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CANADA DAY ON THE FARM

Downey's Farm was the scene of a bumper crop of Canada Day festivities on Saturday. Here, the Hequilan family were taking pictures together to commemorate their Canada Day fun. For more, see Page 10.

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Volunteers key in Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival success

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Caledon Fairgrounds were a sea of red and white on July 1.

On Canada Day, the Caledon Agricultural Society hosted its Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival event.

The Caledon Fairgrounds, located just off Highway 10 in Caledon Village, opened early so Caledon residents could enjoy a pancake breakfast with fresh local strawberries, whipped cream, and maple syrup. Peameal bacon was being grilled up too for delicious breakfast sandwiches, also a staple at the event.

Official Canada Day ceremonies began at noon when Caledon's Town Crier Andrew Welch drew crowds to a stage where dignitaries like Caledon Mayor Annette Groves and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones were to address residents.

In his proclamation for the day, Welch stressed the importance of preserving farmland and greenspace.

"Some people have visions of robots plowing fields with evermore chemicals… severing the last remaining threads of people to our land," said Welch. "If you take the people out of agriculture, you may as well just take the people off the planet."

Welch said initiatives with a Caledon community focus, and volunteer groups like the Caledon Agricultural Society, are what make Caledon stronger and happier.

The Caledon Concert Band played O Canada while members of the Alton Legion raised the Canadian flag at the start of the proceedings, before former Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson took over as the emcee.

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Caledon Ribfest returns this weekend

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Get your napkins and wet wipes ready.

This weekend, July 7 to 9, Caledon Ribfest is returning. It's being hosted by The Caputo Group in the Bolton Canadian Tire parking lot and will feature three "ribbers", around 20 food trucks/vendors, and a stacked lineup of cover bands.

Caledon Ribfest is open on Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. and on Sunday from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Admission to the event is by donation to one of the following non-profits: Meaghan's Music Room, Caledon Meals on Wheels, and the Caledon Chamber of Commerce.

Anthony Caputo of The Caputo Group said he's heard from many members of the Caledon community who said they were missing Caledon Ribfest, which was last held in 2016.

"I know how much of a huge venture this is… but I'm a glutton for punishment. I said, 'let's give it a try'," said Caputo.

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Province appoints five-person board to oversee dissolution of Peel Region

BY MARK PAVILONS

The Province has appointed five members to a transition board that will make recommendations to the government on a range of restructuring matters related to the dissolution of the Regional Municipality of Peel in order to make Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon independent municipalities by January 1, 2025.

The five members who have been appointed to the board bring a range of experience across the public and private sectors, including municipal government and administration, policing, business law and business management, infrastructure delivery and the provincial and federal governments.

Steve Clark, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, appointed the following individuals to the transition board:

John Livey, Chair, along with Tracey Cook, Eric Jolliffe, Sean Morley and Peter Weltman.

John Livey has over 40 years of municipal and provincial experience, having previously served as a Deputy City Manager for the City of Toronto, CAO for the Town of Markham and Planning Commissioner for the Region of York. Livey was also the executive director for the Greater Toronto Task Force, the Director of Policy Development for the Metropolitan Toronto Planning Department and spent 13 years prior to that in various capacities at the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing.

Tracey Cook has been with the City of Toronto since 2012, having served as the Interim City Manager, Deputy City Manager (Infrastructure & Development Services) and Executive Director of the Municipal Licensing & Standards division. Prior to her work at the city, Cook held senior and executive positions in the private sector, where she led organization wide business system and process transformations and organizational restructuring. Ms. Cook began her professional career with the Toronto Police Service and ended her 18 years of service as a Detective in the Fraud Squad.

Sean Morley is a partner in the business law section at Fasken Martineau LLP and a member of the firm's Global Infrastructure and Projects practice group with a focus on advising on all aspects of public-private partnership infrastructure projects. Mr. Morley is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors, serves as the Chair of the Pollution Probe Foundation and is a former director of the Toronto Port Authority.

Eric Jolliffe has more than 40 years of experience in policing at the regional and municipal levels, including 18 years as a senior executive. Jolliffe is best known for his contributions as Chief of York Regional Police.

Peter Weltman was, until recently, Ontario's Financial Accountability Officer, a position he held from 2018-2023. Weltman previously served as Director of Executive Services, Communication and Parliamentary Relations and as Senior Director, Costing and Expenditure Management to the Parliamentary Budget Officer in Ottawa. Before working at the PBO, Weltman served in different capacities federally for Industry Canada, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Service Canada and the Treasury Board Secretariat, and has private sector experience in both financial services and food retail.

"Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon are poised for significant growth over the next decade, and our government is making sure they have the tools required to prepare," said Minister Clark. "The five members that have agreed to serve on the transition board bring an impressive range of experience that will help ensure the dissolution process is carried out with minimal disruption for residents and employees and in a manner that leaves all three municipalities well-positioned for future growth."

The transition board is tasked with helping to ensure that all affected municipalities, their residents and employees are respected and treated in a fair and equitable manner. The advice of the board will help ensure the continuation of high-quality local services without interruption during the transition period and into the future. The board will help ensure financial sustainability throughout the dissolution process and its recommendations will help inform government decisions that may be required to implement the restructuring.

The dissolution of Peel Region and the establishment of a transition board was announced as part of the Hazel McCallion Act, which received Royal Assent on June 8.

Approximately 1.5 million residents currently live in the municipalities that make up the Region of Peel and this is expected to grow to over two million by 2041.

The Ontario government is expanding strong mayor powers to the mayors of 26 municipalities – including Mississauga, Brampton and Caledon – as part of the province's work to build 1.5 million homes by 2031.

Peel asks Province to keep Peel Regional Police whole

Motion asks for statement to be made before transition board appointed

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Region of Peel would like to have assurance its police force will remain whole — even when the Region is no more.

At Region of Peel Council's June 22 meeting, Mississauga Councillor Carolyn Parrish put forward a motion asking that the Region write a letter to Premier Doug Ford asking him to announce that Peel Regional Police will remain whole post-Peel dissolution.

She added that she would like the announcement to be made immediately, even before the transition board that will deal with the dissolution of Peel is appointed.

Parrish's motion was seconded by Mississauga Councillor Martin Reid.

Brampton Councillor Michael Palleschi said he can't get behind the motion; that there's not much point in dissolving the Region if servicing boards are set up.

Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown suggested a friendly amendment to the motion. He asked that it be added in that the same funding formula currently used for the Peel Regional Police be used post-dissolution. He said he supports the Peel Regional Police and that they're one of the best police forces in all of Canada.

Parrish said she didn't consider the amendment friendly, instead calling it political. She said Brown is a smart politician and that he was trying to pull a fast one on her. Parrish said the main point of her motion is to give Peel Regional Police staff assurance so that the Region will not lose any officers over the next 18 months. She said the transition board can decide on the funding for the police.

Mississauga Councillor Joe Horneck asked Peel's Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah — who was at the meeting as he delegated earlier in it — if supporting the motion would give his team confidence.

Duraiappah said the motion would indeed give assurance to him and Peel Regional Police staff, calling it "an important comment for our people."

During discussion of her motion, Parrish accepted adding a clause that said the funding model for Peel Regional Police post-dissolution would be determined at a later date.

