce puck.

"By shrinking the space we've given kids the opportunity to play in an area that is more condusive to developing skills at their level…Good players will benefit from a system like this as much as the new players coming into the game," said Hockey Canada vice-president of hockey development Paul Carson in a webinar on changing the look of minor hockey in Ontario.

Schomberg Minor Hockey President Ilya Dagenais admitted it took him some time to warm up to the idea.

"To be honest I was pessimistic towards it all when I first saw the implementation guide," said Dagenais. "However after seeing it in action everything Hockey Canada said is true. The kids are more engaged, they get to touch the puck more and are having a ton of fun.

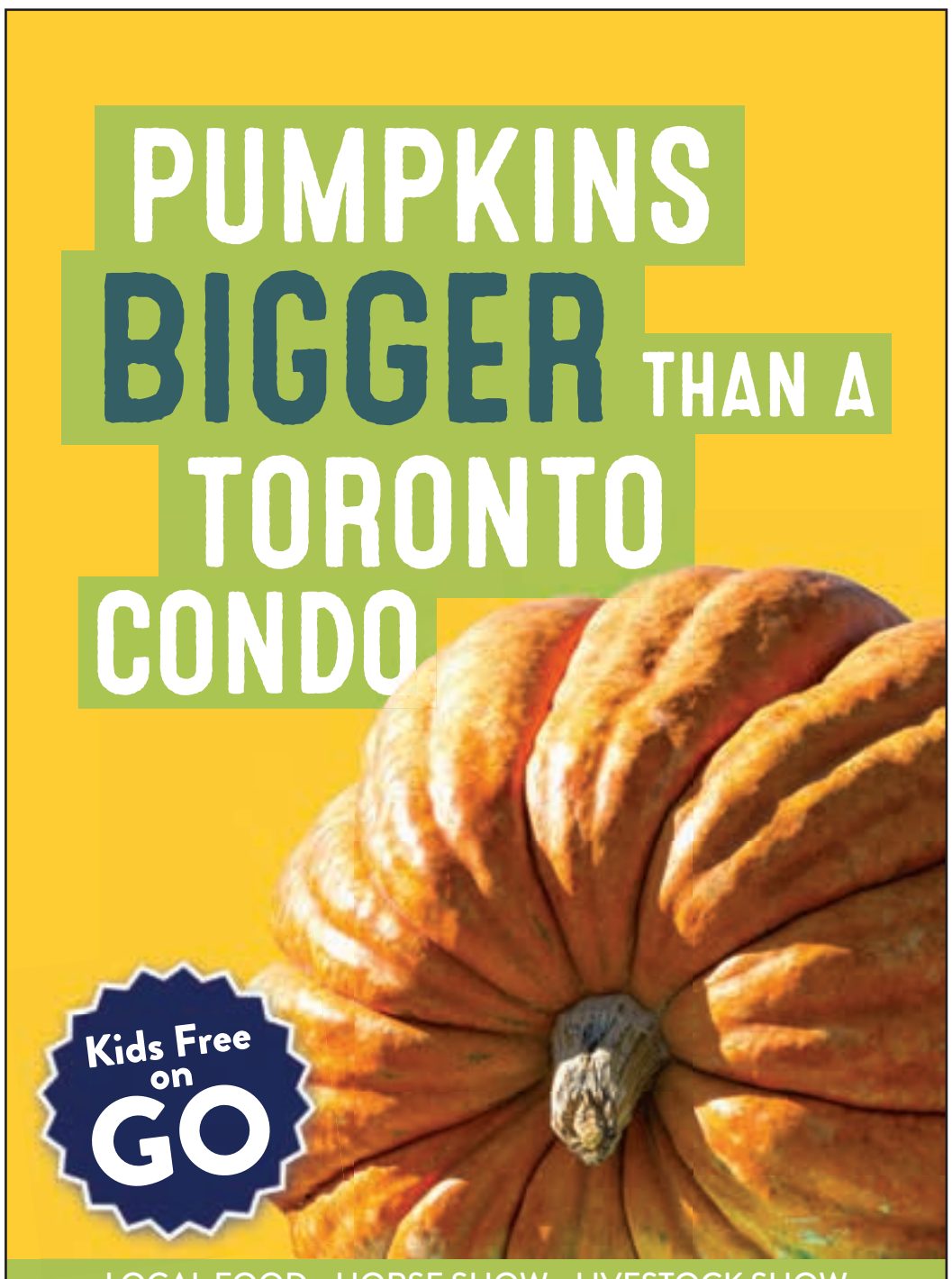
"I think the parents are more upset than the kids. Time will tell if long term it's successful for improved development of core hockey skills."

