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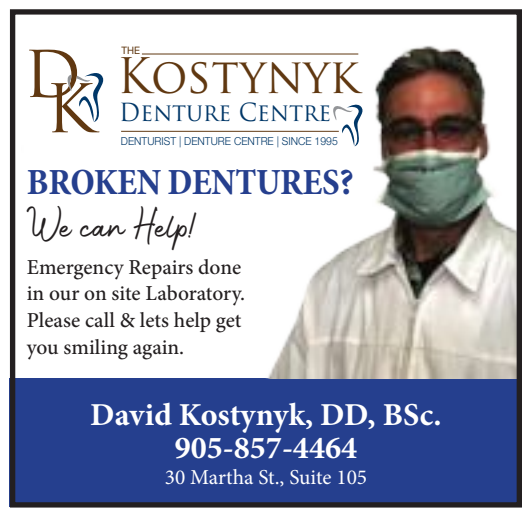


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A BUSY SEPTEMBER FOR HOSPICE – September is shaping up to be a busy month for staff and volunteers of Bethell Hospice. On September 27, Shannon Eckstein, pictured above with Lynn Dobson, Chair of the Bethell Hospice board, will present her film, The Bethel Hospice Story, in Brampton on September 27. Throughout the month of September, Hospice will be a part of another initiative that supports both their work and local businesses. For more on both endeavours, see Page 2.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN







Residents recommending more connected trails, safer crossings and more in new Active Transportation Plan

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Town of Caledon is currently in the midst of creating a new Active Transportation Master Plan.

The goal of the plan is to develop a well-connected and safe active transportation network in Caledon that will encourage both residents and visitors alike to choose active forms of transportation such as walking and biking.

Sabrina Davidson, the Town of Caledon's Sustainable Transportation Coordinator and the Town's lead on the master plan, has, along with a subcontracted consultant, been collecting feedback from the Caledon community regarding what they'd like to see implemented in the new Master Plan, which will guide the Town's active transportation projects for the next five years, 10 years, and beyond.

Davidson explained dividing goals into these three timelines organizes and streamlines goal implementation.

Davidson met with the Citizen to share some of the feedback she's received from residents through community engagement both in person and online.

Davidson said since Caledon is known for its trails and outdoor activities, the community is lucky there has been a lot of support for active transportation here.

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"Fall for Caledon" at Age-Friendly Expo

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

October 1 is the international day of older persons, and the Town of Caledon is planning to celebrate with a full day of fall fun.

It's hosting the "Fall For Caledon Age-Friendly Expo" that day, and Caledon's 55+ community is invited to come to the Alton Legion from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to not only learn about the programs and services the Town has to offer, but to enjoy refreshments, speakers, and live music.

Spotlight speakers at the expo include Peel Art Gallery, Museum, and Archives, Caledon Fire, Visit Caledon, and the Caledon Public Library. They'll each be doing short 15-minute presentations to highlight what they have to offer.

Lunch and entertainment takes place from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and those attending will get a free hot dog, chips, and drink.

Downey's Farm is also providing donuts for the event.

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Documentary about history of Bethell Hospice to premiere at Rose Theatre in Brampton

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Many people may not understand what hospice care is all about.

As photojournalist — and now filmmaker — Shannon Eckstein learned it's an incredibly moving, amazing, and important service for those with life-limiting illnesses and their families.

Eckstein first visited Bethell Hospice in 2014, when she was asked to come and photograph people at the hospice.

Since Eckstein is a photojournalist, she has experience photographing intimate subjects, and was a good fit for the job.

"The first time I came here, I was like 'This place is amazing'," said Eckstein. "One of the main characters in the film – her name is Jackie – she was one of the first people I interviewed and talked to, and it was just so compelling to speak with her and her family."

Since the two built a relationship, Eckstein asked if she could interview Jackie on video, and Jackie agreed as she had things she wanted to say. That was the beginning of the documentary The Bethell Hospice Story, which is now complete and will be premiering at Brampton's Rose Theatre on September 27.



Tickets for the premiere are $40 and all proceeds will be going to Bethell Hospice.

The event begins at 6 p.m. with a cocktail hour and the documentary will be shown from 7 to 8 p.m., with a question and answer discussion to follow.

The Rose Theatre was chosen as the venue because of its large capacity and accessibility to all. The majority of patients at Bethell come from Brampton, so that was another reason the Rose was a natural fit. Tickets to the premiere are available at the door or online at tickets.brampton.ca.

The last interview Eckstein conducted with Jackie was on the day before she died.

Jackie was 50 and had three kids, and Eckstein was just a few years younger than her at the time.

"To experience death, in hospice with proper palliative care is a completely different thing. It's night and day," said Eckstein. "So, I wanted to make a movie that told the story of what hospice and palliative care really is, and I wanted you to feel what I feel what I felt."

After meeting Jackie, Eckstein met Elizabeth Bethell, a Victorian Order Nurse and daughter of Bethell Hospice founder Lorna Bethell.

At the time Eckstein met Elizabeth, Lorna had recently passed away. Eckstein interviewed Elizabeth at Lorna's house, and said it was amazing to hear the stories of how Lorna raised the money for the hospice.

Eckstein also learned about Tony, Lorna's husband, who was a survivor of a prisoner of war camp in World War 2. Tony and other soldiers dug tunnels to escape, and did, but many were recaptured and killed.

Tony was one of the few to survive, and kept a diary of notes and drawings from his time at the camp.

Tony's story is interwoven into The Bethell Hospice story, as one of the reasons Lorna founded Bethell Hospice was to honour Tony's life and legacy.

"When (Tony) got really sick with cancer, (Lorna) cared for him with the help of nurses in their home. And he had quite a… peaceful death at home. And after he died, she knew that lots of people don't have peaceful deaths. So, she wanted to build the hospice," said Eckstein. Elizabeth being a nurse working in palliative care also inspired Lorna, as well as her stepson dying in hospital.

"This was all the inspiration, but then they had to figure out, 'Okay, how were we going to build it? And how are we going to raise $8 million to get it built? And then, once it's built, how are we going to find 200 volunteers to help? And then once that's done, how do we get a foundation together to make sure that it can continue on even after?'"

Those questions will be answered in The Bethell Hospice Story.

While Eckstein was creating the documentary, her mom who lived in Vancouver became very sick. When Eckstein flew home to see her, she knew it was time for hospice care for her, which she now knew lots about from her experiences at Bethell.

Eckstein arranged hospice care for her mother and set up her room just how she liked it. Family and friends visited, and Eckstein stayed with her mother every night.

"I was there when she took her last breath and it was just a very moving experience. The word 'profound' is overused, but it is very profound to be with somebody in the last weeks of their life," said Eckstein. "I'm so grateful for my time at Bethell because then I was able to take that knowledge and that experience and apply it to my family."

COMMUNITY events

This column is provided as a free public service to non-profit organizations to announce up-coming events. Please contact the Caledon Citizen by calling ***(905) 857-6626*** *if you wish to have an announcement published.*

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ON 1344 Bolton – Real People, Real Weight Loss is a non-profit group. We meet weekly on Wed. evenings in the basement of Bolton United Church. Weigh-ins are 6:15-6:45 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is $59, and monthly dues are only $15. If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and your first meeting is free. Come join us! Now that the COVID19 protocols are starting to ease, it's a good time to make any necessary changes to your eating habits. For more information call Marion at 905-857-5191 or see www.tops.org. Online memberships are also available.

The Bolton Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/or has been affected by someone who has problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: boltonalanon@gmail.com.

Summer is almost over and it is time for the Kin Toonie sales again. The next sale is scheduled for Saturday, September 10 from 10 am to 1 pm in the President's building at the Bolton Fairgrounds. Check it out at www.boltonkin.com/toonie-sale.

This popular community social offers patrons a chance to sip and savour wines from around the world while enjoying live music and a stunning view from the grounds of the Caledon Equestrian Park. We typically feature 50+ different wines, local craft beer and cider paired with a variety of delicious foods. All proceeds are directed to Rotary Club of Palgrave projects.
Date: Friday, September 23, 2022
Time: 6:00 – 9:00PM
Cost: $75 per person or 10 for $650
Hosted by: Rotary Club of Palgrave
Event Website: www.rotarywow.com

Open to all - Electric Vehicle Society Caledon Chapter meetings. Come out to learn from the expertise of electric vehicle owners and enthusiasts about helping Canadians transition to electric transportation through education and advocacy.
Local meetings are held in the Southfields Community Centre Community Room on the third Thursdays of the month from 7pm-9pm. Next Meeting Dates: August 18, September 15, October 20, November 17 & December 15. Meetings are free. For more info: https://evsociety.ca/caledon/ or email Kenneth.bokor@evsociety.ca

Support local business and Bethell Hospice all September long

BY SAM ODROWSKI

There are a few different ways for people in Caledon and Orangeville to support Bethell Hospice this month with the Bon Appetit event.

The fundraiser features 11 different restaurants and cafes that are donating a portion of their sales to the hospice's foundation.

It's a good way to support local businesses while supporting a vital not-for-profit in the community that provides compassionate and respectful care to people with a terminal or life limiting illness.

"The Bon Appetit event is an engaging way for the community to support local, help keep the doors of Bethell Hospice open, and ensure that all programs and services are available at no cost to residents, community clients and their families," said Kelly Stronach, Fundraising Manager at Bethell Hospice. "Every gift makes a meaningful difference that impacts many lives, and brings comfort at a difficult time."

Gather Café in Alton is donating $2 from every margherita wood fired pizza sold during September and Tin Roof Café in Erin is donating 15 per cent of every latte.

Higher Ground Café in Belfountain is contributing 20 per cent from every chicken pesto sandwich sold this month and Airport Pizza in Caledon East is donating $5 from every garlic pizza sold.

Coywolf Coffee in Inglewood is donating $1 from every drip coffee and chocolate chip cookie combo sold through September.

Caledon Hills Brewing Co. in Palgrave is giving 15 per cent of every pretzel appetizer sold until September 15.

Spirit Tree Estate Cidery in Terracotta is donating 25 per cent of the sales of their weekly featured pizza of the month for all of September.

Over in Orangeville, for the month of September, Bluebird Café is donating $1 from every pizza sold to the hospice.