Brampton Councillor Gurpartap Singh Toor said he doesn't believe police jobs are at risk since the Region needs more police officers anyway. He also said the Province won't care about the Region's motion. He said the Provincial Government passing the legislation dissolving Peel without any consultation means it will just do what it wants.

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves said while she wouldn't want to see the current Peel Regional Police funding model change, she supports Parrish's motion. She said she doesn't see the harm in it and that the message it sends will help keep police officers in Peel.

Groves said Regional Council needed to get politics out of the room when discussing the motion because it's a motion about community safety. She said it's important to give residents comfort knowing policing services will remain whole, and added that the motion would boost morale in the Peel Regional Police department.

Parrish's motion passed by a vote of 16 to 8.



Mayor Groves to visit Isola del Liri to sign sister city agreement

Caledon and Isola del Liri have many similarities and shared goals

BY ZACHARY ROMAN



Isolda del Liri is set to become Caledon's "Sister City".

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

It won't be long before Caledon officially has a sister city in Italy.

On July 17, Mayor Annette Groves will be traveling to Isola del Liri, a town an hour outside of Rome, to sign a sister city agreement between it and the Town of Caledon. The signing will formalize the relationship of the two towns after over a year of discussions and visits between their leaders.

Ward 5 Councillor Tony Rosa will be in Italy with his wife this month — the pair are celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. Rosa has agreed to be in Isola del Liri on the July 17 for the signing, as he speaks fluent Italian and can help with translation.

Some of the main goals of the two towns becoming sisters include having cultural exchanges, working together on economic development, and sharing tourism strategies. Rosa said Bolton business Jesse Tree Importing is already working with clients in Isola del Liri to bring new products to Caledon.

Rosa explained Caledon first started exploring becoming a sister city with Isola del Liri last summer. Former Mayor Allan Thompson and a group of Councillors visited the Italian town last year, and a group of Isola del Liri's Councillors visited Caledon for the 2022 Caledon Italian Heritage Day festival.

Soon, Caledon's Economic Development department was drafting documents alongside Isola del Liri's to define what the two towns' relationship would be.

Rosa said negotiating back and forth has been a very rewarding experience and many great ideas for partnerships have come from it.

While Groves is going to Isola del Liri to sign the agreement soon, Isola del Liri's mayor will be coming to Caledon for a signing ceremony as well. Rosa said Caledon is thinking of hosting them in the fall so they can enjoy the beautiful colours Caledon is known for.

Rosa said Caledon and Isola del Liri share many synergies. Both towns were started when mills were built in them; both towns are an hour outside a major capital; both towns are pushing for growth in their tourism sectors; and both communities are committed to agriculture.

Isola del Liri also likes that Caledon is becoming a major golf destination, said Rosa, and it would like to explore that too. On the cultural side of things, the towns have discussed sending artists back and forth.

For example, each July, Isola del Liri hosts one of the largest blues and jazz festivals in Europe. Caledon is considering having its own festival and bringing over artists from Italy. The two towns have also discussed exchange student opportunities and tour group visits.

"We're trying to put Caledon on the map and trying to expand our tourism opportunities," said Rosa. "There are so many things that are being discussed."

Rosa said Caledon is looking forward to the opportunities that will come from being a sister city with Isola del Liri. More details on the signing ceremony in Caledon will come at a later date.

Local libraries issue joint statement in support of drag storytimes

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Inclusivity matters to local libraries.

On June 29, the CEOs and board chairs of the Caledon, Orangeville, and Grand Valley public libraries issued a joint statement in support of drag storytimes.

"We, the undersigned, proudly express our support for the inclusion of drag storytimes as a valuable program in our libraries," reads the statement. "We believe in fostering diversity, inclusivity, and a safe space for all members of our community, including children."

The statement is signed by Colleen Lipp, CEO of the Caledon Public Library (CPL); Joanne Stevenson, CEO of the Grand Valley Public Library (GVPL); Darla Fraser, CEO of the Orangeville Public Library (OPL); Tony Maxwell, Board Chair of the CPL; Andrew Stirk, Board Chair of the GVPL; and Sheri Marks, Board Chair of the OPL.

The library leaders said drag storytime provides an "engaging and inclusive environment where children can explore the wonders of literature while embracing diversity and celebrating individuality."

Further, they said drag storytimes are an opportunity for libraries to promote respect and understanding of different identities, backgrounds, and expressions. They said this is essential in building inclusive communities.

"By making drag storytime available, we are creating an environment that values and embraces the rich tapestry of identities and experiences that make up our communities," the statement reads. "It is our duty as library leaders to remain true to the principles of intellectual freedom, equity and diversity and to provide a community space for voices that are often marginalized or

underrepresented."

The library leaders said supporting drag storytimes is a way to show they are committed to their principles. They thanked the drag performers who share their time and talents to share the joy of reading with local youth.

"In conclusion, we… support drag storytime as a vital and cherished program within our libraries. We stand united in our commitment to diversity, inclusion, and the principles of intellectual freedom," reads the statement. "Together, we can create an environment where all community members, regardless of gender identity or expression, feel welcomed, respected, and celebrated."

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CALEDON RESIDENTS FALL VICTIM TO GRANDPARENT SCAM: OPP

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) continue to receive reports from residents impacted by the grandparent scam. Since May 2023, officers have investigated six reports of the grandparent/emergency scam.

To understand the tactics used by scammers to complete these fraudulent acts, the following is a summary of the last reported incidents. The details are provided to educate and to reduce victimization.

Incident #1:

The victim received a call from someone claiming to be a friend of their grandson. It was communicated that the grandson was in a motor vehicle collision and drugs were found. Money was now required for bail. The victim spoke to other individuals that impersonated both the grandson and a police officer. They had the grandson's full name and knew how the victim was referred to as by family members. A courier service was sent to the residence to pick up the funds requested.

Incident #2:

The victim reported receiving a call from their grandson, someone who sounded exactly like him. The person reported being in a motor vehicle collision and now facing charges and required a sum of money for bail. Someone claiming to be a police officer came on the line to explain the situation. A password was provided to the victim, a word to provide to a courier company that was later sent to the residence to pick up the funds. Communication continued between the victim and others depicting themselves as police officers and a lawyer. The story later changed to more charges to be laid and additional funds to be couriered. When currency was requested for the third time, it raised suspicion, and police were contacted. Until that point, the victim had not spoken to anyone because they were told a "gag" order was in place (could not speak to anyone) since it was an active investigation.

Incident #3

The victim received a phone call from an individual advising they were a police officer. The person advised that the victim's nephew was a passenger of a vehicle that contained drugs. Bail money was now being requested. A male also came on the line, crying, and the victim believed at the time it was their nephew. A password was provided to be given to the courier who later attended the residence to pick up the cash. The victim was instructed to place the funds in a sealed envelope containing the nephews name and what was provided as the judge's name. The next day, a second call was received requesting additional funds for probation. It was then reported to police.

Incident #4:

The victim received a call from someone claiming to be their nephew. This person advised he was in trouble with police and was arrested for being in possession of drugs. A contact number was provided. When the number was called, an individual stated they were a police officer and explained the situation and requested funds for bail. A password was provided to be given to the courier company that later attended the residence to pick up the cash.

