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CHILLY SUCCESS – More than 50 volunteers helped make the 2023 CONY walk a success. **PHOTO BY ENZO VILLA**

Over $100k raised for Caledon Community Services at Coldest Night of the Year walk

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Well over 200 Caledon residents went on a walk with a purpose last Saturday evening.

On February 25, Caledon Community Services (CCS) hosted its Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) walk in support of those facing hunger and homelessness.

The walk, which began in Caledon East, was one of many CNOY walks being held by community organizations all across Canada.

Ahead of the walk, a spirited fundraising campaign took place where walkers got pledges and tried to make their team the best fundraisers in Town.

CCS set an ambitious fundraising goal of $100,000 and Caledon residents were up to the task, smashing past it and raising over $105,000 as of press time. Donations will still be accepted at cnoy.org/location/caledon until March 31.

Caledon Firefighters fielded a team for the walk this year, just as they did in 2022. They were the top fundraising team again too, raising over $17,000 in 2023, breaking their own impressive total of over $14,000 from 2022.

Other top fundraising teams included the Terra Cotta Walkers, Mars Canada, Caledon Community Services, Town of Caledon, Holy Family Church, Caledon East United Church, Christ Church Bolton, Explore Yoga, and Dig A Little Deeper Psychotherapy and Counselling. Also integral to the success of the CONY walk were a number of community sponsors.

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Final 2023 budget approved by Council

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Town of Caledon's budget for 2023 has been given the green light.

At Caledon Council's February 28 meeting, Council unanimously approved the 2023 budget after some final discussions.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell suggested an amendment to the budget, asking that the $200,000 needed for the creation of Caledon's Economic Development Master Plan be funded from the Town's tax-funded capital contingency reserve.

"Rather than putting that onto the taxpayer… through a tax levy, I'm asking that it be funded (through the reserve) at this time," said Maskell.

In Caledon's 2023 budget, the Economic Development Master Plan was proposed to be funded by the Town's tax-funded capital program. Town staff originally requested that the capital program be increased by $456,000 in 2023, and after discussions the increase stood at $356,000. Maskell's ask would bring the increase down to $156,000.

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(LEFT) Seedy Saturday organizers wanted to say thanks to the PUCK volunteers who served at the cafe. (RIGHT) Julia Dimakos (left) and a friend teach Seedy Saturday attendees how to grow and brew their own tea. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Caledon's first Seedy Saturday event a success and is set to grow forward

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Beginner and expert gardeners alike gathered for an afternoon of fun and education last weekend.

On February 25, the first ever "Seedy Saturday" event to be held in Caledon took place in Palgrave. The event was a partnership between the Palgrave United Community Kitchen (PUCK), Caledon Public Library (CPL), and Albion Hills Community Farm. Seedy Saturday events began back in 1990 in British Columbia.

Highlights from the event included presentations on gardening for pollinators, tea gardening, and the school vegetable garden project happening at Caledon public schools. There were fresh-baked apple pies with local apples that sold out, and a Friends of the Caledon Public Library book sale.

Also at Seedy Saturday was, of course, a wide variety of seeds, a potting station, indoor plants, and numerous vendor and community tables.

Karen Hutchinson, President of the Albion Hills Community Farm, and said she and the other event organizers were very happy with how Seedy Saturday went. Hutchinson said they estimate over 200 people came over the course of the day, a great turnout.

"It went really well, there were lots of people," she said.

Hutchinson said the presentations at the event were well-attended and received too.

The Albion Hills Community Farm made sure there were seed catalogues available for event attendees and managed the seed exchange. Additionally, they were selling seeds in support of the Caledon public school vegetable garden project. Caledon's Peel District School Board trustee, Stan Cameron, is leading a program to install vegetable gardens in all of Caledon's public schools.

The CPL had seeds that people could sign out with their library card as part of their seed library program.

At the potting station, people could plant seeds, such as lettuce or radish, that will begin to grow at this time of year. There were also house plants like aloe which people could pot up.

There was no admission fee for Seedy Saturday, however donations were accepted for the school vegetable garden project.

When asked if she thought Seedy Saturday would be back next year, Hutchinson said "for sure."

She said when the organizers debrief, they may even consider a bigger venue for next year as the turnout was so great.

"People who attended, there were experienced gardeners and there were brand-new gardeners… that's the real beauty," said Hutchinson. "I think the more you grow food the more you appreciate that it's so diverse and complex… food does connect us all."

As a follow up to Seedy Saturday, there's going to be another community event celebrating all things gardening on May 13 at the Albion Hills Community Farm. It's called the Spring Festival and Plant Sale and more details will be available at a later date.

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COMMUNITY events

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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 6:00-6:30 followed by a meeting. The initial annual fee incl. a bi-monthly magazine and starter kit is $59, and monthly dues are $20. Today is the best day to make changes to your lifestyle! If you have weight to lose and/or want to improve your health, we can help! We promote healthy eating and support the efforts of all our members, and your first meeting is free. Come join us. 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.

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The Peel Regional Aquarium Club (PRAC) welcomes new members! Do you have a fish tank or are interested in keeping fish, shrimp, snails or live plants? Join us monthly to learn more about the hobby, get tips from other hobbyists and participate in our mini monthly auctions! We meet in person on the third Wednesday of every month at 7pm. Please see our website for more details on speakers and location. www.peelaquariumclub.org

We encourage those attending to bring items to sell in our mini monthly auctions and a fish/plant or other aquatic species to show in our monthly bowl shows. This is great practise in learning how to show fish and practise judging as is done in the larger competitions. Join us in person!

The next Bolton Kin Toonie Sale is on Saturday, March 4 from 10 am to 1 pm in the President's building at the Bolton Fairgrounds. Check it out at www.boltonkin.com/toonie-sale.

Peel Health Coalition (newly formed offshoot of Ontario Health Coalition)

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Zoom Registration: https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwoduuvrTwvG twLjpaOdtCKf31pj3V3mU1S

Caledon Horticultural Society looking to expand membership in 2023

Society, informally known as the Caledon Garden Club, has event on March 9

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Those with an interest in gardening are invited to join the Caledon Horticultural Society this year.

The society meets at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month from September until June. Their meetings take place in the Cheltenham Community Room, which is located at 14190 Creditview Rd. in Cheltenham.

Maureen Baker, communications director for the society, notes that the room is accessed by a side door by the Cheltenham Firehall.

Meetings include refreshments and presentations from visiting guest speakers, and the society already has events planned through until June.

"It's very informative," said Baker.

While Caledon Horticultural Society is the official name of the group, Baker said "it's a little too formal for me… typically I'll just call it the garden club."

The society is open to all who want to learn about gardening and socialize in a fun and friendly environment.

On March 9, Baker said a well-known garden club speaker, Wolfe Bonham, will be speaking at the society's meeting about recycled items in the garden.

"Through his experience at the professional landscaping company, Peace, Love and Landscaping, and his many worldwide travels on his motorbike, Wolfe will delight us with new ideas and creations," said the Society.

Guests can attend a Caledon Horticultural Society meeting for $3, or they can become a member of the society for a whole year for $20. Those with questions are welcome to contact club president Bobbie Bennett by email at gscale@bell.net.

Future guest speakers include Lynn Sinclair Smith, who will talk about the development of Friendship Gardens at Headwaters Healthcare in Orangeville; Mark Zelinski, who will talk about Turtle Island and the Royal Botanical Gardens in Hamilton; and Don Scallen with his presentation called "Anything but Grass."

Baker said she's excited and hopeful to welcome new members this year.

"We're really trying to promote these next few meetings," said Baker.

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Caledon Firefighters top fundraising team for second year in a row





Teams of walkers faced the chilly weather on February 25 to raise money for those in need.
PHOTOS BY ENZO VILLA

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CCS' Chief Development Officer, Mariia Kupriianova, said the walk was an amazing community effort.

"The energy, the overall vibe, the positivity, the team captains brimming with enthusiasm, more than 50 volunteers… it was a very uplifting community event," she said. "We're so grateful, we can't thank the community enough… the people that joined us, all of the walkers, the volunteers… our generous sponsors."

Kupriianova said with growing demand in the number of people that need support from CCS, the community support of the CNOY walk was very much needed.

"The beautiful spirit of our Caledon community was really shining through," said Kupriianova.

Something Kupriianova was happy to see at this year's walk was the amount of different kinds of teams who participated. There were businesses, faith groups, community teams, and even a school team. Some teams were led by newcomers to Caledon while others were led by people who have lived in Caledon for their entire lives.

"It's the commitment to help each other and support our neighbours in need that brought all of our teams together," said Kupriianova. "Every dollar raised helps us deliver services for the most marginalized in our community."

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said CCS is usually Caledon's first to respond to emerging challenges in a growing Caledon.

"I know that you can't always plan for emergencies, and anyone can lose their footing at some point in their lives," said Groves. "I'm very proud of our generous and committed community that always steps up when people are struggling."

Kupriianova said during the walk, people were encouraged to reflect on what it would be like to not have a warm home to go back to, or not know when the next time they'll have a good meal is.

Reflecting and trying to put yourself in someone else's shoes is an important part of CONY walks.

Kupriianova said CONY walks are empowering as well, as you know you are walking alongside others in communities across Canada for a good cause.





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SERIOUS COLLISION

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

"On February 24, 2022, at approximately 6:35 a.m., officers and emergency crews responded to a five-vehicle collision on Highway 10 between Olde Base Line Road and Charleston Sideroad," say Police. "Two individuals were transported by air ambulance to a Toronto-area trauma centre. An additional three reported minor injuries."

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

Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage are asked to contact Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

IMPAIRED OPERATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two drivers with impaired operation.