Rustik Local Bistro is donating $2 from every grilled chicken sandwich served with fried or salad sold off its lunch menu for the duration of September.

All month long, Wicked Shortbread is donating $5 from the purchase of every "Bethell Box", which contains four butter tarts, a dozen shortbread cookies, six bars, one empire cookie, and three macarons.

Finally, today and tomorrow (September 8-9) Barely Vine Rail Co. is donating 100 per cent of the sales from their hummus appetizer.

Bethell Hospice provides 24-hour care in its residential hospice, located at 15835 McLaughlin Rd, Inglewood, as well as a variety of community programs for people still living in their home.

All services are free and there's no fee to stay at the hospice or participate in community programs.

Each year Bethell Hospice has to fundraise $1.5 million to ensure all programs remain at no cost to residents, as the Ontario Ministry of Health's funding doesn't cover their entire budget.





Crowds are pictured enjoying a previous Airport Day at the Brampton-Caledon Airport.
CONTERIBUTED PHOTO

Airport Day event returns to Brampton-Caledon Airport after two-year pandemic hiatus

Brampton Flight Centre and Great War Flying Museum excited to welcome community back

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents are invited to take to the skies this Sunday — or enjoy watching others soar.

The Brampton Flight Centre (BFC) and Great War Flying Museum (GWFM) are excited to be hosting their annual Airport Day event at the Brampton-Caledon Airport from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on September 11.

The event was unable to be held during the pandemic, and BFC communication lead Sam Meandro explained everyone at the airport is looking forward to welcoming those from Brampton, Caledon and beyond back to the airport.

Airport Day is a free event with free parking, and admission to the GWFM (located at the Brampton-Caledon Airport) on Airport Day is $10 for adults and free for children 12 and under.

Families with up to four paying adults can enter the museum for $20. All admission fees go to the GWFM, which is a non-profit museum that is working to ensure the sights and sounds of World War 1 aviation are never lost.

GWFM members will be doing fly-bys in their replica World War 1 aircraft by for attendees to see every half hour. Airport Day will also officially mark the BFC's recent induction into Canada's Aviation Hall of Fame. Earlier this year, the Centre received the Belt of Orion Award of Excellence for its contributions to advancing Canadian aviation.

Caledon's Mayor, Allan Thompson, will be attending Airport Day to officially recognize the induction on behalf of the Town of Caledon.

According to Meandro, Airport Day will feature airport tour wagon rides, antique cars, musical entertainment, birds of prey, trackless train rides, face painting, a bouncy castle, a barbeque and much more.

hose looking to get a birds-eye view on Airport Day can take a sightseeing flight for $50.

Bolton Kinsmen organize 42nd Annual Bolton Terry Fox Run

The 42nd annual Terry Fox Run will once again be held in Bolton on Sunday, September 18, 2022.

The Kinsmen Club of Bolton has been busy getting everything in order for another successful Run.

Last year, the virtual Run raised over $10,000 and the goal for this year is to match and improve last year's efforts.

The meeting place for all participants will be at the Bolton Kinsmen Centre located at 35 Chapel Street opposite the former Baffo's restaurant and, after a brief ceremony, the Run will officially start at 9:00am.

This year a 1 km run route along the Humber River will be set up. After the runners finish their run, hamburgers, hot dogs and pop will be served.

Check out www.terryfox.org for pledge forms or contact John Stegeman at boltonkin@gmail.com for more information or if you would like to purchase a Terry Fox t-shirt before the run.

The Terry Fox Foundation's mission is to maintain the vision and principles of Terry Fox while raising money for innovative cancer research through the annual Terry Fox Run.

In 1980, Terry Fox was a young man with cancer who wanted to make a contribution to the fight against the disease. One year later, Terry had touched the collective heart of all Canadians and today is one or our country's heroes.

Terry's Marathon of Hope was the start of a dream that eventually evolved a successful partnership between The Terry Fox Foundation and the National Cancer Institute of Canada.

Be at the Bolton Kinsmen Centre on Sunday, September 18, 2022 to help keep Terry's Dream alive.

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FATAL COLLISIONS

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a serious collision on Highway 10 in the Town of Caledon.

"On September 6, 2022, at approximately 8:33 a.m., officers and emergency crews responded to a three-vehicle collision on Highway 10 near The Grange Side Road," say Police. "Two drivers were transported by air ambulance to a Toronto-area trauma centre with life-threatening injuries. One driver has since been pronounced deceased. The name has not yet been released to allow for family notifications. The other driver remains at the hospital. The extent of the injuries is unknown at this time."

Highway 10 in both directions between Charleston Side Road and Olde Base Line Road was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision Investigation Unit assisted with the investigation.

"On September 1, 2022, at approximately 2:26 p.m., officers and emergency crews responded to a serious single-vehicle collision on The Grange Side Road near McLaren Road in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "The driver and lone occupant was pronounced deceased at the scene. The name of the deceased has not yet been released to allow for family notifications."

The OPP Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team attended the scene to conduct their investigation.

The Grange Side Road between Creditview Road and McLaughlin Road was closed for several hours. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

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STOLEN VEHICLE INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have recovered vehicles and laid charges in relation to an auto theft investigation.

"On August 24, 2022, Caledon OPP responded to a report of two stolen vehicles," say Police. "A 2020 Dodge Grand Caravan and a 2018 Ford Focus were taken from a worksite on Centennial Drive in the Town of Caledon. Personal items including cell phones and credit cards were also taken. The initial investigation revealed that a stolen 2005 Ford F350 was used by the suspects to complete the thefts.

"The Caledon OPP Community Street Crime Unit (CSCU) was engaged and quickly identified one of the suspects, who was located in the City of Hamilton. Two individuals were found in the possession of stolen vehicles."

As a result of the investigation, Clarise Dawe, 27, of Hamilton, was charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime - Over $5000

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Hamilton at a later date to answer to the charge.

The charge has not been proven.

Colin Griffey, 31, also of Hamilton, was charged with:

- Possession of property obtained by crime - Over $5000, two counts
- Resist arrest
- Theft of motor vehicle, two counts
- Fail to comply with release order, two counts
- Possession of break-in instruments
- Unauthorized use of credit card data, five counts
- Possession of Schedule 1 substance – methamphetamine
- Operation while prohibited under the criminal code

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on October 31, 2022, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

Caledon OPP recovered the following stolen motor vehicles:

- 2020 Dodge Grand Caravan
- 2005 Ford F350
- 2008 Ford Expedition

The Ford Focus remains outstanding.

"As part of the ongoing investigation, on August 31, 2022, the Caledon OPP CSCU executed a search warrant at an address in Hamilton," Police continue. "A 15-year-old youth was arrested in connection with the thefts. A general provision of the Youth Criminal Justice Act (Y.C.J.A) prohibits the release of the name of a Young Person and therefore, the identity of the Young Person involved in this investigation will be withheld. Charges are currently pending as the investigation continues.

"Caledon OPP is working actively with its various partners to combat the growing trend of auto thefts in the Region and across the province. The investigation remains ongoing. If you have any information, please contact police by calling 1-888-310-1122. Additionally, if you observe unusual activity in your community, report it immediately to police. Make note of vehicle licence plates if you can. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to $2000 upon an arrest."

VEHICLE RECOVERED

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have recovered a stolen commercial motor vehicle and charged two individuals.

"On September 1, 2022, while on a general patrol at approximately 12:26 p.m., an officer came across a transport truck parked on the shoulder of Merchant Road in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "It was initially noted that the tailer had no plates. The officer approached the vehicle and observed two individuals sleeping inside. Once awakened, demands were ignored and the vehicle was put into motion in an attempt to flee, striking a police cruiser. The driver and passenger were placed under arrest. It was later discovered that the tractor and trailer were stolen that morning in the area of Airport Road and Mayfield Road."

As a result of the investigation, Jasvinder Atwal, 44, of Brampton was charged with:

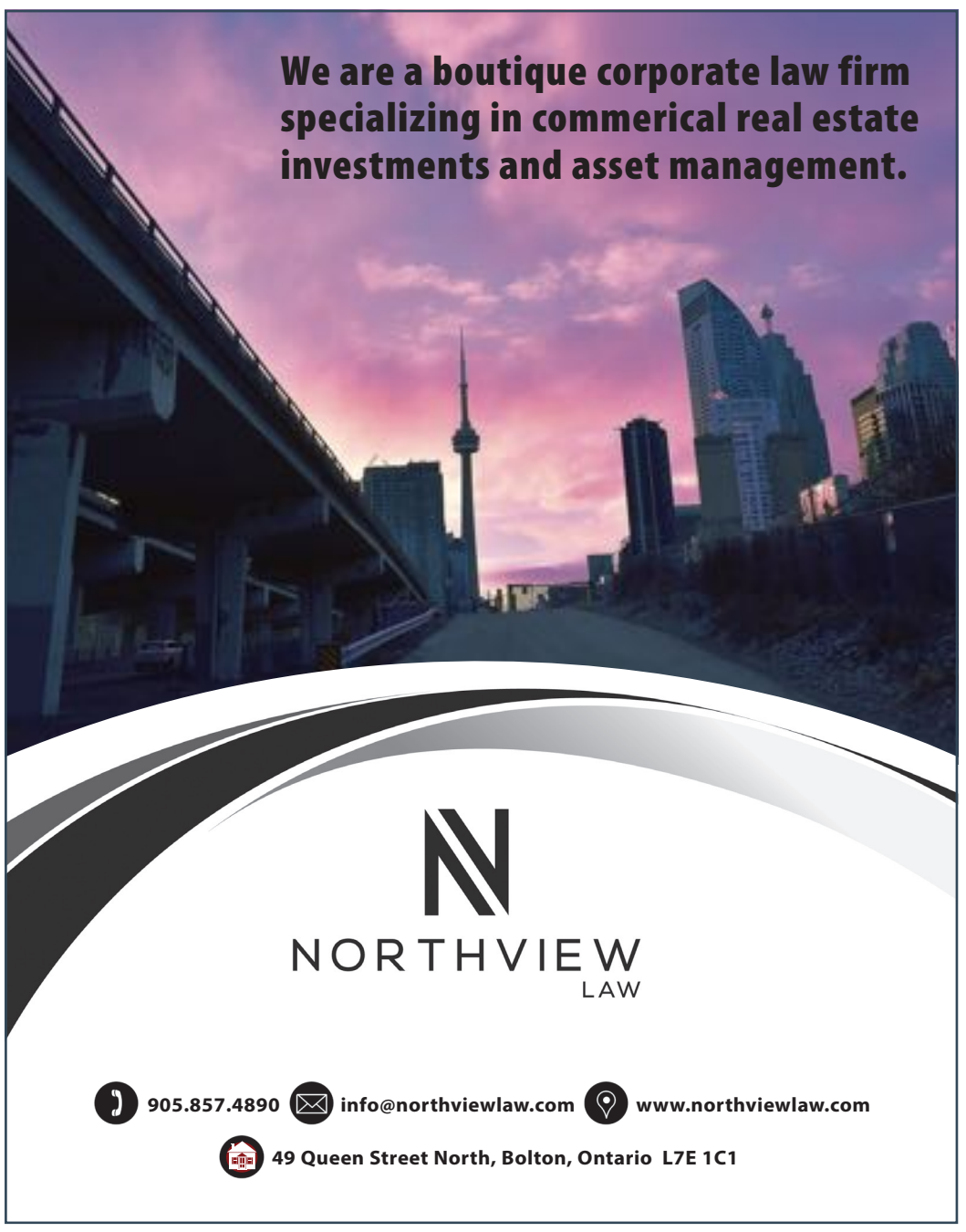
- Dangerous operation
- Flight from peace officer
- Assault peace officer
- Mischief
- Operation while prohibited under the Criminal Code
- Possession break-in instruments
- Possession property obtained by crime over $5000, three counts
- Possession property obtained by crime under $5000
- Failure to comply with undertaking
- Failure to comply with release order, two counts