Incident #5:

The victim received a call from someone pretending to be their grandson. This person advised they had been in a serious collision and now faced charges. To have the charges dropped, a sum of cash was requested, which was later picked up by a courier service. Later, additional funds were requested, and the victim refused. It was then reported to police.

Incident #6:

The victim received a call from someone impersonating a police officer and advised a sum of money was required to prevent their grandson from going to jail. This person claimed that the grandson was found in a vehicle full of drugs. Someone was put on the line pretending to be the grandson. The victim was instructed to place cash in an envelope and were given a password, which was then provided to the individual that attended the residence to pick up the funds.

All investigations are ongoing. Anyone with information that may assist with the investigation is asked to contact the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Peel Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or peelcrimestoppers.ca.

"To avoid becoming a victim to the 'Grandparent Scam', keep these simple tips in mind and share with your loved ones. If you receive a call with someone identifying themselves as a friend or family member urgently in need of money… slow things down."

- Confirm that it is the person that they say they are;
- Text or call them on a number that you have for them or ask them a question that only they would know the answer to;
- Do not provide your home address;
- Do not provide any banking or personal information;
- Ask for a number to call them back;
- If you are told that they have been arrested and are in custody, ask for the address of the police station or the courthouse where they are being held at;
- Contact your local police service and report the incident immediately.

If you know an elderly person, please reach out to them, and have a conversation on what to do if they get a similar phone call.

For more information on this and other common scams in Canada, review the Competition Bureau Canada's The Little Black Book of Scams: https://www.competitionbureau.gc.ca/eic/site/cb-bc.nsf/eng/04333.html

For additional information on ongoing scams in Canada and to report fraud, contact the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 1-888-495-8501 or https://www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

If you believe you have been a victim of fraud, please contact your local police service.

IMPAIRED DRIVING CHARGES

During this past Canada Day long weekend, officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two drivers with impaired operation.

"On June 30, 2023, shortly after 3:00 p.m., an officer conducting a general patrol on Winston Churchill Boulevard observed a vehicle idling on the shoulder," say Police. "The investigation led the officer to form grounds that the vehicle was being operated while impaired by alcohol.

Mandy Lucas, 48, of Erin, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor

The charges have not been proven.

"On July 2, 2023, just before 3:00 a.m., an officer on general patrol on McEwan Drive investigated a vehicle that was stopped at a retail establishment parking lot. While speaking to the driver, grounds were formed that the vehicle was being operated while impaired by alcohol."

Maninderjit Chahal, 27, of Brampton, was charged with:

- Operation while impaired – alcohol
- 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 July 20, 2023, to answer to their charges. Both driver's licences were suspended for 90 days, and the vehicles were impounded for 14.

"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."

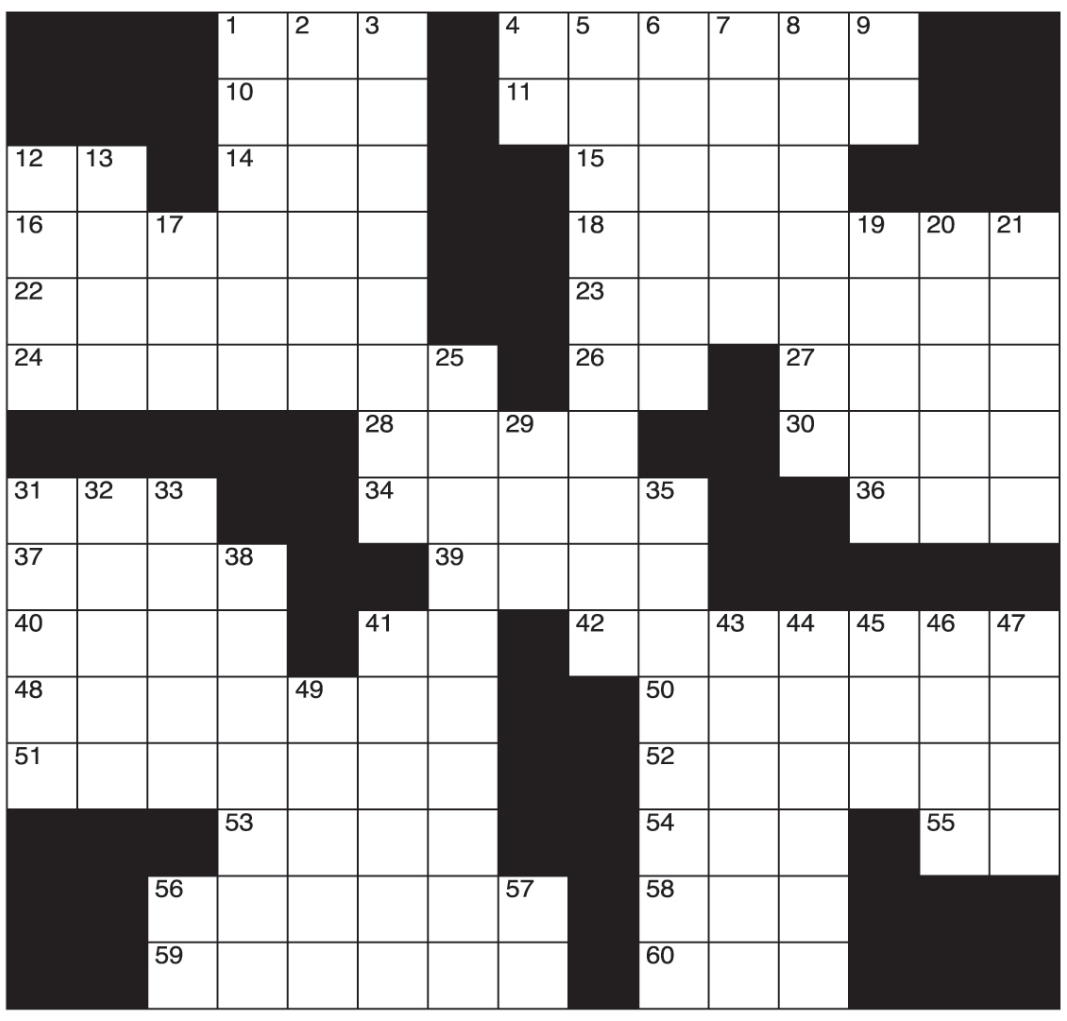
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For more information about the penalties of driving impaired, visit: https://www.ontario.ca/page/impaired-driving.

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41. Scribe
43. Painted a bright color
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No one has more self-confidence than the person who does a crossword puzzle with a pen.

Caledon Cruisers are building community, one cruise night at a time

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

When the weather gets good, you can see a lot of nice cars on the road in Caledon.

But nowhere in Caledon can you see more great vehicles than at the Caledon Cruisers' weekly cruise night events, held on Thursdays from 6 p.m. to dusk at the Bolton Canadian Tire parking lot.

The events always feature a 50/50 donation draw, music, and great conversation with fellow auto enthusiasts. The events are family friendly and anyone is welcome to come, whether they have a car to show off or not.

The Caledon Cruisers support various non-profits with their donations, such as Caledon Meals on Wheels, Family Transition Place, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and Bethell Hospice.

