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FAIR WEATHER - The Caledon Fair was held over the weekend and on June 10, competitors raced hard in multiple heats of full-contact figure-eight racing until a winner was crowned. After the races, it was time for a demolition derby. For more on this year's event, see Page 5.

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Caledon beginning review of its aggregate policies

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents were recently updated on an aggregate policy study being undertaken by the Town.

Caledon's Manager of Strategic Policy Planning, Steven Burke, presented an update on Caledon's supplementary aggregate resources policy study at Caledon Council's June 13 planning and development committee meeting.

Before Burke's presentation, several Caledon community members delegated on the matter.

Burke said he appreciated the effort residents have put into reviewing lengthy, technical reports and that he will be considering all their feedback moving forward.

Burke explained the study was originally a joint study led by the Region of Peel; however, the upcoming dissolution of Peel means Caledon is now taking the lead on it.

A background report for the study is being created by Mark Dorfman, who is the planning consultant Caledon hired to help with the study.

A project schedule is now in place for the study, with a goal of completion by October, when Caledon's Interim Control Bylaw (ICBL) for new pit and quarry applications expires.

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Over 310 properties have been investigated for illegal truck storage

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon's illegal land use enforcement task force has been busy.

At Caledon Council's June 6 meeting, Caledon's Director of Municipal Law Enforcement, Mark Sraga, submitted a report detailing the task force's progress and asked for the task force's mandate to be expanded.

Sraga asked Council to ask the Province to amend the Municipal Act to enable municipalities to physically block entrance to properties where illegal land uses are causing "significant detrimental impacts" on adjacent properties or the environment.

He also wants the Province to increase the maximum penalty amounts in the Planning Act to $50,000 when someone is convicted; and if they are convicted again, add an additional $25,000 per day fine in which the convicted person's Planning Act contravention continues after conviction.

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Bolton Nissan hosts Mobile Mole Check Clinic

BY BRIAN LOCKHART



Bolton Nissan hosted a Mobile Mole Check Clinic at its Bolton dealership on Friday, June 9. Members of the public and customers could fill out a form, then be seen by a qualified dermatologist in the mobile clinic. The doctor checks for unusual or suspicious moles, then makes a recommendation, if necessary, to visit a doctor and be referred to a dermatologist.
PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Skin cancer has become more prevalent over the past few decades and cases of the disease are expected to climb over the next few years.

Early detection is important to ensure successful treatment.

Bolton Nissan hosted a Mobile Mole Check Clinic at its dealership in Bolton on Friday, June 9, and invited members of the public to come out and take advantage of this free service.

The Clinic is funded by the Charles, Evelyne and Sandra Dolansky Foundation in partnership with the Canadian Dermatology Association.

Local residents could simply arrive, fill out a brief questionnaire then have an examination by a qualified dermatologist.

"This a Nissan initiative and they choose select locations where they do this, and we were lucky enough to be one of them," explained Bolton Nissan General Manager, Jason Li. "Whoever is interested can come out. It's free. We've had members of the public here as well as customers."

The mobile clinic is a large trailer that is towed by a Nissan Armada.

The screening only takes a few minutes. If everything looks good, you are on your way.

If there is a mole or moles, that may be suspicious, patients will be referred to the next level of care which may include further examination or a biopsy.

"Today we are doing a skin cancer screening especially for moles and melanoma," explained dermatologist Dr. Mike Connolly, who was doing the screening at the mobile clinic. "It entails asking the person if they have any concerns or if they have noticed anything, and checking out any concerns they have. It also entails checking out their back and the back of their legs where they may not see something. We can tell most times by sight (if something looks suspicious) but sometimes there might a need for a biopsy or recommend a biopsy. Normally if we see something suspicious we will send them to their family doctor who may send them to a dermatologist."

The survival rate for melanoma and skin cancer is high if detected early, and unlike other cancers, is often clearly visible on the skin.

Melanoma-type cancer is much more common today than it was several decades ago.

"Years ago, the chances of getting a melanoma was one in 1,250, while the chances now are one in 30 or one in 40," Dr. Connolly explained. "Probably by the year 2030, more males are going to die from melanoma than any other kind of cancer, including prostate cancer."

There are some known factors that may contribute to this increase in melanoma, but the cause of the reason for so many new cases is largely unknown.

The Mobile Clinic is a good opportunity for those who may think they have an unusual mole to be examined, as well as an opportunity to have a general skin checkup to ensure everything is okay.

The Mobile Clinic is currently touring Ontario with plans to go into other provinces next year.

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*** *or emailing* ***admin@caledoncitizen.com*** *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 6:00-6:30 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 last Toonie Sale before the fall is scheduled for Saturday, June 17 from 10am to 1pm in the President's building at the Bolton Fairgrounds. Check it out at www.boltonkin.com/toonie-sale.

Wednesday June 21, 2023 - 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 from 7pm-9pm. Meetings are free. For more info: https://evsociety.ca/caledon/ or email Kenneth.bokor@evsociety.ca

The Albion Bolton Historical Society is holding their next meeting on Monday, June 19th - 7:30 pm start, at the Albion Bolton Community Centre, 150 Queen Street South, Bolton, Meeting Room C, 2nd floor. Nathan Hiller will present "Canada's History: Through the Lens". Questions, please contact Nathan at 905-584-2801 or nhillerphoto@bell.net Visit our website: boltonhistory.com

Local artist sought to create sculpture for Humber River Centre

Sculpture will be in prominent Downtown Bolton spot

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon artists have a chance to have their work displayed at a new community hub in Bolton.

The Town of Caledon is currently renovating the Old Bolton Fire Hall to become the Humber River Centre (HRC), which it says will be a unique community space in the heart of Bolton.

Opening this fall, the HRC will be a community meeting space, host a year-round farmers' market, and feature a makerspace and tools for entrepreneurs and small businesses.

Since it was once a fire hall, the HRC has a rough-cast bell out front of it. This bell is going to be moved to Caledon Fire Station 302, where the Town says it will "continue to recognize the importance of the fire community."

The Town is seeking to commission a local artist to create a sculpture that will replace the bell above the HRC entrance. It would like the sculpture to pay homage to the history of the building and firefighters.

The sculpture must match the dimensions and shape of the current bell. The Town is challenging artists to think of ways to use sound and light in their sculpture, as electrical hookups will be available for the sculpture. Artists must be able to mount their structure to the existing steel beam at the HRC.

While the Town will maintain the sculpture once it's in place, the artist must provide recommendations for its care and maintenance. The Town is looking for a low-maintenance material that will not tarnish easily.

Artists ages 18 and up can submit applications to make the sculpture until June 30. An art selection committee will then evaluate submissions and notify the chosen artist on July 17. The artist must then have the sculpture complete by September 15 so it can undergo a safety inspection and be unveiled on September 18.

The chosen artist will receive $7,500 to cover all of their costs including artist fees, materials, and installation.

For more information on the application process and to apply to create the sculpture, interested parties can visit the public art section of the Town's website, caledon.ca.

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FATAL COLLISION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are currently investigating a fatal collision on Old School Road.

"On June 8, 2023, shortly before 10:00 p.m., Caledon OPP and emergency crews responded to a two-vehicle collision on Old School Road, near Heart Lake Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "The collision involved a motorcycle that collided with a SUV. The motorcycle rider, a 47-year-old from Caledon East, was pronounced decreased at the scene.

"Old School Road between Heart Lake Road and Dixie Road was closed for several hours while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assisted with the investigation."

The investigation is ongoing. 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.

If you are affected by this incident or witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

Officers from the Caledon OPP have recently charged two drivers involved in collisions with impaired operation.

"On June 6, 2023, just before 7:00 a.m., officers responded to a two-vehicle collision on Mayfield Road, near Hurontario Street," say Police. "Minor injuries were reported. One driver was arrested since grounds were formed that their ability to operate a motor vehicle was impaired by drugs."

Rebecca Jones, 38, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – drugs

The charge has not been proven.

"On June 12, 2023, shortly before 3:30 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to a single motor vehicle collision on Old School Road, near Highway 10. The investigation led officers to arrest the driver since grounds were formed that the vehicle was being operated while their ability was impaired by alcohol."

Ajay Kishan, 28, of Caledon, was charged with:

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

The charges have not been proven.

Both drivers are scheduled to attend the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on June 29, 2023, to answer to their charge. Both drivers' licences were suspended for 90 days, and the vehicles were impounded for 14.

"While the OPP and its traffic safety partners remain committed to saving lives on our roads, drivers and other road users can significantly contribute to safer roads by avoiding taking unnecessary risks and complying with all traffic laws. Motorists are also 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."

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, and you never have to testify.

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

ANGUS RESIDENT CHARGED INCHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION INVESTIGATION

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Child Sexual Exploitation Unit and Orillia OPP Detachment members have arrested and charged an Angus resident following a child sexual exploitation investigation.

"An individual had travelled to meet a young person for a sexual purpose," say Police. "Following the investigation, Reuben Janes, 39 years of age from Angus, was arrested and charged with the following Criminal Code offences: Luring a child to facilitate the offence of sexual assault, contrary to section 172.1(b); and, Luring a child to facilitate the offence of sexual interference, contrary to section 172.1(b)."

The accused was scheduled to appear on June 9, 2023, at the Ontario Court of Justice in Barrie.

The charge has not been proven.

"It is imperative that parents have open and honest conversations with their children regarding who they are chatting with online as well as healthy relationships," says Acting Detective Sergeant Brian Higgs of the OPP Child Sexual Exploitation Unit. "Take the time to talk and develop trust with your child - they are up against manipulative offenders online with bad intentions. Empower your kids now!"

The OPP will continue to aggressively identify and pursue individuals who use technology to exploit children. Parents are reminded to take a proactive approach to help protect their children from online sexual exploitation by speaking with their children regarding Internet safety. Parents can find resources to assist them at cybertip.ca or protectchildren.ca.

If you have information regarding internet child exploitation and wish to provide information anonymously you can contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or ontariocrimestoppers.ca. Reporting information may also be made through cybertip.ca.

DON'T LEAVE PETS IN HOT VEHICLES

The Nottawasaga Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is strongly urging everyone to ensure their pet is not left unattended in a vehicle during the hot summer weather.

"Temperatures inside a vehicle can quickly become much hotter than the temperature outside even if the windows are left partially open," say Police. "This can put pets at risk of serious illness and possibly death. If your pet cannot be with you, leave them at home where they will be safe, cool and comfortable.

"Ontario is the first jurisdiction in Canada to implement a Provincial government-based animal welfare enforcement system. The Provincial Animal Welfare Services (PAWS) Act, came into effect January 1, 2020, and allows police to enter motor vehicles to help pets in distress."