Navtej Singh, 30, of North York, was also charged with:

- Possession break-in instruments
- Possession property obtained by crime over $5000, three counts
- Possession property obtained by crime under $5000

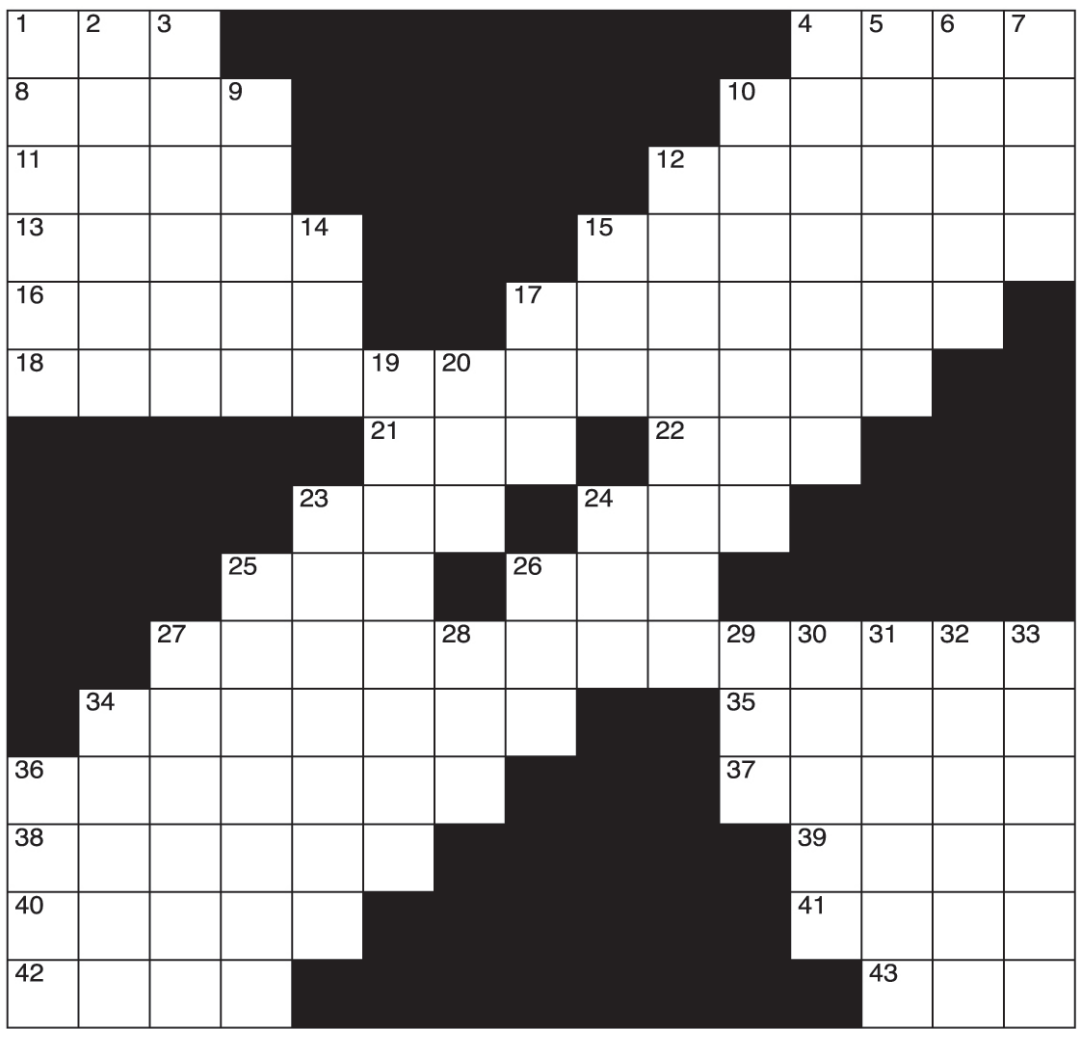
Both accused are scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on November 17, 2022, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.



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4. Kids love it in summer
8. Dashes
10. Polynesian sarong
11. Chapter of the Koran
12. Evildoer
13. Japanese commercial city
15. A way of binding
16. Early Christianity French historian
17. Kids' term for bugs
18. Beloved family holiday activity
21. Work unit
22. Bundle
23. A number or amount not specified
24. Military official (abbr.)
25. Queens ballplayer
26. Type of gibbon
27. Norma Jean's stage name
34. Places
35. Bluish greens
36. Argued publicly
37. Having the shape of a cube
38. They star at weddings
39. Indian god associated with reproduction
40. Ocean sunfishes
41. Slowly leak through
42. Plant part
43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

1. Accumulate on the surface of
2. Not a good feeling
3. Got smaller
4. Helped a golfer get around
5. Military forces
6. Partner to ways
7. Low, one-horse sleigh
9. Japanese seaport
10. Inclined to favor
12. Avid reader
14. Lead singer of Heart
15. Pigeon sound
17. Vital part
19. People who are not Jewish
20. Shed tears
23. Pokes holes in the ground
24. Beverage receptacle
25. Stone used to surface roads
26. French-Belgian river
27. Type of phone
28. Long-lasting light bulb
29. Type of medication (abbr.)
30. German city
31. Animal disease
32. They're in martinis
33. Get away from
34. Dormouse
36. Database management system

No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

Mary Balinov running for Ward 6 Councillor

Balinov says she'll bring a "no-nonsense" approach to the role if elected

BY ZACHARY ROMAN



Mary Balinov is running for Ward 6 Councillor in this October's Municipal Election. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

When the property taxes for Mary Balinov's business increased during the pandemic, she became interested in politics.

The Ward 6 Councillor candidate said she felt as though she was being hurt by representatives that are supposed to help those like her. She also said it was unfair that Town of Caledon Council voted to give next term's Mayor and Councillors a 24 per cent compensation increase when they didn't lose pay to the pandemic like many businesses that were shut down.

Balinov moved to Caledon in 1997 with her husband and started the business they still run today: Tisho's Music Academy. From their humble beginnings in their basement to their successful academy on McEwan Drive today, Balinov said the music academy has been a great way to be a part of the community.

The academy is also home to Meaghan's Music Room, a not-for-profit charity that plans, organizes and executes therapeutic music classes for individuals with physical and/or neurological disabilities at no cost.

Balinov said that nothing else but what constituents want should come into play in the political arena.

"I feel strongly that I'm going to work for the people that pay my wages, my salary," said Balinov. "When I go to the table I'm not going to go there with my ideas, my recommendations. I'm going to go there with the community's support… what the majority of them want."

Balinov said if elected, she wants to host community meetings every few months where constituents can come and voice their ideas and concerns to her.

"Just bring the community out and put them face-to-face with their Councillors," said Balinov. "I think people are kind of fed up, they want to see a different direction."

Balinov has run the business and customer service side of her and her husband's music academy for the past 25 years, and said because of that she has exceptional customer service skills. She said anyone who calls will hear from her personally, get a follow up, and have any concerns addressed.

Balinov said she'll bring this approach to being a Councillor so that people don't feel neglected.

"I do believe that if people are just looking for someone to go to that will listen, I want to be that person," said Balinov. "I am very results oriented, so I will get the answers that my constituents need."

Ward 6 is experiencing traffic safety issues, said Balinov, specifically in terms of the amount of truck traffic that's on Highway 50. She said if elected she's going to be advocating for the extension of Highway 427 up to Highway 9 so fewer trucks will need to come through Bolton.

Balinov is also passionate about environmental issues, helping Caledon's seniors, and helping Caledon's community of individuals with special needs.

Balinov said over 100 individuals with special needs come to Meaghan's Music Room per month and that many of those individuals are from single-parent families. Balinov said the Town of Caledon has always been a great supporter of the music room, but that the Town itself could offer more programs for its special needs community.

Balinov said her leadership style is no-nonsense and that she runs a tight ship with her business. She explained she'll always do what's best for a customer that won't put the business under at the same time. This approach will transfer well to being a councillor, she said.

"I'm willing to talk and listen… I will not make uninformed or bad decisions," said Balinov. "As far as leadership, I'm like a little puppy dog that latches on to your pant leg and won't let go. I will fight for what's right, I'm not afraid to speak my mind, and I'm not in a popularity contest with anyone. If I feel it's right, then that's what I will fight for. And I think that's what makes a good leader — someone that will fight for you. This is what I want to do for this community."

Caledon's small businesses need to know that Town Council has their back, said Balinov. If elected, Balinov said she'd like to take a proactive approach when it comes to connecting with businesses. She said she'd want to reach out to them before they need her; to get to know them, learn about what they offer and explain what the Town can offer them. Due to the pandemic, Balinov said lots of personal contact was lost and it's more important than ever to bring it back.