According to the Ontario Minor Hockey Association, the implementation of half-ice hockey into Novice won't have kids feeling bored on the ice, something they admit a large number of parents have brought up as a potential issue across the province. In fact, an internal study said that kids earn six times more shots, five times more passes, and two times more puck touches while playing on split ice.

If that all rings true, Carson said it could prove vital for the player's development upon making the transition to a full ice surface, which for most Ontario Novice hockey organizations should come in early 2020.

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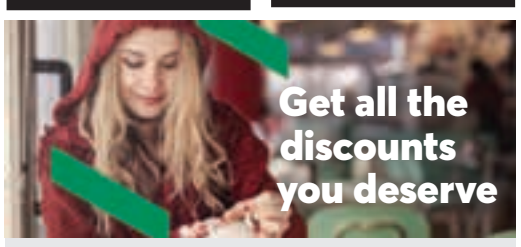
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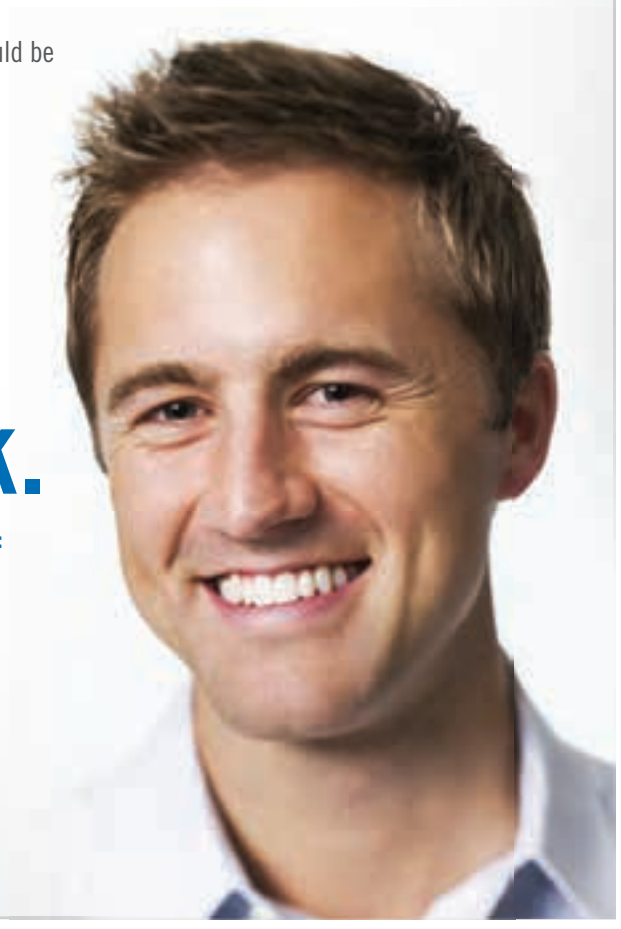
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Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 & 7:00-9:00 p.m. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, October 9, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Interment-Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial donations to Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church, Diabetes Association, Headwaters Health Care Foundation would be appreciated by the family.
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HARPER, Francis
With deep sorrow mixed with hope, we announce the passing of Frances Quin Harper of Orangeville, Ontario on Thurs.Oct.3, 2019 after a long and fulfilling life. Born in Toronto to Robert and Dorothy Quin, Frances graduated from York Memorial Collegiate and continued her education at Business College and the Emmaus Bible Institute. As a young person, she was invited to church by a good friend and saw the joy and peace in the lives of those she met there.She realized her need of a Saviour, and made the life altering decision to become a follower of Jesus.She was a sincere, passionate follower of Jesus Christ for the rest of her life.
Frances and her husband Jack met and fell in love as teenagers.They were happily married for 72 years.She was the mother of (the late) Robert (Janice), Elizabeth (Peter), Stephen (Kathleen), David (Nancy) and Colleen (Mark). Frances and Jack were blessed with 12 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren whom they dearly loved. A beautiful person in every way, she was the heart of her family and will be greatly missed.
Always a brave woman, Frances gave birth to 4 of her children in small hospitals in Malawi and Zimbabwe while she and her husband were serving as missionaries with S.I.M.
She had a lifelong commitment to doing kind deeds for the welfare of others, which included sharing her home with many people in need, teaching children in a club at her home, counselling for a mental health hotline, and teaching English to refugees.
A visitation will be held on Saturday, Oct.19th, 2019 at 11:00 am at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre* 21 First St. Orangeville.There will be a service of celebration of her life at 12:00 p.m. in the chapel with interment at the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Mono.
Gifts given in Frances' honour should be directed to the Compass Church Global Missions Fund.
"You are loved with an Everlasting Love and underneath are the Everlasting Arms."- Deut.33:27