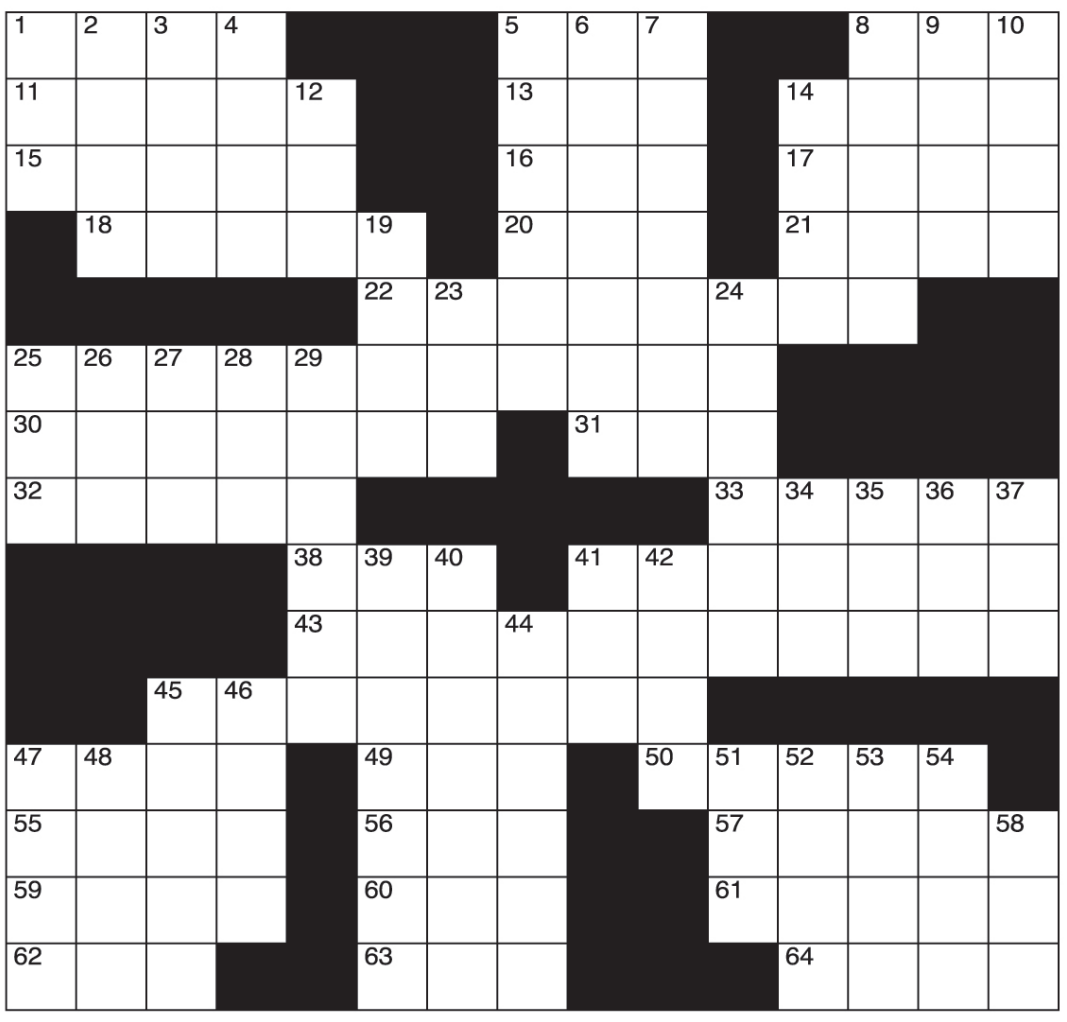
Dr. David Funston, DVM, Boyne Veterinary Clinic, advises that even a short period of time in a hot environment can cause suffering and distress, which could result in brain damage, kidney failure or death.

Excessive panting, drooling, listlessness, collapsing or seizures are all visible signs of heat stress in animals, and seek veterinary attention immediately. If you see an animal in a hot car and concerned the animal's life is in immediate danger, dial 911.



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1. In a place to sleep
5. Chemical compound (abbr.)
8. A way to fish
11. Classic Linklater film "__ and Confused"
13. Legume
14. Indonesian island
15. Smooth, creamy substance
16. Arctic
17. Wood sorrels
18. Defied
20. Cattle
21. Tableland
22. Honorably retired and retaining one's title
25. Repossession
30. Danced
31. Adult males
32. A type of section
33. Type of Japanese animation
38. Satisfaction
41. Fit
43. "Ain't No Sunshine" singer
45. Failure
47. Israeli city
49. French river
50. Cavalry-sword
55. Nocturnal S. American rodent
56. Liquefied natural gas
57. Afflicted
59. Electronic counter-countermeasures
60. Popular HBO fantasy series (abbr.)
61. Spiritual leader of a Jewish congregation
62. Large body of water
63. __kosh, near Lake Winnebago
64. Impudence

CLUES DOWN

1. Payroll firm
2. Unit of transmission
3. Rockers Better Than __
4. Bambi is one
5. Highest parts of something
6. Correct behavior
7. Batty
8. Cyprinid fishes
9. Expression of sorrow or pity
10. Site of the famous Leaning Tower
12. American rocker Snider
14. W. African language
19. Symbol to mark for removal
23. __ Squad
24. Resident
25. Federal savings bank
26. Paddle
27. Returned material authorization (abbr.)
28. One point south of due east
29. Winter melon
34. Last or greatest in an indefinitely large series
35. Anger
36. Central European river
37. First responders
39. Spanish noble
40. Persons with absence of skin pigment
41. Defunct airline
42. Small island (British)
44. The extent of something from beginning to end
45. Capital of Bangladesh
46. Dutch cheese
47. Imitates
48. A contest of speed
51. Swiss river
52. Prejudice
53. Actor Idris
54. UNLV's are Runnin'
58. Criticize

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

Great times at the 2023 Caledon Fair

Fair held from June 9 to 11 at Caledon Fairgrounds

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

While summer doesn't start until June 21, it sure felt like it already had last weekend.

From Friday, June 9 to Sunday, June 11 the Caledon Fair was held at the Caledon Fairgrounds in Caledon Village.

Featuring Bavarian gardens, midway attractions, vendors, delicious food and more, the event drew crowds out to enjoy the weather and their community over the weekend.

There was a tractor pull and live music on Friday evening, and on Saturday, there was a British antique car show, more live music, the official fair opening, and a demolition derby. Sunday featured events like chainsaw carving and horse, pony, cattle, and dog shows.

This year marked the Caledon Fair's 161st anniversary and its theme was "Udderly Dairylicious."

Ed Taccone, chair of the Caledon Agricultural Society, said each year the Caledon Fair is family fun and rural charm at its best. He said it's a showcase for Caledon's heritage, agricultural industry, and talented residents.

"It is a great opportunity to meet friends and neighbours, to share conversations about times past and to exchange thoughts and dreams for the future of our community," said Taccone in a message on caledonfair.ca. "Our sincere appreciation goes to our members, sponsors and community supporters who help us throughout the year."

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(ABOVE) Dufferin County Line was one of the many musical acts that entertained fairgoers last weekend. (BELOW) James Pattison, Nik Mooney, Adam El-Sayed, and Steve Hayward stand in front of the Caledon, Region of Peel, Ontario, and Canada flags at the Caledon Fair. Pattison and Hayward are from the Alton Legion and were helping out at the fair.

PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN







Caledon beginning review of its aggregate policies

Continued from FRONT

There are two stages of background review planned, then two stages of policy formation, then recommendations and a final report. Background review is set to be complete by late July, and policy formation begins around early August. The creation of recommendations and the final report is scheduled for September and early October.

During the process, there will be meetings between Town staff and Caledon's recently-appointed aggregate resource community working group; briefings with Council; and public meetings. The tentative date for the first public meeting is September 15.

Burke noted that Caledon's ICBL can be extended for a year if necessary.

According to the Town, "the mapped deposits of mineral aggregate resources in Peel have been updated by the Province and the revised mapping will need to be incorporated into the Town of Caledon Official Plan."

This means there are new high potential mineral aggregate resource areas (HPMARA) in Caledon, most notably near Mono Mills.

One of the delegates speaking to the study was David Sylvester, Chair of the Forks of the Credit Preservation Group. He said Caledon currently does not have a thorough set of aggregate policies and that they are outdated.

Sylvester said municipalities must safeguard the health and well-being of their citizens and that he has yet to see evidence of enhanced air quality, noise, or groundwater requirements come from documents prepared by the Region of Peel.

He said Caledon must specify minimum separation distances between any new aggregate operation and existing buildings like homes, schools, and places of worship.

Mayor Annette Groves agreed and said in a recent meeting with the Province she asked it to review minimum distance requirements for pits and quarries.

Sylvester asked Council and Town staff to not underestimate the negative impacts that aggregate mining creates in Caledon.

"There's no doubt that we still have a long way to go to achieve the goal of modernizing our aggregate policies here in the Town of Caledon," he said. "Our citizens deserve nothing less than to be properly protected from these massive developments, and hopefully, the final results are finished aggregate policies that could serve as the gold standard for other communities."

Caledon's Director of Planning, Antonietta Minichillo, said the update presented to Council on June 13 only featured documents from the Region of Peel and that Caledon's supplemental study is meant to address residents' concerns. The background report created by Dorfman will be the first document to come from Caledon's supplemental study and it's set to be complete by July 10.

Caledon resident of 30 years Debra Wilson was next to delegate. She said it's critical for Caledon to bring its policies in line with the needs of a growing population, environmental best practices, and citizen health.

"Let's tell the aggregate companies what is expected, clearly and in detail," said Wilson. "We should be telling them what they can and cannot do… please put us, the voters, taxpayers and people who live in Caledon, ahead of the aggregate industry with their deep pockets and powerful lobby."



Fundraising goal nearly met for 2023 Velocity Ride in Support of Caledon Seniors

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

This year's Velocity ride is gearing up to be a success.

As of press time, over $62,000 has been raised by residents and businesses who are supporting this year's Caledon Community Services (CCS) Velocity Ride in Support of Caledon Seniors.

Each year on Caledon Day, the ride begins at Caledon's town hall in Caledon East. With Caledon Day being June 17 this year, the Velocity Ride is just days away.

Those interested are able to register right up until the ride; all they have to do is show up with their bike and a minimum donation of $50 for adults, $30 for youth ages 12 to 17, and children ages 11 and under are free with a registered adult over 18.

This year marks Velocity's fifth anniversary, and the event has grown over the years. In 2022, $58,000 was raised which beat that year's goal of $50,000 handily.

In 2022, team Ted's Terra Cotta Trailblazers was the top Velocity fundraising team and they are currently on track to be the top fundraisers for 2023 as well as they've raised over $2,600. In second place is the Caledon Cycling Club team which has raised nearly $1,400 so far, and in third is team Mayfield United Church, which has raised almost $1,200 so far.

Ted Webb, who is now 90, is the team captain of the Trailblazers and he said what he enjoys most about Velocity is seeing families come out to ride together — something he doesn't normally see on his usual cycling tours of Caledon.

Anne Marie Hayes, a member of Webb's team, said she loves fundraising through Velocity because every dollar raised helps seniors age in place and supports CCS' many programs and services for them. She said whether you are a senior, love a senior, or just care about the Caledon community, coming out to ride on June 17 is a great way to show support.