Balinov said with kids returning to school and a sense of normalcy in the air, it's a good time for any Councillor that gets elected to treat the upcoming term of Council as a fresh start. She said Caledon needs more housing, especially for young families. Families are what make small businesses thrive, said Balinov, and Caledon is a community that thrives on small businesses.

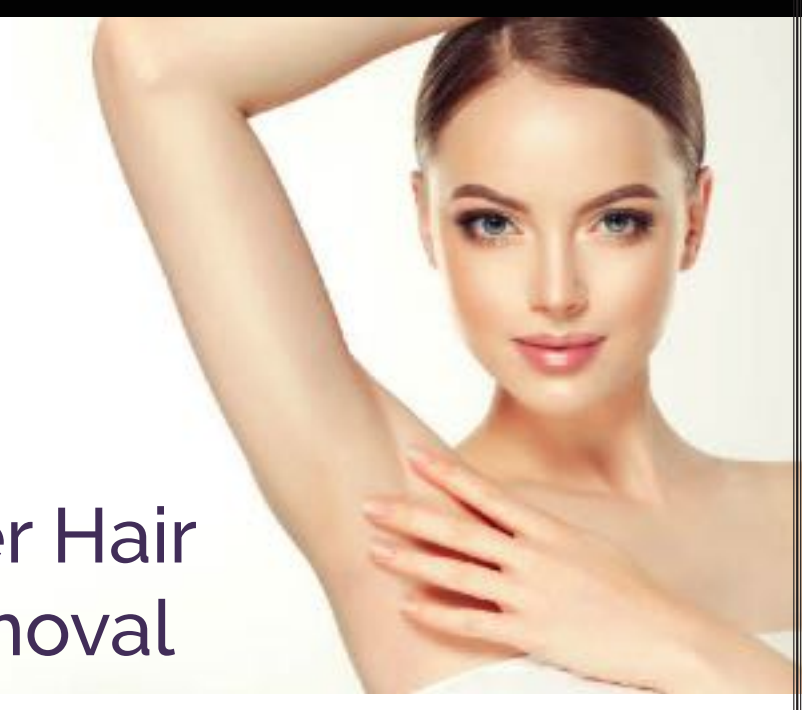
More families also means more fun community events such as midnight madness, she said.

"The sad part is, people like myself who raised our children here, now our children are adults, and they can't afford to live here," said Balinov. "Affordable housing is something I think needs to take priority."

In order to achieve this, Balinov said the Town has to be more assertive with developers with regards to what they can build. She said Caledon needs more bungalows, townhouses, and condos. When it comes down to it, Balinov said her campaign platform is all about being an honest and trustworthy representative to Ward 6 constituents.

"As far as getting people interested in politics, it's about making them comfortable enough to pick up the phone or come and see me, which I will definitely make happen," said Balinov. "I'll never lose sight of who's paying me and who I work for… I want people to know that I am here for them and I will go above and beyond."

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Derek Clark running for Ward 3 Councillor

Clark says the role needs to be treated as a full-time job

BY ZACHARY ROMAN



Derek Clark is running for Ward 3 Councillor in Caledon's October municipal election. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Derek Clark said he will work full-time for Ward 3 residents if elected as their Councillor.

Clark got his Masters of Business Administration before spending over 30 years in the private sector, finally retiring from his role as general manager of the technology company Toshiba.

He's been living in Caledon for the past 10 years and currently works part-time for Ontario's Ministry of Health, where he helps regulate the College of Respiratory Therapists of Ontario to ensure the practice of respiratory therapy is done in a safe and ethical manner.

Due to his experience in the public and private sectors, Clark said he can bring the best of both worlds to the role of councillor.

Having moved to Caledon for the rural lifestyle, Clark loves walking Caledon's trails, and said he tries to get out and walk them every day for a couple hours. He's translated this hobby to his campaign, and said he's walked around and knocked on over 1,000 doors in Ward 3 already. He said the number one thing people are concerned about in Ward 3 is road safety.

If elected, Clark said he's going to advocate for roundabouts on the north and south ends of Airport Road, more photo radar and police enforcement, and the extension of Highway 427 up to Highway 9.

Clark said traffic needs to be slowed coming into Caledon East so that it can remain a vibrant walking, hiking and biking environment. He said traffic safety is an immediate priority, and since residents all over Caledon are concerned about it, working together on traffic safety issues can be a great way to unify Caledon's next mayor and councillors early in their term.

While much of the growth in Caledon East is spoken for, Clark said it's important for Caledon as a whole to have infrastructure-first planning for future developments.

"We've got to make sure that we have enough schools, parks, sidewalks, (and) high-speed internet that's affordable for people," said Clark. "All that infrastructure has to be in place because if we build the homes first and don't have the infrastructure, that's going to create a problem."

Clark added that Caledon East is going to need more places for people to buy their goods and services to meet demand from an increasing population.

Through his volunteering with the Rotary Club of Palgrave, Clark said he has a proven track record of advocating in Caledon. He said with Rotary, he had the opportunity to work with a great deal of community organizations in Caledon such as Caledon Meals on Wheels, Bethell Hospice, and Caledon Community Services.

"I had an opportunity to help them achieve their goals and to provide financial support," said Clark, adding he also worked with Rotary to fundraise and fully retrofit a park in Palgrave to be accessible.

Around $80,000 was raised for that project, some of which came from the Town of Caledon itself.

Clark said he truly cares about the community of Caledon, and another piece of Clark's community involvement in Caledon is his being a founding member of the Caledon South Asian Association. While not South Asian himself, Clark said it's important to embrace diversity in Caledon, especially since he said the South Asian population is the fastest growing in the area by far.

"Our goal is to help the South Asian community to thrive mentally, physically and socially in Caledon, and to provide the bridge so that there's appreciation and cultural harmony between the South Asian community and other nationalities in Caledon," said Clark.

Clark said Caledon can no longer have Councillors who work full-time jobs in addition to being a Councillor. He said when one considers Caledon's growth and Council's 24 per cent compensation increase that will take effect next term, full-time Council commitment is required for a Councillor to truly be resident-focused.

Clark said he's ready and committed to treat the Councillor role as a full-time position if elected, and said he'll provide a 24-hour response time to constituents.

Clark said his business acumen would serve him well if elected, as one of the first things Caledon's next mayor and council will have to contend with is the 2023 budget. He said he'll be able to challenge and look for efficiencies in the Town's finances, and that he'll bring strong financial management and discipline skills to Council.

Clark would like to see more of Caledon's tax base be commercial.

"About 20 per cent of the tax base is commercial, we need to change that. It should be 30 to 35 per cent at the very minimum," said Clark. "We need to find ways to attract investment and employment to Caledon, so that youth have opportunities to work here… Obviously, I'd like to see some diversity from the existing warehouse situation — given my background, I'd like to see more science and technology [businesses] come to Caledon."

While Clark said public transit all across Caledon is not feasible at this time, he said a bus that runs once or twice a day from Caledon East up to Mayfield Road on Airport Road could be a benefit to the community. He said that's the type of thing that could be discussed with Brampton Transit as a potential benefit to both municipalities.

If elected, Clark said he wants to assemble an advisory council of community leaders from Ward 3 that he can meet with quarterly. He said there's no performance review for councillors like there is for employees in the private sector, and meeting with a diverse group of people would be a great way to get feedback and hear new ideas.

"This is why I want to have an advisory group… so that I always have a pulse on what's going on in the community," said Clark. "When you have public companies, they report quarterly, there's an opportunity for shareholders to talk to them. Why shouldn't it be the same thing in the public sector? Residents should have an opportunity on a quarterly basis to provide feedback, and there should be a way to evaluate Councillors other than their voting record."

Clark's grandfather was a Member of Parliament for 22 years, so Clark grew up in a very politically active family. He said he was taught at a young age that if he wants to make things better, he needs to get involved.

"I've had a proven track record of advocating in Caledon," said Clark. "If elected, I'll continue that record of advocating for the residents of Caledon — be it for health care, transportation, smarter development, or road safety."



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0 Mount Hope Road
Proposed Zoning By-law Amendment

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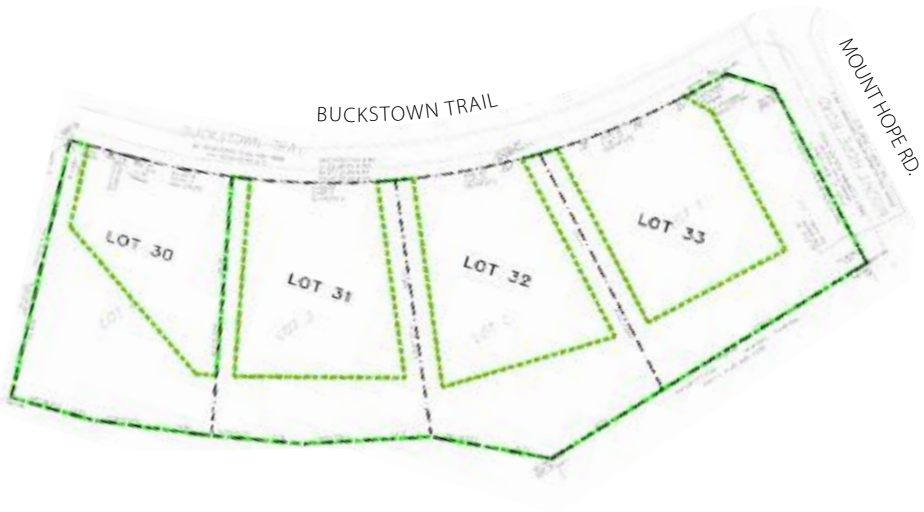
This is to inform you that the Town of Caledon has received Zoning By-law Amendment applications. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

APPLICANT: RUDY & Associates on behalf of Angelstone Land Holdings Inc.

