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INAUGURAL SUCCESS: The first Coldest Night of the Year walk was a success this past Saturday, Feb 22. With 146 registered participants, the event raised over $23,000 and continues to gather donations, with able to be received until March 30. Caledon Community Services is grateful for the help from the community, local counsellors as well help from their event sponsors including Avala Wellness, Bolton Toyota, Terra Cotta Cookie Company, Chef Talk, Cappuccino Bakery, Zehrs Garden Foods and Tim Hortons. With 40 volunteers lending a hand throughout the walk, the event couldn't have gone smoother.

Local band aiming to bring awareness to mental health through their music

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Music holds a strong power, able to present important messages through its lyrics and melody. It can bring out emotions buried deep down, and carry them to the surface.

Two members from a local band here in Bolton have produced a song and music video to reach out to those struggling with mental health, to let them know they aren't alone.

Angelo Giammattolo and Greg Gallagher, members of 'My Hollow' released a music video on Feb 5 called 'In Darkness'.

"We wrote that song to help raise awareness for suicide and mental health. Both Greg and I had a personal experience with one of our good friends who took his life unfortunately, and pretty much anybody, whether it's someone you know personally or someone you know of, if it has to do with suicide or more mental health awareness, everybody has been affected one way or another," said Giammattolo.

According to Stats Canada, almost one in five Canadians required mental health care in 2018 and only half of the needs were met.

Many did not receive care due to not knowing the right place to go, personal circumstances or not being able to afford the care they needed.

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Human trafficking continues to be a major issue in Peel

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Human trafficking is on the constant rise and is a growing problem within Canada, but especially here in Peel Region.

Recent studies, conducted by Family Services of Peel, show that rates of human trafficking are alarmingly higher in Peel Region than the rest of the country.

"Human trafficking is a $150 billion industry with nearly 21 million victims across the world. People think it's something that happens in other faraway parts of the world, but our research has found that it's occurring right here in our own backyard," said Sandra Rupnarian, director of Client Services for Family Services of Peel. "Our findings show the Region of Peel, in fact, has become a particularly hot spots for the illegal activity."

A whopping 62 per cent of police-reported human trafficking cases in Canada are found in Peel Region. According to the data collected by the Peel Institute of Violence Prevention, human trafficking is found to be significantly higher at 1.14 person out of 100,000 population in 2016 in comparison to the 1.0 in Ontario and 0.79 in Toronto.

"The rates of human trafficking are increasing and it is integral that we do as much as we can to help unravel the pull of the human trafficking industry," says Rupnarian. "We need to raise awareness of the issue amongst the public and draw more attention to the fact it is a crime and dehumanizing to its victims."

According to recent research, 90 per cent of victims of human trafficking are female, with 42 per cent first trafficked before hitting the age of 18. The most vulnerable victims are those of Indigenous girls, with data concluding 51 per cent of trafficking women are Indigenous.

Awareness groups and movements are continuously working at bringing this issue to the fore in communities around Peel. With the issue, seemingly, only getting worse, the provincial government is now getting involved.

On Nov. 28 of last year Doug Ford alongside Dufferin-Caledon MPP and Solicitor General Sylvia Jones and Jill Dunlop, Associate Minister of Children and Women Issues, presented the development of a new Ontario commitment to protect and fight against human trafficking.

"Ontario has more police-reported incidents of human trafficking than any other province in Canada," said Solicitor General Jones in an interview in late November. "Ensuring the safety and security of Ontarians is the government's most fundamental responsibility, which is why we are committed to providing ongoing funding to stop the criminals who are profiting from this crime, so we can protect our children and keep our communities safe."

The Ontario Government is committed to funding services and support for victims of human trafficking, with an annual cost of $20 million. The funding is split into three categories: Prevention and Specialized Services for Victims of Human Trafficking totalling $12.3 million, Law Enforcement Initiatives totalling $2.9 million and Victim Services and Justice Sector Supports with a total of $4.8 million.

Dorothy Davis, Executive Director alongside Pina Marino, Program Manager from Caledon-Dufferin Victim services explain the vitality of front-line training for police services, hospital staff and other organizations that may intersect with human traffickers such as hotels, bars and restaurants to protect those from human traffickers.

"Because the physical and psychological consequences of trafficking are so great, enhanced training for front line personnel is recommended. Victims of human trafficking have often been exposed to violence, threats, sexual assault and drug use as methods of control by traffickers. The trauma may change the way a victim understands and views themselves and the world around them. They often lose their sense of safety, feel vulnerable and alone with no one to trust," they said. "Sometimes, people involved in human trafficking do not see themselves as victims because of the complex relationships that may form with their traffickers or because their traffickers are often posing as boyfriends."

Protecting, educating and raising awareness is extremely important to provide within the communities, but as well as providing those services and support to victims.

Caledon-Dufferin Victim Services receives funding through the Ministry of the Attorney General Victims and Vulnerable Persons as a part of the government's Anti-Human Trafficking Strategy.

"The assistance is offered to both direct victims as well as their families. No police involvement is required to access the funds however, victims and survivors must contact a victim services agency to have access," explained Marino. "As for local needs, besides the obvious practical needs such as housing, residential and day programs and dedicated emotional supports; continuing education for front line staff and the community as a whole is needed."

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have organized a victim-focused and multi-sector collaborative team to combat and reduce human trafficking throughout the province.

"As the part of the Provincial Strategy to End Human Trafficking, the OPP has formed the Anti-Human Trafficking Investigations Coordination Team. This team supports police efforts throughout the province through collaboration, information sharing, coordination related to investigations, as well as community mobilization efforts with the ultimate goal of reducing victimization. The Team also offers training and presentations, education and awareness campaigns in the communities," said Community Services Officer, Iryna Nebogatova. "The OPP is committed to fighting human trafficking through intelligence-gathering and working cooperatively with our partners to support victims and enforcement efforts."

She added, "In October of 2019, Caledon OPP and Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services (CDVS) reached out to the local hotels and inns, and were welcomed to deliver Human Trafficking Awareness Training to the hospitality staff at Hampton Inn in Bolton."

Peel Region is developing a strategy that will provide services from approximately 40 human service agencies to provide support and care for victims and survivors of human trafficking.

For more information about human trafficking within Peel Region please visit peelpolice.ca under Safety Tips or learn more about victim support programs at cdvs.ca.

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MPP Sylvia Jones 'encouraged' by recent beef-sector investment

Written By MIKE BAKER

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones has welcomed two recent announcements that she says display the provincial government's support for Ontario's cattle farmers and abattoirs.

In a joint endeavour supported by the federal government, up to $2 million is being invested to support numerous projects and initiatives that will help bolster Ontario's beef sector.

One of those programs, Ms. Jones says, will provide an opportunity for cost-share funding for provincially licensed abattoirs to take on a variety of projects to improve food safety, animal welfare and biosecurity measures at their operations. In another venture, the Province is investing up to $292,600 to help Ontario's beef farmers with marketing efforts to access emerging markets in Vietnam, South Korea, Taiwan, the Philippines and Europe.

The cost-shared project, the Province believes, will encourage export-market diversification and supports efforts to increase volume and sales through trade missions, promotional events and the development of new brands.

"The news for beef farmers and local abattoirs in Dufferin-Caledon is encouraging," Ms. Jones said. "These initiatives will help secure economic growth in our local beef industry, and support provincially licensed abattoirs by improving food safety."

The initiatives are funded through the Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP). The application intake for abattoirs opened on Feb. 19, with applications accepted until April 30. Eligible projects must be completed on or before Dec. 31 of this year.

Some examples of projects eligible for support under the abattoirs initiative include capital upgrades for enhanced food safety, improvements in the safe handling and housing of animals and the purchase of new equipment for safe and efficient animal-hides disposal.

Since June 2018, both the federal and provincial government have committed cost-share support to approximately 2,500 projects through the CAP to help Ontario farmers, processors, businesses and sector organizations innovate and grow.

Ernie Hardeman, Ontario's Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, lauded the investment in a release to media this week.

"By making these investments, our government will strengthen and grow provincially licensed abattoirs, while further improving our already high food safety standards," he said. "We're also working with the province's beef industry in seeking out new markets for Ontario's beef farmers. Looking to diversify and build new markets is an important step to ensure the success of the industry."

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Region of Peel develops public campaign to battle domestic violence

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

In September of 2019 Brampton City Council passed a motion to work with the Region of Peel on battling domestic violence within the region.

Peel Regional Council unanimously agreed to work alongside with other municipalities within the region, as well as police, OPP and organizations dedicated to supporting victims to organize this public campaign at Regional Council on Feb 13.

"This public campaign is vital to the health and wellbeing of our community, if there is violence in the home the collateral damage to all aspects of life for that family are immeasurable," said Ward 2 Regional Councillor Johanna Downey. "Impacts to a family include – not limited to – employment, education, mental health, physical health, trauma, addictions. Domestic or family violence does not have social determinants, our thinking around what is acceptable in our community has to change. In order to shift the behaviour of our community we have to broaden our reach through awareness and education."

According to the Peel Committee Against Woman Abuse (PCAWA), every six days a woman in Canada is killed by her intimate partner. In 2009, 67 women were murdered by a current or former spouse or boyfriend, while approximately 3,000 women live in emergency shelters and a whopping 40,000 arrests made are domestic violence cases.

Half of women in all of Canada have experienced one incident, at the minimum, of sexual violence since 16 years of age.

The campaign is in the early stages of organizing initiatives but has been successful in the planning but

"It is early in the process and initial meetings have not yet taken place, but the template of communication and education that we have applied around human trafficking has been incredibly successful. The outcome being a joint housing pilot for survivors, a service hub, and training tools that can be shared with all stakeholders, private and public," said Downey.

There have been two deaths due to domestic violence within Peel already in 2020. Police say in 2019, the five police forces in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) responded to more 47,000 domestic-related calls.



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FIGHTING BACK: Region of Peel is developing a public campaign to battle domestic violence within the region with the support and unanimous agreement from Regional

"My hope is that this campaign will create a greater alliance of social service providers, a united voice, a story made in Peel for the residents of Peel. We have countless front-line workers that provide critical access to supports for families in Peel; they have reached a boiling point noting 14 women and children murdered at the hands of a family member in the past year alone," said Downey. "My hope is that our community embraces the campaign and continues the conversation in every coffee shop, class room, place of worship, and that we truly focus on the stability and wellbeing of our families."

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Caledon Public Library offering new way to pay your library book fines

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Beginning on March 1, Caledon Public Library (CPL) is giving children from babies to age12 the opportunity to clear fines from the library card with more reading.

One dollar will be credited towards children's library cards fines from every 30 minutes of reading. Only fines on children's books can be 'read away'.

It doesn't just include books. Criteria towards reducing fines also includes comic books, magazines and newspaper, digital databases and articles, eBooks and even audiobooks.

"Often fines create a deterrent, especially for children, from using the library", said Laura Groe, Manager, Youth Services at Caledon Public Library. "CPL is committed to every child having a library card with access to books, music, and all the information and technology needed for discovery and learning."

Time is track through an online program called READsquarded that can be downloaded through the Apple Store or Google play.

Programs like these encourage children to indulge in reading to in a fun and easy way to reduce fines on their library card to clear any stress about fines. Reading may done at the library but also at home, school or where ever is most comfortable.