In terms of individual fundraisers, there are many Caledon residents putting in amazing efforts. The top fundraiser so far is Gordon Morton, who has raised over $1,200. In second place is Ian Armstrong who is nearing the $1,200 mark. Rounding out the top three individual fundraisers is former Mayor Allan Thompson, who is fundraising for the event alongside his wife Anne.

Check in for this year's Velocity Ride is at 7:30 a.m. at 6311 Old Church Road. The 100 kilometre ride begins at 8:30 a.m., the 50 kilometre ride begins at 9:30 a.m., the 25 kilometre ride begins at 10 a.m. and the 10 kilometre ride begins at 10:30 a.m.

Participants are asked to check in 15 minutes before their ride begins. After the ride, at 11:30 a.m., there will be lunch and ice cream for all in attendance, in addition to some prizes and a raffle draw.

One notable prize that was recently announced is a Nakamura Ecko bike, and all those registered in this year's Velocity event are automatically registered to have a chance to win it.



Join us for Caledon Day, a family fun event with activities for all ages. Enjoy local vendors, performances, music, fireworks and more!

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MAIN HEADLINER:

THE SHEEPDOGS



Four time Juno Award winners, The Sheepdogs, will be headlining the event, with other performing acts throughout the day. Visit the Tim Hortons Community Zone for kid's activities, culture stage performances, electric vehicle test drives, music, fireworks and much more!

EVENT SCHEDULE:

2 p.m.	Caledon Day gates open, food & Cheers Caledon vendors open from 2-10 p.m.
2 p.m.	Sandhill Bicentennial March from Town Hall
2 – 8 p.m.	Tim Horton's Community Zone, Vendors Market, Electric Vehicle Test Drive
2:15 – 2:50 p.m.	Pride Walk from Trans Canada Trail Pavilion in Caledon East to the Culture Stage
2:50 - 6:35 p.m.	Culture Stage opens at 2:50 p.m., showcasing a variety of talent
6:35 - 6:50 p.m.	Performance by the Caledon Concert Band at the Main Stage
7 - 7:30 p.m.	Main Stage opens with greetings from Mayor Groves and Members of Council.
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	DJ Dave Puzzo on the Main Stage
8:30 – 9:45 p.m.	The Sheepdogs
9:45 – 10 p.m.	Fireworks

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS:

1. **Shuttle Buses**
   Shuttle Buses will run round-trip from both Southfields Community Centre and Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness to Town Hall between the hours of 2 – 11 p.m..
2. **Home James**
   Need a ride home? Home James is dedicated to getting event-goers home safely.
3. **Paid Parking**
   Paid parking is available at Caledon East Community Complex and Town Hall for $5 per car. No in and out.
4. **Bike Valet**
   Ride your bike to Caledon Day and take advantage of the free secured Bike Valet.

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For full event details visit **caledon.ca/caledonday**



There was a great turnout for the Eat Local Caledon Community Lunch held by Palgrave United Community Kitchen and ecoCaledon as part of Seniors Month. The event also highlighted Local Food Week.

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Free activities coming up for Seniors Month

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

June is a month to celebrate Seniors.

Each year, Ontario recognizes June as Seniors Month, "a time to recognize the hard work seniors have done all their lives to make Ontario into the great place it is today."

The Town of Caledon's age-friendly division and various community partners have free activities planned for the rest of the month to mark the occasion.

If you're reading this paper the morning it came out, June 15, then there's still time to make it to the Strawberry Social at Rotary Place in Bolton (7 Rotary Way). It's taking place from 2 to 4 p.m. and there will be homemade cake with strawberries and cream, as well as coffee, tea and entertainment. To see if there's any spaces left and register for the event, call the Caledon Seniors Centre at 905-951-6114.

On June 20, Caledon Meals on Wheels is partnering with Age-Friendly Caledon to host an afternoon bingo bash. It's being held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Caledon East Community Complex (6215 Old Church Road) and there will be light refreshments and giveaways. For more information about this event and to register for it, call 905-857-7651.

Another day of fun is planned for June 22 at the Inglewood Community Centre (15825 McLaughlin Road). From 1 to 3 p.m. there will be games, raffle prizes and refreshments provided by Door to Door & More Inc. and Age-Friendly Caledon. To register for this event, go online to caledon.ca/adult55. For assistance registering, call 311.

Closing out the month with a splash of colour is the watercolour painting workshop being held by the Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives on June 27. From 2 to 4 p.m. at the Caledon East Community Complex, seniors will get to create a painting using a variety of watercolour painting techniques. No previous art experience is required and all materials will be provided. Registering for this event can also be done online at caledon.ca/adult55 and assistance registering can be received by calling 311.

One of the events that's already happened this month is the Eat Local Caledon Community Lunch, hosted by ecoCaledon and the Palgrave United Community Kitchen (PUCK). It took place from 12 to 2 p.m. on June 7 in Palgrave.

Guests enjoyed a healthy lunch with seasonal ingredients from local suppliers. There was asparagus salad and rhubarb cake from Mount Wolfe Farm, and pesto pasta and chickpea salads from the Albion Hills Community Farm.

Guests also enjoyed fair trade organic coffee and tea, and were entered into a draw for a cookbook and soup from local business Soup Girl.

There was a great turnout for the event, and PUCK thanked the local farms and volunteers who made it possible. PUCK also thanked the Town of Caledon and ecoCaledon for their support.

Council updated on progress of Town's Climate Change Action plan

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon is making progress on its climate change targets.

In January 2020, Caledon Council declared a climate change emergency and set a target for the Town to reach net zero emissions by 2050.

This led to Town staff developing the "Resilient Caledon Community Climate Change Action Plan."

The plan outlines actions for the Town to take to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions and prepare for the impacts of climate change — like flooding, storms, and extreme heat.

In addition to being net zero by 2050, Caledon is also aiming to have a 36 per cent reduction in its emissions by 2030.

The final version of Caledon's climate change action plan contains over 60 recommendations and includes the input of residents, businesses, and community groups.

At Caledon's June 6, 2023 Council meeting, a report detailing progress on the plan was submitted to Council by Alexandra Service, a team lead in Caledon's energy and environment division.

The report explains that with the growth coming to Caledon, four items will be most important.

They are the creation of green development standards to drive sustainable development, the requirement of climate studies for all future secondary plans, a home energy retrofit program, and an air quality monitoring study.

"Caledon's growth presents both a challenge and an opportunity to plan new communities in a different way that places climate and the environment at the forefront," reads the report.

The final draft of Caledon's green development standards are set to come to Council this fall.

Town staff have already drafted terms of reference for climate studies in Caledon's official plan.

The municipal home retrofit program, being developed in partnership with Mississauga, will also be coming to Council this fall. The air quality monitoring study is being set up this summer and autumn, with data analysis and results expected in mid-2024.

The report from municipal staff notes the Town itself must be a leader in reducing greenhouse gases to set an example to the community. The report notes data gathered from 2017 to 2019 to show the Town's progress.

In those years, the Town saw a 4.6 per cent decrease in energy consumption; a 3.4 per cent reduction in natural gas usage; and a 40.6 per cent reduction in propane usage. Overall, the Town created 3.9 per cent less greenhouse gases in that time period.

The Town has also been working on electrifying its fleet of vehicles and using biodiesel in its heavy-duty trucks. It's even planning to pilot the use of a compressed natural gas-fuelled snowplow in the coming years.

Those interested in viewing the full update on Caledon's Climate Change Action Plan can visit caledon.ca and view agenda item 10.1.1 from Council's June 6 meeting.

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We asked. We listened. We drafted!

Provide your feedback on the draft 2023 – 2035 Strategic Plan.



Caledon's 2023-2035 Strategic Plan is taking shape. We received terrific input in our first phase of engagement and are looking for feedback on the draft plan. Let us know what you think!

Visit **haveyoursaycaledon.ca/strategicplan** before June 23 to read the draft and take the poll.



The Town of Caledon is excited to present Caledon Day on Saturday, June 17, 2023, at the Caledon East Community Complex.

Connecting our communities since 2008, this free community event brings together the best of Caledon and provides an opportunity to celebrate together as a community!

Join us from 2 to 10 p.m. on June 17 for family fun including kid's activities, local vendors, musical acts, fireworks and more.

For full event details visit

caledon.ca/caledonday

MAIN STAGE SCHEDULE:

DJ Dave Puzzo will be performing on the main stage all throughout the afternoon and leading up to The Sheepdogs taking the stage!

6:35 p.m. Caledon Concert Band – musical performance in-front of the Main Stage

7 p.m. Official kick-off of the Main Stage with greetings from Mayor Groves and Members of Council

8:30 p.m. The Sheepdogs

9:45 p.m. Fireworks!

TIM HORTONS CULTURE STAGE SCHEDULE:

2:15 p.m. **Pride Walk** - From Trans Canada Trail Pavillion in Caledon East to the Culture Stage at Caledon Day along the Caledon Trailway.

2:50 p.m. **Culture Stage Opens**.

2:55 p.m. **Troy Boy** - Drag Performance. "Pride Pop", family friendly lip synching and live singing performance of pop songs, featuring Sassy Ray, Queen Victoria Parks, Eve Hill. Performers will be fully dressed in gowns, hair and make-up.

3:20 p.m. **Bhangra Fitness** - A brilliant, unique and expressive dance based on the world famous folk dance, Bhangra, which offers both a physical and sentimental dance experience.

3:45 p.m **Vanda Li (Miss. C)** - Vanda Li and friends will have the audience moving and grooving to various covers of R&B, soul and reggae.

4:10 p.m. **Sahana Harmony** - Sahana Sai Vijaykumar is a passionate musician who began studying the violin and piano at 4 1/2 years old. She also plays the Ido drums and performs both Indian (Carnatic and Hindustani) and contemporary Western vocal, Disney Songs, Bollywood and Hollywood.

4:35 p.m. **African Black Caribbean Club** - Afrobeats genre cultural dance performed by a Caledon student group.

5:00 p.m. **Kenny V** - Kenny V has two Canadian Gold records and is a double Juno award nominee. Reggae, soul, blues, pop, latin and calypso covers.

5:25 p.m. **Sope Duyile** - Hailing from Caledon, Sope has become a well-known figure in the local music scene, entertaining listeners with her captivating performances and infectious melodies.

5:50 p.m. **RF Hall Ensemble** - Fuel The Fire, also known as the Robert F. Hall Rock Ensemble, is a local Caledon band. They play both classic rock covers and their own original music.

6:15 p.m. **Sounds from Damascus Syrian Traditional Medley** - Originating from Syria, this proudly Canadian group aims to open a window to the ancient music and culture from Levant and Mesopotamia. Taking their audience on a journey of rediscovering a rich, almost forgotten form of Arabic music.

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Recognizing and addressing the consequential

In the grand scheme of things, I didn't grow up all that long ago – yet, in many ways, it sometimes feels like that formative period took place in a rather different world.

Take, for instance, a typical visit to a chain restaurant that's been around for a while. I remember going into Swiss Chalet with my family as a child and being faced with what might seem like a curious question today. "Smoking or non?" we'd be asked before being assigned a table, as if the two-foot riser the "smoking section" was on would somehow negate the ill-effects of second-hand smoke, a concern that was rightly all the rage at the time.