Pasquale Tortorici has lived in Caledon since 2000 and has been the president of the Caledon Cruisers since 2014. He explained this year is the second year the Cruisers have been back since the pandemic, which forced the club to suspend meetings for a while.

He said more and more people have been coming out again and that things have been going really well — the Caledon Cruisers have 45 official members right now.

"We've introduced more of a family theme, we give free tickets to the kids that come out," said Tortorici, explaining they can win something from a prize table. "A lot of families come to enjoy the show and participate, so it's more of a social gathering now. We're trying to be more inclusive of everyone in the community."

While cars bring everyone together, the weekly meetings can be just as much about making friends and meeting your neighbours.

"The social aspect, getting to know people and the community… it's nice that you can walk into a store and recognise people and say hello," said Tortorici.



The Trussler family came out to an event hosted by the Caledon Cruisers last summer. FILE PHOTO

The Caledon Cruisers are trying to encourage more young people to come out and enjoy the show or show their cars too. Tortorici said it can be a great way for the older club members to pass on advice to younger drivers.

Tortorici said the club is all about giving and that it's a great way for people to contribute to their community while surrounded by people with similar interests.

"This is our community, we make it what it is," said Torrotici. "So, if we're giving and helpful and trying to promote that throughout the community then this is an opportunity to make it better."







(From Left) Caledon's Town Crier Andrew Welch read an official proclamation to mark Canada Day as Mayor Annette Groves looked on. Strike up the band! Regional Councillor Christina Early, pictured here with Ed Taccone of the Caledon Agricultural Society, said the Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival is always well-loved and attended. PHOTOS BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Volunteers key in Caledon Canada Day & Strawberry Festival success

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Jones thanked everyone for coming out to celebrate Canada with their friends and family, wishing all in attendance a great day.

Groves said she was delighted to be at the event alongside fellow Council members Christina Early, Lynn Kiernan, and Doug Maskell.

"Thank you to the organizers… without the volunteers, none of this would happen," said Groves. "Over the years, they have worked tirelessly."

She said volunteers are the pillars of the Caledon community and it's because of their efforts that people can come out to enjoy wonderful community events like the Strawberry Festival.

Early noted the day prior to the festival, volunteers were busy washing and cutting strawberries all day.

"It takes a village to pull off this kind of an event," said Early. "You've got to be so proud that this is something that's an annual tradition that's so well-received and attended."

Kiernan agreed and added that it's a small group of people that make the festival happen. She said it's quite impressive because it's such a big event with many moving parts.

"What you come and enjoy is done by a handful of people… they all deserve your applause," said Kiernan.

David Cunningham, President of the Caledon Lions Club, thanked everyone for coming and joked that he was living up to the Lions' motto of "We Serve" by serving up pancakes all morning.

In an interview at the festival, Caledon Agricultural Society president Ed Taccone said he was really happy with the turnout for the event.

He was pleased to see the weather holding out, and was happy to see lots of great vehicles turn up for the classic car show.

Taccone himself recently finished restoring a vehicle to showcase. He was also quick to credit the hard work of volunteers for the success of the day.

"The volunteers come out of the woodwork for Canada Day… all the effort that goes into it makes me proud," said Taccone. "My biggest satisfaction is we're celebrating Canada. When I see people walking around, they're here for that reason."

A lawn tractor pull, beer gardens, silent auction, and vendor market were some of the many activities Caledon residents were able to enjoy throughout the day.

COMMUNITY events

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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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Stop, look and listen

In the grand scheme of things, there are worse places to be "stranded" in.

Despite planning a mini-holiday in New York City in the last week of June so as to be home in time to put last week's newspapers together, the airline tasked with helping make this goal a reality had other ideas.

Due to a threat of thunderstorms in Toronto on June 27, the return trip was cancelled and rebooked… firstly for a full six days after the cancellation and then, after some negotiations with customer service into the early hours of the original flight date, a much more palatable return on June 30 was ultimately found.

It was nice to have a few extra days to explore previously unexplored parts of The Big Apple, but I was never fully relaxed for the unexpected extension to the holiday; although the threat of thunderstorms, which scuttled plans for the original flight, seemed minimal for the new return date, skies along the Hudson River and the harbour were becoming hazier by the day, with the air smelling more and more like the Canadian smoke that plagued the city just a couple of weeks before.

Would the plane ultimately arrive in Newark to bring those of us cooling our heels home, or would the impact of our ongoing forest fire situation keep us "cancel-ees" grounded until the spring thaw? Well, as much as I love New York and everything it has to offer, I was never happier to have landing gear touch down in Toronto than on Friday morning.

It was an early day and, as such, I was not feeling my most energetic self, so the next leg of the trip, by airport shuttle, was relatively quiet on my part. Intending to get a few winks on the way back, that was all but lost when two couples on the bus – one from the United States and one just returning to Canada – got to talking.

I try not to be one to eavesdrop on other people's conversations, but their proximity and sheer volume made it unavoidable. What followed was one of the most "Canadian" conversations I had ever heard.

The two couples who had never met before traded notes about the Toronto Blue Jays – one of the couples flew in specifically for a game and to check out the latest renovations at the Dome – and the Maple Leafs, a seemingly comprehensive review of every single NHL game three of them had attended, and how each of them had a child "living in Whistler." (Is it me, or does it seem like everybody has a child, aunt or uncle, a cousin of varying distance, or a friend who has some ties to Whistler and its environs?)

If I wanted to be back in Canada, I couldn't have asked for a more immersive experience – particularly on the eve of Canada Day, a Canada Day where, much like my unavoidable eavesdropping, was all about the simple act of listening.

In Canada Day seasons where I am not covering any number of wonderful local events commemorating our nation's birthday, I try my best to catch the Canada Day noon show from Parliament Hill – or, as was the case this year due to restoration work, on the Lebreton Flats. It's a great chance to see the best that the country has to offer, as well as to hear from our leaders on what the day means to them and their thoughts on moving forward collectively.

What struck me this year were not the remarks made by Governor General Mary Simon or Prime Minister Trudeau but the words from Indigenous leaders.

Over the last few years, we've become accustomed to public events being opened respectfully with land acknowledgement ceremonies, some of which are more respectful than others (if you're delivering one, the least you can do is learn how to pronounce the First Nations you're referencing) but this one was different.

Led by First Nations, Inuit and Metis Elders, theirs was not a simple acknowledgement; rather, it was a call to action – and that action was to simply listen.

Referencing Mother Earth and her gifts of life, shelter, food and medicines, First Nations Elder Debbie Sampson said, "the mountains, the water, the air, they are our calm, they are our peace, they are our healing and our medicine. Without them we become lost. Our hearts harden and our spirits and our ancestors cry. I have a responsibility to speak for those who cannot speak for themselves."

"There once was a time where my relatives of the natural life were plentiful and healthy," she continued. "Global warming, clear cut mountains, natural gas, oil wells, mines on the land and the seas – the contaminants are destroying and poisoning the air, the waters, the land. The affects to our ecosystem are astronomical… If we don't do things differently, as a government, as individuals, as people, we will not survive…. Listen to the land, our life-giver… she cries as she burns from global warming, from fires. She burns as she falls apart from earthquakes, floods and slides. Listen, love and care for this land."