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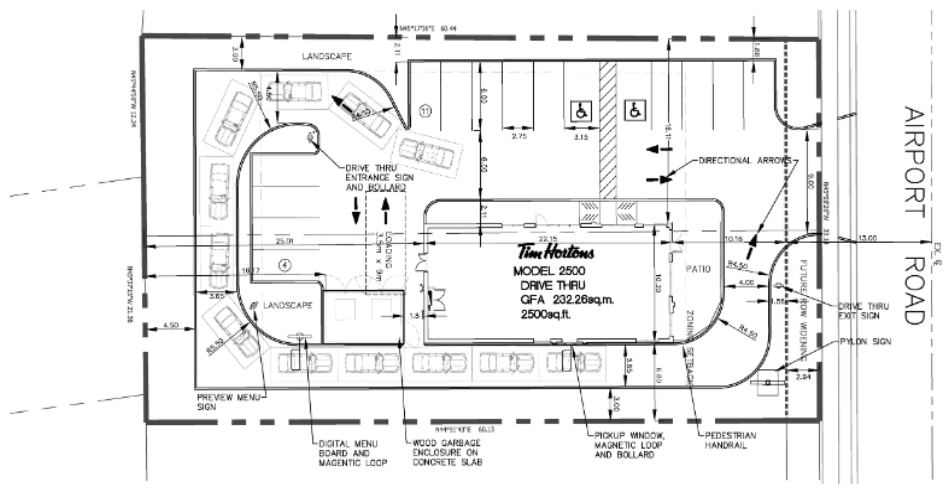
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To amend the Official Plan and Zoning By-law for the lands located at 16054 and 16060 Airport Road, from Village Commercial (CV) to Village Commercial Site Specific Exception (CV-XX). In addition, an amendment to the Town of Caledon Official Plan is being proposed to permit a drive through service facility associated with a restaurant (Tim Horton's), along with other site works.

APPLICANT:
Weston Consulting (c/o Michael Vani) on behalf of Ganni Properties Inc.

LOCATION:
16054 and 16060 Airport Road

Meeting Date: Tuesday March 24, 2020
Information Session : 6:00 p.m.
Public Meeting : 7:00 p.m.

Meeting Location:
Council Chambers , Town Hall
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The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes and it is subject to change. The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon.

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Impaired driver arrested while driving vehicle with flat tire

On Tuesday, February 18th, 2020 at approximately 7:19 p.m. officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) responded to a reported traffic complaint in the area of King Street and The Gore Road in the Town of Caledon.

A concerned motorist phoned the police to advise that they were following a vehicle driving on flat tires and losing car parts. The vehicle in question was driving at a speed well below the posted speed limit, and at one point stopped, but then resumed driving again.

The officers responded and located the vehicle in question. While speaking to the driver, officers determined that the driver had consumed alcohol. The driver was asked to provide a sample of his breath into the approved roadside screening device, which resulted in a "fail" reading. The driver was placed under arrest and transported to the Caledon Detachment OPP, where further tests were conducted.

As a result, Alfaz Inshan, 41, of New Tecumseth, was 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 in Orangeville on March 12, 2020 to answer to the charge.

Drug investigation

The Caledon and Nottawasaga Community Street Crime Units arrested two parties related to drug trafficking in the Caledon and surrounding area.

On February 20th, officers arrested Ryan Suitor after a lengthy investigation related to drug trafficking. A second male was identified during the investigation as Winston Walters, who was also arrested.

A subsequent search warrant was executed at a residence in Nobleton, during which a significant amount of suspected cocaine and methamphetamine was seized, along with Canadian currency and several cell phones.

Ryan Suitor, 32, of Nobleton, has been charged with:

- Traffick in Schedule I substance - cocaine;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - cocaine;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking -! methamphetamine, and
- Possession of Proceeds of property obtained by crime over $5000.

The accused was held for a bail hearing and will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on a later date.

Winston Walters, 46, of Brampton, has been charged with:

- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - cocaine;
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of trafficking - methamphetamine, and
- Possession of Proceeds of property obtained by crime over $5000.

The accused will appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on March 23, 2020, to answer to the charges.

If you have any information in relation to this case, please contact Caledon Detachment Community Street Crime Unit at (905) 584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

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Impaired, impaired, impairsed

Three impaired drivers have been arrested by officers from the Caledon OPP over last weekend.

On Friday, February 21st, 2020 at about 9:37 p.m., officers from the Caledon OPP Detachment responded to a reported traffic complaint in the area of The Gore Road and Old Church Road. The concerned passerby advised that a vehicle drove into a ditch, the driver, who appeared to be impaired, got out, retrieved the car and drove off.

The officers were able to locate the vehicle in question and conduct a traffic stop at Humber Station Road and Highway 9. An approved screening device demand (ASD) was made by the officer. The driver registered a "fail" and was placed under arrest for having more than 80 mg of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. The driver was transported to Caledon Detachment, where further tests were conducted.

Kenvin Emilienne, 39, of Caledon, has been charged with: Operation while impaired; Operation while impaired - Blood Alcohol Concentration Equal to or Exceeding 80 mgs; Novice driver - blood alcohol concentration above zero, and Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor.

The accused is expected to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on March 12, 2020 to answer to the charges.

On Sunday, February 23rd, 2020 at approximately 2:17 a.m. officers responded to a report of a single vehicle collision in the area of Olde Base Line Road East of Dixie Road. The passerby informed the police that the occupants of the vehicle appeared to be intoxicated and were trying to get the vehicle out of the ditch.

The officers attended the area and investigated the incident. The driver was placed under arrest for impaired operation of the vehicle, and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment for breath tests.

As a result, Anahat Cheema, 23, of Brampton, has been 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 in Orangeville on March 19, 2020 to answer to the charges.

Just several minutes later, at approximately 2:56 a.m., officers responded to a reported traffic complaint in the area of The Gore Road and Castlederg Side Road. The caller advised that a pickup truck had nearly hit his vehicle, and was not able to maintain its lane.

The officers located the vehicle in question and conducted a traffic stop. An approved screening device demand (ASD) was made by the investigating officer. The driver registered a "fail" and was placed under arrest for having more than 80 mg of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood. The driver was transported to Caledon Detachment, where further tests were conducted.

Marco Milan, 54, of Caledon, has been 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 in Orangeville on March 12, 2020 to answer to the charges.

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.*

Jason's Quest First Gala
In Support of Single Parent Families with children with special needs
February 28th Caesar's Centre Bolton
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Please contact Jason Scorch for more information at jason.scorch@hotmail.com or 647-688-0023

Bolton and District PROBUS Club presents Dr. Denis Grant, Department of Pharmacology and Toxicology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Toronto - One Pill does not fit All, Thursday, March 12 at 9:45 a.m. Albion Bolton Community Centre, main auditorium. Everyone welcome, refreshments will be provided.

March 28, 2020
Friends of the Caledon Public Library will be hosting a pop up used book and media sale at the Albion Bolton library on March 28 between 11 - 3. $10 annual FOCPL memberships available to get discounts on bag of books at each 2020 sale. More details at http://www.caledon.library.on.ca/friends/default.aspx.

Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW) Seniors Social and Wellness Programs (55+) is an interactive, fun and educational program held weekly at no charge: Monday at 35 Victoria Crescent, Mono Mills 1:00 – 3:00, Wednesday at the Cheltenham Baptist Church, 14520 Creditview Road, Cheltenham 10:00 - 12:00, Friday at Palgrave United Church, 34 Pine Avenue, Palgrave, 9:30 – 11:30.
Bolton Banter Toastmasters meet every first, third and fifth Thursday at the Albion-Bolton Community Centre at 7 p.m. Lose your fear of public speaking and build leadership skills. Everyone welcome. Email info@boltonbanter.org or visit www.boltonbanter.org

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.
Cardball will be played at Caledon Seniors' Centre from 10 a.m. to noon.
Darts will be played at Caledon Seniors' Centre from 1 to 2:30 p.m.

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.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton Real Life. Real People. We're a non-profit group which meets weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-in is from 6:30PM followed by a meeting at 7:00PM. The annual fee incl. a semi-monthly magazine is $48 and monthly dues are only $15. What do you have to lose? Get started now! We promote healthy eating and your first meeting is free. Come join us! For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or Lorraine at 905-857-1568.

Wellness, Interaction, Social and Exercise (WISE) is a health promotion and social program for seniors (55+) happening at Cheltenham Baptist Church 14520 Creditview Rd. Wednesday mornings. Low impact exercise/falls prevention session starts at 10 a.m. with regular programming with refreshments following. Call 905-857-7651 for more information.

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Local student organizes fundraising events for Oz wildfires

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

A local 12-year-old has organized two fundraisers to raise funds to donate to wildfire relief in Australia.

Australia has suffered a tragic and devastating set of bushfires since late July of 2019. It is pronounced to be one of the worst wildfires Australia has seen in decades. The fires have destroyed over 3,000 homes in the state of New South Wales.

Because of the dry, hot weather in Australia, they endure fire seasons every year, where natural causes lead to fires lighting up and spreading. But 24 people have been charged with purposely setting bushfires and 183 people with fire-related cases against them in the past 12 months.

The real sufferers of the bushfires in Australia, are the animals. A professor of ecology at the University of Sydney estimated the number of wildlife that have been killed due to the bushfires has hit one billion. One. Billion.

Communities world-wide are continuously hosting fundraisers, either online or through in-person events to raise funds for Australia. 12-year-old Marcus Melfi has organized two events to raise funds for the Australia relief.

"I was first inspired at school. My teacher, Mrs. Isopo is always getting us engaged in learning and because of this we had read an article about Greta Thunberg. I thought about how if she is young and could make a difference then I could too. I had been hearing about what was happening in Australia and right away knew that I wanted to help support. I looked up Red Cross and realized to make a big impact, I needed to do something big like a community event," said Marcus.

He contacted Landmark Cinema and Skyview Lanes to run the idea of his fundraisers and they got right on board. Marcus showed true initiative by developing and printing posters to advertise these events.

"It is important to help Australia because of how devastating the fires have been and because of the numbers. Since over 1 billion animals have died, 20 adults and children have died and over 13 million acres of land has been lost I think it was very important that we helped Australia," said Melfi. "I also really think that together we are stronger and can do amazing things and can help make a difference. I put together these events quickly because of the urgency of this matter."

Melfi is a bright and ambitious 12-year-old who does what he can to give back. When he isn't playing hockey, getting his black belt at Tae Kwon Do or travelling, he's raising money and walking in the Toronto Walk for Autism, which he has done for years. With his mother's help, he reached out to The Exchange to see what he can do to help and be more involved in the community.

He continues to ask for donations for the cause. The first event at Landmark Cinema, held on Feb. 22, was a huge success, with 105 seats sold. Now, Marcus is looking forward to the next event on Feb. 29 at Skyview Lanes.

"Around $2,000 has been raised so far. My goal is $5,000. I sold out all 105 seats in the theatre on Feb. 22 and am except good numbers for Feb. 29. I am also hoping to make extra money from raffle sales. So far, I have sold half the lanes available for the bowling event but would like to see every lane full on the 29th. I have 8 lanes still available from 12:00-1:00, 3 lanes still available from 1:30-2:30 and 4 lanes still available from 3:00 to 4:00. Raffle tickets can also be purchase at the bowling event," said Melfi.