Now, not only does the question feel a bit weird, the very idea of a "smoking section" seems unthinkable.

Sometimes we might find ourselves just about to say, "Don't touch that dial!" instead of telling someone to hold on for a minute or two, only to be greeted by blank stares from people who grew up with dial-less television se – well, the phrase "television set" itself might result in even blanker stares!

We might find ourselves "flipping around" on the same device when we're not so sure what to watch on the aforementioned device, "rewinding" something that has never even been in the same room as a VHS tape, not to mention "taping" the very thing we might be rewinding.

At the end of the day, those are all highly inconsequential things, little anachronistic hangers-on that are easily laughed off before moving on.

But there are also things that are far more consequential that are harder to shrug off – and ones that shouldn't be shrugged off at all.

My generation, for instance, went to elementary school in an era where Canadian history was taught with an awe-inspired reverence for our forebears and the development of this country that seemed admirable at the time. But this era also seemed to coincide with the part in our collective timeline when the first cracks in this formidable façade began to show signs of cracking.

In Grade 3, for instance, we had some occasion that has now been forgotten to take an elective course on Indigenous art, perhaps a variation on the Woodland style, that resulted in a tempera-based depiction of a religious icon. An intro to Indigenous art, on the surface, is not necessarily a bad idea if it leads to the appreciation of all cultures from a young age; but as far as ideas go, it's less great when you consider this course was taught out of a textbook by someone who was not of the background in question and, however well-intentioned, was not best equipped to handle the surprisingly nuanced questions of our class.

That same year, around the Christmas season, we were loaded into the gym to both learn and harmonize the words of the "Huron Carol," which was sold to us as a traditional piece of Indigenous music without any acknowledgement of its background as the work of Jesuit missionary Jean de Brebeuf with a very specific intent.

Yet, just a year later, bit by bit, we were introduced to some of the, shall we say, thornier elements of our collective history. We were slowly given vital bites of information we would need to facilitate critical thinking, such as questioning why the Huron were purportedly singing about the Nativity, or why the artistic cultural exercises we were put through that were treated simply as if they were just a tick on a checklist.

How different it is today as school boards form bonds with Indigenous leaders, elders and educators to form meaningful bonds with the up-and-coming generation – and how lucky these students are to have such invaluable learning opportunities.

Yet, the students aren't the only ones being invited on an educational journey.

You'd thankfully be hard-pressed today to walk into a municipal facility without being greeted by some form of land acknowledgement in plain sight. More and more, throughout our communities, and even being flown by our neighbours, we're seeing evocative orange flags, usually with the poignant message of "Every Child Matters" fluttering in the breeze. In Aurora, the same messages are now found on rink boards in every arena – a move that was one of the first in Ontario.

By now, one can only hope that most Canadians know what these messages mean and what the symbols stand for, but it never hurts to have a reminder. If, by any chance, one does not, it's also a great opportunity to ask questions.

In many respects, we have made great collective strides in recognizing the realities of Canada's history, warts and all, in the interests of Reconciliation. But as fast as those advancements came, and sometimes as rightfully furious as those who propelled them, it almost feels that we've somewhat plateaued in this collective road we should be on.

"Our children were harmed at unprecedented numbers," said Traditional Anishinaabe Grandmother Kim Wheatley earlier this year while dedicating the Every Child Matters rink boards. "Across the country, there is still this mindset that there have been only 215 children's bodies discovered. When I hear that word 'only' I cringe; one, because the number is well over 12,000 and we don't hear about that in the papers anymore. It makes Canadians uncomfortable to hear about the rising numbers. 12,000 is where we're at. Justice Murray Sinclair talked about 50,000 to 60,000 children's bodies being unearthed across the country and, as you can see, the numbers are climbing dramatically. I have no words to express how hard that is.

"I think about all the names we don't speak and I think about all the families that were fractured, and I think in my own family what it's like to speak publicly about this and it's hard. We have to celebrate the resilience of our communities, the refusal to let go of justice, and the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report helped us to remember that there is a right way to right the wrongs. We can't bring back the lives of these children. We may never know all their names and we may never know what gifts were lost in the world because they didn't get to live a full life, but what we can remember is to never press the repeat button on something like this again."

This Wednesday, June 21, marks National Indigenous People's Day, held on the Summer Solstice as it's the longest day of the year.

Again, much has changed in the more-than-quarter-century since it was established in this country, but the drive behind it has not.

Next week, even if a small way, I hope you can find a way to move the needle forward just a little bit, recognize what's really consequential, and be a part of the collective path forward.



Beating the odds every single day

by Mark Pavilons



We in the western world have it all and yet we take much of it for granted.

If you are a Boomer, you will have a better understanding and appreciation of things, mostly because you weren't privileged, rich or spoiled.

Many of our parents and grandparents were immigrants who came to Canada for a better life.

My parents came here with a single suitcase. That, and a lot of hope.

Their strong work ethic helped build this nation in the 1950s and beyond. European immigrants gave us the lifestyle we all enjoy today. I never saw war, hunger, conflict, economic collapse. I never wanted for anything and my parents made sure of it.

And so, I return the favour to my offspring, and even though I can't give them everything, I can provide the essentials and maybe a little bit more. I can also give them some advice, wisdom, comfort and an endless supply of hugs. I really hope it serves them well.

Of course, all parents, no matter what generation or background, are always there for their kids, through thick and thin, helping them through life's obstacles courses. We give every ounce of ourselves to them, sometimes to our own detriment.

But sometimes we need a little bit in reserve for ourselves. Dads know this, but moms will never put themselves first, never! They are the strongest human beings ever created!

We are frail at times, susceptible to a lot of physical, emotional and spiritual pitfalls, challenges and threats. We are often afraid, whether we're 20 or 80.

As hard as our lives are at times – and it's nothing compared to our parents or even those living today in developing nations – we want to live and thrive. None of us wants to die, even though we know our time will come.

We ignore our mortality, thinking "I will never get cancer," or "I will never get injured in a car accident." We never thought our mobility, or mental faculties, would ever wane. Famous last words.

In fact, my friends, the odds of those things happening are much greater than we think.

And there's no rhyme or reason for any of it. No, kids should not get fatal diseases. Teens shouldn't die needlessly in car accidents or by violence. And adults should live long, fruitful, productive lives, well into their 80s.

Neither of my parents made it to 80 – close but not quite. And my sister died before she reached 50.

I had hoped my genetics – that strong European stock – would just get me through a normal life, into a ripe, old, toothless age.

I pictured myself as one of those old guys, with a long gray beard, tie-dye t-shirt, ill-fitting shorts and socks with sandals, enjoying my twilight years on some beach.

And yet here I am, approaching 60 and challenges are upon me.

I'm sure there are tens of thousands, perhaps hundreds of thousands, of other people walking around with disabilities, limitations, illnesses and life-altering diseases.

When I look at the stars at night, I am reassured that a supreme power does in fact exist and what awaits could be potentially amazing.

Think about it, people. Our species arose out of the primordial ooze, and our planet blossomed with life, from lifelessness. Miracle number one. We evolved. Miracle number two. We rose to the top of the food chain, created a really neat society, filled with wonders never before seen. Miracle three.

Okay we have our faults, drawbacks, mental health issues and inequities, but we've come a long way, baby.

I have enjoyed simple things – laughs around the kitchen table, sunsets, love, KD and even Star Trek. I never really hurt anyone and while I never attained fame and fortune, I think I did okay.

I try not to judge and I prefer laughing to crying.

I have robbed Peter to pay Paul on numerous occasions. I have lied. And yes, I routinely ask for forgiveness for my indiscretions.

So my friends, just how do we tally our lives, and get more on the plus side of the ledger? Well, if there was a simple formula for that, we'd all have it down pat.

I think, for the most part, we learn by doing. We live by trying and making mistakes. We get better by being aware and having an open heart. Sometimes we just get by. But that's okay because I will share something with you now.

You are special, unique, loved. You, by the very fact you are here on Earth, have earned your place in human history. You are here for a reason.

You beat tremendous odds just being created and born.

They say life is what happens when you're making other plans.

It is so true.

We wander through life, often without a care, not knowing what's eating away at us inside, literally and figuratively.

I saw an interesting sign on the subway recently that pointed out we don't know what other people are struggling with inside, so be nice and perhaps give up your seat. No, we don't know the burdens everyone carries.

We see hundreds of faces each week during our journey, seldom wondering whether they are okay inside.

Some are, some are not.

That's reason enough for all of us to muster the strength to smile, say "hello," and "have a nice day."

We will all have the ultimate of bad days. It's inevitable.

Until then, stay strong my friends!



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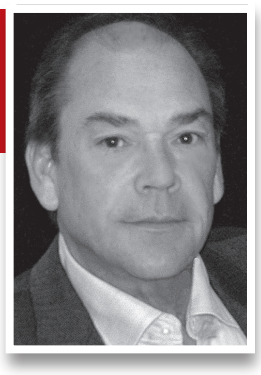
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Who chopped down the cherry tree?

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



The house that I grew up in was part of a subdivision built in the mid 1950s.

My parents purchased that house as a newlywed couple before the builder even broke ground, based on the plans alone – as did most of the people in the neighbourhood.

At one time, I knew just about everyone in that neighbourhood, as the young couples who bought there all had kids my age or within a few years. Most of us went all the way through elementary and high school together.

Over the years, the kids grew up and moved away, although many of the parents stayed in their home.

Eventually that neighbourhood was filled with a lot of elderly people – many of them widows living alone. As that generation died off, the houses are now being purchased by a new generation of young families who will repeat history and raise kids of their own.

One of the very unique things about his neighbourhood was the fact that many of the homes had pear trees in the back yard.

The entire neighbourhood had been built on a pear orchard. Why the trees weren't all removed, I'm not sure. They were great for climbing as a kid, but fruit trees need to be pruned and taken care of.

These trees were all overgrown and huge.

I recall my father telling me that when they bought the property he insisted the trees be removed because he saw nothing but trouble in the future, and he was right.

The trees still produced fruit, but each year the neighbour's yards were a mess with fallen fruit all over the ground and leaves piled high.

Down the street there was an abandoned field where we used to play. It was filled with cherry trees on one side and an orchard of peach trees on the other side. By this point in time the orchard had been neglected because some developer purchased the property and farmer Brown probably retired with the money.

All those cherry and peach trees were later bulldozed. The property now has a school, a large park with a swimming pool, which I did enjoy as a kid, and some houses on one side.

The thing is, there are only couple of places in all of Canada where you can grow tender fruit – the Niagara Fruit Belt being one of those places.

The area, mostly Niagara-on-the-Lake, still grows peaches, cherries, pears, plums, and has a lot of vineyards.

But those orchards on the north side of Niagara Falls, will never again produce any kind of fruit because they are all paved over.

When the Ontario Greenbelt was established, the idea was to protect farmland, communities, forests, wetlands and watersheds, as well as cultural heritage places, while supporting recreation and tourism.

The Greenbelt covers an area of over 800,000 hectares of land.