This was a theme shared by Metis Elder Lorelei Lanz who said they have "learned to live in harmony with nature, respecting the land's rhythm and bounty."

"The land is not something to conquer or exploit, but to respect and nurture," she continued. "We understand the delicate balance of taking from the land and giving back to it. We listen to the land – the whispers, the echoes, the melody, and sometimes the silence…. By caring for and nurturing the land, we show gratitude and respect for Mother Earth. We know that our well-being is tied to the health and strength of the land. In today's world, as our Earth faces unprecedented environmental challenges, we can all learn from the Metis teaching and wisdom. We should listen, observe and connect with the land, understanding its sacredness and our responsibility to protect it.

"Consider reflecting on your own connection to the land you walk upon and how you can become a guardian of the earth. Let us work together to protect, honour… for the wellbeing of all and for future generations."

I hope this message was heard as loud and clear by the politicians of all stripes in attendance that Canada Day, and indeed by ears coast to coast to coast, as clear and present as I was engulfed by the conversation of the airport shuttle quartet.

Theirs was not the quintessential Canadian conversation I thought it was; that honour instead goes to the three women, including Pauktuutit Inuit Elder Charlotte Wolfrey, who opened Saturday's ceremonies in Ottawa, putting any inconvenience I experienced last week, although somewhat related to the ills they drove home to all of us, into much-needed perspective.

Let's listen together.



Food woes compounded by questionable practices

by Mark Pavilons



Canadians are in the midst of one of the worst inflationary periods for food in our history.

We're plagued by high prices and scarce products on shelves.

As polite Canucks, we didn't say much when butter hit $7 per pound or a good steak breached the $30 mark.

Those who do the grocery shopping each week know all too well how food prices are dinging the bank account.

And there are some new and strange activities going on that make us question the conglomerates.

By now, most of us are used to shelf-checkouts, albeit many still don't like it. Replacing humans cashiers with machines can't be a good thing, can it?

I'm not sure if it's this particular practice, or the sky-high prices, but food theft is also at an all-time high.

But then again, so are profits for the grocery chain giants.

Stores have installed gates and barriers, as "loss prevention measures."

Just recently, it was mentioned that some Loblaw-owned stores notified customers their receipts may be checked upon exiting. Wow.

Okay, some stores like Walmart have been doing that for years now, but given the financial pain at grocery store checkouts, many see this as a really bad move.

Spin-doctoring has the chain telling customers they're doing this to verify and maintain inventory. Ya right.

Legal experts note that such a practice isn't enforceable by law, so you don't have to comply and can just pleasantly decline.

But some are undoubtedly going to see this as an intrusion, an invasion of sorts.

Shoplifting, too, is on the rise, but there are some legal loopholes here. Retail store staff can't touch you or detain you, even if it's obvious you've taken something.

In my youth, pinching so much as a gumball would result in the store owner grabbing you by the ear and calling your parents.

But keeping people "honest" comes at the same time as Canada Bread was handed a $50 million fine after pleading guilty to fixing wholesale bread prices.

Nice.

Canada Bread admitted that it arranged with its competitor, Weston Foods (Canada) Inc., to increase prices for various bagged and sliced bread products, such as sandwich bread, hot dog buns and rolls. The price-fixing resulted in two price increases, one in 2007 and one in 2011.

The guilty plea is the result of an ongoing investigation by the Competition Bureau into alleged price-fixing between producers to raise wholesale bread prices, as well as alleged price-fixing between grocery stores to raise retail prices.

The record fine for Canada Bread is a significant milestone in the Bureau's ongoing investigation.

The Bureau continues to investigate alleged price-fixing by other companies, including Metro Inc., Sobeys Inc., Walmart Canada Corporation, Giant Tiger Stores Limited, and Maple Leaf Foods Inc.

"Fixing the price of bread – a food staple of Canadian households – was a serious criminal offence. Our continuing investigation remains a top priority. We are doing everything in our power to pursue those who engage in price-fixing," said Matthew Boswell, Commissioner of Competition.

During the course of its ongoing investigation, the Bureau has executed search warrants against Canada Bread, Weston, Loblaw, Metro, Sobeys, Walmart Canada, Giant Tiger, Overwaitea Food Group Limited, and Maple Leaf Foods Inc.

So, here's the picture: Large grocery chains making record profits, cheat customers and then try to catch them stealing. If it wasn't true, it would be laughable.

There was a time when the customer was always right. There was respect, courtesy and high levels of customer service.

Today, store staff has been cut, in favour of self-checkout. Products are slow to reappear on shelves, and in some cases, inventory is backordered, or non-existent.

My wife went into a grocery store that sells beer, and the cashier actually told her she could not purchase it because it was "overstock." What does that mean? It's on the shelf, with a price and label. That one really dumbfounded us.

There was a time when "sir" and "ma'am" were terms of respect. Now they are accusatory, like "sir" you can't stand there, or "ma'am" you have too many items in your buggy.

Bags have disappeared from most stores so consumers are forced to bring their own reusable ones. Okay, there is rationale behind this move, but let's not forget that someone is making money on these very same bags (dare I say the grocery store chains themselves). And, how many times have you forgot your bags, forced to purchase more on your way out of the store?

How many of our parents and grandparents would be shaking their heads at current grocery prices? How many would turn to churning their own butter?

We are living in a climate of questionable cost increases; hidden practices; fewer perks; less customer service, and a lack of trust. We are greeted by shifty stares by sales associates as we finish our "amazing shopping experience."

It's sad to say, but if current economic trends continue, we're headed for an "everyone for themselves" society.

When society breaks down and the riots begin, I'll pass on the bread products!

Our Readers Write

Dufferin Caledon Citizens Care about the Greenbelt

On Saturday June 10, a group of us had a table at the Orangeville Farmers Market to raise awareness of the threat posed by the Ford government to our critically important Greenbelt.

We were pleasantly surprised and very energized by the response we received. Over two hundred people signed our petition asking the government to keep its promise to leave the Greenbelt intact.

A large number of lawn sign were eagerly taken. People expressed their anger, annoyance and strong opposition to this and many other actions that Ford has taken. Several Conservative voters indicated that they would not vote this way again and that they were very let down by the actions of the Ford Government.

Perhaps of most interest to Dufferin Caledon residents were the comments we heard over and over again about our MPP, the Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Sylvia Jones. The overriding sentiment was that Sylvia would do nothing about this issue, that she would not speak up to Doug Ford and had no influence over his decision-making. We should all be concerned about that!

TRISH KEACHIE
DUFFERIN-CALEDON

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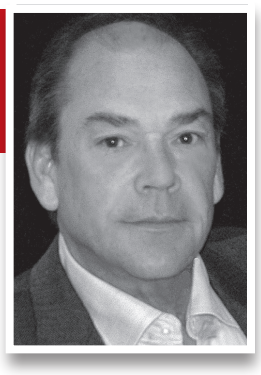
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Too many notes?

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



I attended an information session a few years ago designed to help land owners decide if having an electric power generating windmill on their property was a good idea.

It was all very professional with the speakers being experts in their field.

The experts were very thorough and explained the entire process.

They had graphs and charts and examples of the devices you would need to have placed on the property to do measurements of all the factors that would determine if the location was suitable for a windmill.