To purchase tickets or to donate contact Marcus Melfi at mmhelpingaustralia@gmail.com. He has also created a GoFundMe page under the name mmhelpingaustralia, to gather donations as well.

"I hope together we can raise $5,000. My hope is to get a hold of the mayor and see if he would get on board with this and for Mr. Allan Thompson to pick the raffles on March 1 as well as be present when I present the cheque to Red Cross," he commented.

Continued from FRONT

Local band aiming to bring awareness to mental health through their music



SUBMITTED PHOTO

DOING THEIR PART: Local residents Angelo Giammattolo and Greg Gallagher have come together to release 'In Darkness', a music video designed to bring awareness to mental health.

The two band members have partaken in other charitable events to help raise awareness for other causes such as promote and helping a little girl suffering from cystic fibrosis, called Payton's Journey.

"We got t-shirts printed and put on two big shows for her, with all proceeds going to her," said Giammattolo. "

The newly released music video was released on Giammattolo's personal YouTube account which he has been running for the past year. He has shared the music video on social media, and has even posted google advertisements.

Giammattolo and Gallagher produce these motivational pieces as side work from their full-time band The Hollow. They use their music to get clear and positive messages across to those who need it.

"People turn to music, and it's an absolutely fantastic thing. The way you use it can help you heal. It's different than reading something in a book or listening to a podcast or something like that. The sounds and tones can bring out different emotions in people," he explained. "I really think we turn to music almost before anything to make us feel a certain way, whether it's better or worse or through a break up or going through a hard time."

He added, "We just wanted to put a message up there to try to raise awareness. That's the main message, is don't be afraid to reach out. We are trying to shine light to those in darkness."

Giammattolo is constantly looking for different ways to give back to those in need whether it be toys for children, clothing for the homeless, hosting benefit concerts and so on.

"I live my life circling around karma, there's always something else you can do. There's always something that's bigger than you. There's always a message I could get help spreading," he commented.

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Public workshop

The Region of Peel invites residents to share their views on how we pay for waste services in the future. The sessions will be held at the following time and locations:

Details:

March 2, 2020
6.30-8.30p.m.

Vic Johnston Community Centre, Hazel McCallion Hall

335 Church St,
Mississauga

March 3, 2020
6.30-8.30p.m.

Caledon East Community Complex, Banquet Hall

6215 Old Church Rd,
Caledon East

March 12, 2020
6.30-8.30p.m.

Bramalea Lions Hall

45 Avondale Blvd,
Brampton

Participate online:
March 2-15, 2020

peelregion.ca/waste-consultation

Purpose:

- Share what you think is important for us to consider while we explore potential options that support future waste services.
- See examples of various user fee systems that are currently being used in other municipalities.
- Discuss the complex issues of managing waste in today's world and how Region of Peel is addressing them.

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For more information, check
peelregion.ca/waste-consultation



BUSINESS in Caledon

Owners of Belfountain's Higher Ground Cafe share their story

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL



PHOTO COURTESY OF TOWN OF CALEDON

TALKING BUSINESS: Higher Ground Café owners Bev and Drew Marshall sit down with the Town of Caledon to discuss their business located in Belfountain.

Higher Ground Café in Belfountain spoke with the Town of Caledon about their business and how they got to where they are now.

Bev and Drew Marshall purchased the coffee shop, which was once known as The Shed, after the owner put it up for sale, claiming they didn't have the time to focus on the business.

"This spot has been a coffee shop for many years. It originated as The Shed, then they sold to owners that made it Higher Ground. They had it for about 7 years before I came along. They were looking for a Manager and I was looking for a new career so I came and worked here for a little bit. I have a long history in customer service, having done high-end catering and been on staff at Teen Ranch most of my adult life, but I was ready for a change. I started working here in March of 2016 and then in October the owner wanted out – he was too busy with family and his primary business. So, we purchased the café," said Bev Marshall.

The café isn't just the perfect spot for coffee and treats, it's also hosts a variety of concerts in which Drew mainly organizes, as he has several contracts through his previous broadcast and radio career.

"We struggle working together too much. So, we don't work together too much. We both have strong personalities. I don't do a lot with the café, but I do organize our monthly concert series. Because of my contacts in the industry I know a lot of recording artists, it helps. It's an opportunity for the locals to come out and enjoy some great musicians in our little venue," said Mr. Marshall to the Town.

Higher Ground Café serves coffee, baked goods, soup and salad and sandwiches with different type of menu depending on the season.

"I'd say about 75 percent of our baking is done in house – cakes, cookies, butter tarts, but some things it just makes sense to bring in. We care about the environment, so we serve fair trade coffee, and use fettuccine pasta as stir sticks. In the summer we do ice cream, hot dogs and burgers, for the thousands of tourists that come through. We have a lot of cyclists, hikers and day-trippers in the warmer weather," explained Bev Marshall. "It's a fantastic spot at this time of year for locals to come and bring their laptop get some work done or have a little meeting or meet some friends. It's nice and quiet compared to the hubbub of the summer. We are open seven days a week, all year. We are closed only on Christmas day."

Higher Ground Café is located at 17277 Old Main in Belfountain. Check out their Facebook page or give them a call at 519 927 1748 for more details.

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March Break
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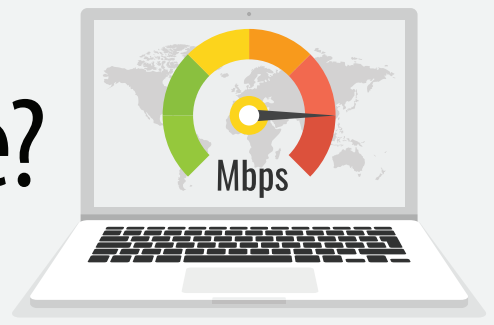
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Don't leave food out, and keep your compost and garbage bins tidy. To learn more about coyotes — and how to prevent conflict with them — visit **ontario.ca** and search for "coyotes."

To report a sick or injured coyote in Caledon, call Animal Services at 905.584.2272 x. 4698 (after-hours 1.800.563.7881).

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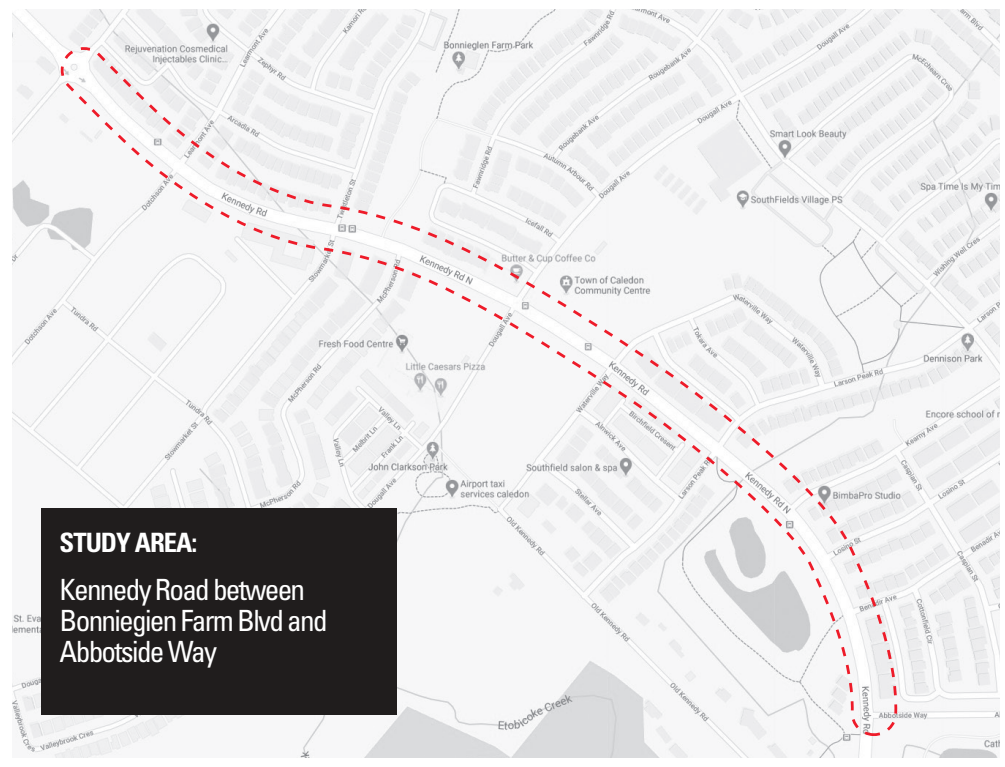
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Revitalizing Kennedy Road

The Town of Caledon is looking at ways to make Kennedy Road between Abbotsside Way and Bonnieglen Farm Boulevard safer and more accommodating to pedestrians and cyclists, while addressing parking demands without adversely impacting traffic flow in the neighbourhood. The goal is to ensure everyone regardless of age, ability or mode of travel can use the road safely and efficiently.



STUDY AREA:

Kennedy Road between Bonniegien Farm Blvd and Abbotside Way

LOCATION AND DATE

Monday, March 23, 2020 : 5-7 p.m.
Storefront in Southfields
12560 Kennedy Road, Unit #5

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Life happens when you're making other plans

by Mark Pavilons

Life, according to Confucius, is really simple, but we insist on making it complicated.

Have you ever put the brakes on, stopped and said to yourself "this is my life?"

I had cause to reflect a little on past mistakes and indiscretions recently.

They're there, in the cobwebs of my mind. I put them there, because I didn't really want to face them. But we all know we have to deal with our problems, try to solve them and move forward.

We do this on a daily basis. Most of the time, it works.

But we have moments, or long spells, of self-doubt, a lack of self-confidence, sickness, the death of loved ones, financial woes, and countless hurdles. We're still riding in the steeple-chase of life, through obstacles and over hedges. Sometimes we fall off the horse.

We can take stock, and go through our lives with a fine-tooth comb. I'm not convinced this is overly productive, though. Of course, we all have things, events and decisions we wish we could change, or even erase. Again, the past has to be given the respect and burial it deserves.

Sometimes we have to fall down really hard, even break a few bones, in order to learn some important lessons.

How often do we take out that huge, cartoon-sized magnifying glass and examine our life?

There are times I catch a glimpse of myself, a reflection in the patio doors or hall mirror.

I can tell it's me, yet it's somewhat unfamiliar. At times I look more like a lumbering sasquatch than the dapper journalist you all know and love.

Yes, this is my life and my wearied face is proof that I've been down some rugged roads. I know how I got here, and my arrival at this point in history was often by the grace of God. There's really no other explanation. I could argue that this is exactly where I am supposed to be, that fate directed me to this very time and place. How could it be otherwise?

Sure, I chose my path, made my own decisions and choices. I took a few left turns, perhaps more than I should have. I swerved from time to time. I found love, settled down, raised a family, and the rest is history.

"Regrets, I have a few" as the Sinatra ditty goes, but all in all, "too few to mention."

Regardless of the what-ifs and could-have-beens, at this point in my journey I am blessed with an incredible wife and three amazing children. That's a feat in itself, isn't it? Isn't that remarkable, almost unbelievable at times?