"On February 24, 2023, at approximately 7:13 p.m., a motorist contacted the OPP to report a vehicle on Highway 9, near Albion Trial, being operated in a concerning manner," say Police. "While officers were enroute to the location, a second call was received involving the same vehicle to report that it was now involved in a single motor vehicle collision. During the course of the investigation, the driver was arrested for impaired operation since officers formed grounds that their ability to operation a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol."

As a result, Edgar Espinoza, 40, of Orangeville, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on March 17, 2023, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

The vehicle from the incident was impounded for a period of seven days. The driver's licence was suspended for 90 days.

BREAK AND ENTER & IMPAIRED CHARGES

On February 26, 2023, at approximately 1:46 a.m., Caledon OPP was dispatched to a break and enter.

"The complainant reported that someone had gained access to their residence by breaking through the front door," say Police. "Officers arrived at the residence on Winston Churchill Boulevard, near King Street, and located the accused inside the house. Further information revealed that the accused was involved in a collision nearby. Officers formed grounds that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol and subsequently made an arrest. The accused was transported to hospital to treat the injuries sustained from the single motor vehicle collision."

As a result of the investigation, Dwayne Miller, 44, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol
- Break & enter
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor

The accused is scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on March 16, 2023, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

The vehicle from the incident was impounded for a period of seven days. The driver's licence was suspended for 90 days.

"Drivers are reminded that no amount of alcohol or drugs in your system is safe when driving. If you plan on drinking or consuming drugs, plan to not drive. Instead, arrange for a designated driver, take a taxi or public transit, or come up with another plan that takes impaired driving out of the picture. If you suspect that someone is driving while impaired by alcohol or drugs, it is important to call 9-1-1 to report it.

For more information about the penalties of driving impaired, visit: https://www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving."

FEDERAL OFFENDER WANTED

The Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (R.O.P.E.) Squad is requesting the public's assistance in locating a federal offender wanted on a Canada Wide Warrant as a result of his breach of Statutory Release.

"Nicholas Woodland is described as a Caucasian male, 33 years of age, 5'11" (180cm), 131lbs (59kgs) with brown hair and blue eyes," say Police. "He is currently serving a two (2) year and two (2) month sentence for Sexual Assault, Possession of Child Pornography and Bestiality. The offender is known to frequent the Toronto, Caledon, Woodstock and Brampton areas."

SPOT CHECK CHARGE

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) conducted a RIDE spot check and charged a driver with impaired operation.

"On February 21, 2023, officers were conducting a RIDE (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) spot check on Forks of the Credit Road, near Dominion Street, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "At approximately 9:52 p.m., a vehicle entered the area and was met by officers. During the investigation, grounds were formed that the driver's ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by alcohol, resulting in the accused being arrested."

As a result, Simrandeep Singh, 24, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

"The driver's licence was suspended for 90 days, and the vehicle was impounded for a period of seven days. The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on March 9, 2023, to answer to the charge."

The charge has not been proven.

"Although the OPP runs its annual Festive RIDE campaign, RIDE spot checks are conducted throughout the year, 24/7. The OPP remains committed to taking alcohol/drug-impaired drivers off our roads through enforcement and public education. If you know or suspect that a driver is impaired by alcohol or drugs, call 9-1-1. In doing so, you may save a life."

WEAPONS CHARGES

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) laid multiple charges and seized a handgun as a result of a criminal investigation in the Town of Shelburne.

"On February 25, 2023, shortly after 10:00 p.m., a keen-eyed Dufferin OPP officer while on general patrol located a suspicious vehicle in a parking lot on Main Street. The officer was led into a criminal investigation and located a loaded handgun.

"One of the occupants in the vehicle attempted to flee the scene and a brief foot chase ensued. The suspect was subsequently taken into custody and all three occupants were placed under arrest. The handgun was seized along with a knife, balaclavas and zip ties."

As a result of the investigation, Lucas John-Hope-Pickett, 23, from Toronto has been charged with:

- Possession of weapon for dangerous purpose
- Carrying concealed weapon
- Unauthorized possession of a firearm
- Knowledge of unauthorized possession of firearm
- Possession of prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition
- Occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm
- Conspiracy to commit indictable offence
- Obstruct Peace Officer
- Possession of firearm or ammunition contrary t to prohibition order
- Resist Peace Officer

Kacy Cockfield, 22-year-old, from Pickering has been charged with:

- Occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm
- Obstruct Peace Officer
- Conspiracy to commit indictable offence
- Failure to comply with undertaking

Keon Cockfield, 20-year-old from Dundalk has been charged with:

- Failure to comply with release order - other that to attend court - (three counts)
- Occupant of motor vehicle knowing there was a firearm
- Obstruct Peace Officer
- Conspiracy to commit indictable offence

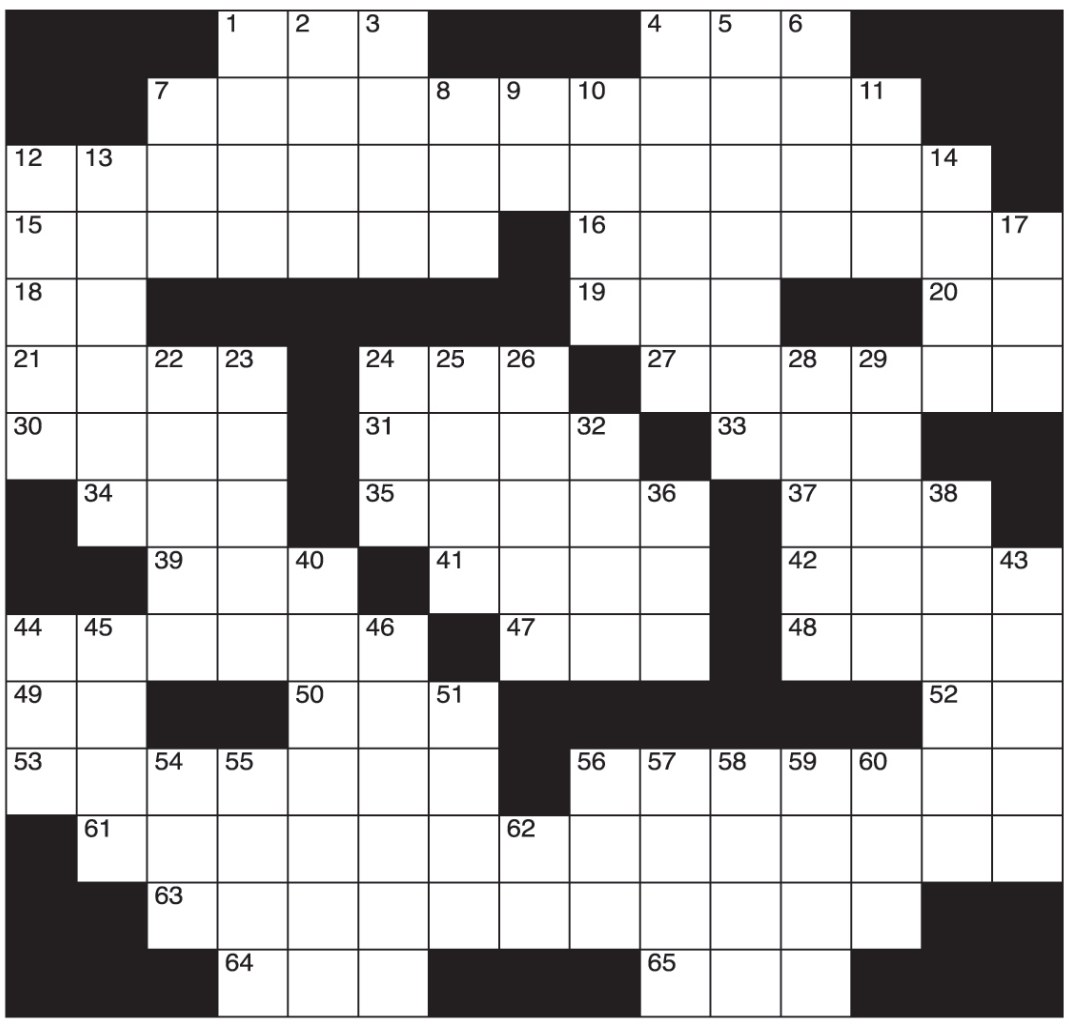
The three accused person were transported to the Dufferin Detachment where they were held for a bail hearing.

The charges have not been proven.

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24. Where golfers begin
27. Entrapped
30. Influential punk artist
31. Hebrew calendar month
33. Car mechanics group
34. Undesirable rodent
35. Minneapolis suburb
37. Witch
39. Get free of
41. A written proposal or reminder
42. British School
44. Country on west coast of Africa
47. Cool!
48. Information
49. __ route
50. Jim Nantz's network
52. Something to register (abbr.)
53. Give cards incorrectly
56. One who's learning on the job
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63. Taking careful notice
64. CNN's founder
65. Speak badly of

CLUES DOWN

1. A person with unusual powers of foresight
2. Single sheet of glass
3. Portrays a character
4. Expresses happiness
5. Acquires
6. "The Martian" author
7. Degree
8. 60-minute intervals
9. A detective's pal
10. Group of nations (abbr.)
11. Popular Georgia rockers
12. Fencing swords
13. Basement
14. Samoan monetary unit
17. Male parent
22. Finnish lake
23. A smooth fabric
24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
26. Very willing
28. Expressed pleasure
29. Lasso
32. Hindu model of ideal man
36. Move your head in approval
38. Ill-__: gained illegally
40. Die
43. Accused publicly
44. Precious stone
45. Individual thing or person
46. Behaved in a way that degraded
51. Derogatory term
54. No seats available
55. Liability
56. Popular beverage
57. Tough outer skin of fruit
58. __ Spumante (Italian wine)
59. Troubles
60. Negative
62. Camper

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

Unsigned document means charges dropped in fatal collision that killed Caledon teen

Milo Yekmalian, 18, was killed in a collision on Charleston Sideroad last May

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The man who was accused of careless driving causing the death of a Caledon teen is no longer facing any charges.