There are a lot of people in the province who are upset about the provincial government's decision to allow development on Greenbelt land. They should be upset.

The idea of the Greenbelt was to protect sensitive areas and the farmland that keeps us fed.

The Conservation Authorities around the province were created for a reason and do a good job of protecting waterways around Ontario. Now their expertise is being ignored and authority eroded in favour of filling sensitive wetlands with cookie cutter houses.

The idea behind the Greenbelt, is right in its name – GREEN.

Once you start sending bulldozers and earth movers into sensitive lands, there is no going back.

There is a new subdivision going up in a sensitive area near where I live. The area is already prone to flooding. As I pass by on a regular basis, I noticed thousands of truckloads of earth were being brought in and the development was getting a raise in elevation. Apparently by several feet, due to concerns of high-water causing problems with the new houses.

The residents in a long-established neighbourhood across the road were suitably alarmed.

I spoke to several of them at a town meeting about the new development.

The cause for concern was that since the area already has flooding problem, and the new neighbourhood will tower over theirs, what will happen during heavy rain. Well, water runs downhill and guess who's going to get that flood?

You don't have to be an environmental engineer to see a big problem in the future when the lower neighbourhood residents have water pouring into their basements after a big storm.

The Greenbelt is there for a reason – leave it alone.

Random Rumblings

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



It's been a little while since I've indulged the spinning inner hamster wheel that is my mind. I occasionally write a series of random rumblings for no other reason than the random parade of thoughts in my head just becomes too loud to ignore. Like any good parade there is a myriad of participants from fantastic-sounding marching bands, to goofy clowns and beautiful themed floats. Such is my column today – a virtual parade of random thoughts, some beautiful and some not, but all of which I just couldn't ignore. None alone are "full column worthy" but strike me as important enough to not be ignored – surely, I can't be the only one who experiences such random rumblings?

While out and about running errands recently, I left the house without my phone. Had I been a preteen or teenager, first it would never have happened and second, such an oversight would have necessitated an immediate return to home base. As for me, I smugly reasoned that I could do without it for a few hours and that in fact it would do me good to be alone with my thoughts.

Hence this column – you be the judge as to whether I should ever again be allowed to be alone with only my own thoughts for company!

But actually, here's what really occurred to me: when I realized that I did indeed need to make a rather important phone call, I discovered there are no longer any pay phones, anywhere. Not even in the hospital. Embarrassingly late, I now realize there are folks without access to a cell phone and if they need to make a call, there are no community resources available to enable them to do so. How do they connect with needed resources, make an emergency call, or maintain a connection with a vulnerable senior, their teen or pre-teen while at school or work?

It occurred to me how much we take for granted that with a cell phone we can text or call literally whenever we want or need to, and also that the person receiving the call or text has equally easy access to technology to answer us.

As for everyone else, it appears they no longer even have the option of paying for the privilege of using a pay phone. They simply don't exist.

Speaking of lack of access, I mentioned the hospital in the previous paragraph. This past week, it featured prominently in my life and part of the reason it did so was because it appears walk-in clinics no longer accept walk-in patients! Like - ever. Post pandemic, this is my second rodeo attempting to take a sick family member to WALK IN to a walk-in clinic. On both occasions, in two separate towns and with multiple attempts at various locations, we discovered no one takes walk-in appointments anymore.

We were told variously; "You need an appointment," "That doesn't qualify," or as in one case, the doors were locked even though the sign was flashing open and people were inside. The best line we heard from one staffer was, "You should go to the hospital, what are they going to do, refuse to see you?" Because this has now happened to me twice I'm left wondering whether our provincial government is purposely trying to overwhelm the hospital system to the point of collapse, and if so, why? Perhaps so Doug and Sylvia can swoop in "to the rescue offering a quick fix, for a price? Pay per visit hospital care for those with a valid credit card – coming soon to a hospital near you….

And why would we even need pay per visit hospital care when the Financial Accountability Office announced this week that the Ford government is sitting on approximately $22 BILLION in unspent funds? Just think what the money could (and should) do for health care and maybe education. Just think where that money was supposed to have been allocated. Just think what those long-forgotten mandate letters must say about all that money….

Yet more random, and decidedly more furious ramblings, relate to the recent transfer of a heinous criminal whom I won't even deign to mention by name, from a maximum security facility to a medium security one. Why is this even a thing? Why does anyone think he deserves anything other than rotting, alone in a maximum security prison cell, for 23 hours a day, 7 days a week for the rest of his life? Seriously.

In happier news, for many at least, it's Fathers' Day this weekend. Don't get him a tie. He never wanted a tie, no one even needs a tie for work anymore (if they ever did!) He wants you – your company and your attention. Visit your Dad. Talk to your Dad. Spend time with your Dad or the person in your life who is a father figure to you because that's what they really want and when they're gone, they're gone. I miss mine. Every. Single. Day.

Finally, after a parade of clowns, poorly designed floats and not a marching band in sight I'll leave you with one final random rumble, a quiet one now and one that I sincerely hope doesn't become louder in the future, as in blasting quarry loud. Alton - how do I love thee? Let me count the ways. Awesome neighbours who bring you cake - CAKE! Quaint cafes, restaurants and antique mills housing artisans. Water views, lovely trails and a fancy spa nearby plus - a complete absence of traffic. Let's hope quarries aren't allowed to ruin it.



Caledon currently dealing with matters on 36 properties in court

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Finally, he wants the Province to increase the maximum penalty amounts in the Planning Act to $100,000 when a corporation is convicted; and if it is convicted again, add an additional $50,000 per day fine in which the convicted corporation's Planning Act contravention continues after conviction.

"While the fine amounts being ordered by the courts are increasingly significant, for some of the larger illegal operations these fines are just considered the 'cost of doing business'. More robust and efficient enforcement measures are needed," reads the report.

Sraga asked that his request be forwarded to Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Ontario Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark, and Premier Doug Ford. Additionally, he asked that it be forwarded to municipalities in the Greater Golden Horseshoe area to seek their support.

Sraga said the Town has been successful in the courts and will continue to put pressure on those in contravention of the Town's bylaws. He wants to expand the illegal land use task force's mandate to focus on illegal land uses other than trucking as well.

"Other (illegal) uses such as event centres, institutional uses or places of worship are becoming more common in Caledon," reads the report. "These illegal uses all have significant impacts on adjacent property owners due to the disturbances created and non-compatibility with adjacent residential properties or road safety."

The task force was first created in 2019 on a request from Council; however, due to the pandemic it was not fully implemented until July of 2021.

In addition to enforcement, the Town has also tried to educate those using properties illegally with a communication strategy. It created a guide that explains Caleodn's zoning bylaws as they relate to truck parking and has undertaken efforts to distribute this information.

Since July 2021, Town staff have been investigating properties either identified by them or residents as possibly having illegally stored trucks.

"Since then, officers have investigated over 310 properties for potential illegal truck storage violations," reads Sraga's report. "Over 137 enforcement actions have been commenced because of these investigations."

Caledon's bylaw officers have been issuing warnings, tickets, laying charges, and seeking court injunctions depending on the severity of bylaw contraventions they find.

"While voluntary compliance has been achieved for some of the properties, there are 36 properties where the matters are still before the courts," the report reads.

The Town has obtained three superior court injunctions for some of the most "egregious illegal trucking operations" in Caledon, though Sraga said these injunctions can be quite costly and time-consuming to obtain.

Another way the Town is taking action against illegal land use is by notifying the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) that farm properties are being used commercially.

"By informing MPAC of the actual use of the property, appropriate taxes can be levied, ensuring equal treatment for legal and illegal operators," reads the report. "To date there have been 25 properties reassessed and this has resulted in more than a $384,000 increase in the tax levy for these properties; another 24 properties are still waiting to be reassessed."

Sraga said the Town is also in contact with the Canada Revenue Agency as it is known there are a significant number of cash transactions going on at illegal trucking yards.

Sraga said it's important to note that even if increased enforcement measures are implemented, there is a clear need for legal truck parking and storage in Town. He said Caledon should have clear land-use designations in the appropriate parts of Town, as well as high standards for legal trucking yards.

Ward 1 Councillor Lynn Kiernan said there's a lot of good information in Sraga's report and thanked him and his team.

"I was shocked by some of it… the scope of what you guys are dealing with," said Kiernan. "I'm pleased as to how much headway you and your team have made."

She proposed that Caledon Council make illegal land use issues one of its "flagship" delegations at this year's Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) conference.

Ward 2 Councillor Dave Sheen also thanked Sraga and his team and said the fact over 310 properties have been investigated is stunning.

"It speaks to the extent of the problem and how difficult it is to tackle," said Sheen. "It's a very good report and I'm glad we're talking about it."

Regional Councillor Christina Early said she's been out to see some illegal trucking yards and that it is horrible what Caledon's bylaw officers go through.

"They battle some pretty significant things — the name-calling, the abuse… it's become a real problem in Caledon," said Early.

Council supported the recommendations in Sraga's report unanimously.

Caledon Cares Enviro Challenge entering second phase

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A local environmental group is challenging Caledon residents to think of the environment when they're getting around.

On May 6, ecoCaledon launched its Caledon Cares Enviro Challenge, a year-long challenge that asks Caledon residents to take actions to reduce their impact on the world around them.

Four topics are covered through the challenge: food, transportation, home, and climate adaptation.

The May 6 event covered food and was all about food waste and plant-based eating. It taught residents how to not be wasteful with their food, and showed them how to get more plants in their diet.

Triathlete Jason Fonger spoke at the event and said food is a secret weapon to use in the fight against the climate crisis.

"It's very possible to save money while eating a diet that's healthier for the planet," said Fonger.

John MacRae, co-chair of ecoCaledon, said residents have been taking lessons learned to heart and have been participating in the challenge.

"Participants of the challenge have been taking a variety of these actions to make a difference," said MacRae.

A resident named Citas has been cooking more vegetarian dinners, a resident named Anne has been making double-portions for dinner and eating the leftovers for lunch, and a resident named Bob and his family have only been eating meat once a week.

MacRae said it's been exciting to see the actions people have been taking as a result of the challenge, which is sponsored by the Town of Caledon's Climate Action Fund.

The next part of the Enviro Challenge, transportation, is set to begin on June 17. That's Caledon Day, and ecoCaledon will have a booth at Caledon Day alongside the Caledon chapter of the electric vehicle society.

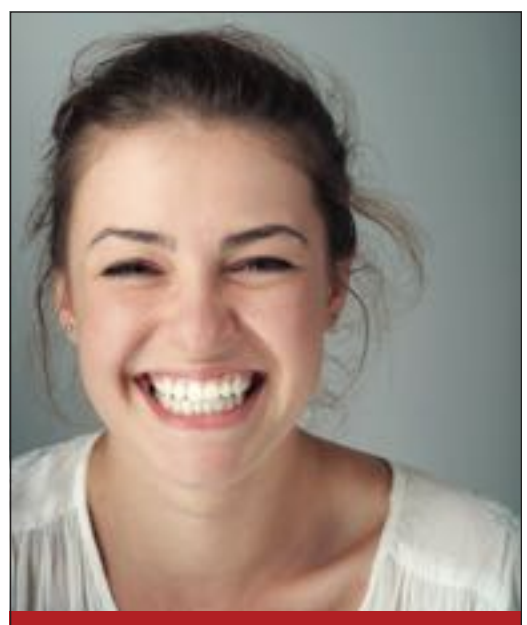
MacRae explained some of the challenges residents can try to reduce their footprint when traveling are combining shopping trips, carpooling, and reducing idling.