The other day I smiled as my son was putting mineral oil in one of his ears. He was a bit cocked and after chuckling to myself about his predicament (hey, parents are allowed to), I thought to myself "his life is just beginning, I wonder what's in store for him? How will he fare in the real world?"

We all want the best for our offspring. We try to plan and chart the best course, being careful at each step of the way. But as we know, there will be hurdles, doubts, challenges, pain, tears, love and laughter. Those are the unique ingredients of our lives, like a tossed salad of sorts.

He's still in a bit of a tug-of-war with his future career path. He knows he has to make a living, and he wants to earn a decent pay cheque. He also loves his friends, travelling and song-writing. He's a teen.

We hope he's headed for some sort of post-secondary education or trade school.

Lexie, who graduates this spring, has spent four amazing years expanding her horizons at Western University. Alas, she too, is at a crossroads, as most graduates are.

She sent us a note recently, after brooding about her impending life.

She noted she's always valued and appreciated education but now, after four years of academia, she wonders how to put that to practical use in the real world.

Lexie said she's torn between pursuing her master's degree or literally getting out and starting her journey.

Who remembers that feeling?

She feels "semi-accomplished" and longs to be with people she became close with – connections she made in a convent in the Dominican Republic, or the school in Rwanda. She's warmed by the souls in the remote village of Matelot in Trinidad.

They would tell her it's all worth it and even if every moment is not perfect, her "semi-accomplishment" is a success and a privilege.

Lexie longs to be "free," free to continue her mission work and free to spread joy, hope and faith throughout the world. She wants to contribute.

She's torn between this need to volunteer and give, and the necessity to earn a living.

Existentialist Albert Camus remarked that you will never be happy if you're constantly looking for the meaning of life. Life is a succession of riddles, Ralph Waldo Emerson wrote, and Plato believed that life should be lived as "play."

I recall, quite vividly, my first year of college, when we had the desire and umph to change the world, to right wrongs and change people's thinking with words. We were crusaders, armed with righteousness.

Decades later and millions of words pounded out and I'm still not convinced I achieved those initial goals.

Life gets in the way, I'm told, when you're making other plans!

Again, we have to determine what our path is, and whether we want to be defined by our career choice, or by the content of our inner selves, our characters.

Who's to say what experience, what job, what journey yields the best results?

This is our life. There are still a few puzzle pieces missing, perhaps the most important ones. Those empty spaces on the massive, living mosaic could be the most wondrous.

I'm in no rush to fill the remainder of the tiles, but I'm anxious to see how it all turns out!

Back to the glory days



MIKE BAKER
THE MIC CHECK

Be honest, who else threw down 80 bucks over the weekend to watch the much-hyped rematch between Tyson Fury and Deontay Wilder?

Granted, I've always been a sucker for big time sporting events. Okay, you got me. I've always been a sucker for sporting events in general, no matter how big or small. But, this fight, a contest that pitted two undefeated heavyweights against each other with both the WBC world championship and The Ring title on the line, felt like something special.

As I sat in front of my TV at home, it dawned on me that this spectacle could conceivably be the spark that reignites, or rather reinvigorates, the sport of boxing.

Once upon a time, way before I was even thought of, boxing was considered the number one sport in the world. The world heavyweight champion, whether it be Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano or Muhammad Ali, was the top dog on the global sports scene. Nobody, not Joe Namath, Babe Ruth, Gordie Howe, or even Pele, came close to being as big a star as the aforementioned heavyweight boxers.

As we moved into the mid 80s, there was perhaps no bigger celebrity in the world than Mike Tyson. Earning the moniker of 'Baddest Man on the Planet', Iron Mike was a destructive force in the heavyweight division from his debut in 1985, all the way through to 1996/97, when his back-to-back fights with Evander Holyfield captured the attention of the entire world.

In truth, that period in the mid to late 90s, when the sport had three genuine behemoths atop the heavyweight division in Tyson, Holyfield and Lennox Lewis, was the last truly great period in heavyweight boxing. While the 2000s has undoubtedly brought about the some of the very best lower weight fighters to ever grace the sport – think Floyd Mayweather, Manny Pacquiao, Oscar De La Hoya and Canela Alvarez, the heavyweight division has suffocated thanks in large part to the dominance of the Klitschko brothers.

From 2004 to 2015, the pair basically owned the heavyweight division, holding the WBA, IBF, WBO, IBO and WBC titles hostage. While they each defeated numerous contenders, it was always in more of a methodic, strategic way rather than the blood and thunder, heavy hitting style most casual viewers demand. While I, for one, can appreciate paying to witness a boxing clinic, a lot of fans do not. The Klitschkos turned a lot of people off of heavyweight boxing.

This past Saturday, Tyson Fury, and to some degree Deontay Wilder, lifted a long forgotten about sport back into the spotlight. In what many decreed to be a surprise, Fury, long considered a student of the game and a boxer in the same ilk of the Klitschkos, adopted a new offensive style, taking the fight to one of the very best KO artists in heavyweight boxing history. Tyson Fury scored a TKO victory over Wilder, a man who previously had a 42-0-1 record, with 41 knockout victories.

It was one hell of a victory. In the aftermath, Fury, during his post-match interview, serenaded the crowd inside the MGM Grand Garden Arena with his own rendition of Don McLean's 'American Pie'. Fury is an odd character with an infectious personality. On top of that, he has an incredible story behind him. In 2015, Fury defeated Wladimir Klitschko to claim the WBA, IBF, WBO, IBO, The Ring and lineal heavyweight titles. He was considered, by many, to be the new face of the sport. Sadly, that wasn't to be.

Depression is a vicious thing. Shortly after defeating Klitschko, Fury well into a dark abyss, abusing drugs, binge drinking and binge eating on a regular basis. He relinquished his world titles a little more than a year after winning them. At this time he had ballooned to more than 400 pounds. Tyson Fury, it appeared, was done.

That was until 2018, when, after seeking help and coming out the other side, Fury announced his return to heavyweight boxing. He scored comfortable victories in his first two fights back. Then he challenged Wilder. On Dec. 1, 2018, in what was the pair's first encounter, Fury and Wilder battled to a 12-round draw, although the general perception, mine included, was that Fury won the fight. Following the draw, he picked up two more victories before facing off with Wilder once again.

A third match between the pair is, reportedly, already in the works, with a date in July already in mind. The winner of that fight must surely have their sights set on Anthony Joshua, another highly skilled fighter who currently holds four world titles. A first heavyweight unification fight in almost two decades would be a huge, huge draw.

In Fury, Wilder and Joshua, boxing may have found its new holy trinity. One that can bring the sport back to its former glory days.



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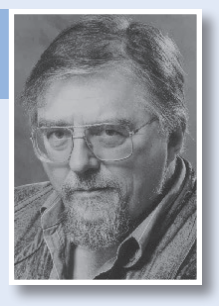
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The Assange hearing

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OUR WORLD TODAY



The cost of being a whistle-blower is going up. When Daniel Ellberg stole and published the 'Pentagon Papers' in 1971, revealing the monstrous lies that the U.S. government was telling the American public about the Vietnam war, he was arrested and tried, but the court set him free.

When Edward Snowden released a vast trove of documents in 2013 about the global electronic surveillance activities of US intelligence agencies, he was already abroad, knowing that civil liberties had taken a turn for the worse in the U.S. since 1971. Snowden is still abroad seven years later, living in Moscow, because hardly anywhere else would be safe..

And Julian Assange, whose court hearing on a U.S. extradition request began on Monday at Woolwich crown court in east London, is facing 175 years in jail if Britain delivers him into American hands. The American authorities are really cross about his WikiLeaks dump of confidential material in 2010 that detailed U.S. misbehaviour in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Everybody knew or at least suspected that terrible things were happening there, but without documentation there was really nothing they could do about it. What Assange did was give them the evidence.

The most striking piece of evidence was a video and audio clip from an Apache helicopter gunship attacking civilians in Baghdad in 2007. The crew spray their targets with machine-gun fire, making comments like "It's their fault for bringing their kids into battle" and "Oh yeah, look at those dead bastards." They even target people in a vehicle that stops to help the wounded.

As for the claims of the U.S. authorities that Assange has "blood on his hands" – that his 2010 data dump endangered the lives of some of those who were mentioned in the documents – there is not a shred of evidence that this is so. If anyone had come to harm over the past nine years as a result of his actions, don't you think that the U.S. government would have trumpeted it to the skies?

The whistle-blowers are among our last remaining checks on the contemptuous ease with which those who control the information seek to manipulate the rest of us. We don't always respond to the whistle-blowers' revelations as quickly and as strongly as they would hope, but they are indispensable to keep the level of lying down. They should be praised, not punished.

So what are the chances that Julian Assange will escape extradition to the United States and a lifetime in prison? His lawyers will doubtless argue that nobody was harmed as a result of his revelations (except perhaps in their reputations for truthfulness) and that nobody profited by them. A British court might look unfavourably on an extradition request that is brought out of sheer vindictiveness.

The story that Donald Trump contacted Assange through an intermediary, former Congressman Dana Rohrabacher, might also help. Trump was allegedly offering to pardon Assange if the Australian would confirm that it wasn't the Russians who gave him the Hilary Clinton campaign emails he released during the 2016 election campaign.

This has all been denied by both Rohrabacher and the Trump White House, but in carefully phrased ways that leave room for suspicion. Trump's recent denial that he doesn't know Rohrabacher and never spoke to him is especially suspect, since he invited the man to the White House for a one-on-one in April, 2017. British courts will not extradite if the request is politically motivated.

But Assange's best chance probably lies elsewhere. During the seven years when he lived in Ecuador's embassy in London as a political asylum-seeker, a Spanish security company called UC Global installed cameras in every corner of Assange's space in the embassy and live-streamed every contact and conversation he had, including with his lawyers, directly to the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency.

I don't know how a British court will respond to that information, but I think I know how an American court would respond. That's how Ellsberg got off in 1971: the government tapped his phone conversations (and sent burglars to break into his psychiatrist's office and steal his file), so the judge dismissed the case because the government's behaviour was outrageous and no fair trial was possible.

There will be many appeals, both in the UK and maybe later in the U.S., and Assange will not draw a free breath for a long time, if ever. But in the meantime, here's one happy ending.

Edward Snowden couldn't tell his girlfriend his plans before he left the U.S. and released his documents, because that would have made her his accomplice. She was angry at first, but she forgave him, married him in 2017, and lives with him in Russia.

Random rumblings from Suburbia

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Occasionally a flurry of thoughts rumbles about in my head. Most of them don't deserve the intellectual space I give to them and they certainly shouldn't be articulated "in my out loud voice." (Or put in to print!) Perhaps you'll feel the same about the random rumblings I did choose to put in print. They are nothing more than a sampling of rumblings from someone simply trying to exist in this "suburban" paradise we call Caledon.

Do those same people that complain about a parking ban, also complain about the "terrible" job that snowplows do on their streets? Do those folks not realize how intimately one is connected to the other? I wonder too – are they the same people who b**ch about the snowplow coming just as they have finished clearing the driveway? I can assure you, the driver is not lying in wait at the end of your street timing the moment you finish as the opportune time for them to have the pleasure of blocking you in. I'm equally sure you'd also be the first to complain about your street if the driver were not there clearing it for you. It's a safe assumption that during a 15+, 16+ or even 24hr+ snow event, snowplow drivers have more pressing matters on their mind than your personal driveway. Thank you to our Caledon and Region of Peel snowplow operators.