LOCATION: 0 Mount Hope Road, Caledon
Part of Lot 27, Concession 7 (Albion), Part of Part 1 Plan 43R-29417
South side of Buckstown Trail, and west of Mount Hope Road
Ward 4

PROPOSED CHANGES:

The applicant has applied for a Zoning By-law Amendment to facilitate the development of four estate residential lots with structural envelopes fronting on to Buckstown Trail within the existing subdivision (21T-88040C). The Zoning By-law Amendment proposes to re-zone a portion of the lands from EPA1-ORM, EPA2-ORM and A2-ORM-596 to a site-specific Estate Residential – Oak Ridges Moraine (RE-ORM-XX) zone to allow for the estate residential development and natural area restrictions with site-specific standards.



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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, additional information and material, please visit **www.caledon.ca/notices** or contact the Lead Planner from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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Notice Date: September 8, 2022

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

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The Rotary Bandshell at R.J.A. Potts Memorial Park

A Public Meeting will be held to provide residents with details on the planned Rotary Bandshell being installed in R.J.A. Potts Memorial Park. The Town has partnered with the Rotary Club of Bolton to construct this bandshell to celebrate the Village of Bolton's Bicentennial in 2022.

MEETING DATE: Wednesday, September 21, 2022

MEETING TIME: 6 – 7:30 p.m.

MEETING LOCATION: R.J.A. Potts Memorial Park
125 Pembrooke Street
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Sam DiGregorio Bocce Courts

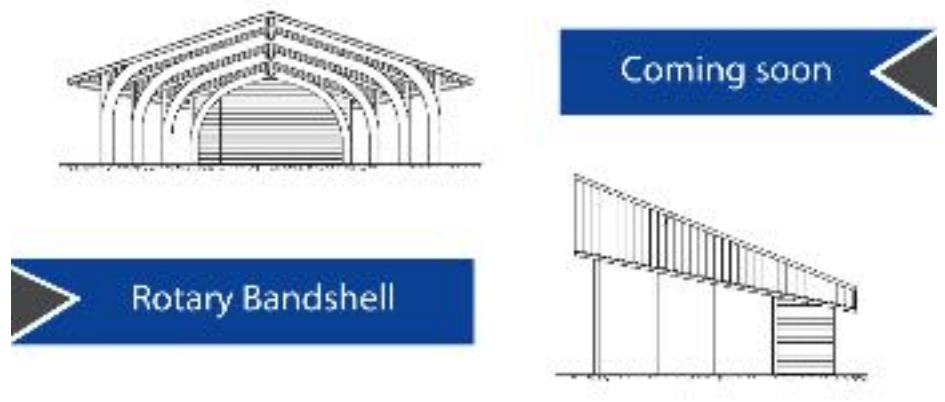
PURPOSE OF THE ROTARY BANDSHELL

The proposed bandshell will be a key feature of R.J.A Potts Memorial Park. It will create new and engaging ways for the community to experience local musical and theatrical productions.

The Bandshell will create opportunities for local programming such as:
- Musical productions
- Theatrical productions
- Outdoor Movie Nights
- Summer Camps
- General support of creative arts

DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Design work is completed. Construction will tentatively begin in the spring of 2023. We understand the inconvenience this may cause and ask for your patience while we work to improve the area.



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If you wish to stay up to date on the progress of the Rotary Bandshell project, or have further questions, please visit our Have Your Say Caledon engagement website at **HaveYourSayCaledon.ca/BoltonRotaryBandshell**

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Reclaiming dignity in life

As a life-long news junkie, I don't remember precisely the first major news story that captured my attention, but a few contenders come to mind.

One of the first might be the fall of the Berlin Wall and the evocative images of men and women with hammers, screwdrivers and other tools laying waste to slabs of concrete that became synonymous with oppression and hardship.

Another might have been the series of murders that were ultimately attributed to Paul Bernardo, the wave of fear felt by so many, particularly young women and girls, leaving an impression on me that remains as strong now as ever before.

On the lighter side of news stories, I vividly recall being allowed to stay up far past my normal bedtime to watch Johnny Carson sign off on The Tonight Show for the very last time, a cultural touchstone I wasn't quite old enough to fully appreciate at the time, but now cherish as a self-professed scholar of television history.

All of these instances, for better or worse, are seared into my brain – but one news story in particular stands out as one that, in my view, helped make me a critical thinker: the story of Robert Latimer, the Saskatchewan farmer convicted of second-degree murder in the death of his daughter, Tracy, who was born with severe physical and intellectual disabilities.

At the age of eight, I was initially horrified by the case, that a parent could have the capacity to end the life of their child, but that all changed when the verdict came in.

Sitting with my paternal grandmother in her Agincourt kitchen, helping myself to a generous plate of crustless, quartered tuna and salmon sandwiches, the news trickled in over their white kitchen radio.

The deep sigh from my grandmother was a none-too-subtle sign she disagreed with the courts – and, curious, I essentially asked her more.

"It was a mercy killing," she said with a secondary sigh.

"Mercy killing," was a term I had never heard before and she generously unpacked what it meant and the conversation, in turn, naturally evolved to the adjacent philosophy surrounding death with dignity.

It was clear she was a supporter of death with dignity in principle and, even at that young age, it was clear that these views were firm and unwavering and something she supported in her own life as well.

It wasn't too much later, however, when the views she held dear began to waver with the onset of her long battle against dementia.

As she lost the ability to do just about everything in the balance of her life, I often thought about that day in her kitchen. Watching her become ever more trapped in her own body, I delved deeper into the issue of death with dignity and what we now term "medically assisted dying," and the decision she might have made for herself if given the opportunity to do so.

Sadly, in my view, the legislation which has provided dignity to so many living with terminal illness came too late for my grandmother but, by the time everything was in place, I was heartened beyond belief that individuals who were tragically forced to follow a path similar to hers would have the option to live life – or not – on their own terms.

My grandmother was released from her mental prison just three days into 2009. It would be another seven years before medical assistance in dying (MAID) and assisted suicide became the law of this land. It would be further six years before our family was once again asked to travel down this road.

An aunt on the maternal side of my family had been in declining health for some time following a physical trauma about a decade ago. Her quality of life had ebbed and flowed for many years, but 2022 brought unimaginable difficulties.

A series of aneurisms earlier this year began a seemingly endless cycle of hospital visits, homecomings, further aneurisms and seizures, and readmissions, with each go-round bringing a diminished quality of life.

Left unable to physically care for herself, it was left to her husband, her son and her mother to take on the herculean tasks that are so familiar to caregivers the world-over. It was, in turn, agonizing and, truth be told, humiliating, for a once-vital woman who had, just a few weeks after beginning her 58th trip around the sun, entered her final month of life.

As hard as it was for her, it was just as hard for different reasons for her close family. They too were struggling under the weight of what life threw at them, no matter how well they were rising to the challenge.

It was heartening, however, that she was still left with the presence of mind and will to be very clear that these were not the circumstances in which she wanted to fade out. She knew what she wanted, she took control of her own life, and, with some calls to the medical community, decided that she wanted to go out on her own terms.

And that's just what she did at the end of August, quietly, surrounded by her immediate family, after one last trip to the beach to release a butterfly balloon, a symbol she had always loved, but one which took on extra resonance as she planned ahead for her final exit. Perhaps another metamorphosis.

Having received the medical go-ahead for assisted dying on Wednesday afternoon, she was given a departure date for that Friday at 4 p.m.

While I personally am not sure how I would feel if given such a firm deadline, not to mention how those closest to her would feel under the circumstances, it gave her a sense of what she wanted to accomplish with the time she had left – and, by all accounts, made the most of it, including that one final outing the morning of the doctor's last visit to create lasting happy memories for those she was set to leave behind.

I don't envy her, my uncle, my cousin, or her mother for all they had to go through that very, very emotional week, but I am glad the powers-that-be sat up in 2016 and did the right thing by making this path open to so many Canadians who want to die with dignity.

It may not have been a path open to my grandmother, no matter how much she may have wanted it, but I am grateful it was an option available to my aunt – and I am grateful she had the strength and ability to make this decision and plan her exit on her own terms in the same dignity in which she led her life.

And I'm grateful that all Canadians have the ability to do so.



Looking for more? Just look inside!

by Mark Pavilons



"Happiness is inward, and not outward; and so, it does not depend on what we have, but on what we are." – Henry Van Dyke

It seems the more we have, the more we want, or the more we're "entitled to."

How have we got it so wrong, and veered so far off the straight and narrow?

Bob Dylan believed the answers, my friend, were blowing in the wind. He may be not that far off.

And Bob was quite right in asking how many times must we turn our heads and ignore the real issues of the day, before we see the need, or the truth?

We know Pavlov's dog learned through repetition, but we humans, it appears, aren't as bright.

Lately, a few of my family members, peers and acquaintances are looking for more. Not more in the material sense or monetary perspective.

No, they're looking for deeper meanings, trying to find more awareness and seeking expanded enlightenment and further insights.

Maybe weathering the same storm together for the past couple of years has rung some alarm bells. It has likely shaken the foundation of many previously held convictions, and weakened trust and faith.

It's likely always been the case. It's not the best practice to place all your eggs in one basket, nor is it prudent to place your faith only in decision-makers, politicians or economists.

We all know someone who we describe as a "thinker," a person who's deep in thought. Most peer groups have an armchair philosopher among them.

While thinkers can be pedantic and caught up in never-ending puzzles or questions, the spark is the same for all of us. It's curiosity, seeking answers, looking farther afield. We simply want to know "more."

Many say they find it in various forms and activities, whether it's going to church, gardening, painting, singing, meditating or exercising by walking a local trail in King or venturing into a nearby forest. They're all ways to exercise that gray matter and whip our brains into shape. We all realize we're capable of much more, and our brains are fascinating mega-computers. So why not feed our minds, too?

My son, like so many 20-somethings, is struggling to find his niche, his place in the world. He's not satisfied with just a job, or even a mediocre career. No, this young man wants more, much more.

He wants to know, well, everything. He's curious about time and space, existence, the ever-expanding universe. He's curious about ancient civilizations who, for no apparent reason, abandoned their great cities and technology and simply vanished. He wants to know about life on other planets. He wants to communicate with ghosts.

He does not like taxes and was interested to know that in Alaska, there are no income taxes.

Maybe this younger generation is not that unlike our predecessors.

Our forefathers and mothers went from flower power to pyramid power. You'd think we've seen the last of corduroy, bell bottoms, the military look and tie-dye, but they've all returned.

We lovingly refer to them as "retro." We embrace them today because we want "more" from our mundane and lacklustre fashions.