At Caledon Day, residents will be able to test drive an electric vehicle and chat with electric vehicle owners.

Those participating in the Enviro Challenge can earn prizes and recognition while they reduce their carbon footprint. Anyone interested in signing up for the challenge can do so online at ecocaledon.org or in person at Caledon Day.

An event about saving the environment at home will be held by ecoCaledon in September, and in November, there will be an event all about climate resilience and adaptation.





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Residents invited to create tiny, magical art installations for Alton Pinnacle Trail



Pieces of art like these, which were created by Caledon resident Peggy Dickey, will soon be coming to a hiking trail in Alton. FILE PHOTO

"Fairy Doors" to be implemented September 10

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A unique community project is being launched by the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

On June 12, the Centre's Marketing Coordinator, Bri Wilson, issued a call to "all creative-minded residents" in the Headwaters region for a new art initiative.

The Arts Centre is leading the creation and implementation of "Fairy Doors" along the Alton Pinnacle Trail, which is part of the Bruce Trail system.

"If families are looking to do something magical with their family this summer, they can take part in creating miniature abodes for woodland fairies, pixies or elves," said Wilson.

The creation of fairy doors has become something of a movement in communities across Ontario, and they can be found in places like Brussels, Toronto, and Guelph. The idea is to add imagination and magic to the outdoors, particularly for children.

The Arts Centre's project is being supported by artists and educators such as Maggiolly Art, which is planning art camps for kids this summer where fairy doors will be created with artist instruction.

Some people have even already submitted fairy doors for the project, such as Sheridan College student Lindsay Pearson. Caledon resident Peggy Dickey, who has been making her "Pixie Properties" and selling them in support of Bethell Hospice, has also donated some of her work to the project. Artist Becky Crawford, who is experienced in creating fairy doors, is planning to offer a class for "those interested in learning how to make those doors from found natural materials, repurposed jewelry and recycled items."

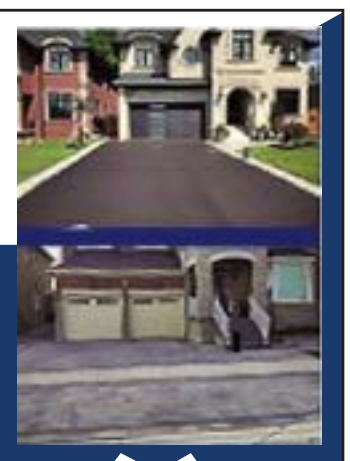
Wilson said many resident Alton Mill Arts Centre artists are also planning to create installations for the trail.

The submission period for these magical pieces of art opened on June 10 and will remain open until August 30. Artists may create pieces that are a maximum of 20 centimetres in size and can use materials like wood, sticks, clay, bark, moss, rocks, fiber and metal.

Prizes will be given out for the best piece of art in three categories: professional artist, youth under 16, and creative adult (16+). A final exhibition of all the pieces of art will be on display at the Alton Mill Arts Centre beginning September 9. The following day, they'll be implemented on the Alton Pinnacle Trail.

Those interested in learning more about the project can visit altonmill.ca. To submit a piece of art to the project, call Heather at 519-216-5990.

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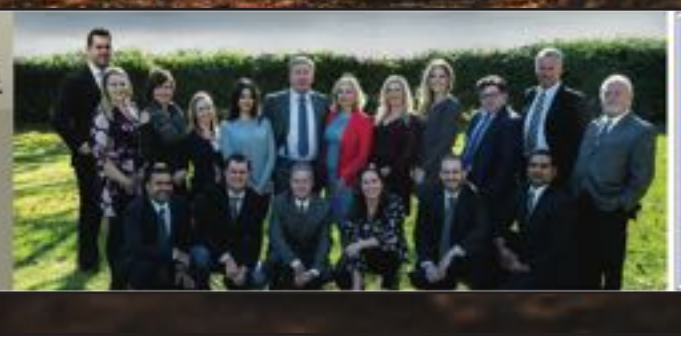
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Mighty Mayfield Mavericks capture third consecutive OFSAA Girls AAA Rugby Championship

BY JIM STEWART

The Mayfield Mavericks went into the 2023 OFSAA Girls AAA Rugby championships as the Number 1 seed and they validated that ranking by defeating the Uxbridge Tigers 22-17 at Humberview SS to capture their third consecutive provincial championship.

The Region of Peel champions steamrolled their way to the Finals by beating #16-seed Northern 50-10 in their opening match on Monday. The mighty Mavericks' defense put on an impressive show on Tuesday in a pair of emphatic shutouts: a 28-0 romp over Ursuline College and a 19-0 victory versus Owen Sound DSS.

Head Coach Dave Wiwchar attributed his team's comparatively hard-fought victory in the championship game over Uxbridge to "Hard work and a great work ethic."

"It was all about their work throughout the tournament. We are a skilled team—a very talented team. We've had to face a talented Uxbridge team in two consecutive OFSAA Finals."

Mavericks' Assistant Coach Rhys Manning echoed his colleague's assessment of the Tigers:

"It is a difficult thing to beat a team as good as Uxbridge SS, and even more difficult to beat them twice. [We] played with unity, with grit, bravery, and a tremendous amount of heart, to overcome [our] own nerves to defeat Uxbridge SS to win OFSAA gold for the third tournament in a row – which, needless to say, is an incredible feat and never done before at the AAA level before."

Manning also praised his Senior team's 19-0 win versus Owen Sound to create the pathway to the Finals rematch.

"They had to dig deep and play with resolve to overcome a very difficult and strong team from Owen Sound District SS in the semi-finals to make their way to the final against last year's opponent, Uxbridge."

Coach Manning thanked the team's Grade 12 student-athletes for their role in the Mavericks' 2023 triumph: "We would like to make special acknowledgement to the graduating athletes: Maeve Barnard, Brittany Ennema, Evelyn Pacheco, Chloe Creighton, Orly Ferris Maelle Smith, Olivia Dibua Ella Judge Anna Jeffrey, and Mia VandenHoek."

Head Coach Wiwchar noted that the championship was "an amazing team effort", but he singled out "Captain Mia VandenHoek as a significant voice of leadership."

In a reflective moment, Wiwchar commented on two consecutive provincial titles as a Head Coach.

"It's amazing. The coaching staff is ecstatic. This staff has been together for the last two championships."

Wiwchar's staff at Mayfield is comprised of Manning-- who also coaches at the provincial level-- John Tutty, Pamela Ireland, and Jon Forbes.

The dedicated five-person coaching staff at Mayfield Secondary School is evidently building a rugby dynasty after capturing the last three OFSAA championships held in 2019, 2022, and 2023.

Although the Pandemic wiped out provincial championships and most high school sports in 2020 and 2021, Wiwchar disclosed how the Mavericks were able to press re-set and build the program after COVID.

"The commitment of the girls to the program has been the key to our recent success. We've had 60 girls in the program each year where they have learned the sport. We have an amazing rugby tradition at Mayfield and our girls have the means to fall in love with the sport."

It's clear that Wiwchar's players love the sport of rugby, based on the number of Mavericks who are competing at elite levels. Wiwchar noted that "5-6 players from the senior squad play for the Provincial team and four of those players have been selected to play for the Canadian 15's and 1 for the Canadian 7's. Many of our players are playing rep rugby, as well, for Northern Halton and Fergus."

Given the upper levels of competition to which Coach Wiwchar's core players are exposed and given that "six of the starters from this year's Senior championship team were in Grade 10," the future of the mighty Mavericks Senior Girls Rugby team is bright, indeed.

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Local athlete wins gold in 200 metre race at Special Olympics, Bronze in the shot put



BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Despite one disaster after another at this year's Special Olympics School Championships in Kingston, local athlete Yazmine Wilson-Daponte managed to win gold in the 200-metre race and bronze in shot put.

The athletes did well in the competition, but other circumstances made the track meet difficult.

First, their bus broke down on the way to the meet. Then the outdoor meet had to be cancelled due to the poor air quality from forest fires blanketing the region in smoke, making it unsafe to compete outdoors.

When the meet was moved to an indoor track at a military facility, a fire broke out in a speaker in the ceiling, and the venue had to be evacuated.

Even with all that, the athletes returned to compete.

Yazmine, who has autism and was the Autism Speaks Walk Ambassador last year, was the solo athlete representing Robert F. Hall Catholic Secondary School at the games. She was the first to represent the school at the Special Olympics.

Yazmine lives in Shelburne but travels to school in Caledon East.

Previously, she attended the games as an elementary student at St. Benedict's in Orangeville.

She was very excited to be competing and stayed focused while maintaining an incredible school spirit.

"Three of the events were cancelled because of the smoke – track and field, soccer, and bocci," explained Yazmine's mom Karrie Daponte. "The track events all moved indoors. To qualify, she had an amazing gym teacher, who did all her qualifying times and sent in her distance for running long jump and shot put. She plays so many sports but she likes to run."

Yazmine was thrilled to receive medals at the event but was also just happy to be there competing.

"She was absolutely thrilled but even if she didn't get a medal, she would have been happy," Karrie explained. "It was three days away from home and we stayed a residence at Queen's University. The schools pay $50 for athletes, and Special Olympics transports us, pays for our accommodations, and pays for everything. I was also a coach because the schools don't have that extra staff."

While Yazmine plays other sports, the school competition requires a higher level of competition students must qualify for.

Her enthusiasm for her sports and talent on the field is an inspiring role for other Special Olympics athletes to follow.

(LEFT) Special Olympics athlete, Yazmine Wilson-Daponte, is congratulated by Sarah Dereski, a Correctional Services Division member of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, for her achievements at the games. Yazmine won gold in the 200-metre race and bronze in shotput.

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Junior C Northmen win over Wilmot Wild

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville Junior C Northmen headed into their Saturday, June 10, game against the first-place Wilmot Wild to gauge their ability to compete for another Meredith Cup championship. They came up with a solid game at both ends of the floor.

Luke Downard's two-goal, three-assist night paced the Northmen attack.

Wilmot opened the scoring just 2:30 into the game. Downard scored two goals in the middle of the period to send Orangeville into the first intermission with a slim 2-1 lead.

Camden McGuire built on the lead with an unassisted goal on a delayed penalty in the second.

Wilmot battled back to tie the game with a pair of goals – the second one on a short-handed effort with 45 seconds left in the period.

Zack Dorval restored the Northmen's momentum with a power-play goal with three seconds left on the clock.

The game was tied at four early in the third period.

Blake Martin-King scored the eventual game-winning goal at 4:47 into the final frame.

Orangeville goalie Jacob Hand and the defence shut down the Wilmot offence for the rest of the game.