Is it ever wrong to call 911? Of course it is. We all remember the calls during Amber Alerts from self-entitled and self-righteous idiots complaining about the alert ruining their precious sleep. People that ignorant must not be parents, nor should they ever be. Today I'm referencing those times (we've all had them) when you believe you are witnessing something wrong (as person at risk) or dangerous (a suspected drunk driver) or when you have an emergency but you're not quite sure if it's 911 worthy. At the risk of making me sound like a drama queen, I've had several experiences and not once was I chastised for calling for help. I once witnessed a young child being carried by a man from a store. He was kicking and screaming for his mother. I didn't have kids at the time and had no idea what holy terrors they could sometimes be! So I called 911. Officers raced it seemed from every direction and in the aftermath, not one of them told me I shouldn't have called. Had it been an abduction, I would never have forgiven myself and at the time, those officers who responded shared those same thoughts. Over the years, on two other occasions, I witnessed what appeared to be young adults in danger and both times other nearby people hesitated to call. I placed the calls and officers were dispatched to head off any potential crisis. I am not a police officer. I haven't had years of training and on the job experience to determine what is a true emergency – they have. But I do have common sense and if it looks like a crisis, and sounds like a crisis – it's probably a crisis, so call in the professionals and let them handle it. On what I hope will be the last time I ever place such a call, I thought someone was breaking in to my house. Late at night, home alone with two children – one a newborn and me just home from the hospital – my screen door opened and the front door rattled. Rattled myself, I called my husband at work who told me to hang up and call 911. I did. I stayed on the line with a lovely operator who kept me calm while police made their way to me. Apparently my husband made it home in the same amount of time it took for officers to respond and was almost arrested in our driveway! When the dust settled, I was reminded once again by the officers themselves that it's their job to figure out if the danger is real. Thank you to our finest - Caledon OPP.

Is it just me, or is Highway #410 getting worse every day?

Is it just me, or is Highway #50 getting worse every day?

Why is everyone making such a big deal about grasscycling? Recently, the Region announced it was no longer taking grass clippings away at the curb. I've got to be 100% honest here I had no idea that they ever did! Aren't you supposed to keep your clippings on the lawn to help protect it? Out of curiosity and because I am certainly no "green thumb" I looked it up to see if I've been wrong all these years. Here's what I found:

Grasscycling makes your lawn healthy and helps prevent thatch buildup.

Fresh grass clippings are 80% water. They protect the soil by keeping moisture in the ground. Grass clippings break down quickly, providing nutrients to your lawn.

Cutting grass to a height of 8 cm (3 in) will develop a healthy root system and helps prevent weeds from growing.

Grasscycling reduces water use and the amount of fertilizer needed for your lawn.

In my somewhat jaded view of the world it seems to me this is a modern day "first world" crisis of facebook proportions. Most lot sizes in Caledon are either postage stamp sized (in which case you don't need your clippings removed) or you have acres and acres of property (in which case it's probably never even occurred to you to have your clippings removed!)

Our community continues to do great things. Another online auction organized recently is raising funds in the name of Fiona Ross, a local mother with a rare form of cancer known as EHE Sarcoma. I remain thankful for a community that donates products, bids on prizes and in any way supports others who need our help. I also love to hear about positive new initiatives like the fact that Youth Activists Inc has partnered with Caledon Pride to offer a safe space for local area members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community to gather. Their first drop in time is March 5th at Che's Place Youth Centre.

Why is Andrew Scheer still here? Telling protestors to "check their privilege" is yet further proof (had we needed any) that he is out of touch. Check you privilege indeed. Really Mr. Scheer? I'm pretty sure water isn't a privilege but indigenous community members would, at this point, likely consider it a privilege just to drink clean water. It's NOT a privilege but rather, a basic human right. Probably one Mr. Scheer doesn't give a second thought to as he turns on the tap at home.

To quote a friend of mine; "things that make me go hmmmnnn……." For all those schools and municipalities and community groups and university campus organizations and the many others that start any of their public meetings with an acknowledgement of the indigenous territories – where are you in supporting the Wet'suwet'en? You'll no doubt know that these territorial or land acknowledgments are "an act of reconciliation that involves making a statement recognizing the traditional territory of the Indigenous people who called the land home before the arrival of settlers, and in many cases still do call it home." Have these already become so cliché that they are merely something we do but not something in which we truly believe? Because if we believe these statements to be true, I have to think there would be more support for the Wet'suwet'en from folks who don't identify as Indigenous.

Finally, how will you spend your extra day this year? Think about it, it's an entire 24 hours that only comes around once every four years. This year it's on a Saturday. If you're lucky and not working – make it memorable.

Free market and the citizens

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MILLENNIAL MOTHERING: POLITICS & BLUEBERRY STAINS



It is the free market and its citizens that are slowly killing the oil sands, not the federal government.

When Alberta Premier Jason Kenney was elected, he vowed to take on environmentalists. He said he would do anything in his power to protect Alberta's oil workers from 'radical' environmentalists (including those in Ottawa). Ironically, the consensus remains that the carbon tax was anything but radical (indeed, one of its chief proponents, Mark Cameron – former director of Clean Prosperity Canada – now works for Jason Kenney). The federal government hasn't actually done anything radical to make our action on the climate crisis meaningful. Until now. The people: both the CEOs with cold feet and indigenous folks (especially the youth) have driven the deepest wedge into Kenney's plans.

The indigenous land defenders (or what our media likes to call them, 'protesters') have truly shown just how difficult it would be to get any new resource extraction projects off the ground – and therein lies the death of the Teck Frontier Mine. In the past week, Teck's CEO announced that they would permanently withdraw the application for their oilsands mega-mine as the board of his company observed continued resistance on behalf of many Canadians (and their own shareholders) to the project.

The company actually aims to be carbon neutral by 2050. Their CEO, Don Lindsay, was quoted widely saying that there are "much broader issues that need to be resolved ... there is no constructive way forward." As much as Jason Kenney doesn't want to admit it, no amount of courting on behalf of Ottawa could have compelled Teck to stay. The only recourse would be to nationalize the project (again). And indeed, Kenney has floated this idea.

The trouble is, Alberta does not have the money to fully take on this massive project. Alberta could have followed the Norwegian path and properly invested decades of oil revenue into a fund that could now have made the necessary transition into renewables or other more viable industries a seamless one. Instead, all of that money was wasted on tax cuts. And now Alberta is in trouble. The party is over. And there are real victims of this mismanagement: people in Fort McMurray and beyond who can't afford to pay their mortgages as they are out of work. The crisis is deep, and that's because distortions of this magnitude are rare in any of Canada's other provincial economies (the Maritimes have faced similar issues but they've been sporadic).

But all is not lost. Alberta has many other natural resources and industries that are worthy of investment (where it comes to energy, solar power is a front-runner). But this will take some soul-searching. And the combative positions of Kenney and his 'seperatist' friends are not helping Alberta's cause. While the protests have really crystalized how important it is to move away from these industries, we know that the oil patch has been suffering for most of the 2010s. The biggest players in the Alberta oil game have simply not seen the benefit of expansion as the price of oil continues to be too low for Canadian bitumen to be competitive.

That is the trouble with a boom and bust industry. And it's time for us to see the writing on the wall and do the hard work of transitioning into a more resilient economy.

We need to accept that the future of Canada's workers is not in the natural resource extraction of yesterday. To be sure, we still need to continue to sustainably be harvesting from the earth to survive. But on the whole, we have to listen not only to environmental scientists, but also the economists.

Two Nobel prize winners, Abhijit Banerjee and Esther Duflo, have recently joined the chorus of other economists who have argued that we need a new economy that doesn't seek growth (to read a fuller insight on this, check out John Cassidy's piece in the New Yorker, 02/10/20). Higher GDP's, they argue, do not equal better outcomes for citizens.

There is a wealth of data on this, and it should reassure all of us. There is a way forward, and ironically, businesses see it too.

Governments just need to get out of the way. Jason Kenney needs to stop digging a deeper hole for Albertans and start digging them out of it.

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Rodriguez Contemporary Gallery has become an online success story

Written By CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Lack of time; feeling it's less important; no idea what you like; a little intimidated about visiting a gallery: these are all reasons why you might hire an art consultant to find the right painting for your place of pride in your living room – or go to an online art gallery for that initial browse.

Springing from this idea, founder and owner of the new online art gallery, Rodriguez Contemporary Gallery, is Teresa Brownell.

"It's been two years in the making and three years in my head. But we finally got it up," Ms. Brownell told the Citizen.

"There are two website addresses that lead to the same place: www.artgalleryonline.ca and www.rodriguescontemporary .com, [the latter being the actual name of the online gallery].

"I put the www.artgalleryonline.ca out on purpose, in case people found the name hard to remember. When they can get there and see it, they'll like it and remember.

"These paintings that we show are all originals. Mimi Matte, for example, she died in 2012 but the family wanted to sell her pictures" rather than store many of them. "Mimi's son is a musician and my son, Ian, was actually in a music program taught by her son. Ian told me about him and his mother and I looked her up and thought she would be a great fit."

Describing the website and how it works, Ms. Brownell said, "There are five artists on the slide at a time" across the top of the home page. "Mark Anthony Jacobson was the last artist to exhibit with Norval Morrisseau, who was part of the woodland movement of aboriginal painting."

Meeting artists has happened over a few decades of being in the art world.

"Some I have met through the Bartlett gallery, where I was the director for 10 years, in the Alton Mill Arts Centre. We had many shows and I met many artists, some of them are local.

"That, plus going to art fairs, which are almost like a trade shows, in Toronto. There is one called the artists' project . That's in a hall, with art hanging on the walls and displayed and the artists stationed by their work, waiting to talk about it to collectors, gallery owners, retailers.

"Studio tours, anything art related I'm going to be there," she assured us.

Her background did not hint at where she was going at the outset: "I was actually going to become a legal secretary in Toronto. When I moved up this way, after I met my husband, I decided to stay home with my kids and I started painting. As a painter, I was very interested in the art world and that's how I started and even became addicted to art. I was always more interested in contemporary art, which doesn't necessarily mean 'modern art'. They are two different movements: Modern art 1880's to 1960's is more representational. From the 1960's on, that's Contemporary art, considered to be more social commentary."

She told us, "In 1998, I was in Shelburne and studied with Sandy Herron. She was my mentor and taught me everything, the basics really. I fell in love with portraiture through her. I do paint portraits," she remarked. "I have done commissions."

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> Teresa Brownell
> Rodriguez Contemporary Gallery

Of her three sons, she mentioned in passing, "My eldest is a chef, a caterer; the middle boy is a welder and volunteer fire fighter; the youngest loves music, animation and he loves to travel."

Returning to the bones of the art that fascinates Ms. Brownell primarily and what she plans to continue to carry, mainly, in her gallery, "Contemporary. Anything painted after the 1960's, with a preference for those that claim to be 'more about social commentary.'

"When I started to go to back to work," she continued, "I applied to law firms with no success. I tried one art shop and got the job. I've been working in the art business since then.