On the evening of May 17, 2022, 18-year-old Milo Yekmalian of Caledon was killed in a head-on collision with 67-year-old Tomislav Roki of Toronto. The collision occurred around 8 p.m. on Charleston Sideroad near Shaws Creek Road.

Yekmalian was pronounced dead on scene and Roki was transported to hospital with minor injuries. As a result of a police investigation into the collision, Roki was charged with careless driving causing death under the Highway Traffic Act.

However, when the case was brought to Caledon's Provincial Offences Court on February 1, Roki's legal counsel successfully argued that information necessary to prosecute Roki should be nullified, as it was missing the signature of the Caledon OPP officer swearing it to be true.

Pavan Bassi, representing Roki, said as the information was not signed there's no jurisdiction to proceed and that the information is defective.

"The name and signature of the police officer swearing the said information before the issuing Justice of the Peace is an essential element of the validity of the information," said Bassi.

Liana Marcon, Crown Attorney, said the matter should be dealt with on its merits, considering the seriousness of the fatal collision.

Justice of the Peace Neil Burgess said if the officer had signed the statement, he would have found that it was fine to proceed on the matter.

"To my surprise looking at the statement, the statement was never signed by the officer… we don't have the officer swearing to the information, we don't have the officer signing the statement," said Burgess.

Other than the officer's name printed at the top of the information, Burgess found no other indication the officer was even involved in the matter of the collision.

Due to these factors, Burgess found the information to be a nullity and the charge against Roki was dropped. The charge cannot be reissued as more than six months have passed since the collision.

"I see by looking at the information that this is a very serious matter, and I can tell you I am not happy having been put in the position that I need to say that this is a nullity," said Burgess.

Bassi apologized to Yekmalian's family and said it was a hard case to adjudicate but that every issue must be raised for his client.

Yekmalian's father spoke out after the decision.

"A signature? A signature, Your Honour? That's what my son's life is worth, a signature?" he said, according to court transcripts. "My son was alive… in that car for longer than that gentleman has spent in court, dying 150 feet from his house."

"This isn't justice," he said.

The Citizen inquired as to if the officer in question might face any consequences, or if any detachment policies might change as a result of this case. The Caledon OPP referred enquiries to Ministry of the Attorney General for comment.

Headwaters Arts receives $44,000 grant from Government of Canada

Money was granted through government's Tourism Relief Fund

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A local non-profit arts organization received grant funding that helped it run its biggest annual event last Fall.

On February 23, Headwaters Arts announced it had received a grant of $44,201 through the Federal Government's Tourism Relief Fund. The grant was dispersed via the Central Counties Tourism Association.

The Central Counties Tourism Association received a total of $8.65 million from the Federal Government to help local tourism organizations and businesses "safely welcome back visitors, recover from the impacts of the pandemic and prepare for future growth."

The grant went towards hosting Headwaters Arts' 26th Annual Fall Festival, Juried Art Show and Sale. According to the release the money also supported "multiple keystone Fall Festival events supporting literary and visual arts and live music."

Susan Powell, Chair of Headwaters Arts' Marketing and Communications Committee, and Edward Hutchinson, Press Secretary for the Office of the Minister responsible for the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FedDev Ontario), wrote of the importance of the Fall Festival in 2022.

"The enhanced 2022 Fall Festival was an important catalyst to foster and welcome a revitalized relationship with Headwaters Arts and Ontario artists, art enthusiasts, sponsors, the community, and visitors from across the GTA and beyond to grow revenue, build capacity and create more economic opportunities and jobs and retain jobs for the arts and culture sector," they said in the announcement.

Filomena Tassi, Minister responsible for FedDev Ontario, said tourism is a cornerstone in economies across Southern Ontario.

"Supporting tourism businesses will grow our communities and attract more and more visitors for years to come," she said.

Margi Taylor, Acting President of Headwaters Arts, shared on behalf of the organization how grateful it was to receive the grant.

"The arts and cultural events and festivals in our communities are our strength," said Taylor. "This investment will help grow and build our engaging and excellent arts experience for our visitors, augmented through partnerships with local food and beverage businesses, talented musical entertainment and gifted literary authors for a well-rounded tourist attraction."

Headwaters Arts operates the Headwaters Arts Gallery year-round at the Alton Mill Arts Centre in Alton. It's an 810-square foot gallery with exhibitions that change monthly and showcase the talent of local artists.

Chuck Thibeault, Executive Director of Central Counties Tourism, said the impacts of the Tourism Relief Fund will be felt for years to come.

"The visitor economy creates thriving, vibrant communities across Ontario. Visitors bring new money into a community and for many businesses in York, Durham and Headwaters, these additional revenues can mean the difference between staying solvent and having to shutter their doors forever," said Thibeault. "Central Counties Tourism applauds the Government of Canada for recognizing the importance of growing our collective capacity to welcome and entertain visitors. Its investment in tourism is helping municipalities and individual businesses build compelling destinations that will attract visitors and residents alike."

ODSS gets provincial money to support skills training

BY JAMES MATTHEWS
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

It's hoped an infusion of money to Dufferin-Caledon high schools will give students an edge in preparing for careers in tooling and machining.

The provincial government is investing more than $98,000 to purchase high-tech machines for two high schools in the region.

The money will help young people gain the skills they need to prepare for careers in tooling and machining.

Of that money, Orangeville District Secondary School will get $25,480 and Humberview Secondary School in Bolton will get $72,860.

Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, announced on February 27 on behalf of Labour, Immigration, Training and Skills Development Minister Monte McNaughton.

"Funding high-tech machinery will prepare our students for careers in manufacturing," Jones said. "This investment will help young people gain the skills they need with hands-on experience in a skilled trade."

Equipment deliveries for the program began in November 2022, and range from CNC milling centres, lathes, and plasma cutters, to CNC desktop milling machines, high-precision conventional milling machines, and lathes with readouts. ODSS will also receive tool kits and cutting tools.

"Our goal is to expose high school students to technology at an earlier age to engage their interest for a career within our industry," said Robert Cattle, Executive Director at the Canadian Tooling and Machining Association (CTMA).

"Not only does this expose students to newer technology at an earlier age, but also gives teachers up-to-date equipment to implement in their classrooms."

This project by the CTMA and the Ontario Council for Technology and Education (OCTE) is funded through the ministry's Skills Development Fund.

"Our government is proud to be funding projects that expose high school students to the skilled trades early on," said McNaughton. "Ontario needs more skilled workers, and that starts with attracting more young people to these rewarding, well-paying and life-long careers."



Councillor Doug Maskell suggested changes to budget at February 28 meeting

Continued from FRONT

Ward 4 Councillor Nick de Boer said Council has a goal and a need to raise its tax-funded capital program so the Town can manage its resources. He said in the past there were periods where the program was not increased, resulting in savings for taxpayers, but then later it had to increase all at once resulting in a big cost increase for taxpayers.

"We have to keep picking away, adding little bits and pieces to the capital program every year… I think that's important," said de Boer, noting he would not support Maskell's amendment.

Regional Councillor Mario Russo said he could see where both Maskell and de Boer are coming from, and asked what Maskell's amendment would mean for the taxpayer.

Staff made the calculations and showed Council it would mean a 2.28 per cent tax increase for Caledon residents instead of a 2.39 per cent increase. The savings for the average taxpayer if Maskell's amendment were to pass would be about $6.14.

Russo said that amount is an acceptable increase to put forward and that it's important to save Caledon's reserve for "rainy days". He did not support Maskell's amendment and neither did Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan who called it "short-sighted."

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa said he would support Maskell's amendment.

"I have no problem bringing the savings onto the resident… these are tough times out there," said Rosa. "I'm OK with such a small amount coming from our reserves, I don't think it's going to make a major impact on the reserves."

Councillor Maskell said as Caledon's 2022 reserves were $87 million and are expected to be $106 million by the end of 2023, taking $200,000 out of them is not a significant ask.

Mayor Annette Groves said after participating in Caledon Community Services' Coldest Night of the Year walk recently, it's very apparent the struggles some people in Caledon are facing. She said passing on a few dollars of savings to the taxpayer would be a sign of leadership and good faith. Groves thanked Maskell for bringing forward the motion and said she'd be supporting it.

Councillor Maskell's motion to amend the budget was lost, with Councillors Christina Early, Dave Sheen, de Boer, Russo, and Kiernan voting against it.

Maskell also motioned to amend the budget by eliminating a $12,000 Town operating expense relating to the attendance of Council members at charitable events, suggesting Council's recent raise and expense increase provides Councillors with enough money for that purpose. This motion was opposed by all members of Council except Maskell.

Including the portions for the Region of Peel and school boards, Caledon's 2023 budget brings a tax increase for residents of 2.39 per cent. For the average household in Caledon, this is an increase of $130 per year.

In a news release published on March 1, Groves thanked Council and Town staff for "delivering a budget that invests in our community needs, future growth and keeps the tax increase as low as possible."

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Caledon East residents speak out against proposed Tim Hortons at public meeting

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents recently shared their opinions on a rezoning application that could lead to a Tim Hortons being built in Caledon East.

At 7 p.m. on February 21, a public meeting was held to consider official plan and zoning bylaw amendments submitted by Weston Consulting, on behalf of Ganni Properties Inc., for 16054, 16060, and 16068 Airport Road.