The weather devices would record things like wind speed at certain times of day, the amount of sunny weather verses cloudy days, air pressure, and how constant the wind speed was over a period of time.

In the end, it would all go on a graph of some sort to measure if your property was at a suitable place and elevation.

As the presentation continued, I sensed a feeling of uneasiness in the audience. I don't think everyone was expecting so much pre-planning as it all seemed a little overwhelming.

That, along with the cost of around $10,000 for the preliminary findings to be completed, seemed to deflate many of the land owner's enthusiasm for putting up a windmill. After all, $10,000 is a lot of money just to find out your farm doesn't have a lot of wind.

At the end of the presentation, there was a question-and-answer period.

One older woman, raised her hand and asked, probably what everyone was thinking – "what if you don't want to go to all the trouble and expense of this preliminary study?"

The presenter, who was probably expecting this question, simply smiled, and said, "then you just put up a windmill and see what happens."

I thought that was a very clever and common-sense answer. I was expecting the presenter to give a long and detailed answer about why you need to spend the time and money on the study.

Instead, he boiled down the entire process to a single solution.

Many times projects are stymied, slowed down, or more expensive than necessary because of the red tape and nonsense that goes into planning.

While a good plan is necessary to start any project, the old phrase "too many cooks spoil the broth" is very true. Many good plans have ruined because there is a committee involved in the planning.

For some reason, everyone on the committee will feel the need to throw their two-cents into the concept to make sure they feel validated.

I've come across this before when working different projects. The best projects involve working with a business owner who may have a company employing less than 50 people.

Usually the owner and maybe one of his associates will take a look at it, or possibly he will give it to the marketing or media person to review. The result is usually, either a thumbs up, or a request to change a few things. Easily done – you change what they want and you're good to go.

The worst case is when you hear, "it has to be reviewed by the committee."

Now you have ten people who each have to throw in their input to prove they are earning their salary.

Anyone who works in a creative type of industry knows what this is like. For some reason, creative types always think they know better than the other guy in the same business.

Photographers are notorious for their criticism of other photographer's work. I don't know why that is.

I once did a photo shoot at a local historical building with three models. I got the location for free with the deal that the building could choose some of the photos for their brochure.

However, when I brought them in, the woman who was running the place at the time on a temporary basis, was rather critical of my work.

I asked her what the problem was. She replied in a rather snooty way, "I have a degree in photography, so I'm very particular."

I replied, "Yeah, so do I, but I'm working as a photographer, not sitting behind a desk like you. That sure says a lot."

It was kind of rude but sure shut her up and took the snootiness out of.

In the 1984 Academy Award winning movie Amadeus, after the premiere of one of his works, Mozart asks the Emperor what he thought of the performance.

The Emperor thinks for a moment, then says, "there are too many notes."

Mozart's reply was, "there are just as many notes as I required – neither more nor less."

I think that reply says a lot.

Sometimes you've got to just take something for what it is and appreciate the work that has gone into it.

Scheduling

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



I don't envy the task of town planners; truthfully I don't know much about the role of a town planner. Perhaps scheduling isn't even one of their responsibilities. If it isn't, I wonder who IS responsible and I feel virtually certain it isn't someone who is a parent. Scheduling is a monumental task, involving a myriad of possible outcomes and it's one we rely upon daily to exist. It's a task that parents have down to a science, often even "scheduling" for the possibility of a change in schedule. With so many apps, tools and project management software now available to help with the process, why is it so difficult for the town to get scheduling right?

I recall fondly (yes, I am being sarcastic) the fiasco of Old School Rd several years ago. Ripped up between Heart Lake and Kennedy and then again between Kennedy and Highway 10 (or perhaps it was the other way around, it's all a blur now) residents were left with an east, then west, option for exiting their neighbourhood being shuttered for months. Briefly re-opened, it seemed like the very next summer it was closed again for more work. Why? Was there a reason all the work couldn't be done at once and how much rework had to be completed? We'll never know and I'm sure at the time there was a very good reason but one wonders if better scheduling coordination might have played a role in increasing efficiencies and reducing downtime?

Not wanting to lay all of the blame at the feet of town officials, a reasonable person might also acknowledge the role that other towns and cities (like Brampton), the Region of Peel, and even entities like the MTO might also play in scheduling. How else to explain the nightmare that has resulted in an already catastrophic intersection at Mayfield Rd. and Kennedy Rd. being reduced to the hot mess it is today and has been for months? It doesn't matter how many words are at my disposal, "hot mess" is the only adequate (and newspaper-friendly) description for the chaos that now exists. Even if Caledon is not solely responsible, please explain to me how, in this age of advanced tools for planning, scheduling and communications, the work required to fix whatever the heck they are fixing here, could not have been better coordinated?

This isn't just a road issue either. The latest brouhaha over planning finds us contemplating the closure of four different parks while work is being done to repair or replace equipment and make upgrades. Now, I'm not naïve, of course. This work cannot be done in the middle of winter with snow and ice covering playgrounds but does it need to be done in the middle of summer just as schools close and children are let loose to run wild and enjoy carefree days playing at the park? Actually, in these days of the over-scheduled child are they even allowed to run wild and enjoy "carefree" days? But I digress.

The Town announced the closure of several parks, starting July 10 and running through July 31, "weather permitting" (their words) while work is done to rehabilitate them. Rehabilitation is good, timing - not so much! Obviously, the weather needs to be conducive to work being done on park equipment but since that work can only be done with the caveat of "weather permitting," the last time I checked both May and June, generally speaking, are pretty good weather months. For that matter, so too is September. What these three months also offer is the added benefit of NOT having to close parks to foot traffic in the exact two months that children are home from school and could, at least in theory, have unfettered access to them.

If you've ever known a parent with three children in sports, school, taking music lessons and requiring tutoring - who also works full time, supports an aging parent and never forgets a birthday party, a special event for friends, and who also gets the groceries, the kids' new shoes and everyone where they need to be on time, dressed appropriately with teeth brushed, a lunch and snacks packed - THAT'S the person you want for the job of town scheduler! Honestly, if parents can do it - surely the Town must be able to do a better job.



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Event to feature beer gardens and musical tributes to Bon Jovi, Shania Twain, Elvis and others

Continued from FRONT

Once he and his team began organizing this year's Caledon Ribfest, Caputo realized it was a little easier than he'd thought. He said he found great support in Caledon Councillors who wanted to make sure the event would be able to happen.

In addition to the great food options and live music, there's going to be a beer garden at Caledon Ribfest featuring brews from Caledon Hills Brewery. A kids zone with lots of games will ensure the little ones will have a good time too.

"I just hope we are able to raise as much money as possible for these community groups," said Caputo.

The live music planned for Caledon Ribfest has a cover band theme, and Caputo said it's because he wanted to create buzz for the event and make a great impression on attendees.

Some of the acts performing include Will Chalmers as Neil Diamond; Bon Jovi Forever (billed as Canada's premier Bon Jovi tribute); Stephen's Garage (performing rock songs from different eras); Sound of Sting, a Police tribute band; Shania Twin (billed as North America's best Shania Twain tribute act); and the Elvis Experience, featuring two award-winning Elvis Presley impersonators.

"Music is what's going to be the biggest draw — other than the ribs, obviously," said Caputo.