"I started a website 'in2art' which I used as a blog about different art. Then I thought of a website, iCurate. I was planning on doing more work as an art consultant and discovering art work, not just locally, writing different articles about different art. That's what I was going to start. I just wanted to share [knowledge about art]'. But there were too many reasons not to use that name. When push came to shove, I didn't want that name; why don't I rename the website after myself – my maiden name: call it Rodrigues Contemporary.

"I've met so many artists. Some called on me while I was working at the Bartlett Gallery, which closed 2017. That's when Michael [her former employer] called me to work for him at F-Stop. I started there part-time, to also work on my website.

"I work with a local web designer. I had my vision and she has worked with it. I saw how hard it was for the Bartlett to keep the doors open: bricks and mortar."

She commented with sadness, "So many galleries are closing because of that. So, my gallery is virtual, working with a collector base."

Marketing is huge part of gallery work and Teresa Brownell recommends, "Instagram is a great resource. I was a bit of a social media wiz. I like to learn about a lot of things and it's a great avenue of discovery. You can promote things and pay but it can be free. I'm still getting inquiries from people on Instagram, even since it was bought out."

The way it works is, "A lot of it starts off with artists I've worked with before. Over ten years, you get to know artists through the web. I attend events.

"Prices are not on the website yet," said she, shifting a bit, "Today's consumers are smart consumers. They want to look at what they want; to browse without any pressure. Consumers were afraid to go into a gallery. They felt intimated. I used watch them start to come into the Bartlett and then back off. So, that online approach takes that out of the equation.

"The bottom line is you still have to build a relationship. You still have to talk to people: in order to have a relationship, you have to talk to people.

"Our paintings come with certificates of authenticity.

"It's a trust thing."

Ms. Brownell commented, "Art after 1960 is a very broad spectrum. Could be traditional; could be abstract. Anything.

"Right now, my ambition is, eventually, to have actual exhibitions online. Eventually, to have a pop-up gallery, in partnership with my son, Neil, the caterer, his company is Foodies Anonymous. He just bought it this year. He was working for them and had the chance to buy the business. He wanted to chef since he was a kid and started working in restaurants, bussing when he was 13. He had lots of odd jobs and they were always in a kitchen.

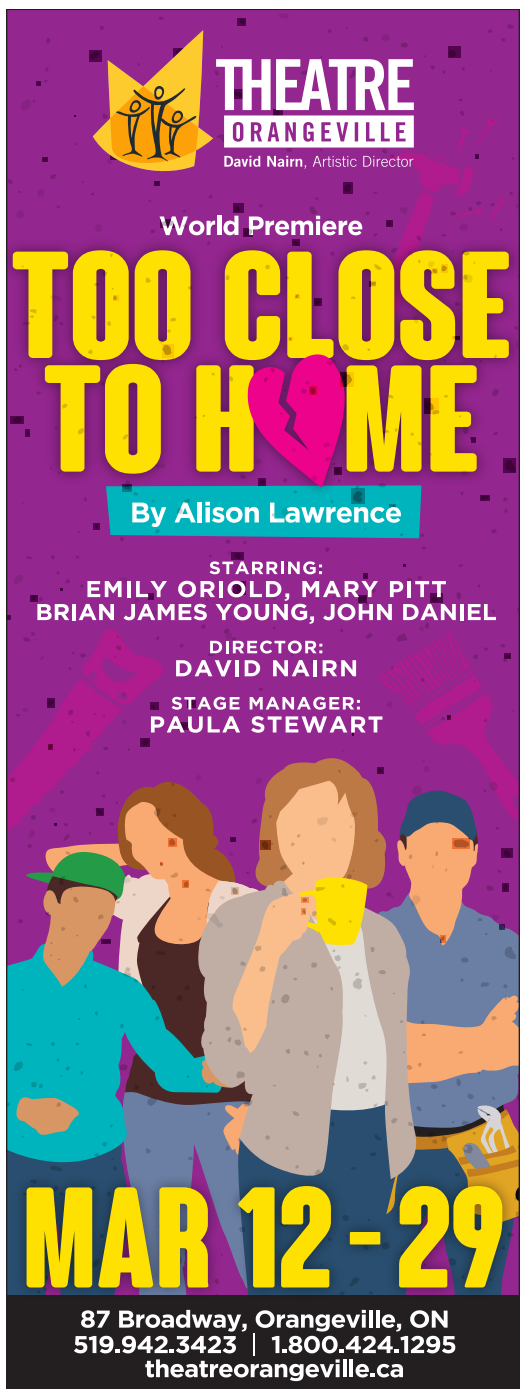
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"There is no pressure online. You can ask any questions; contact us with a phone number eventually.

"Art work is available to everyone at every price. There could be a sketch that is original, that is affordable.

"And the beauty for an artist is that I don't keep their inventory until I have a customer that wants to take it home."

Check out this very contemporary approach to art sales, at www.rodriguescontemporary.com, which you can also access at www.artgalleryonline.ca.



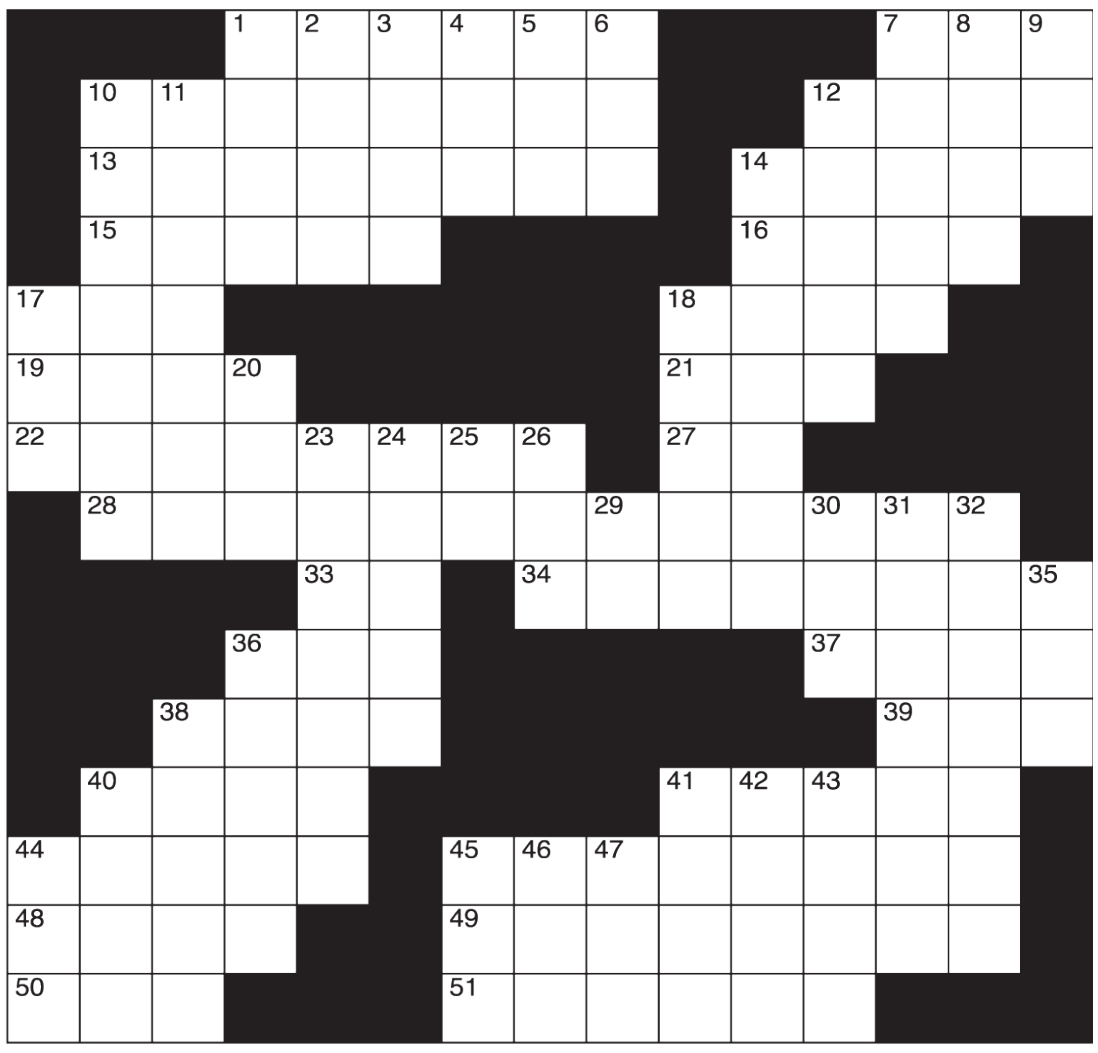
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CLUES ACROSS

1. Stain one's hands
7. Subdivision
10. A passage to be performed slow
12. Invests in little enterprises
13. Medians
14. Member of the giraffe family
15. Makes official
16. Choose in an election
17. Hill or rocky peak
18. Member of an ancient Iranian people
19. Crest of a hill
21. Small, faint constellation
22. Cultivated from crops that yield oil
27. The ancient Egyptian sun god
28. Hollywood tough guy
33. Chinese drums
34. Merits
36. Indicates center
37. Increases motor speed
38. Mentally fit
39. BBQ favorite
40. Wings
41. Female parents
44. Marks left from wounds
45. Soften by soaking in liquid
48. They resist authority (slang)
49. Formats
50. Many subconsciousnesses
51. Vogues

CLUES DOWN

1. Mental object
2. Blackbird
3. Undergarments
4. Old cloth
5. One from Utah
6. Greek goddess of the dawn
7. Become less intense
8. Developed to readiness
9. Defunct phone company
10. About Freemason
11. Taking everything into account
12. Famed Czech engineer
14. Impress into silence
17. Boxing term
18. Marketplaces
20. Pounds per square inch
23. Locomotives
24. Short musical composition
25. Football position (abbr.)
26. Heavyhearted
29. Denotes particular region
30. Famed NHLer
31. Ingested too much
32. Formulates
35. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
36. Broad, shallow craters
38. Thick cuts
40. Breezed through
41. Breakfast is one
42. "Rule, Britannia" composer
43. Periodicals (slang)
44. Indian title of respect
45. More (Spanish)
46. Creation
47. A loud utterance

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REAL ESTATE PROFESSIONAL of the Month

Written By MARG MCCARTHY

In Ontario there are 38 real estate boards which real estate agents and brokerages work within. Marg McCarthy Real Estate Services is a member of TREB (Toronto Real Estate Board) and RAGBOS (Realtors Association of Grey Bruce Owen Sound). The advantage to Marg McCarthy Real Estate Services being a member to both boards is the sphere we work within is covered and listed on the MLS (Multi Listing Service) system for both boards. RAGBOS is part of the Matrix system that covers MLS postings for 22 boards. Marg has listing access to all around Georgian Bay and down to Toronto and the Golden Horseshoe.

It is always interesting to look at sales statistics. The boards always post all of their statistics quarterly. It is important for Realtors to review these stats and be up on the trends for the last few months and years. At Marg McCarthy Real Estate Services everyone reviews this information independently and makes notes of any trends that would be important to our customers and clients.