Ganni Properties seeks to rezone the Airport Road properties to permit a one-storey restaurant with a drive-through service facility, as well as two retail/commercial units. Conceptual plans show the drive-through restaurant would be a Tim Hortons.

There was a big turnout for the public meeting, as 17 residents spoke on Ganni Properties' application. A total of 22 written comments about the application were also submitted to the Town.

Cheri Cowan, who has lived in Caledon East for 52 years, said Caledon East desperately needs revitalization in its downtown but a Tim Hortons is not what will accomplish that. She shared concerns about air quality, road safety, and traffic congestion.

Margo Jay delivered a detailed powerpoint presentation in opposition to a Tim Hortons coming to Caledon East, and encouraged Council to vote the application down when it comes time. She claimed when a major corporation like Tim Hortons comes to a Town, other small independent businesses get driven out.

Those in attendance at the meeting were applauding at the end of speakers' delegations, and Planning and Development Committee chair Nick de Boer said while he understands the desire he reminded attendees that under the Planning Act applause is not allowed at public meetings.

Resident Carolyn Vallejo wrote that "the inevitable increase in traffic congestion caused by

the drive-thru will create a safety hazard for pedestrians and other cars."

Pedestrian safety and traffic safety was a recurring concern brought up by many residents at the public meeting. Several of the speakers and people that submitted written comments shared concerns about pollution, litter, congestion, impact on local business, and more.

"A drive-thru does not belong in this section of town," wrote Caledon East resident Therese Xuereb. "If you [politicians] are worried about climate change, why are you killing the downtown area with massive emissions from all the cars idling in a parking lot waiting for a cup of coffee?"

Caledon East resident Tyler Schiller was opposed to Ganni Properties' request when it first came to the Town in 2020. He said his opinion hasn't changed with the submission of Ganni Properties' updated request, which came to the Town last summer. Schiller wrote that the application would "forever be an irreversible burden on Caledon East and its residents."

Ulana Winter, resident of Caledon East, shared her concerns for Caledon East's business community.

"We have… well-run and established businesses on Airport Road that will financially suffer and may be forced to close, depriving residents of the many other and better things they offer beyond the range of Tim Hortons," wrote Winter.

Adam Martin-Robbins said while he isn't opposed to a Tim Hortons, he is opposed to a drive-thru as it would be disruptive to both traffic and Caledon East's character.

Melissa Brown explained in her written comments that she shares a property line with the properties Ganni Properties wants to rezone. Back in 2020, she started a petition against rezoning which she said received over 1,200 signatures then. It now has over 1,600.

Frank Svab, who lives in Caledon East and owns a business that primarily serves the local community, said a development that encourages more traffic through Caledon East is the opposite of what's needed.

"We should strive for approving projects/developments that are supporting the wellbeing of our residents and our locally owned businesses," wrote Svab.

Sonia Campagnolo, a resident of Caledon East for 35 years, is opposed to the proposal for many reasons, one of which is that she said not every Town needs a Tim Hortons.

"We have one five minutes North of us and 10 minutes South of us. Is that not enough?" she asked.

Council also asked questions of the applicant, which was attending the meeting virtually.

Regional Councillor Mario Russo raised concerns with the traffic study done by the applicant and suggested it may need to be redone at peak times of the year (mid-summer).

He also said he finds it challenging to imagine how a Tim Hortons would fit into Caledon East.

Mayor Groves and Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan both raised their concerns about air quality due to idling from vehicles in drive-thrus. Kiernan also expressed concerns with the traffic studies presented by the applicant being from May and October.

Ward 3 Councillor Doug Maskell, whose ward the proposed Tim Hortons would be in, said he would highly encourage his Region of Peel colleagues to undertake an independent traffic study of their own for the proposal.

He and the rest of Caledon Council thanked the many delegates and people who attended the meeting.

No decisions are made by Council at public meetings.

Mayor says best to "avoid speculation" about possibility of amalgamation

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

While the possibility of Caledon, Brampton, and Mississauga becoming the "City of Peel" does exist, Caledon's Mayor says it's not time to speculate about that happening.

Back in November 2022, Premier Doug Ford's government announced it would be appointing facilitators to assess the Regions of Peel, Durham, Niagara, Halton, Waterloo, and York. The Ford government said at the time the facilitators would be working with the governments to assess the best mix of responsibilities between upper and lower-tier municipalities.

The Region of Peel is an upper-tier municipality made up of the three lower-tier municipalities of Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga.

After making an announcement in Brampton on February 15, Ford was asked whether he would rule out a "City of Peel" option.

"This is a conversation that we're going to have with the mayors and the Region, along with our Minister of Municipal Affairs Steve Clark… we'll all sit down collectively and make that decision," said Ford.

Ford said while Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga have all seen "tremendous" growth, he's always believed they should remain independent.

The Citizen asked Caledon Mayor Annette Groves what she thought about the possibility of Peel amalgamating into a single-tier municipality like Toronto.

"At this point the Province has only committed to appointing facilitators. That process has not started and there is a great deal that needs to be considered before speculating the outcomes," said Groves in a written statement. "My focus will be on gathering information and doing what is best for Caledon."

The spokesperson for Ontario's Ministry of Municipal Affairs, Melissa Diakoumeas, said in an email to the Citizen that the Ford government is considering how to best extend "Strong Mayor tools to Ontario's fastest growing cities.

"We need to ensure that municipalities are properly equipped to deliver on the government's plan to build 1.5 million homes by 2031. That starts with reducing municipal duplication and red tape," said Diakoumeas. "To start this work, the government will be appointing provincial facilitators who will work with local governments to identify how we can better support local decision making in high-growth regions across the province."

In 2019, Caledon's previous Council supported maintaining the Region of Peel and opposed amalgamation. A report completed that year by firm Ernst & Young concluded amalgamation could result in cost increases of up to $500 million.

Former Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson expressed Council's view at the time as "why fix what isn't broken."

In a 2019 Town news release, Thompson said "my priority has been to represent the interest of Caledon taxpayers, ensure their voice is heard and continue to ensure we deliver the services they need efficiently and effectively."

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Continuing to stand together

As the grandchild and great-grandchild of women and men who served King and Country in the First and Second World Wars, and as a descendent who was born too late to hear of their exploits firsthand, I've had to rely on second-hand accounts of their heroism.

I'll never know for certain what propelled my great-grandfather to set out from his shopkeeping family in a small community in what is now Durham Region to medical school, which ultimately led him to the front. Nor will I be able to tell for sure what spurred his future wife, a nurse, to don her uniform and head overseas for what was already being dubbed "The Great War," although the date of her enlistment aligns intriguingly with that of her brother.

I'll never be able to ask them how love blossomed on either the battlefield or in the medical tent, nor will I be able to ask my grandfather how much his parents' service influenced his own decision to become a part of the Royal Canadian Air Force when the need arose in 1939.

All I have are photos, documents, and second-hand stories – too many puzzle pieces to fit together into a cohesive, narrative whole.

I suspect many of us, unless we've seen active service ourselves, will always have a lot of questions that couldn't possibly be answered by anyone who hasn't walked that proverbial walk. That's why it's so important that we take advantage of every opportunity we can to hear these real-world experiences, absorb them, and do our absolute best to make sure it never happens again.

Yet, here we are, marking the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of the Ukraine, a war which has galvanized so many members of our community to step up and support Ukraine against the aggressors.

As terrible as this senseless conflict has been, the community's response has been, in my observation, the one silver-lining.

Over the course of the last year, we've seen students galvanize their school communities to support both aid organizations on the ground as well as the persons displaced by conflict who are now calling Canada home.

We've seen kids who are a bit too young to be fully immersed in the school fundraising experience do what they can on their own time to make a difference, whether it be a lemonade stand on the corner, bracelet-making fundraisers, and even bottle drives.

We've seen seniors residences come together to make a difference and seniors' centres engage not just in fundraising efforts but in spurring dialogue

We've even had cases of business owners who have taken time off to, quite literally, be an extra pair of hands on the ground in the theatre of war, and others have developed helpful apps and opened up their homes to foster four-leggers who may have been caught in the crossfire.

Newcomers to the community hailing from Kyiv and other parts of the nation have also done their part when absolutely nothing was being asked of them in this time of trauma. They've expressed themselves through art, taken on the task of educating us on some of the nuances of Ukrainian culture and the traditions that keep them vibrant, and have found the time to volunteer for organizations that are helping back home.

It's a remarkable testament to the human spirit, and hopefully a sign that, come what may, we'll continue to be poised to do our parts to foster a better future.

"A year ago, Russia began the unconscionable, full-scale invasion of Ukraine. Since that time, too many have suffered and are suffering still. Yet, we have also seen the strength of humanity," said Governor General Mary Simon in a speech last week. "Brave and resilient Ukrainians willing to fight for their freedom and the freedom of the world. Citizens standing firm and pushing back against their aggressors. People from many nations offering help in defence of democracy and the rule of law. And the Ukrainian community in Canada – one of the largest Ukrainian diaspora populations in the world – has been steadfast in raising support for their families and friends in the heart of great danger.

"As the attacks continue, the humanitarian crisis deepens. We need to take every opportunity to support Ukraine. We need to help people find safety and moments of normalcy amidst the chaos. We need to support Ukrainians as they rebuild their country, even as they fight for their country's future. We must face this crisis together, across borders.

"My thoughts go out to the Ukrainian people: to the child whose only wish is to go to school; to the soldiers who only want to be reunited with their families; to the teachers, nurses and community leaders who are trying to maintain a sense of normalcy, when everything is all but normal. From the first day, and through all of the devastating days since, Canada has stood firmly alongside the Ukrainian people. And we will continue to do so."