Over the course of the weekend there will be a rib eating contest and an award given out for the best ribs. While ribs will of course be taking centre stage at Caledon Ribfest, Caputo said with all the different food vendors in attendance there will be food for everyone to enjoy.

Caputo said he's hoping to have a successful Caledon Ribfest this weekend and begin growing the event each year until Caledon has the premier ribfest event in all of Ontario.

"If that wouldn't be a draw to Caledon, I don't know what would be," he said.



Ramesh attended Canada Day festivities with his family and three other families they're friends with.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Families come out to celebrate Canada Day at Downey's Farm

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A local farm was a top spot for Canada Day celebrations this year.

On July 1, Downey's Farm hosted its Canada Day Strawberry Festival and it was very well attended.

The farm opened at 9 a.m. with a pancake breakfast ready for all those who got up early, complete with farm-fresh strawberries from Downey's Farm.

Opening ceremonies were held at 10 a.m. and a day packed with fun for kids and their families followed.

Entertainment for the day included live music, magic shows, and dog shows. The farm's play area was open for business and children could be seen making the most of the pedal tractors, jumping pillows, playground and more all day long.

Darlene Downey, Farm Manager at Downey's Farm, was busy helping run the day's festivities and was unavailable for an interview July 1. After the event on social media, Downey's Farm sent out a thank you to all who attended.

"Thank you to all our Farm Friends that joined us for our Canada Day Strawberry Festival," reads the post. "It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces enjoying the strawberry pancake breakfast."

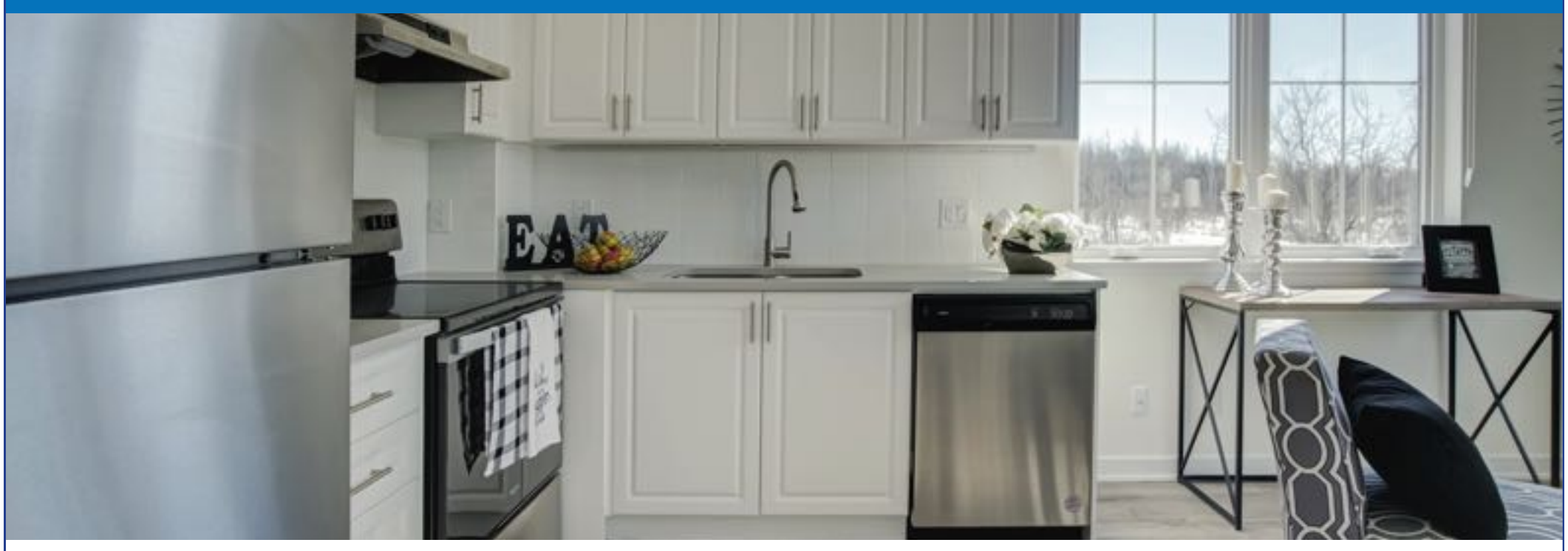
A portion of all Canada Day Strawberry Festival sales at Downey's Farm were donated to Caledon Community Services.



Nevaeh and Amanya enjoyed some delicious ice cream outside of Downey's Farm on July 1.

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Hundreds come out to enjoy Canada Day activities at C3 James Dick Quarry

Swimming races, giant aquafit class and live music all part of day at the quarry

BY ZACHARY ROMAN



Jessey The Elf led a giant aquafit class as part of Canada Day celebrations at the C3 James Dick Quarry.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

There are many ways to celebrate Canada Day, and well over 250 people chose to spend it with friends, family, and fellow athletes this year.

On July 1, the C3 Canadian Cross Training Club hosted two swim races and a record-attempt aquafit class at the C3 James Dick Quarry in Caledon Village.

The swim races began at 9:30 a.m. and there were two different races athletes could compete in: the one-kilometre race and the 3.6-kilometre perimeter swim race.

Barrie Shepley, Head Coach of the C3 Canadian Cross Training Club, explained C3 has been putting on events at the quarry for over 15 years. Over time, he said people expressed a desire to swim around the entire perimeter of the quarry, and that's where the idea for the perimeter races came from. In the past, some people have even completed three full laps of the quarry for an over-10-kilometre swim.

Bob Knuckey, a 75-year-old triathlete who's been training since he was 15 has run marathons all over the world and has won at the World Ironman Championships. As part of his training for an upcoming Ironman in France, Knuckey competed in the 3.6-kilometre race on Canada Day.

An Ironman consists of a four-kilometer swim, 180-kilometer bike ride, and a full marathon done one after the other.

The giant aquafit class began at 11:30 and was led by Jessey The Elf, a highly-decorated athlete who loves Christmas and bringing joy to people so much he legally changed his last name to The Elf.

Shepley said Jessey's energy is amazing and that he always gets people smiling and engaged in his classes.

"He's an incredibly uplifting guy, we always have fun," said Shepley.

In 2022, Jessey and C3 members set a world record for the largest aquafit class to ever be held. While they didn't quite beat their own record this year, it was still a very impressive showing with 250 people participating in the class. It was the biggest class held in Canada this year and the third largest to ever be held in the world.

"It was a full day of something for everybody," said Shepley, explaining there was live music, people playing beach volleyball, jogging, paddleboarding and more. "It was a perfect day… lots of people out enjoying themselves."

Shepley said it's pretty cool to hear live music while you're out on the water, as the sound carries really well.

Shepley said C3's goal is to be an incredibly inspiring place for people to pursue their fitness goals — and have fun doing it. He said everyone's inspired by different things, some preferring team sports like beach volleyball and others tackling solo accomplishments like training for a triathlon. Everyone from beginners to Olympic athletes have trained at C3.

"You feed into what people are excited about," said Shepley. "What's going to get you to come out two, three, four times a week?"

He said it's pretty amazing to see what has been made out of what used to be a giant hole in the ground.