In January 2020 in the Grey, Bruce, Owen Sound area home sales were UP 23.7% in 2020 versus the sales in 2019. What this means is within January 2020 approximately 23% more homes were listed and sold. This is good news for this market area. In the month of January of this year the numbers of listings were also up 14.8%. This past January was positive for both buyers and sellers in the sense there were more homes on the market for buyers to look at and purchase as well as those who had homes they were selling had a better chance of selling this year over last. This looks positive for February and March markets as well. We will be posting these to the Marg McCarthy Real Estate Services blog at https://mccarthyrealty.ca/blog/ as the numbers become available.

Another compelling number to look at is the Median Prices and Total Number of Houses Sold in the area. Overall in the RAGBOS area in the month of January 2020 Units Sold were 141 and the total of out of that number was 120 Detached Homes Units which shows that in that month were 85% Detached Homes Sold. That is a positive for someone who is considering selling their detached home in the months following. Of course there are never any guarantees but it is important to look at all the information and how it relates to your real estate decisions. As well the median price was up 19.8% overall with an average Sale Price of $377,377 for all properties sold in the RAGBOS area. In January Detached Homes were up 25.2% over last year with an Average Sold Price of $400,750. These are all very interesting numbers for you to keep in mind, when making decisions when it comes to your real estate purchase or sale. Prices and number of sales are all important, plus location and come into pricing a home.

If you want to discuss how your property or purchase fits into the numbers call the professionals at Marg McCarthy Real Estate Services at 519-925-6948 to set up an appointment. Marg McCarthy Real Estate Services can also be contacted by email info@mccarthyrealty.ca or drop by Marg McCarthy Real Estate Services office at 110 Centennial Rd, Shelburne we would love to meet with you to discuss your upcoming Real Estate needs.



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REALT ESTATE PROFESSIONAL OF THE MONTH: Marg McCarthy (centre) a Shelburne-based realtor is the Citizen's Real Estate Professional of the Month for February.

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MARKET HOT SHEET | HOME SALES

Caledon JANUARY 2020
(Excluding Bolton)

	THIS MONTH January 2020	LAST YEAR January 2019	YTD 2020 January 2020	Percentage Change Jan. 2020 vs. Jan. 2019
Sales	34	33	34	3%
Average Selling Price	$1,123,968	$1,029,515	$1,123,968	9%
Average Days on Market	32	52	32	-38%
Active Listings	164	175	164	-6%

NEIGHBOURHOOD BREAKDOWN

Ranked by month's supply; this number tells how many months it would take for all current inventory to sell given the monthly sales. This number determines the market status

Sellers Market | Balanced Market | Buyers Market | 4.8 Months Supply

	Inventory	Sales	Supply
Caledon	164	34	4.8

Market Status

CALEDON | JANUARY 2020 (YEAR TO DATE)
REAL ESTATE REPORT

$ 1,123,968 AVERAGE SELLING PRICE 9 %
164 LISTINGS -6%
34 SALES +3%

Percentage change YTD over last year YTD. Statistics are compiled from data on the Toronto Real Estate Board

BOLTON JANUARY 2020
(Excluding Caledon)

	THIS MONTH January 2020	LAST YEAR January 2019	YTD 2020 January 2020	Percentage Change Jan. 2020 vs. Jan. 2019
Sales	20	14	20	43%
Average Selling Price	$770,050	$700,671	$770,050	10%
Average Days on Market	29	38	29	-24%
Active Listings	15	46	15	-67%

NEIGHBOURHOOD BREAKDOWN

Ranked by month's supply; this number tells how many months it would take for all current inventory to sell given the monthly sales. This number determines the market status

Sellers Market | Balanced Market | Buyers Market | 0.8 Months Supply

	Inventory	Sales	Supply
Bolton	15	20	0.8

Market Status

BOLTON | January 2020 (YEAR TO DATE)
REAL ESTATE REPORT

770,050 AVERAGE SELLING PRICE +10%
26 LISTINGS -13%
20 SALES +43%

Percentage change YTD over last year YTD. Statistics are compiled from data on the Toronto Real Estate Board

14 Critical High Cost Home Inspection Traps You Should Know About Weeks Before Listing Your Caledon Home for Sale

CALEDON - According to industry experts, there are over 33 physical problems that will come under scrutiny during a home inspection when your home is for sale. A new insider report has been prepared which identifies the fourteen most common of these problems, and what you should know about them before you list your home for sale.

Whether you own an old home or a brand new one, there are a number of things that can fall short of requirements during a home inspection. If not identified and dealt with, any of these 14 items could cost you dearly in terms of repair, home value and a potential loss of sale. That's why it's critical that you read this report before you list your home. If you wait until the building inspector flags these issues for you, you will almost certainly experience costly delays in the close of your home sale or, worse, turn prospective buyers away altogether. In most cases, you can make a reasonable pre-inspection yourself if you know what you're looking for and knowing what you're looking for can help you prevent little problems from growing into costly and unmanageable ones.

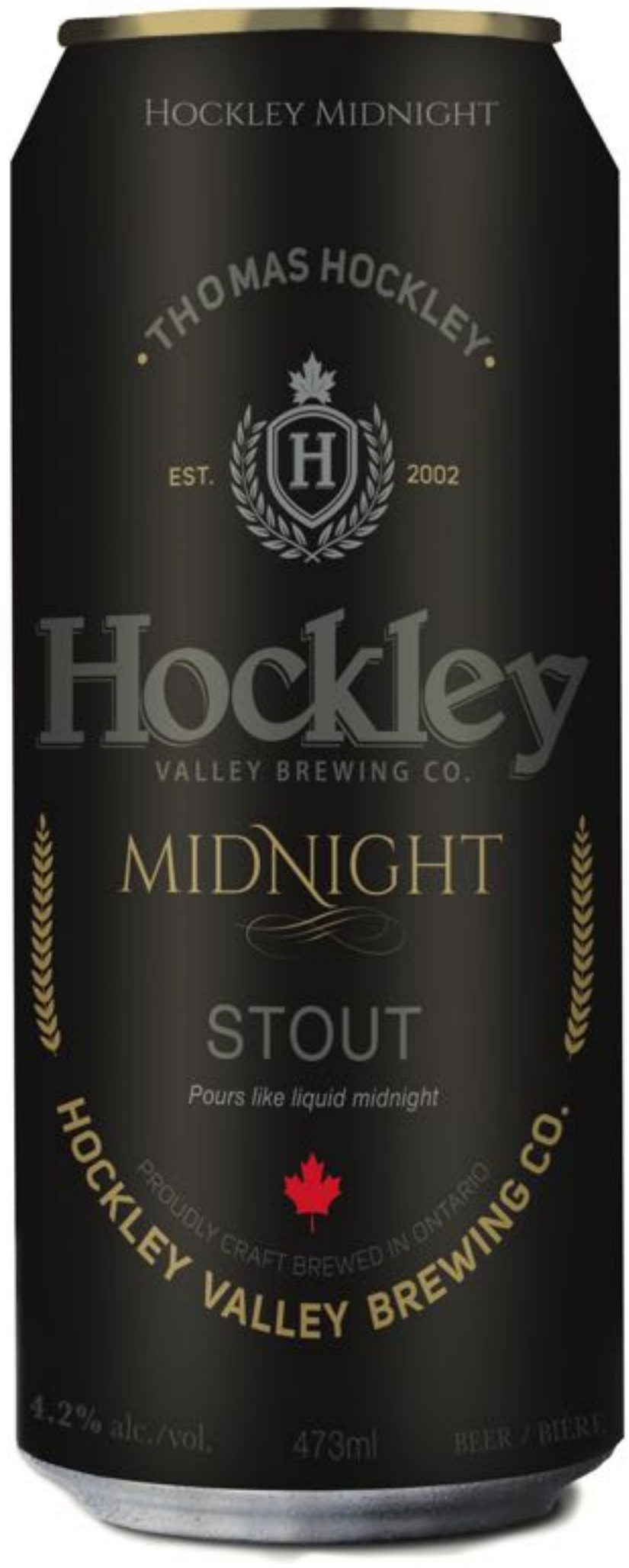
To help homesellers deal with this issue before their homes are listed, a free insider report entitled "14 Critical Things You Need to Know to Pass Your Home Inspection" has been compiled which explains the issues involved.

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Golden Hawks season 'a learning curve for everyone' says coach

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

It has been a year of learning for everyone in the Caledon Golden Hawks, Junior C organization.

In one way, it has been a slight, step back year from the one prior. Much like every year in Junior C hockey, the turnover of players is unpredictable and the same goes for the coach.

Stan Kondrotas won PJHL, North Carruthers division coach of the year for the second time in three years and he will await a meeting at the beginning of next month, to determine if he will return to the Golden Hawks.

Before this season, the Golden Hawks saw Matt Magliozzi and Marc Simonetta, two players that recorded north of 70 points, leave the team. Mathiau young was also among those names, who recorded north of 60 points to leave the Hawks.

It's part of Junior C, and as Kondrotas described to the Citizen, it is a sport you can play and manage your time in school or work. If it's Junior A, forget about that all, hockey would be your life.

Just ask Matt Magliozzi. He completed university and now interns at Sick Kids. His younger brother Adam, who plays for the Golden Hawks as we speak, is also studying to become a doctor.

This year in some ways, was a mix of how this team could improve and how the boys could get the best out of themselves.

Since beginning the year 3-6-1 in the first 10 games, it was clear there was a problem.

"One thing that became evident, is we were missing a natural goal scorer," said Kondrotas, speaking with the Citizen while working his day time job as an Uber driver.

"You always got to be looking how to make your team better."

So, the Golden Hawks traded for Vito Sica from Schomberg, who the organization thought was a skillful goal scorer and high-level talent to have, back on October 25th. Just shy of a month later, the Hawks added Wesley Weir from Stayner, to add some grit to their roster.

It wasn't until January 10th, for one final deal to be made from Caledon. Here's how it worked. The Golden Hawks will not deny a player the chance to make a run if he feels leaving would give him that chance. Since it was the previous Captain, Darius Kondrotas' last year in Junior C, he was traded to Stayner for defenceman Deaglan Small.



PHOTO: ROBERT BELARDI

LEARNING CURVE: Head Coach Stan Kondrotas looks on from the bench in game two of their playoff series against the Penetang Kings. The boys, striped their helmets, rallying together for their postseason bout.

Jake Semmens and Vito Sica followed and on paper that, was for Welsey Weir and money. Semmens and Sica remain Golden Hawks property said Kondrotas, and will return next season.

Throughout that, The Golden Hawks brought on Brennan Laverty from out East to add some grit and goal scoring to the roster. The Golden Hawks were one of the biggest teams on the ice this season and towards the end it was evident.

Kondrotas said, that he was happy for Luke Miehm and surprised by the improvement of Chris Thistel throughout the year. Miehm was a force out there on the ice to be reckoned with especially on the penalty kills and Thistel has some work to do, on foot speed and the intensity level, but he's come a long way since the beginning.

But one of the players, in Kondrotas' eyes, that improved all year and is the team MVP from this season was Ethan Lajeunesse.

"He proved his value game in and game out. He brought it and probably bought more heart than any other guy on the team," urged Kondrotas.

With Daniel Butt, Marc Bottero and Alex Mourani leading the way all year, a three-game winning streak at the end suggested the Golden Hawks have built their roster that could have brought the brawn, hard toughness to the ice to give them a good run in the playoffs. As you see in the NHL, it's the physical teams that go far in the post season.