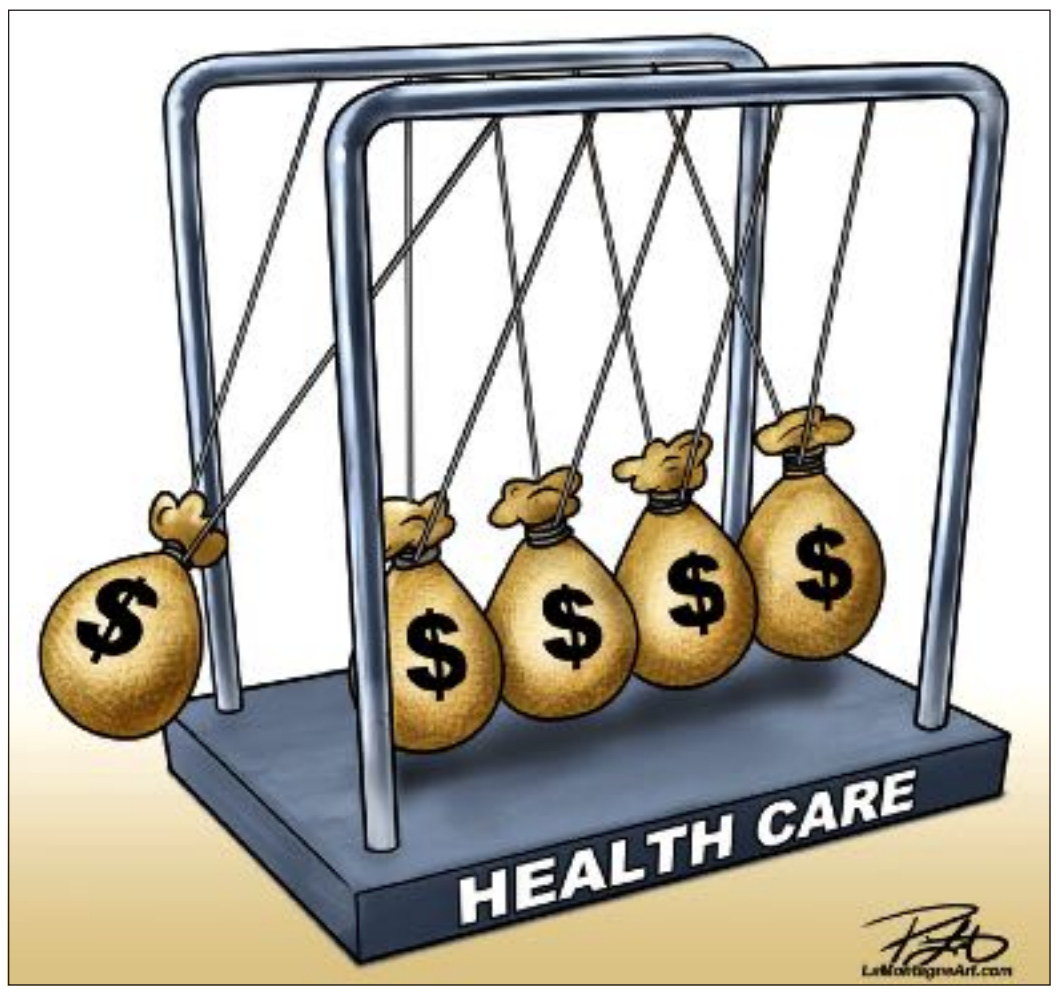
And we will continue to do so even when sometimes it might feel that the little we can do as individuals won't make a great difference; but together, they and we can bring about a great deal of good. Even when it might feel disheartening.

Unlike earlier conflicts when in order to get a real account of what's going on we had to ask people to share difficult, even traumatic memories well after the fact, this is a war that is, for better or worse, right at our fingertips.

We not only see videos direct from the conflict on the news each night, but first-hand accounts and journalism are available to us all the time, and, as difficult as it is, sometimes in real time via social media – reality unvarnished, unfiltered, and there for all to see.

And, as much as the reality is there unvarnished and unfiltered, so too is misinformation and downright lies ready to potentially spread like wildfire, making education and vigilance essential as always.

While we have seen many worst-case-scenarios presented in recent weeks as the first anniversary approached, we don't truly know what the next twelve months will entail. But, until then, it's incumbent on all of us to stay informed, engaged, continue to keep our arms open to the displaced and contribute where we can.



Don't be stingy with compliments



"I just think it's silly to be stingy with compliments. If you see someone and they strike you as beautiful in any way, why not let them know?" – Jill Scott

by Mark Pavilons

I'm with Jill on this one. We just missed "World Compliment Day," held March 1, but it's something that can be held every day!

The sentiment behind the day is to spread joy through simple verbal affirmations of appreciation. It costs absolutely nothing at all.

Giving a compliment is easy, whether it's telling someone you like their style, or letting them know they're doing a great job – whatever it is, it can change someone's whole day around. So, this day is a reminder to vocalize your positive thoughts.

It's kind of a shame that we have to be reminded of something so simple.

But I laud the efforts of founder Hans Poortvliet from the Netherlands, who created the special occasion.

"Nothing stimulates more, gives more energy, makes people happier and, as far as business is concerned increases productivity and commitment faster than sincere appreciation. So why not use it a little bit more?" Hans says.

Compliments are one of the ways in which we show our humanity – friendliness, and goodwill.

Unfortunately, in our uber politically correct society, paying someone a compliment is like navigating a mine field. But it shouldn't be.

Our society and business world is quick to reward people for their hard work and personal performance. We show them are valued members of the team.

Hans wants people to take it further, by sending out at least three compliments to people in your social network or circle of friends or business associates. I suppose he envisions a snowball effect.

And he's quite right in attesting that making people feel appreciated is not only important, but necessary these days.

Experts say receiving recognition feels amazing, and giving recognition is just as enjoyable – watching someone's face light up after offering them a nice compliment.

On the flip side of the compliment coin is our conservative shyness. Many adults (managers) don't feel like they need to reward people with praise if they are simply doing what's expected of them. And there's the fatal flaw. By holding back on praise, employees often feel underappreciated and lacking as they pursue some sort of validation.

Time2play surveyed 1,000 Canadians to see how often they give and receive compliments from one another. They also looked at who they compliment the most and how it makes them feel.

The survey found that 82.4% find it easy to give compliments, while 54.2% find it easy to receive compliments.

Canadians hand out skills-based compliments the most (43.2%).

Partners get complimented the most often; yet, respondents desire the favour to be returned from their spouse.

And 42% would like to receive a compliment more often.

The majority, 85.7%, noticed that compliments have a positive effect on their self-image.

The survey asked respondents who they compliment most often. The top five categories that receive compliments are partners (31%), friends (27.6%), colleagues (18.8%), family members (18.2%), and strangers (2.8%).

When asked how often (on average) they receive compliments, 25.2% get them two to five times a week, while 20.4% only receive them two to three times a month. And 20.2% hear them once a week, while 20% receive them once a month. Only 9.4% get them on the daily and 4.9% never receive compliments.

Professionally, I think it all depends on what kind of work you do.

In my line of work, for instance, when I get feedback, it's typically about the mistakes I've made, the typos in articles, and the subject matter of some of the paper's articles.

Seldom does someone call or email to say "thanks for a job well done."

But it does happen.

It can be lonely in our newsroom, perched in front of a computer screen, trying to make magic each and every day. It's not always easy to provide a great variety of interesting articles that everyone, young and old alike, enjoy to read. It's hard to please everyone, all the time.

James Taylor once said he could accept criticisms, but not compliments.

And Mason Cooley observed that many of us are prepared for insults, but that compliments leave us baffled.

Again, this shows we've got it all wrong in our wonderfully weird world.

It should be the other way around.

Compliments should flow freely, and criticisms, insults and accusations should be reserved for when they're needed.

And yet, the evening news, even the pages of your community newspaper, often contain volleys, mudslinging and negative opinions.

Of course, a rose-coloured world is not possible, and one liberally blacked out with a marker is equally not realistic.

Compromise is key. But that's not to say we can't laud people – each and every day – on a job well done.

We assume a great deal as we pull on our boots and shovel the end of the driveway. Struggling with the thoughts in our own heads, we don't think about spreading joy and dishing out praise.

But we should. I hereby ask that anyone reading this pay someone a compliment today. It doesn't matter if it's the bank teller or cashier, the server or the mechanic.

Our pets get pats on the back every day for doing nothing. Why not be liberal with appreciation for our fellow human beings?

Our Readers Write

Protect healthcare, say residents

I personally need a health care system that is in place for the people of Ontario. I suffer from a chronic illness (through no fault of my own) and need a public health care system to continue to be in place when I need it. Do not get rid of it so me as well as many others can use it if we need it.

THERESA ANDERSON
BOLTON

I am appalled at what Doug Ford is doing to public healthcare (as well as public education and the greenbelt).

Universal healthcare only works if it is free for everyone. Siphoning money into private care will strip our system of the best doctors and nurses and make public healthcare unsustainable for access as well as workload for all healthcare providers.

Please stop the privatization of our health care. Profit has no place in health care!

JOANNE DIXON
BOLTON

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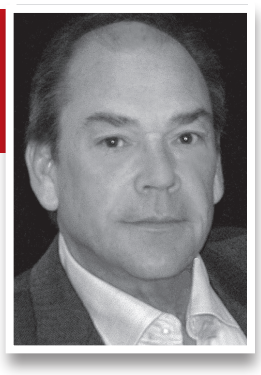
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O Canada, my eye

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



"They got little hands And little eyes And they walk around Tellin' great big lies They got little noses And tiny little teeth They wear platform shoes On their nasty little feet Well, I don't want no short people Don't want no short people Don't want no short people 'Round here."