Hand stopped 29 of 33 shots.

Jack Fitzpatrick added a couple of power-play goals for the Northmen, and the Orangeville squad left the floor with a 7-4 win.

The Junior C Northmen will be back in action at Tony Rose Arena on Saturday, June 17, to host the Fergus Thistles.

Game time is 3 p.m.





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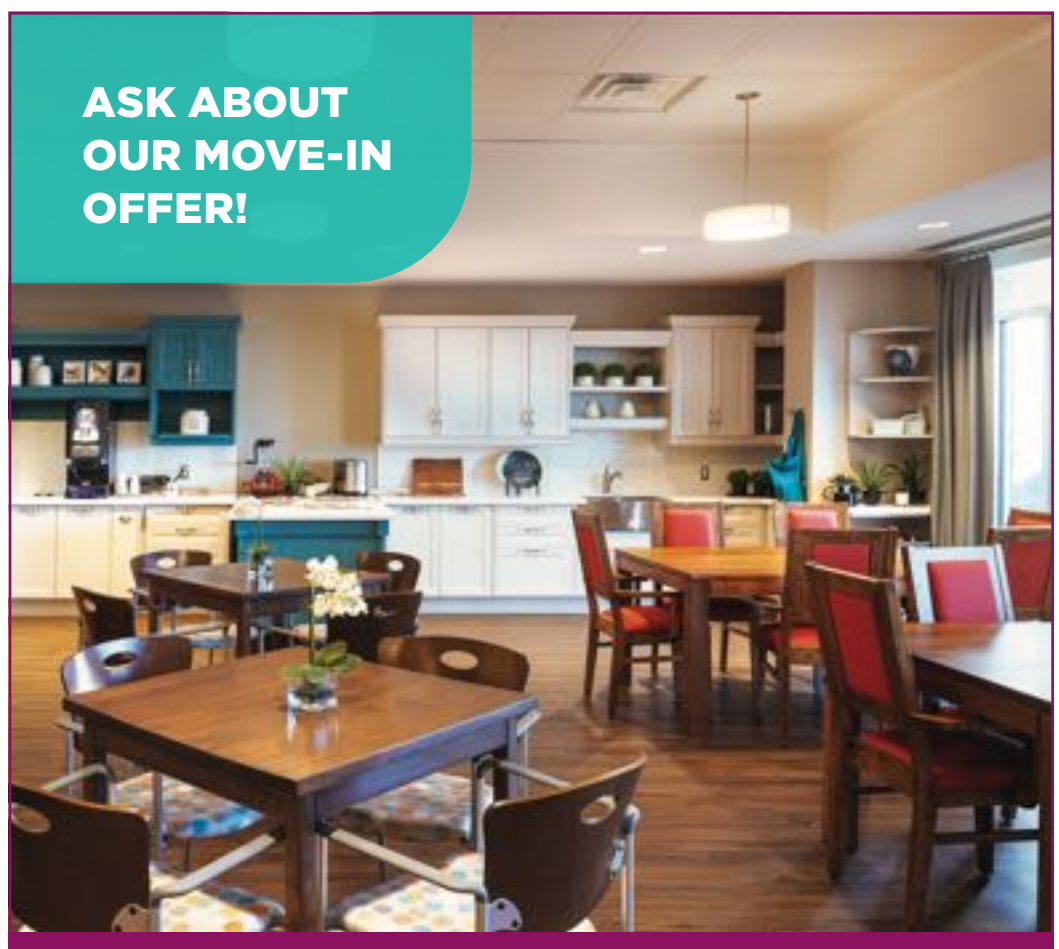
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RAMAGE, MARY LOU (NEE DOBSON)



Peacefully at her home in Stittsville on Tuesday June 6th, 2023 at the age of 89. Beloved wife of the late James William "Jimmie" Ramage (2012). Loving mother of Jamie and Elizabeth, Bonnie Lou and Don, Louanne, Louise, Robert and Tammy. Fondly remembered and missed by her five grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Dear sister of the late June Hildick. Mary Lou was a loving & devoted wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother, sister, sister-in-law, aunt & friend. She was an incredible homemaker & business woman, making each look effortless. Her home always shone & sparkled with fresh baked goods on her kitchen counter & delicious, nutritious meals on her table. Guests were always welcomed. Mary Lou was recognized when selling in the Orangeville Mall for years. She started her business in 1979 selling her own silk floral arrangements. Later, she sold the Microfurnace, an efficient space heater. She was frequently stopped while she grocery shopped to go to her car for a sale. She won top sales awards repeatedly. In the 1980's Mary Lou began selling air purifiers for Amairicare and again quickly became the number one salesperson. She continued her business well beyond when most people would retire. In fact, she chose to sell advertising for the Banner for a period. Mary Lou was in the New Jersey State Choir & was on their album. She became a member of Orangeville Sweet Adelines, now known as Orangeville Show Chorus, & absolutely loved it & loved the group of wonderful women who meant so much to her. She loved being at her cottage with family & friends, fishing, eating, playing cards & having fun. A true Dairy Queen, her family knew to expect her car to always turn into the local DQ when on any of her beloved road trips. Her love and light will shine on.

Visitation will be held at the ***Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre***, 21 First St., Orangeville on Sunday June 11, 2023 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, in the Chapel on Monday June 12th, 2023 at 11:00 am with visitation beginning at 10:00 am.Memorial donations to Heart and Stroke Foundation, Orangeville Show Chorus or Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.

A tree will be planted in memory of Mary Lou in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 21st Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

M^{C}KIBBON, KEITH GEORGE



Loving husband of Trish. Beloved Dad of Glenda (Martin). Proud grandpa of Brittany (Kevin). Adored great-grandpa of Mya and Brook. Predeceased by brothers Elwood, Gordon, Murray and Laverne McKibbon and sisters Doris Kerr and Jean Adair. Keith will be greatly missed by nieces, nephews and many friends. Keith was interested in people. No matter where he was, he would always stop to chat to the people around him. Hearing about their activities and what their plans were for the rest of the day interested him. He especially loved to share a joke or two. He had an avid interest in gardening. He would work constantly around the property making plans for improvements, new gardens or changing the gardens he already had. The property was always a work in progress. His grand daughter Brittany and his great granddaughters Mya and Brook held a special place in his heart. Keith enjoyed going out watching them participate at horse shows, cheering them on and watching while they were awarded their ribbons. In addition to his own family, Keith was always concerned about his community family, devoting a great deal of his time advocating for handicap people. Access to buildings and handicap parking were two of his concerns. Many letters were written to the Citizen commenting on access problems or difficulties and advocating changes for improvement. No matter which organization he was involved with, the Lions, Orangeville Agricultural Society or the Horticultural Society, he always like to make suggestions for improving what was happening. His interest in a variety of subjects and his stubborn pursuit of fairness will be missed by all.

Funeral Service will be held at the ***Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*** 21 First St. Orangeville, Ontario on Saturday, June 17th, 2023 at 11:00 am. with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. Memorial donations to St. Marks Church or the Orangeville Food Bank would be appreciated by the family. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

HARVEY, GERALD OWEN



Peacefully with his loving wife by his side at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Saturday, June 10th, 2023 at the age of 70. Beloved husband of Cindy Harvey. Dear father of Ryan, Erin (Raymond), Shannon and Angela. Cherished grandfather of Natasha, Ethan and Evan. Remembered by his brothers David (Ann), Trevor (Colleen) and Doug (Kayla) and his sister Crystal (Roman). Gerald will also be greatly missed by his nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and many friends. Memorial Service will be held at ***Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*** 21 First St. Orangeville, Ontario on Thursday, June 15th, 2023 at 11:00 am. with visitation beginning at 10:00 am. Memorial donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated by the family.
A tree will be planted in memory of Gerald in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 21st Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

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CRANE, OLIVE IVADELL (QUINTON)



Ivadell passed away peacefully at Dufferin Oaks, Shelburne on June 7th, 2023. Ivadell with her husband Laverne owned and operated Crane's Bakery in Grand Valley for almost 30 years. Together, they raised four children. Lovingly remembered by Jerry (Annie) Crane, Barbara (Jim 2023) Beckett, Debbie (Ron) Lomas, & Randy (Janice) Crane. She was blessed with grandchildren Deborah (Shayne), Derek (Jen), Ryan, Chris (Julie), Cole (Hannah) & Brent (Erika) & 7 great grandchildren. Ivadell is survived by her brother Gord and many nieces and nephews. Ivadell was predeceased by her parents Lillie & Sam and her husband Laverne. Ivadell had a strong work ethic and a competitive spirit. She enjoyed nothing better than a good game of bridge, crib or euchre. She also loved to knit. The family would like to sincerely thank the staff of Dufferin Oaks for their kind and compassionate care. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Orangeville Seniors Centre or a Charity of your choice.

Funeral Service will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre 21 First St. Orangeville on Sunday June 11th, 2023 at 1:00 pm, with visitation beginning at 12:00 pm. Interment - Union Cemetery, Grand Valley.

A tree will be planted in memory of Ivadell in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. 21st Annual Dedication Service will be held on Sunday, September 10, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

ROTHWELL, JUNE ADELAIDE (NEE ALLEN)

Gratefully and with sadness we announce the passing of June Adelaide (Allen) Rothwell who died peacefully at home in Orangeville, Ontario on June 10, 2023. June was born June 28, 1924, in Barrie, Ontario the eldest of four children. June is survived by her sister Bette of Calgary, Alberta and is predeceased by her brothers Billy (1938) and Doug (1997). She married Ted (1920-1996) on July 10, 1946, and together they had four children. Bill, his wife Brenda of London, Ontario; Susan, her husband Terry of Delray Beach, Florida; Doug, his wife Karen of Essex, Ontario, and Judie her husband Bruce of Orangeville, Ontario. She also leaves behind her grandchildren Jennifer, Kim (Matt), Kevin (Michelle), Matt (Stephanie), Jeff (Cheryl), Mollie (Eric) and Douglas; her great grandchildren Adam (Alissa), Stephanie, Coleson, Miller, Lily, Madison, Charlie, Collin, Walker, and great great grandchild Elizabeth.
June is also predeceased by her beloved daughter-in-law Wendy.
She will be greatly missed by her many nieces, nephews, and friends. She will also be missed by the many students she taught to play the organ.
June was actively involved with both the Orangeville Hospital Auxiliary serving as President from 1976-1977 and then as Chairman of Region 3 for the Ontario Hospital Auxiliary from 1982-1983. She also served as a Hospital Board Representative in Orangeville from 1981-1983. She "retired" from her auxiliary duties in 1995.
The family would like to thank Pastor Andrew and the congregation of the Orangeville Christian Reform Church for being so welcoming to June. We would also like to thank the nurses from Bayshore Home Care Solutions, especially Mervia, who provided the family with wonderful palliative care and support.
A private family service will be held at Barrie Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a donation to a charity of your choice may be made.

DONNA LUELLA HOLMES

JULY 5, 1943 – MAY 31, 2023



It is with great sadness and broken hearts to announce that our beautiful wife, loving mother, and ever-loving grandma earned her wings on May 31, 2023 at the age of 79.