Our predecessors experimented with drugs and some still have memories of Woodstock. (That was before my time)

Men and women went from power suits to casual everyday attire. MTV, Rubik's Cube, CDs and boom boxes were commonplace in our lives. We loved it when something "new and improved" arrived on scene.

I doubt we'll see the return of rolling up just one pant leg, but ripped jeans are here to stay, I think. I still have a fondness for Hilfiger, Nautica, jean jackets and the like, but I can no longer pull off some of these "younger" fashions.

I keep threatening my wife that I will grow my hair long and dye it blond, just like Brad Pitt in the 1990s.

All of these trends were so we could look and feel better about ourselves. They were ways we could strut our stuff and act like we knew what was going on. But we didn't, really.

And trends come and go like the seasons.

There has been a revival in personal, spiritual and emotional wellbeing in recent years.

Crystals in all shapes, sizes, and healing powers are all still popular. The sounds emanating from Tibetan healing bowls are quite soothing. Salt caves offer a break from the world. Reiki is our new therapy.

We're constantly looking for ways to test ourselves, awake our inner brightness and shake our personal foundations.

I'm not sure if it's a matter of thrill-seeking or escapism, perhaps a bit of both. But maybe it's a real desire to feel more and enhance our lives.

From the current "trends," it seems the answers, my friends, are blowing around inside each of us.

Mulder and Scully contended the "truth was out there," and maybe they were on the right track.

If "out there" means a lofty enlightenment so, be it. If it means new revelations of our humble beginnings and solar anomalies, great.

I have always felt that people should pursue their own paths and take their own spoonful of sugar to help the medicine go down. If yoga works, go for it! If transcendental meditation gets results, amazing. If past-life regression provides comfort, go all in!

Our pocket coil mattresses and smart homes will provide only so much comfort. Our electric vehicles and robo vacuums will ease our lives a smidgen.

But the real answers – the truth – comes from within. Let's enjoy the next leg of the journey together! Explore, reach new heights and soak it all in!

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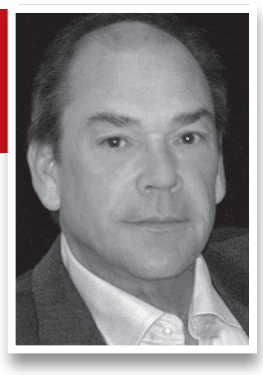
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Human trafficking

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FROM THE SECOND ROW



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It's called human trafficking, human smuggling, child trafficking and a host of other different names depending on who's involved and how the media wants to spin the story.

If it is poor people from a developing country, they are called migrants. If they are climbing a fence, they are called illegal immigrants. There are economic immigrants, and if you're on the move because someone bombed your house, and it could happen again, you're a refugee.

Whenever you have vulnerable people, there are other people who will try to take advantage of them in a lot of different ways.

Of course, this always means someone is going to make money. Whether it's a trafficker who guides people along a certain route, a person who supplies a rickety boat, or a pimp keeping a young girl hostage in a cheap hotel room, criminals make money, while the victims suffer.

You probably remember the photo that caused an international stir in 2017. It was the photo of a three-year-old Syrian boy, lying face down on a Turkish beach. He was smartly dressed in a red shirt, blue shorts, and nice shoes – except he was dead. His tiny body washed up on shore after the boat he was on capsized and he drowned. The bodies of his mother and brother were found farther down the beach.

The smugglers who promised them safe passage couldn't care less that they were dead. They placed their charges, at a price, into a boat that was not seaworthy. Once the boat was launched, the smugglers left with their money.

Recently, a tractor trailer was located in Texas after smugglers placed over 50 people inside and tried to bring them into the U.S. - at a price of course – and promised them jobs. When the trailer was located, around 50 of those people were already dead. They died from extreme heat and asphyxiation. Around a dozen people were still alive, but barely.

The same thing happened in Austria in 2015, when up to 50 people died in a truck trailer. They were abandoned with no way to get out. They had been left with no escape, and by the time they were found, they had all been dead for a considerable amount of time.

That incident occurred as Austria hosted a summit on the refugee crisis from Western Balkan nations.

Now the latest case of human cruelty is coming out of Arizona. Smugglers left two children, aged four months, and 18 months, in the desert to die. What kind person is so heartless they would leave helpless infants to die a cruel death, just because as children, they were useless to the smugglers.

It was only because one immigrant who was captured, apparently had a conscience, and told police that he had seen the children abandoned, and this led to a search by authorities. They managed to find the children and they are now okay, but the youngest was already unconscious when found and any more of a delay would have resulted in two needless deaths.

What if that man hadn't been captured? Most likely he would have continued on to his illegal job and kept his mouth shut to avoid prosecution.

Human trafficking, smuggling, whatever you want to call it, does exist in Canada. Every year girls and young woman are coerced into prostitution through several means. While charges are now called "human trafficking" that phrase is a little too kind for what is really going on. If they called it for what it really was, people would be shocked.

When people started showing up, undocumented, and walking across the Quebec border a couple of years ago, the federal government smiled and refused to protect the borders, while RCMP officers turned a blind eye.

There was human smuggling of sorts, involved in that situation, no doubt about it, and the government and police did nothing to stop it.

People don't just cross a large country like the U.S., to arrive at the same footpath along an international border, without being guided there by someone who took a fee to get them there.

I actually live in this country, and yet if someone asked me about a way to sneak into the U.S., I would have absolutely no idea where to find a secret crossing other than suggest a canoe and a 40-mile trip across Lake Ontario.

Human trafficking is a terrible crime and culprits who take money, and advantage of other people, should pay a heavy price for their actions.

The United Kingdom: The Once and Future King

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY



As a child, outgoing British Prime Minister Boris Johnson reportedly said he wanted to be "King of the World." He ended up in a somewhat humbler role, was rejected by his own party's Members of Parliament for his mendacity, corruption and incompetence, and will handed over to his successor, Liz Truss, this week. But the Fat Lady still hasn't sung.

"I think Boris will come back," said a random interviewee in the street. "It's going to be like Trump in America." British voters couldn't be that stupid, you might think, but Boris thinks they are. His strategy requires electoral disaster for his own Conservative Party at the next election, but why would he care about that?

He had accidentally prepared the ground for this strategy already by purging his party of most of its senior members for being insufficiently enthusiastic about Brexit. That left only second- and third-raters like Rishi Sunak and Liz Truss to compete for the succession, and none of them seems remotely ready for the coming storm.

Even without the energy crisis due to the Russian invasion of Ukraine, a Conservative victory in the next election seemed unlikely. The party will have been in power for fourteen years by then, and it has very little to show for it except the mounting economic damage done by its exit from the European Union.

Relentless budget cuts have brought the National Health Service to the brink of collapse, with waiting times to see a doctor or have an operation at historic highs. Whatever credit the party earned for a quick roll-out of Covid vaccines has long been exhausted, and the long decline in working-class incomes is finally triggering a wave of strikes.

All this was afoot even before the war in Ukraine, but that has supercharged the anxiety of the public. The effective cut-off of Russian gas supplies has led to a huge rise in energy prices all over the European Union, but at least the EU countries are protecting their poorer citizens from the acute cost-of-living crisis that will occur this winter.

Liz Truss has refused to offer any measures to soften the blow of energy prices that have already doubled and will soar fivefold by next spring (apart from tax cuts that will mostly benefit the rich).

"No hand-outs," Truss says, true to the hard-right ideology she adopted to win support within the party. The reality of being prime minister in a country half of whose people must choose this winter between eating or putting on the heat will force her into a U-turn soon enough – but not before she has convinced much of the public that the Conservatives are evil.

Boris Johnson is okay with that, because his bid to come back as party leader can only work if Truss is fired for losing the election. Even then it's not guaranteed, but he can hope that the current party rules, which give the final choice to160,000 Conservative Party activists, almost all old, white, non-urban and upper middle class, will serve him well.

Meanwhile, all he has to do is hang onto his seat in parliament, so he's available when his despairing party turns to him again after being ejected from office by a landslide vote (he hopes) in 2024 – or perhaps sooner. He has scarcely bothered to turn up for work since he was forced to resign three months ago and had to stay on as a caretaker prime minister.

Can his cunning plan work? It's not inconceivable. After all, other gonzo populists like Donald Trump and Silvio Berlusconi, his spiritual brothers, have managed comebacks or seem well positioned to do so now. (Actually Berlusconi, dominant in Italian politics from 1994 to 2011, is currently working on his third comeback at the age of 85)

The three men have much in common. They all led populist coalitions that tried to combine the very rich with the angry lower middle class and the "downwardly mobile", which required them to make contradictory promises to the two groups – and they all papered over that gap with endless "culture wars" against minorities, immigrants, the "liberal elite", etc.

It's government by chaos, but in the right hands (Berlusconi and maybe Trump) it has staying power nevertheless. In Boris Johnson's hands, maybe not.

Consider the contrast between Trump, who still controls the Republican Party utterly despite a failed coup attempt, and Johnson, most of whose Conservative fellow members of parliament are simply embarrassed by his comeback ambitions.

"I'd walk over hot coals to stop that," a former senior minister told the Independent. "I think a lot of us would try to kamikaze that. The guy needs to recognise he's had his go."



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Residents recommending more connected trails, safer crossings and more in new Active Transportation Plan

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One of the main things she's heard from residents is that they'd like to be able to use active transportation to get to work, school, shopping, or a friend's place.

"We've seen that in youth specifically, that they want that freedom to be able to feel safe biking to school, to their friend's homes, the shops, like I mentioned. They want to see more options for safe and direct connections to the places that they visit…. there's really a palatable wish for that type of independence in their travels," said Davidson. "That can be through connected trails, sidewalks, and even shouldered spaces — treatments are very context specific."

Oftentimes, Davidson said all it takes is adding a simple connection trail to open up a brand-new route. She also said she's heard a desire for a north-south connection in Caledon that's similar to the Caledon Trailway which runs east-west.

"There's a strong desire for recreational trail loops — being able to park somewhere or walk somewhere and then get back to your first destination — so that's an interesting thing we've heard," said Davidson. "There are some informal trail (loops) that we've seen, so we are also looking to see how we can potentially formalize them. A lot of people naturally gravitate to those loops… if you're looking for a recreational experience, those loops are really key."