If you recognize those lyrics, you've been around for a while. They are from the 1977 song, Short People, by Randy Newman. It was a big hit at the time as a sort of novelty song, but it doesn't get air play anymore. A lot of people were offended by the lyrics which implies that short people aren't good for anything.

If you actually listen to the entire song, however, it was song about prejudice and the writer just used height as an example. He could have used almost anything else where prejudice can be involved.

I'm not sure how people can be offended by a song. I've come up with a rather interesting way of avoiding offending songs. I tune the radio to a different station, turn the radio off, or in extreme cases, I don't put a CD of an offending song in the CD player, turn it on and listen to it.

Actually I'm not offended by any music, really. There are just some songs or styles of music I don't really like. Just like everyone else.

Our national anthem, O Canada, is one of those pieces of music I like and hate at the same time. When played properly by a band or orchestra, with an up-tempo beat, and performed by a professional singer who knows they are singing an anthem, not a pop song, it can be an inspiring piece of music that instills national pride.

When done improperly, it can be a horrendous drag of a song.

I've been to too many public events that begin with the singing of O Canada, and when a crowd of people suddenly find themselves trying to sing the anthem, it just does not work well.

Another problem with the anthem is people are just too offended by it. Not people in general, it's usually some small group of people who have an issue with some of the words, and now a single word is involved.

I'm not sure how many times the lyrics to O Canada have changed. They changed a few lines a couple of decades ago, which changed the way we sung it when I was in school. Then they changed the wording again just a couple of years ago because some people were offended by a single word. Now it's in the news again.

Singer Jully Black changed a single word, from "our" to "on" in the second line of the anthem. I'm not sure why anyone would even pick up on this, but right away there were news stories about it and people saying, "Oh yes, we need to change that word." What next? Change "True North" because those of us that live farther south in the country are excluded? Should we change "strong and free" because everyone has a different definition of freedom? How about we change the actual name of the anthem, because "O" in front of Canada, actually makes no sense by being there.

Is "O" even a word? Shouldn't it be "Hail Canada" or "Salute to Canada" or something similar? Why don't we just make everyone happy and scrap the entire anthem and start over?

We could always revive "The Maple Leaf Forever" and switch the lyrics so General Montcalm wins the battle at the Plains of Abraham. That might make Quebec happy, but unfortunately it would cause problems elsewhere. Maybe we could have a new contest and have people submit lyrics. In this day and age of just about everything being offensive, I think anyone entering a contest would be very limited in expressing their patriotism in verse.

To not offend anyone, the new anthem could only be something short and non-offensive like "Happy Canada, we like this place. Please don't drink and drive." Even then, I'm sure the use of the word "drink" would probably offend some kind of temperance movement group as they would say it encourages alcohol consumption.

Or how about this? Everyone who gets up in the morning looking for something to be offended by, tries getting up in the morning with a positive attitude, and looks for good in this world instead of the negative? That will definitely improve your day, and most likely your mental health. Give it a try!

On Traffic, Tims and Justice

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Traffic in Caledon is always a topic of conversation. Complaining about back-ups on Mayfield Road or trucks barrelling through villages is, much like the traffic itself, a daily constant on which we can rely. We cast about looking for ways to place blame and often of course, that blame lands squarely at the feet of the government. Occasionally that blame is warranted, and occasionally it's not. The truth is while we all play a role by driving safely and according to the rules of the road, we must also rely on our local and provincial governments to help and for regular police enforcement. In the absence of any of these, when accidents do happen, then we must also all work together toward justice.

This past week, yet again Highway 10 was the site of a grisly crash resulting in helicopters landing on the highway to rush victims to trauma centres. I wish I could say this is a rare sight but the highway, and in particular the stretch that spans the distance between Old Base Line and Charleston, has become a death trap of late. The reasons are myriad and are not, you might be surprised to hear me say this, solely the fault of the government. BUT, the government can and must play a role in addressing ongoing traffic safety concerns.

Sure, many drivers are idiots. I've lost count of how often I see a vehicle using the middle turn lane as their personal passing lane and there are some truck drivers who seem to have forgotten the laws of motion, driving too fast and forgetting the amount of time (and distance) required to stop their rigs. The OPP can patrol the road and do their best to curtail such activities but they cannot be in all places at all times. So, since we can't always rely on policing and we certainly can't fix "stupid" - nor his close cousin, "speed" - we have no choice but to also rely on the government to help address the mayhem.

Even at four lanes, this road is not equipped for handling the volume of traffic traversing it.

Gravel trucks in particular, with heavy loads and significantly increased volumes, are not meant to compete with the ever-increasing commuter traffic making their way north to Orangeville, Shelburne and beyond. Caledon Village was certainly never meant to handle this volume of traffic and reducing speeds to 50km/hr and changing traffic light patterns and turn lane signals has helped but not enough.

It's long past the time for us to start thinking creatively. A bypass perhaps. Increased safety measures like barriers/guardrails where possible and - dare I say it - perhaps looking at the continued extension of other northbound alternates such as the #42, all to help alleviate the pressures on Highway 10. Let's take a chunk of that money allocated to an east/west highway that is not needed and dedicate it instead to exploring how to get folks home safely - whether that's in Caledon or beyond our borders.

Related to traffic but only distantly so, a follow-up commentary on the Tim Horton's travesty in Caledon East. In a crowded Town Council meeting, a series of residents made well-researched, thoughtful and incisive comments on the dangers of a drive-thru restaurant location exiting onto Airport Road, just north of the LCBO. There was no "NIMBYISM" I could detect in the comments. Rather, there was significant learning.

A Tim Hortons drive-thru relies on serving a customer every 25 seconds. There is only one planned entry/exit point. Two other businesses are also planned for the property. This alone is a recipe for disaster not if - but when - an accident occurs.

Mayor Groves raised concerns about Caledon's commitment to climate change.

Councillor Kiernan admonished Michael Vani (representing the applicant) to come better prepared to answer the valid questions and concerns of the residents, because "that's not what happened here tonight." People came to get answers and yet at one point Mr. Vani seemed to suggest that the site meets "commercial zoning requirements" without a drive thru implying a "like it or not" Tim Hortons can still build a restaurant attitude.

It appears the matter might now be referred to the Region because Airport Road is a regional road. Failing progress there, an Ontario Land Tribunal Appeal is an option. Keep up the good fight Caledon East!

Finally, and far more importantly, we have the travesty of traffic "justice" that's left one family not only mourning the loss of their son but also the lack of accountability at a provincial level for that loss. Milo Yekmalian was killed in a horrific accident on Charleston near Shaw's Creek early last year. "Justice for Milo" is now making headlines as charges related to the crash were recently thrown out of court over the lack of a signature on a piece of paper.

Pavan Bassi, a paralegal involved in the case is quoted in a Toronto Sun article as stating: "It is 100% a technicality…. This provincial offenses notice was void from the beginning because it didn't have the officer's signature and that becomes a fatal error." It was an interesting choice of words to me because of course, there WAS a fatal error but it wasn't the missing signature, it was the one that caused Milo to lose his life at the hands of another driver who smashed into his car head-on.

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Caledon Admirals' Dawson Hettiarachchi tallies two points in narrow loss to Aurora

BY JIM STEWART

Dawson Hettiarachchi scored a goal and an assist for Caledon to reach 48 points on the season, but the Aurora Tigers closed their regular season on a winning note with a 4-2 home victory over the Admirals in OJHL play on Monday night.

Hettiarachchi's two-point night improved his season production to 17 goals and 32 assists for the 8-38-1-4 Admirals.

Caledon held their own versus the playoff-bound Tigers (18-27-3-5) with the game tied 2-2 midway through the third period, but Tigers forward Connor Russo scored the game-winning goal on a breakaway to give Aurora a 3-2 lead.

Russo rifled a snapshot between the pads of Admirals' netminder Nicholas Van Kaufmann with 3:21 left in the third period and Tigers' Captain Lucas Stanojevic scored his 33rd goal of the season into an empty net with 42 seconds left to provide the margin of victory.

Stanojevic felt the Tigers "controlled the pace and stuck to doing the little things. It was a big game coming in tonight and it was great to get the seventh spot for the playoffs."

In addition to his impressive 60-point season, Stanojevic reflected on playing in his 100th OJHL game.

"It's pretty cool and exciting to reach these milestones. I've had great line-mates all season. I've tried to take care of myself and I've set high expectations for myself to be a better offensive producer."

Stanojevic's Tigers set the tone and played physically against Caledon in the first period of play. They shot early and often on Admirals' goaltender Van Kaufmann who was a stellar performer for Caledon.

The big goalkeeper turned aside 21 of the Tigers' 24 shots, most of them high caliber, point-blank saves throughout the game, but Aurora's furious forechecking was rewarded at 7:44 when Matteo Iacovelli tipped in Alex Case's wrist shot from the point to put the Tigers ahead 1-0.

Another Case blast from the blue line was tipped into the back of the Admirals' cage with less than two minutes remaining in the period, but the goal was nullified due to a high stick.

The Tigers took a 2-0 lead in the middle frame when Noah DeSantis made a nice move at the right point to elude an Admiral and fired a puck from the top of the circle.

DeSantis's shot generated a juicy rebound for Jace Lavallee to bang past Van Kaufmann. Assists went to Russo and Stefan Forgione on Lavallee's 10th of the season.

The game turned, however, due to a roughing penalty by Iacovelli with 1:59 left in the period. Iacovelli's scuffle after the whistle provided the Admirals with a power play which they converted deftly when Dawson Hettiarachchi tipped in a deflection between Glen Crandall's pads.