She was the much-loved wife and best friend of Howard for 59 years, loving mother to John (Brenda) & Rob (Faye) and cherished grandma to Kyle (Shannon), Courtney (Levy), Morgan, Mallory (Diego) and her furry grand puppies.

Donna was born to loving parents Elmer & Luella Coleman, she was raised on the family farm on the Fifth Line South of Relessey. The Fifth Line remained her home for her entire life.

Family was her greatest love, followed by the love of her flower gardens which were admired by all that visited during the summer months. She was a long withstanding member of the Relessey Cemetery Board that she held dear to her heart.

Donna touched the lives of many and was loved by all that knew her and she will be greatly missed by her brother and sister-in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, neighbours and friends.

Donna requested that in lieu of flowers donations to her much-cherished Relessey Church and Cemetery would be greatly appreciated. Cheques can be made payable to Relessey Church and mailed to 874548 5th Line EHS Mono ON L9W 6A8.

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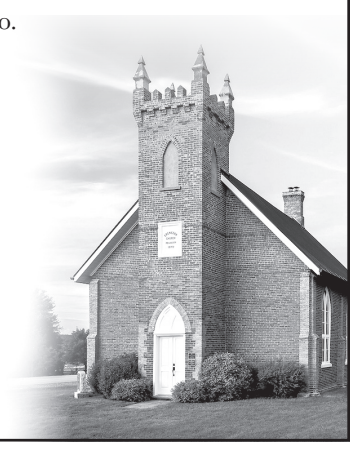
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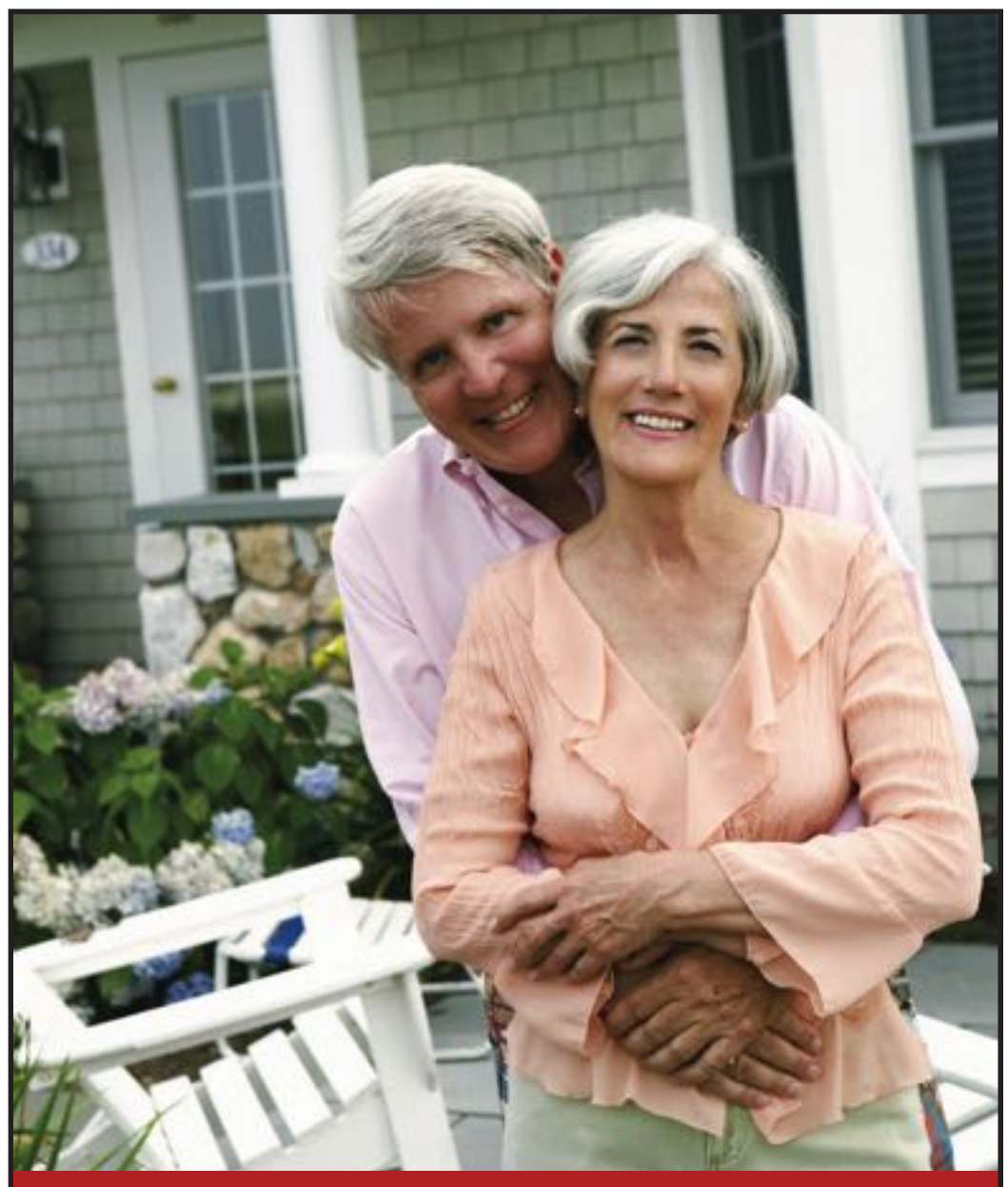
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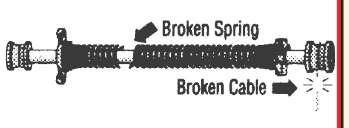
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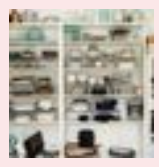
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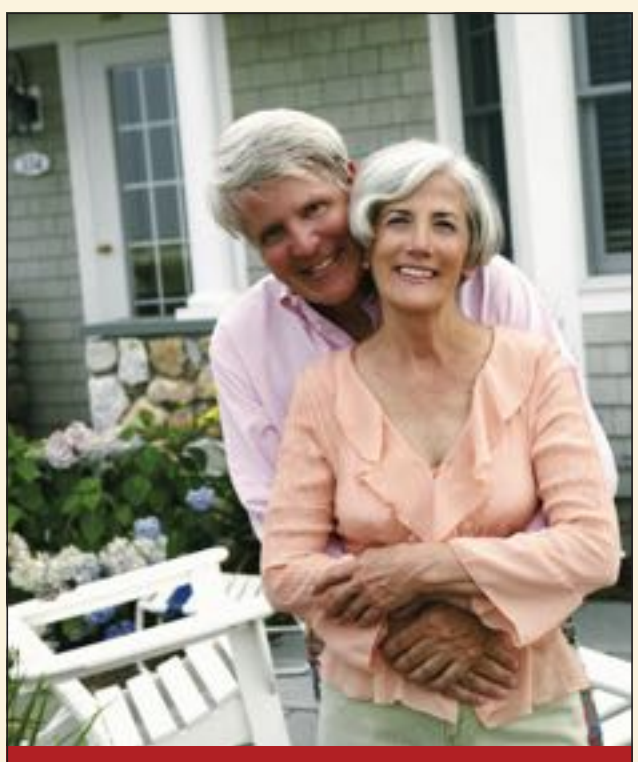


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The Dufferin Parent Support Network looks forward to a fruitful continuation of a quarter century of service.

And a resilient communities grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will help take the 25-year-old organization into the future.

Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin-Caledon, was on hand at the DPSN annual general meeting on June 12 to officially announce the $16,800 grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation's Resilient Communities Fund.

The DPSN is a collaborative network of parents and community agencies that came together in 1999 to provide a network of support for parents of school-aged children.

The network promotes the idea that through more effective parenting, children and youth will become all they can be. They will develop emotional and physical well-being. They will be nurtured to believe in themselves, better handle life's challenges, and make healthy choices.

The DPSN promotes parenting skills based on understanding and working with children's behaviour.

"I was actually one of the individuals who, with my husband, used the services," said Jones, adding that her children are now 20 and 23.

"I see the value of those courses."

Jones said she wanted to acknowledge the Ontario Trillium Foundation.

"It is a standalone organization funded by Ontario tax dollars, but the assessments and the reviews of the [grant] applications are done by volunteers," she said.

And those volunteers, she said, live in the community and are beneficiaries of the grant money that goes to that community.

"I think sometimes we forget how much that happens in a community is actually driven by boards of volunteers," Jones said.

Many of the volunteers around the table at the AGM have either used some of the DSPN programming at some point or wish they could have availed of the services when their grown children were younger.

Neetu Dane, a member of the board of directors, said the purpose of the grant is to shore up the network's financial capacity to be sustainable in a post-pandemic world and to be responsive to diverse communities that make up the region.

Being awarded the grant affirms that the network is headed in the right direction and the organization's mission to support parents in their parenting roles is the right thing to do.

"We're still aligned with those values," Dane said. "And our mission will change very slightly, but more to engage more people. We're realigning our goals to engage more people in the community."

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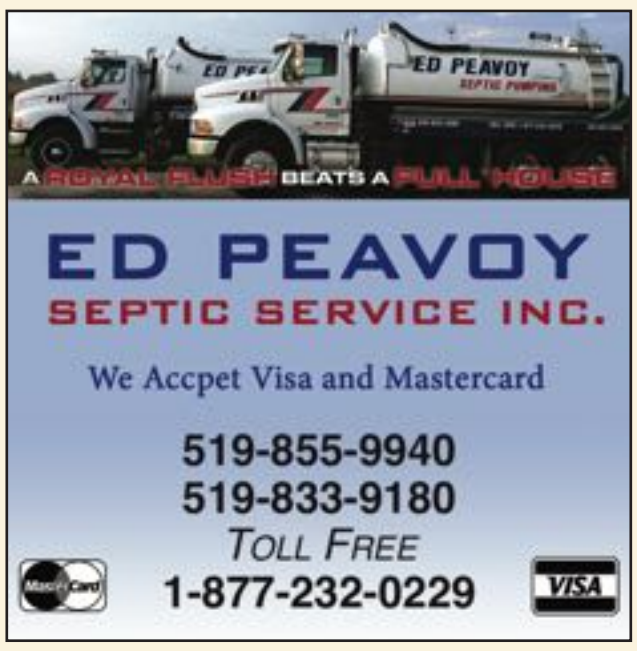
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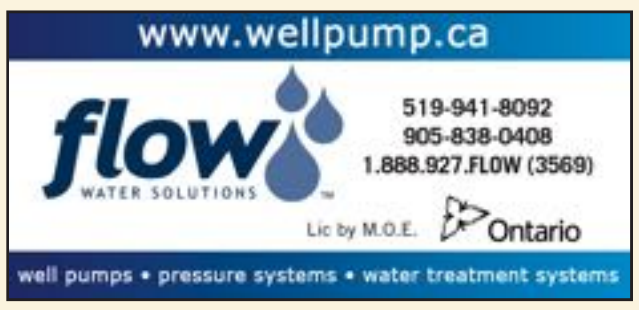








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