"It was a long learning process with these guys," said Kondrotas, emphasizing that everyone has been learning on what they needed to do and learning on what it took to win.

If the boys didn't do one of the jobs, you saw it on the ice. You saw the team plummet in a matter of moments.

"It's all a learning curve you know. You got to look at it at the end of the day and say, hmm, it's a lot better than I thought it was."

Moving on for next year, the Golden Hawks will see goaltender Aidan Spooner and Jason Cumbo move on from the team. Spooner will be looking to move on according to Kondrotas, to crack the Kingston Frontenacs lineup and Jason Cumbo has over aged.

William Patry and Everett Flewelling will be done playing as well. So, this year, in June, the Golden Hawks will be looking for roughly eight to 10 players to crack the lineup.

If Kondrotas returns, he will look for some speed, grit and goal scoring. That's if he comes back. He's made it clear if he has the chance to move up, he will.

The next step aside from the team is figuring out how to bring more people out in attendance. If Orillia can bring out 567 people to their game seven matchup against the Schomberg Cougars this past week, as opposed to the 70 people in attendance for game four in Caledon against the Penetang Kings, something has to give.

Maybe it's advertising. Kondrotas said to the Citizen, that some people across the street had no idea there was a Junior C team in Caledon. Problem one.

Maybe it's playing on Sunday nights. With a work day on Monday, maybe residents don't want to leave their homes before a full work day the next day.

This team is only 10 years old and has been competing in the Provincial Junior Hockey League since 2016/2017.

There's only one way for this club. Backed by a passionate president in his first year after buying the Golden Hawks in 2019, David Arsenault, that direction suggests, it is only up from here.

On June 13 and 14, if you wish to play hockey at a high level and want a shot to play with the Caledon Golden Hawks, tryouts will be held at South Fletcher's Sportsplex in Brampton.

For more information, Director of Player Personnel, Robin Inscoe can be reached at 416-846-1383.

Mayfield hockey team loses second last game of season

Written By ROBERT BELARDI

Mayfield Secondary School's five game win streak comes to an end, falling to St. Martin Catholic Secondary School 4-3 last Thursday.

Of, course in any sport, the feeling of frustration stems from what calls will be made and how it affects the tempo of the game in key moments.

"When the girls feel they're not getting the calls and they feel handcuffed, I think that's where we lost it," said head coach Jon Forbes, after some non-calls in the third period that left the coach a bit frustrated.

Not to mention on top of all this, Mayfield didn't have one of their greatest games on the ice.

The girls came out flying in the first few minutes. Some genius interplay from Orly Ferris and Tasha Godin almost led to the first goal of the game, if it was not for the goaltender's best friend; that post that holds up the net.

Midway through the period, Emily Ignani brought the puck into the zone and ripped a slap shot from near the blue line, too much for the blocker of Mackenize Brown to keep out.

With just over five minutes remaining in the first period, Reanna Todo flashed her relentlessness off, stealing the puck from the defence and banging in the second goal of the game.

After a great first period, Martin got things going 14 seconds in. Jordin Giove capitalized on a two-on-one opportunity to turn the tide.

That didn't last long. Not if Ignani had anything to say about it.

Her second goal of the game was a replay of Detroit Red Wings captain, Steve Yzerman's goal in double overtime against the St. Louis Blues in 1998.

She ripped another shot from the blue line from the same position. This time the puck didn't even touch Brown's blocker. It just flew into the net from the underside of the crossbar and in.

Still, that epic goal didn't have enough to phase Martin. Georgia Sambrano, who led the play calls most of the game for the team, managed to sneak one in the net to put Martin within one for the beginning of the third period.

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"Helping Caledon Youth Transition to Employment" *by Cathy Perennec McLean, Director, Employment and Training*



By virtue of their age, many youth lack the required work experience to easily transition into the labour market. Some also face additional barriers.

Meet Kevin. He graduated from a post-secondary program in computer programming and yet, without work experience, struggled to find meaningful employment. Anxiety is also a challenge.

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The Canadian government commissioned a panel which, in 2017, produced a report entitled "13 Ways to Modernize Youth Employment in Canada: Strategies for a New World of Work." This report noted 6 specific barriers faced by youth:

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- Underprepared: To be successful, youth are expected to have skills such as networking, critical thinking, collaboration and financial literacy;
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Lions Club to host meatroll fundraiser

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

On Feb 29 at Caledon Village Place, The Caledon Lions club will be hosting their annual event, The Big Bob Memorial Meatroll and Silent Auction to raise funds for local communities' activities.

The Caledon Lions Club is a member of the international Lions Club with millions of members from around the world. Lions Club International is the world's largest club organization dedicated to serving and supporting their communities. With more than 45,000 clubs world-wide in over 206 counties, Lion Club International share the same values which is to serve their community. They are known to be the 'Global Leader in Humanitarian Service'.

"We do a lot of fundraisers for very specific activities like Meals on Wheels, the Bethell House, Caledon Community Services, those types of things. We can have as many of those kinds of fundraisers we want in a year," explained David Cunningham, President of the Caledon Lions Club. "90 per cent of the money we raise goes back to the community of Caledon."

The club continuously are looking for new ways to give back. They even went as far to make a generous donation to help with the wildfires in Australia.

The international portion of the club is involved in helping specific organizations for visually impaired, children who suffer from diseases and cancer. Wherever the international club is involved, so are the Caledon Lions.

The Caledon Lions Club was first chartered in 1971, and still have one of the original members till this day at the age of 93. Cunningham has been with the Lions for over 30 years and considers the group his second family.

"It's important to give back to the community, to that place where you grew up, the place that supported you in those formative periods. As someone once said, it takes a village to get things done and that's the way it is. We get a lot of, I'll call them regulars, they're not members, but the show up at all our events and support us in many ways. They just want to give back," he said.

The Big Bob Memorial Meatroll and Silent Auction was named after the former club president and former OPP officer Bob Dambrauskas who passed away on the same day as the event in 2015.

This fundraiser will go on support future upcoming events such as the annual senior's banquet in April.

"Most of the people we invite are seniors who are in senior care facilities or senior residences. It's an opportunity for them to get out a meet with other people, as we end up 120 people at this dinner," commented Cunningham.

With a raffle wheel getting spun, prizes of a variety of meat including blackforest ham, peameal bacon and chicken are given out to the winners. Local businesses within Caledon donate items for the silent auction. The event is free of admission and completely open to the public. The theme for this year's event is Mardi Gras.

The event will take place at the Caledon Village Place at 18313 Hurontario Street beginning at 1 p.m. and going until 7 p.m.

For more information about the Big Bob Memorial Meatroll and Silent Auction event or the Lions Club, please visit lionsclub.org.

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Mayfield loses second last game of season

Martin head coach, Willi Turner, was heavily engaged throughout the game with one leg up on the boards in some cases. He was continuously, encouraging his team and it paid dividens in the way Martin approached the third period.

Jackie Grosso tied things up, tipping in a slap pass from the point.

Mayfield came close with a quality chance on the power play. Sydney Lynch's slap shot hit the post.

Closer to the end, some controversial non-calls and a penalty call against Carly Gout gave Martin a power play with under 30 seconds left in the game.

With 9.7 seconds left, Giove scored the game winner to hand Mayfield their second loss of the year.

"They're a good team. They don't give you time and space," said Forbes, sharing his thoughts on how Martin shut down Mayfield as the game went on.

"Anytime we thought we had some space it was gone. They push their players to be better. It was a really good game. And, our girls responded to that. They're a good hustling team."

Mayfield close out the final week of the regular season against Cardinal Leger Catholic Secondary School. With the loss against St. Martin, Mayfield lost the chance to earn a first round bye.

There is a chance, the girls could play Humberview in an all-Caledon playoff series.





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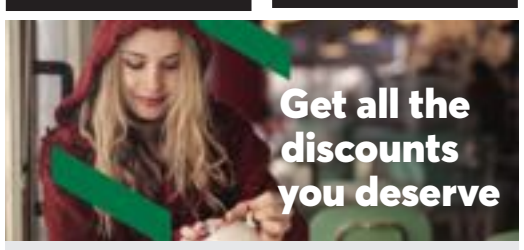
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FELSKE, Edward (Eddy)
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Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre onTuesday, February 18th, 2020 at the age of 57. Beloved husband of Luzia Felske. Dear son of the late Siegfried & Elisabeth Felske. Cherished brother of Heidi (Mark), Honey (Mark), Ursula, Inge (Ron) and Siggi (deceased). Edward will also be greatly missed by other relatives and many friends. A Celebration of Eddy's life will be held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St., Orangeville on Friday, March 6, 2020 at 2:30 p.m. The family will receive friends beginning at 1:30 p.m. Memorial donations to Headwaters Health Care Foundation would be appreciated by the family. Special thank you to Dr. Martin-Smith, Dr. Nadarajah, respiratory therapist and all the nurses at Headwaters ICU and E-Wing for all your special care.A tree will be planted in memory of Eddy 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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Visitation will be held at the *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre* 21 First St. Orangeville on Sunday March 1, 2020 from 6:00-8:00 pm
Funeral Service will be held in the chapel on Monday, March 2, 2020 at 11:00 am. Memorial donations to the Royal Canadian Legion - Poppy Fund.
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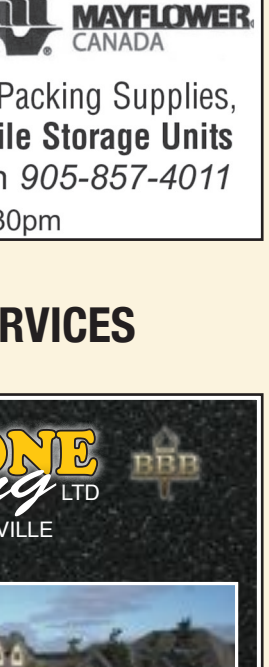
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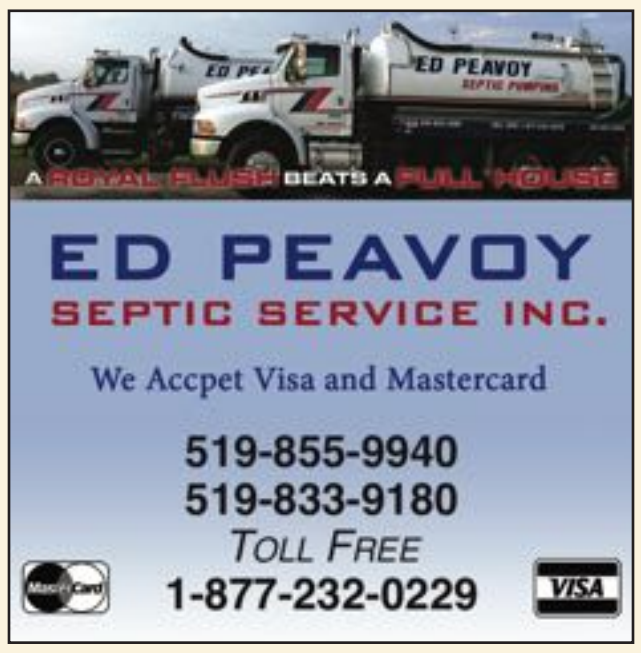


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