Admirals' top scorer Daniil Kononov drew his 41st assist of the season on the power play goal with the other assist going to Dawson Doner with forty seconds remaining in the middle frame.

The Admirals' power play went 1 for 4 versus Aurora.

Midway through the third period and with momentum shifting to Caledon, the Admirals tied the game 2-2 when callup Nathan Catalano snapped a shot past Crandall on assists from Hettiarachchi and Tanner Greenwood.

The Admirals were inspired by Catalano's marker and dominated play in the waning minutes of the game, but Russo's electrifying breakaway goal at 3:21 on Noah DeSantis's second assist of the game and Martino's finesse feed put Aurora on top to stay.

With 1:44 to play and the Tigers clinging to their one-goal lead, Caledon Head Coach Chris Taylor called a timeout with a faceoff in the Aurora zone.

He pulled Van Kaufmann for the extra attacker and the Admirals pressed to tie the game.

However, Tiger forwards Carter Real and Ryan Evenhuis gained the neutral zone with the Admirals' net empty and Stanojevic iced the game with 41.6 seconds left.

The Admirals' leading scorer Daniil Kononov is 38th in the OJHL scoring race with 11 goals and 41 assists for 52 points. Kononov's 41 assists rank him 19th in the league.

The Admirals dropped to 8-38-1-4 with the loss to the Tigers and, unfortunately, will miss the OJHL playoffs.



Aurora Tiger Connor Russo is mobbed by teammates after his third period breakaway goal versus Caledon.

PHOTO BY JIM STEWART



Josh Wagner wins unanimous decision in 10-round bout

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Orangeville boxer Josh Wagner won a unanimous decision in his Saturday night, February 25, fight at the CAA Centre in Brampton over Xhuljo Vrenozi.

The welterweight bout was scheduled for ten rounds and went the distance.

Wagner came to the ring with a 14-0 professional record.

His opponent, Vrenozi, is an Albania national who currently fights out of Peacenza Emilia Romagna, Italy. Vrenozi arrived in Brampton with an 18-5 record.

The first six rounds of the bout were fairly even as the fighters felt each other out, but Wagner was the clear winner in all rounds.

It was the seventh round where Wagner really started doing some damage, and Vrenozi began to look fatigued.

Wagner hammered Vrenozi in a corner in the eighth, and the Albanian dropped to his knee and took an eight-count.

A body shot in the ninth visibly stunned Vrenozi, and he staggered to the centre of the ring and again dropped to one knee. After a standing eight-count the fight continued.

Vrenozi lost his mouthpiece, then again. When that happens, the fight is stopped, the mouthpiece is cleaned, and the fight resumes. After the fourth time, the crowd was booing and heckling Vrenozi for the obvious stoppage so he could rest.

Wagner dominated the action for the remaining two rounds. He was given the unanimous decision by a large margin when the judges counts were tabulated.

"I won 100 to 87 from all three judges so I didn't lose a round and dropped him twice," Wagner said. "The game plan was to start slow then use my jab and jab the body often and slow him down because he's a mover.

"It got a little chippy in the fight. He was doing a lot of holding and headlocks. He got a point deducted for holding and that was well deserved. I'm happy with the performance – it was good to go the full ten. Obviously I wanted the knock-out but I'm happy with the experience. It was a slow start, but I usually start a little slow and pick it up as I go, they get tired and I get stronger and stronger."

A ten-round bout is a gruelling experience for any fighter, but Wagner said he trains to go longer.

"I'm ready for 12 or 15 rounds. I'm a championship level fighter, I prepare well in camp so we're ready for 12 rounds."

Wagner is now ranked among the top 40 boxers in the world.

His next fight is already in the works, and he should be back at the CAA Centre at the end of April.



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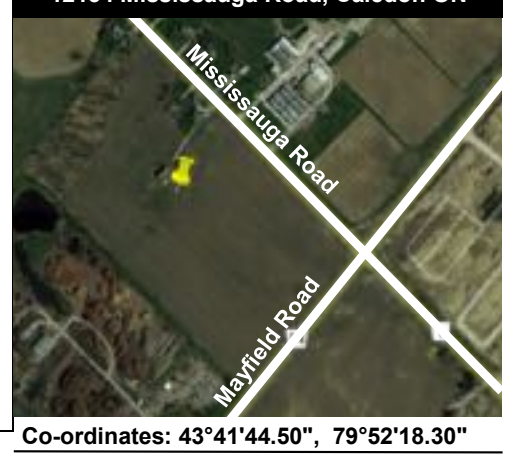
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THOMPSON, DONALD



Peacefully with family by this side, at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Saturday, February 25, 2023 in his 70th year. Beloved husband of Marjorie (nee Aberdeen) of Orangeville. Loving father of Jason (Jennifer) Thompson and Nicole (Chris) Batt. Cherished Papa of Ryan, Owen, Noah Thompson and Adam Batt. Remembered fondly by his siblings Bonnie (late Ben) Palubiski, Brenda (late Bruce) Hanna, Betty Ann (late Allan) Fawcett and Tom (Cindy) Thompson. Brother-in-law to Hilda (Steve) Barrett and the late Warren Aberdeen. Uncle to David, Shelley, John, David (late Steven), Robert, Jennifer, Devin, Travis and Tyler. Predeceased by his parents June McIntyre and Bob Thompson.



Don was a proud father and papa who loved the great outdoors, creating special memories at his cottage. He could be found gathered around the campfire with those he loved. Telling stories into the night of his life, travels and his work along the way.

Memorial visitation will be held at the ***Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre***, 21 First St., Orangeville on Sunday, March 19th, 2023 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. Memorial donations to Headwaters Health Care Foundation or Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

INCE, SUSAN (SUE)



Susan (Sue) Ince, in her 75th year, passed away peacefully on February 26, 2023, at Headwaters Healthcare in Orangeville. Sue was born on December 2, 1948, in Hamilton to John and Pearl Richarz. She was a beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and friend.



Sue lived a fulfilling life and was cherished by all who knew her. She will always be remembered for her kind heart, willingness to help, and unwavering love for her family and friends as well as her gardening and painting advice!
She is survived by her Husband; John, Children; Jenna and Josh, Grandchildren; Dana, Chloey, Zachary, Kiersten and Riley, and Siblings; Carol and Joan. She was preceded in death by her Parents John and Pearl, Siblings; Gary and Paul.
Sue enjoyed gardening and Nascar and was known for her years of service at Grand Valley Home Hardware where she could match any paint colour ever. She will be missed dearly by all who knew her.
A private family gathering, and internment will be held in the spring in Hamilton. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Headwaters Healthcare, Orangeville or the Canadian Cancer Society in memory of Susan Ince

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Life of Emily Gray

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The families reach out to all friends and relatives for all the cards, phone calls, food sent, visits and prayers, donations to Cystic Fibrosis and other worthwhile causes. Also to Terry from Dods and McNair for his care and compassion.
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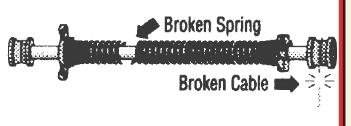
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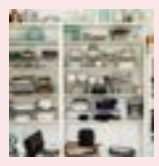
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Caledon Citizen Student-Athlete of the Week

Honor roll student Emma Ayala stars for the Hall Wolfpack in flag football, volleyball, and ultimate frisbee

BY JIM STEWART

When Robert F. Hall Science and Physical Education teacher Andrea Czyrka nominated tri-sport athlete Emma Ayala as The Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week, she compiled a lengthy list of academic and co-curricular achievements.

Firstly, Coach Czyrka was impressed by Ayala's performance on the football field, volleyball court, and Ultimate Frisbee pitch. She noted that the talented Grade 12 athlete played defence and offence while captaining the Wolfpack's Flag-Football team in the Fall, was the captain of the Volleyball team over the winter, and earned the top female athlete on the co-ed Frisbee team in the spring of 2022.

Secondly, in addition to Ayala's high school sports achievements, it was disclosed that she played U18 rep soccer with the Orangeville Soccer Club and performed as a competitive dancer with certification in ballet.

Thirdly, Ayala's shining performances in high school and community sports were complemented by excellence in the classroom.

The Honor Roll student at Hall CSS has accrued over a 90% average during her seven semesters of high school and aspires to study kinesiology in order to be a doctor.

Coach Czyrka believes that what makes Ayala such an exceptional multiple sport athlete and excellent student is that she is "very hard-working and dedicated to sport with outstanding levels of commitment and work ethic."

The Robert F Hall CSS teacher-coach is also impressed with "Emma's involvement in many extracurricular sports and is academically driven in the classroom to be an Honor Roll student."

But what impresses Coach Czyrka the most about this week's Student Athlete of the Week is that "Emma's determination and drive/desire to succeed is unmatched. She is competitive and strives to excel and not disappoint or let her team down. Emma is a leader both on and off the field."

Emma Ayala took time from her productive academic and co-curricular life to answer our interview questions:

The Caledon Citizen: What qualities did you demonstrate in your sports season to earn Student-Athlete of the Week honors?

Emma Ayala: Some qualities I demonstrated throughout the fall season are leadership, hard work, and responsibility to earn Student-Athlete of the Week honors. My coaches gave me the responsibility of being one of the captains of the flag football team this season. My goal was to always put my best effort into both practices and games and I always worked hard for a positive outcome.

The Caledon Citizen: What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2022-23 season that you are most proud of?

Emma Ayala: Throughout the fall season, I helped my team in scoring the touchdowns that brought us to the quarter-finals. During a game, I made a lateral pass out to one of my teammates which resulted in her getting a touchdown and I am proud of the decision I made at that moment. I am also happy with the number of interceptions I made this season. The last game I played for the Robert F. Hall flag football team was probably the best I played since I started the sport in Grade 9. I am happy with how far I have come.