WATSON, Donald Albert (Retired Teacher)



Suddenly at Trillium Health Care, Mississauga Hospital on Sunday, October 6th, 2019 at the age of 79. Beloved husband of Judith (nee Carr). Dear father of Brenda Watson, Bonnie Helps (Gary) and Andrew. Cherished grandfather of Lauren, Elizabeth, Jordan, Katie. Predeceased by his parents Elsie & Basil Watson and siblings David and Margaret (Lewis Stokes). Remembered by his brother-in-law John Carr (Marilyn). Don will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends.
Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Friday October 11th, 2019 from 6:00-9:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel on Saturday October 12, 2019 at 11:00 am. Interment to follow at Greenwood Cemetery. Memorial donations to Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Memorial Church or Habitat for Humanity would be appreciated by the family.
A tree will be planted in memory of Don in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. The annual dedication service will be held on Sunday, September 13, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.
Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

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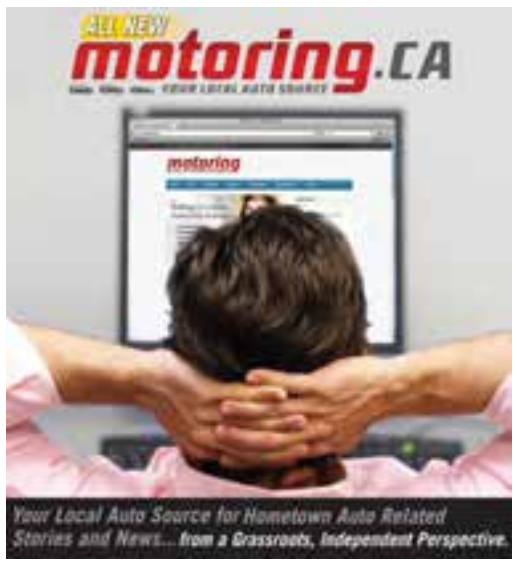
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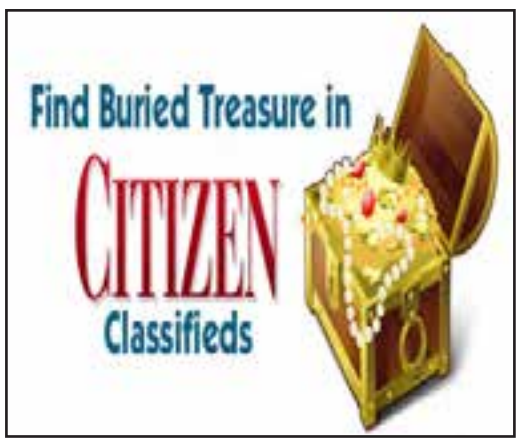


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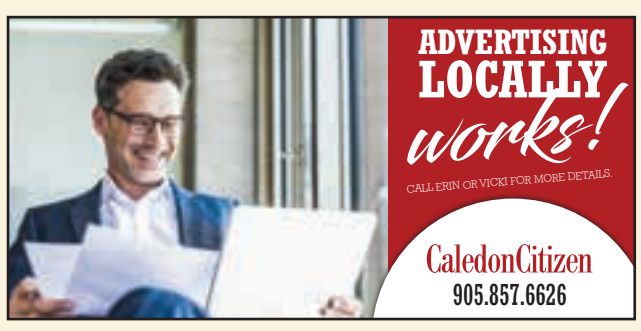
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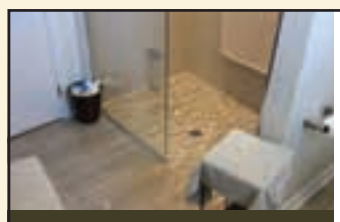
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