She said these loops are often not documented anywhere, but just known about by community members in Caledon's many villages and hamlets. Davidson is hoping residents will be able to tell the Town about as many of these loops as possible so the Town can look at what options may exist for formalizing them and making them safer and more accessible.

Safe trail crossings are another priority for Caledon residents that Davidson said she's been hearing about. Both drivers and trail users alike have reported wanting improved safety at crossings, something Davidson said can be achieved with stronger and more modern design elements at crossings, as well as just by improving sightlines.

She's also heard residents would be more inclined to bike on the road if there was a level of separation between them and cars. She said the Town will be looking into how it can make people more comfortable and willing to bike on the road in its master plan process.

"All of the feedback we've collected, whether that's conversations with people or survey feedback, everything has been recorded," said Davidson. "Once this round of engagement is done, we're going to take all that back, analyze it, break it off into key themes that we can actually bring to our consultant and to staff that are working on developing some recommendations, and then take those things and build them into those recommendations."

There's still time for Caledon residents to offer their input on the active transportation master plan, and they can do so online at haveyoursaycaledon.ca/ATMP or at upcoming workshops on September 14 at the Caledon Seniors Centre and September 17 at the Alton Bicentennial.

"We've only heard excitement for this project, so it's really nice," said Davidson. The Town hopes to have the plan complete by Fall 2023.

All square in the North Dufferin Baseball League championship

BY ROBERT BELARDI

It's even-Steven in the North Dufferin Baseball League championship between the New Lowell Knights and the Bolton Brewers.

In Game One on August 27, the Knights took care of business on home turf with a tight-knit 4-3 victory against the Brewers in extra innings.

The Knights took a 3-0 lead heading into the top of the fifth inning with Brandon Norrie on the mound, pitching a clinic.

But the Brewers' bats finally came alive in the inning, cutting the lead down to one and eventually tying things up by the top of the sixth.

Dan Accardo recorded a two-run shot and Steve Warden hit a solo bomb.

Nick Hodgson and Nick Pettinaro were holding it together on the mound.

Skipping over to the bottom of the tenth inning, the Knights eventually won the game.

The Brewers recorded five errors throughout that game and that is something head coach Mike Wallace considered.

"Although we lost in extra innings, we were playing with fire that whole game. The errors there, they had guys on base, I think they left 11 or 12 guys on base. We can only dodge so many bullets before a team like New Lowell is going to cash in," Wallace said.

Returning to Bolton on August 28, the Brewers came out guns-blazing posting nine runs on the day and defeating the Knights 9-5.

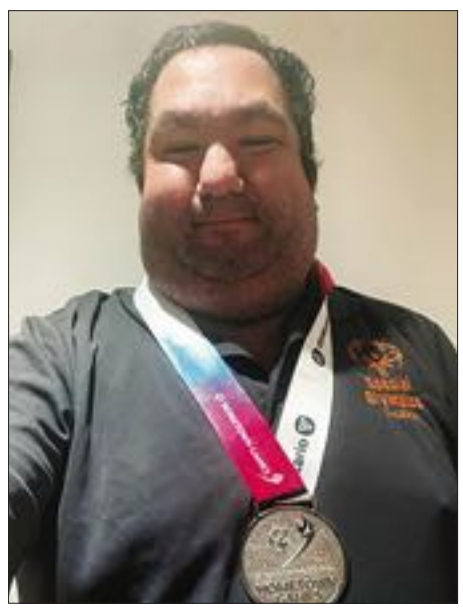
"Welcome back Drew Volkey. Two home runs, a double, an RBI walk. He's one of our top guys who's been out for about half the year. Good time to get him back into the lineup. He'll be playing centre field for us. It seemed like Drew gave us a jumpstart to the offence. We get one of our top hitters back," Wallace said.

"It's a pretty scary lineup. Our defence played really well. Trent threw really well. Everything lined up for us. It was a game we really needed to have. We go down 2-0, it's tough to come back against a team like New Lowell."

With Games Three and Four coming up this weekend, Game Four will take place on Sunday at North Hill at 1:00 p.m.

Game Five will take place in Bolton again next Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. before the final two games take place in New Lowell next weekend.

To keep an eye on the championship series, you may head to www.league-lineup.com/welcome.asp?url=ndbl.



Scorcia finished one stroke away from the Gold Medal at the Special Olympics Ontario Hometown Games tournament, but he is rocking his silver medal in this picture here.
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Bolton native looking for more golf silverware

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Bolton native Jason Scorcia is looking to add another medal to his trophy cabinet this summer.

At the end of August, Scorcia brought home the silver medal following an excellent performance at the Special Olympics Ontario Hometown Games tournament at the Royal Ontario Golf Course.

Scorcia shot 131 on day one and 120 on day two. He lost by one stroke.

Now, Scorcia, is preparing for the Canadian All Abilities Championship presented by BDO, that will be held at the Essex Golf & Country Club in Windsor, ON

Taking place between September 12 and 14, it is a course, he said, he has never played at before.

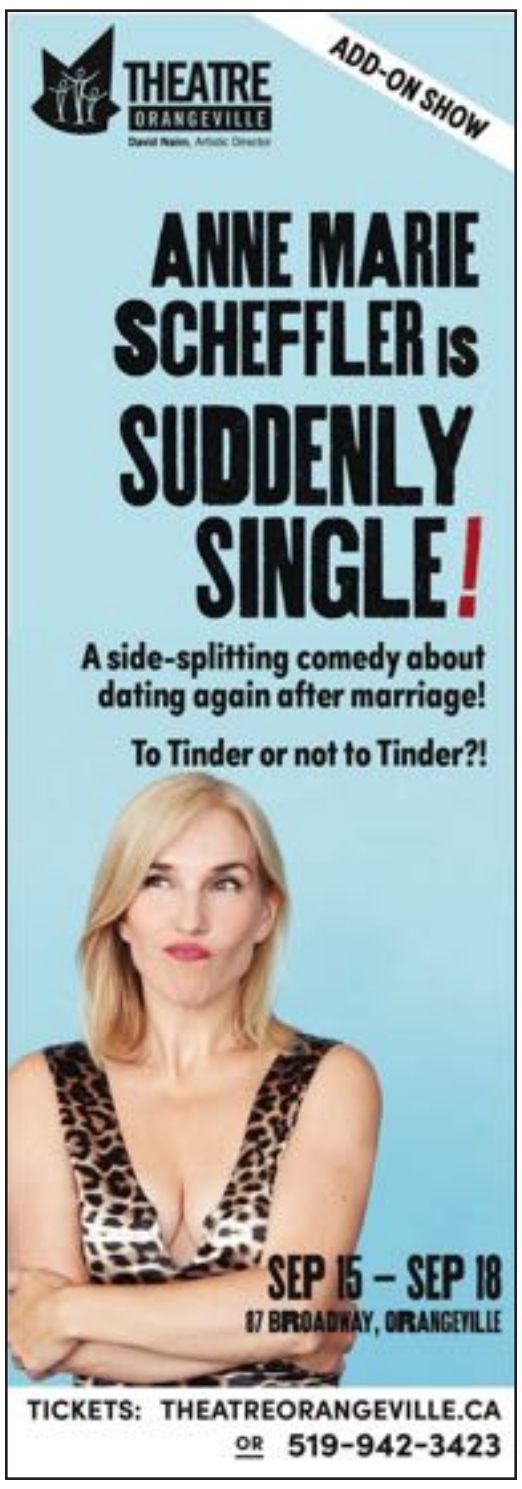
"So, last winter, they had it at Humber College. I just found out about a week before. It's a new venue, so I think every year it's going to be all over Canada for this one," Scorcia said.

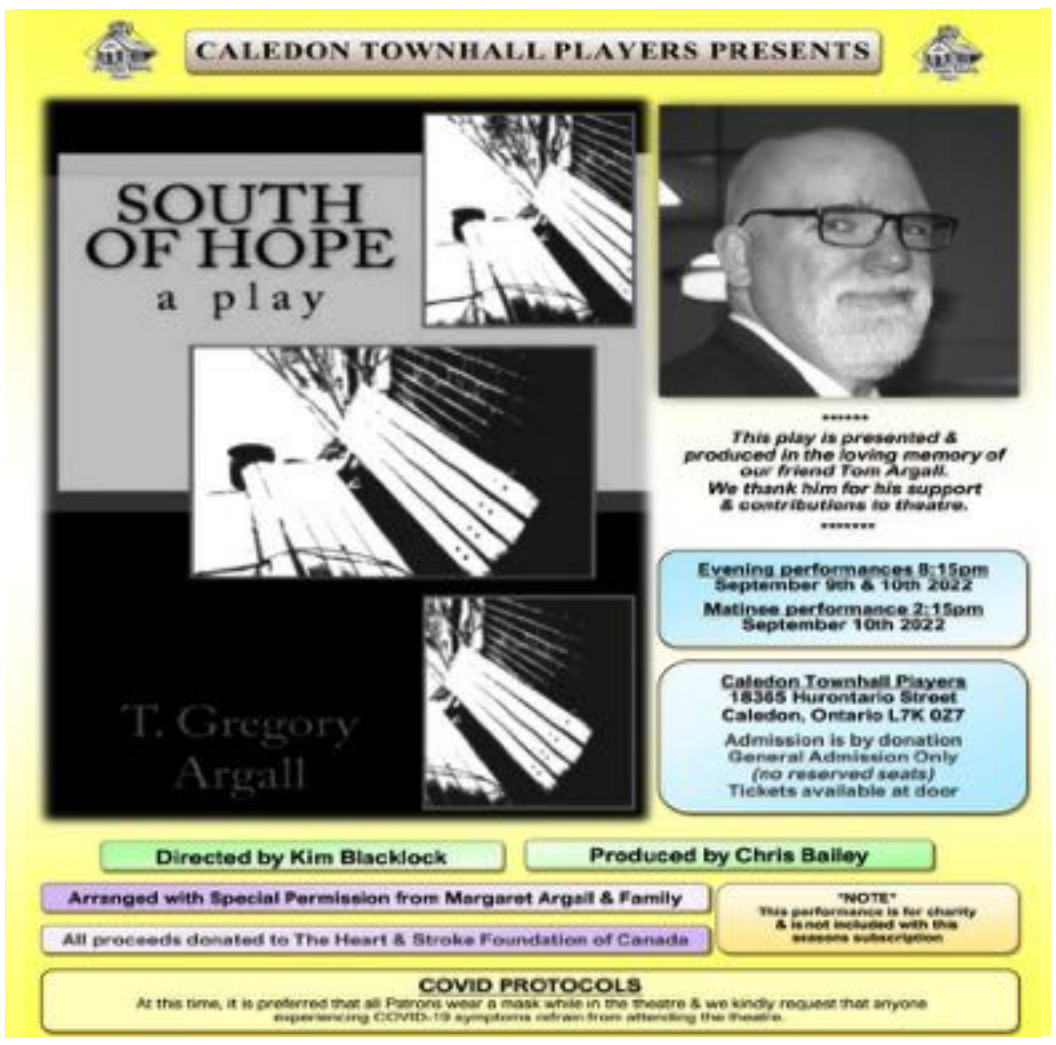
"Monday is my practice round. Tuesday and Wednesday is my competition, so at least I can get a feel of the course."