The Caledon Citizen: In addition to your high school sports team(s), what other community teams do you play for and at what level?

Emma Ayala: I have played soccer for the last 15 years and am currently a team member on the U18 rep soccer team at the Orangeville Soccer Club. During the year, we attend various tournaments in Canada and the USA, as well as play weekly games in the winter and summer seasons. I am also a competitive dancer and have completed my advanced I ballet exam.

The Caledon Citizen: How would you describe yourself as a student at Robert F Hall? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong?

Emma Ayala: I am a hard-working student and athlete. I have achieved honor roll every semester during my years of high school with an average of over 90 percent while also participating in a sport every season that school extra-curriculars were running. Throughout the four years, I have been a part of flag football, volleyball, and ultimate frisbee teams. I play wide receiver offence and either safety or cornerback on defence for the flag football team. I am the setter on the volleyball team. I had the opportunity to lead both the flag football and volleyball teams as one of the captains this year. Last year, I was awarded the female athlete award for the ultimate frisbee team as well. I also volunteered for both Mindfulness Matters and The Pack – both mentoring programs for the Grade 9s that came in this year.

The Caledon Citizen: What are your post-secondary plans regarding prospective academic/athletic destinations?

Emma Ayala: My plan for post-secondary is to go to one of the three universities I have applied to: McMaster University, University of Toronto, and University of Guelph. My top choice is to go to McMaster University for their kinesiology program and hopefully after four years get into a school of medicine to become a doctor. In accordance with athletics, I would like to either continue with the sports I am a part of for fun, or try out for one of the many teams offered at the university I get accepted to.

The Caledon Citizen: Who is your role model in terms of the person you admire the most?

Emma Ayala: The person I admire most is my older sister, Seleste Ayala. She is an amazing athlete as well as a hard-working student. She ended up winning the athletic leadership award at the end of her high school year which I hope to achieve as well. She was also featured twice in The Caledon Citizen athlete of the week article. She is now working towards becoming a veterinarian. I want to be as driven as she is as I get older.

The Caledon Citizen: How do you feel about being nominated as The Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week?

Emma Ayala: It was very exciting to hear that I am nominated for the Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the week. I remember my sister getting nominated and now I am too. I am happy to be following in her footsteps.

If you are a community or high school coach who would like to nominate a Caledon-based student-athlete for The Caledon Citizen's Student Athlete of the Week, please email me at jim@lpcmedia.ca.

Physician Recruitment and Retention ask Force to address local shortage

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (HOHC OHT) has launched a Physician Recruitment and Retention Task Force to address the shortage of primary care physicians in Dufferin County and the Town of Caledon.

An inaugural task force meeting was held last Thursday, February 23, with a number of community leaders and local politicians in attendance. The task force outlined priorities in recruitment and retention of family physicians and aims to work with government and community stakeholders in creating a plan to improve the way the community receives care.

"We are thrilled to be part of the Task Force, acknowledging the important connection between primary care physicians, specialists and community partners in providing care to people across our communities," said Annette Jones, Co-Chair of HOHC OHT. "We see the benefits of a connected approach to encouraging health care providers to choose our region as their preferred place to practice. Our community has so much to offer."

The task force's goal is to initially focus on recruiting family physicians, with the objective of expanding its work to recruiting other health care providers and specialists to serve the community better.

"We know that having a regular care provider greatly improves health outcomes, reduces mortality, decrease hospitalizations and reduces healthcare costs. We look forward to working with HOHC OHT and other community stakeholders to address this shortage and ensure equitable access the health care is available to everyone in our community," said Orangeville Mayor Lisa Post.

In the last few months, there have been significant changes in the number of family physicians serving the Dufferin and Caledon area, with physicians moving their practices elsewhere, retiring or ceasing to practice altogether. The shortage has increased the number of patients seeking emergency care and urgent care clinics.

According to data from the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team (HOHC OHT), there are more than 4,000 people in the Dufferin and Caledon area who do not have a family physician. This accounts for about 5.3 per cent of the Dufferin-Caledon population.

"About one in 20 people within our OHT geographic catchment area don't have regular access to a primary care physician," said Lianne Barbour, Executive Director of Dufferin Area Family Health Team and co-chair of HOHC OHT. "As we work to improve the continuum of care in the community, it is critical that we address these concerns as a community, bringing together leaders across both Dufferin and Caledon who are committed to both attracting and keeping local family physicians."

The task force estimates that 14 more primary care physicians are needed in Dufferin and 29 more in Caledon by 2031 in order to meet the needs of the communities.

For more information on the work being done by HOHC OHT, visit www.hillsofheadwaterscollaborative.ca.

Talk Caledon

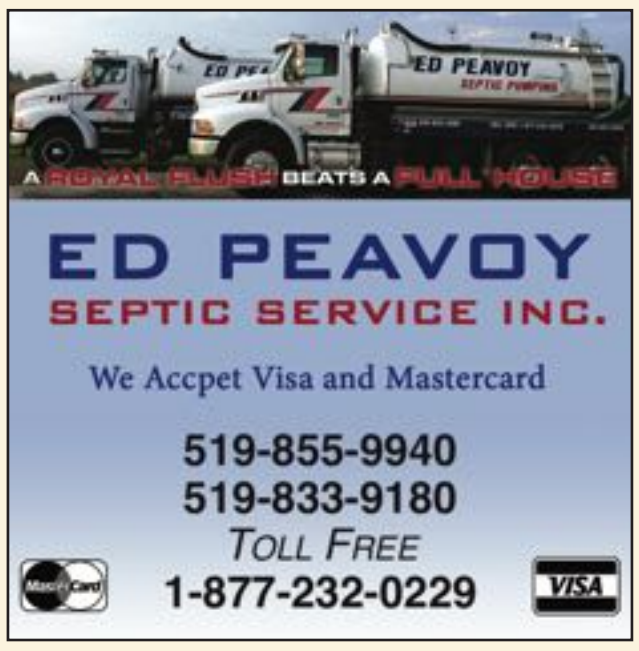
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The concept of justice, rightly so, protects each and every one of us under the guise of "innocent until proven guilty." Justice is supposed to be blind to colour, race, gender, etc. but justice should not, ever, depend on the inclusion or absence of a single signature. That a police officer missed a signature is something that should result in a reprimand for the officer involved, not that the slate of the accused driver is wiped clean. It's an egregious example of "justice" for the accused and no justice for the victim. We need in each of these examples, all levels of government to work better, together, toward solutions that make sense.

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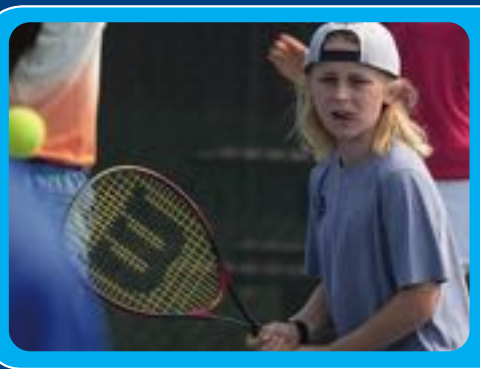
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(completed Gr. 6-9)

Weeks #2, #3, #5

As its name suggests, this camp will include trips off-campus in the afternoon (Tuesday-Friday). Activities will include golf, laser tag, swimming, rock climbing, and bubble soccer.

SPECIALTY PROGRAMS

ART CAMP

(completed Gr. 3-8)

Weeks #2, #3, #5

Campers will learn new techniques and skills while creating their own masterpieces each day. Activities will be focused in areas such as: painting, drawing and sketching, sculpting, and string and paper art.



DRAMA CAMP

(completed Gr. 3-8)

Weeks #1 and #6

Through fun and engaging experiences, this camp ultimately gives rise to the development of personal qualities that will benefit campers no matter where life takes them. Personal development includes self-awareness, communication skills, teamwork, leadership and confidence.





NEW! MUSIC CAMP

(completed Gr. 6-7)

Week #4

Campers will work in a full band setting, small ensembles, on Orff instruments, and have the opportunity to learn the guitar or ukulele. Campers can continue to practice their instrumental skills outside of the classroom, but are required to provide their own band instruments for this program as rentals will not be available.



MINDBUSTERS (Math/Science camp)

(completed Gr. 3-8)

Week #1, #4, #5

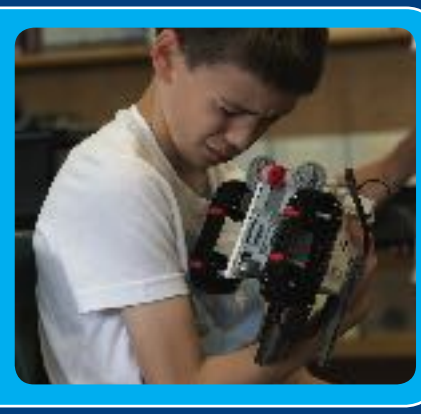
This camp is designed as a fun, hands on and interactive program to engage campers in the world of math and science. Campers' minds will be put to the test by completing a wide variety of activities and experiments, some that result in chemical reactions!

ROBOTICS CAMP

(completed Gr. 3-8)

Weeks #2, #3, #4, #6

Campers will experience the thrill of seeing their robotic creations come to life using the all-new LEGO® EV3 robot kit. The camp will explore the fundamentals of structural design and programming using this fun, hands-on approach.





LEADERS IN TRAINING (LIT)

(completed Gr. 9)

Week #1

The Leaders in Training (LIT) program will offer future camp counselors:

- the qualities and skills involved in becoming a good leader
- firsthand experience in working with children ages 8-13
- volunteer hours toward their high school diploma (during a second week spent as a camp volunteer)

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