And he isn't finished there. Scorcia said he has a few more tournaments. One on September 19 that is a rescheduled tournament from this summer and is only nine holes. The second one, on September 20, is a new Special Olympics Ontario competition called the Special Olympics Unified Open.

SOO athletes, volunteers and supporters will all be able to play together in what is known as a scramble format.

This will take place at the North Course at Station Creek Golf Club, in Gormley, ON.





Headwaters Arts Fall Festival Juried Art Show and Sale returns

BY CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD

Happy days are here again for the Headwaters Arts Fall Festival, a well-established juried show and sale of the best of Headwaters Arts member artists.

These artists do not necessarily live immediately in the area; many have joined from around Ontario but every paid membership bespeaks the respect and appreciation for the organization that exists throughout Ontario.

The Headwaters Arts Gallery at the Alton Mill Arts Centre is the beautiful stage in which the festival is taking place from September 14 to October 2.

Speaking to Susan Powell of Headwaters Arts, she told the Citizen about what is coming up during the festival, beginning with the end of it: "We've partnered back with Nancy Frater of BookLore who is offering on October 2, a 'Bookish Afternoon.' She's presenting an authors' night with three fabulous authors.

"Of course, we're promoting the opening night soiree on September 15. That's the kick off from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00p.m."

This opening night is a ticketed event on September 15, which includes wine, a jazz combo, the Sidemen quartet and is catered by Gregory's.

The jurors will be there as well, to announce the prize-winning artists.

This must have been quite the challenge to decide for the 78 works, taking over and hung in three galleries within the Mill, submitted by 54 artists.

Celebrating 26 years, the Arts Festival is set in the same weekend as the Village of Alton celebrates its 200th anniversary.

Paul Morin, well-known Alton artist, displays his work in his fabulous art gallery which he converted within the historic Alton Town Hall. He also has a painting in the festival's juried show.

More to the festival is the arts market, showcasing artists' work on Saturday, September 17 under the tent in the forecourt of the Mill.

Later on in the festival, the Campfire Poets are entertaining on Friday night, September 30.

The Citizen took the opportunity to interview two of the artists who have not participated in the festival before.

Eric David, living in Toronto, has two pieces hanging in the galleries, a photograph of a peaceful nature scene, catching the sun in an interesting combination of light and mist. However, it is the painting he submitted that we discussed.

A tunnel, graffiti covering the walls, shows at the far exit a crowned king and queen are outlined, walking hand in hand out of the tunnel. A jester dances behind them, his three-pointed hat tipped to one side.

The graffiti on the wall includes another jester.

The jester is COVID the king and queen are humanity being chased by the jester whom we hope won't catch up," he explained.

"The viewer has his own interpretation. COVID is a like a jester," he added, encouraging us by saying there is hope.

At the end of the tunnel is the clear light and the buildings of a city.

"Painting has been part of my life since I was nine years old," he said. "It's an integral part in how I see the world."

Margot Roi's painting is a gestural abstract landscape of the harvest moon.

"I've always been drawn to the glorious stages of the harvest moon," she commented.

More or less retired from teaching for 35 years at a number of schools, including the University of Toronto and Brock University, Ms. Roi is still teaching at Dundas Valley School of Art and from her own studio, Brushes Up! as well as online lessons.

"I am now a full-time artist, with two studios and lots of shows coming up," she said. "I am going through my abstract style, gestural abstraction - it means a rough style, intuitive process and going with the flow."

This form of painting is not dealing with a concrete resource. It is an emotional abstract of a painterly approach to painting and one that has lots of layers.

"I'm into layers and the colours get on top and I really enjoyed the colour palette of that one."

Ms. Roi's painting in the festival looks like a landscape but more of a feeling, an experience of nature.

The roots of her enthusiasm for pattern come from her education at Sheridan College in the fabric design program.

Currently she has taken the fall off to concentrate on developing her work further and in January she is doing a show with her uncle who is a sculptor.

The Headwaters Arts Festival opening night is next Thursday, Sept. 15 and runs until Oct. 2.

For all the information and to purchase tickets, go to headwatersarts.org/fall-festival-2022.

Inspirational Speaker series coming to restaurant north of Caledon

CALEDON CITIZEN STAFF

Joy Foster's mission is to inspire people.

A motivational speaker, talk show host, mentor and more, Foster said she's been in the business of helping people for a long time.

In September and October, she's hosting a series of three speaking engagements at Ms. Mitchell's Restaurant, an upscale establishment about 20 minutes north of Caledon.

The first event, being held on September 18 from 12 to 2:30 p.m., is called "Discovering How Beautiful You Really Are."

Foster said people often compare themselves to each other, especially during the pandemic when people were stuck inside comparing themselves to people on social media. Foster said she wants to help women be happy with who they are and learn to accept positivity.

The second event, being held on October 2 at the same time, is called "Challenging Yourself Always." Attendees to this event will be receiving homework, challenges from Foster around bettering themselves. She said if people don't take care of themselves, they'll have nothing left to give back to their community.

Foster said she wants to inspire people to put goals in place to achieve their dreams.

The third and final event in the series is on October 30, again from 12 to 2:30 p.m. and is called "Getting Out of Your Boat." Foster said this event will be all about inspiring people to get out of their comfort zone and reach their goals.

Tickets for all three events are available on Foster's website, kimberlite.ca.

Caledon to mark international day of older persons

Continued from FRONT

The Age-Friendly Expo is replacing the Senior's Expo, which used to be held each Spring in Caledon

The International Day of older persons was introduced in 1990 by the United Nations, as a means of bringing attention to seniors.

The goal is to fight misconceptions people have about seniors, as well as bring attention to seniors issues and policies that can be implemented to fix them.

"During the pandemic, our older residents were hit the hardest and we want to take the time to ensure that they have the resources and support (they need), so that they are prepared to face whatever comes their way in a happy and healthy way," reads the Town's age-friendly site.

On October 1, the Town is partnering with Caledon Community Services to offer free trips to the Age-Friendly Expo.

Free trips to Spirit Tree Estate Cidery, Heatherlea Farm Shoppe, and Glen Echo Nursery will also be available.

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Funeral Mass will be held at St. Timothy Catholic Church 42 Dawson Road Orangeville, on Thursday, September 8th, 2022 at 11:00 am. Reception to follow at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre* 21 First St. Orangeville. Memorial donations to the Orangeville Food Bank would be appreciated by the family.



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Stacie Roberts running for Ward 5 Councillor

Roberts wants to bring collaborative approach to leadership

BY ZACHARY ROMAN



Stacie Roberts is running for Ward 5 Councillor in Caledon's October municipal election. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Stacie Roberts said Caledon only has one shot at protecting its green spaces.

The Ward 5 Councillor candidate has been living with her daughter in Caledon for 10 years, but has been around Town for 25 as her dad used to own a horse farm in Palgrave.

Her background is in advertising and media, and she now runs her own communications business working from home.

Roberts said her experience in communications will be a big help if elected as Councillor, and since she's self-employed and makes her own hours, she said she'll have the time to really be engaged and put effort into the position.

Roberts decided to run for Council because she's already been doing a lot of advocacy work around environmental protection.

Roberts has been keeping up with Caledon Council meetings, has delegated to them, and has written letters to Council. She said getting fully involved and trying to become part of Caledon's government is the next step, and she's grateful for the support of her daughter Emily who encouraged her to take the leap and run for Council.

One of Roberts' main goals if elected as Councillor is to ensure the protection of Caledon's green spaces.

"If we start developing and putting subdivisions where they're not supposed to be… we can't take that back," said Roberts. "I really think we need to take that time to make sure that we're doing it for the best interest of generations to come, and making sure that we protect what we have here and what we love — the trails and the waterways and the animals and our farms — going up the road to get fresh vegetables from the farm… if we don't do it right that'll all be gone."

Across Caledon, traffic safety has been a concern, and for Roberts in Ward 5 it is no different.

She said people need to be able to get around safely and enjoy the community they live in.

She wants to advocate to bring more public transit to Bolton and its growing population. Roberts said transportation infrastructure needs to be in place before developments occur, and that she'll advocate to make Bolton more pedestrian-friendly.

"I feel I'm an active listener… instead of debating or contradicting what other people say I like to bring their ideas in and build on them so we can come up with a solution together," said Roberts.

Roberts is happy that Caledon's new Official Plan will not be adopted until the next term of Caledon Council has a chance to look at it. She thinks it was unfair of the provincial government to make regions and municipalities plan for the next 30 years in the middle of a pandemic.

People are custodians of the land, said Roberts, and that guides her leadership style which is collective. She said she's a communicator who takes the ideas of others into account and will represent them at council meetings.

"I don't want to be somebody who just brings their own opinions to the table," said Roberts. "I want to make sure that we build on lots of people's ideas and bring it to a solution that everyone has contributed to."

Roberts said she wants to contribute to a greater sense of community in Ward 5, if elected, and that it's important to get as many people as possible involved in local politics. She said while municipalities have a minimum amount of communication that's required of them, she wants to see Caledon go above and beyond these minimums to reach as many people as possible, especially when important topics are at hand.

"I believe there shouldn't be a one plan fits all approach," said Roberts. "Communities, we can share knowledge and work with each other."

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