C3 is a non-profit and invests any fees right back into programs and materials for athletes and members. It also runs various charity events and school programs.

"That's one of the reasons we've had such success… we keep reinvesting anything that we have back into helping young athletes," said Shepley.

Those interested in learning more about C3 can visit c3online.ca or check out the action in person at 18119 Hurontario St.



The Orangeville Junior B Northmen take on the Gloucester Griffins in game three of their best-of-five first-round playoff series at Tony Rose Arena in Orangeville on Friday, June 30. The Northmen won the game 11-5 to win the series in three games. They will now go on to face the Halton Hills Bulldogs in the next round.

PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Junior A Northmen continue to storm through the season

Undefeated after 18 games

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Orangeville Junior A Northmen continue dominating the Ontario Junior Lacrosse League, going undefeated after 18 games this season.

That places the Northmen well into first place with 36 points, 12 points ahead of the second-place Burlington Blaze.

That is quite an outstanding accomplishment in a league with 11 teams.

For their last game, the Northmen were up against the Six Nations Arrows on Arrows' home turf on Monday, July 3.

Six Nations opened the scoring for the night, but it was a tie game when Koleton Marquis put the Northmen on the scoreboard just two and a half minutes later.

Liam Matthews scored with 4:25 left on the clock to give the Northmen a 2-1 lead at the end of the first period.

Matthews scored again early in the second period.

Six Nations tied the game with two quick goals.

From there, the Northmen unloaded in the Six Nations goalie scoring seven more second-period goalies to take a 10-4 lead going into the third period.

Second-period Northmen goals came from Jamesson Bucktooth, Kaleb Benedict, Joey Spallina for two, Trey Deere, Koleton Marquis, and Aiden Long.

The Northmen kept up the pressure in the third period, outscoring the Arrows 5-3 for a 15-7 win – their 18th of the season.

Third-period Northmen goals came from Cohen Jennings, Kaleb Benedict for three, and James Bucktooth.

The Northmen can't be caught and have clinched the League title for the regular season before heading into the playoffs.

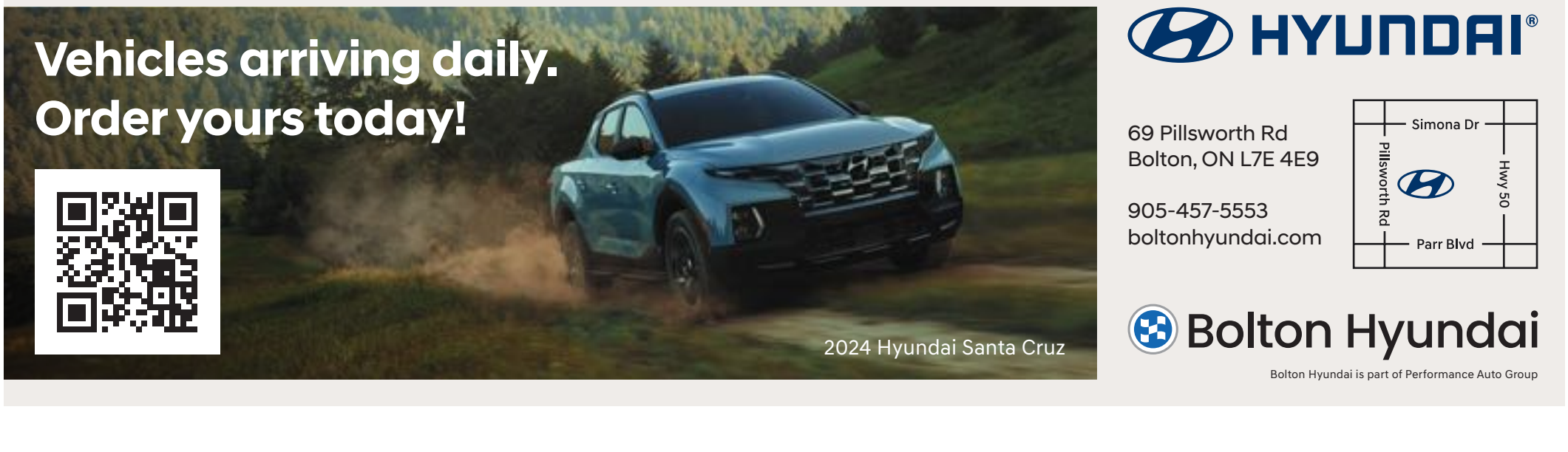
Orangeville has three games left on the regular season schedule.

They will be in Kitchener-Waterloo for a road game on July 5.

The Northmen will return to Tony Rose Arena for a home game against the Brampton Excelsiors on July 7.

In the OJLL standings, the first-place Northmen are followed by the Burlington Blaze in second, the Oakville Buzz in third place, the Mimico Mountaineers, and the Toronto Beaches.

The July 7 game will get underway at 8:00 p.m.



Bolton Brewers precariously perched atop the North Dufferin Baseball League standings

BY JIM STEWART



Bolton Brewers' All-Star Logan Hart breaks up a double play versus Ryan Young of the Lisle Astros in NDBL action.

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The Bolton Brewers are in first place in the NDBL by the slimmest of margins heading into July. The Brewers have accrued an impressive 13-2-1 regular season record for 27 points, but they're only one point better than the 13-2-0 New Lowell Knights, and three points ahead of the 12-2-0 Ivy Rangers.

Sitting atop the three-team log jam at the top of the league magnifies the importance of the Brewers' next two road games versus New Lowell and Ivy in mid-July after the NDBL All-Star Game on July 8 in Owen Sound.

Head Coach Mike Wallace complimented his team's recent play, including a decisive 9-2 home win over the Lisle Astros last Thursday night.

"Defensively, we've looked really good this year. We've played the last four games without an error. With our increased depth, the guys can bounce back after playing back-to-back games. We were able to get through a tough stretch of seven games in 10 days and go 5-1-1 without injuries setting us back."

Coach Wallace praised the efforts of his pitchers in the Brewers' important win over Lisle: "Trent Barwick gave us a quality start by throwing five innings, giving up only five hits and one run, striking out two, and walking none. Ron Wisey and Nick Pettinaro pitched effectively for us in relief."

Wallace also credited the offensive performances of two Brewers versus the Astros: "Drew Volkey hit a two-run home run to seal the deal in the fourth inning to put us up 8-1. He also scored two runs for us.

Greg Keenan came through with a big two-out hit for us early in the game. His bases-loaded, 3 RBI-double helped us respond with 6 runs in the bottom of the first after falling behind 1-0 to Lisle at the top of the inning."

When asked what the best part of the 2023 season has been so far, Coach Wallace reinforced the value of the Brewers' deep roster.

"Overall, the depth we have has been so important. It's nice to show up at the ballpark as a head coach, look down the bench, and it's no worries—we've got the game covered with healthy bodies."

Two of those healthy bodies are representing the Brewers at the NDBL All-Star game this weekend on Saturday in Orillia.

Coach Wallace discussed the selections: "Logan Hart and Josh Catalanotto are a pair of our younger guys. Logan's a great defensive catcher and Josh is tearing the cover off the ball. They've been great additions to the ball club and deserve to be playing in the All-Star game."

After the NDBL All-Star Game, the Brewers travel to New Lowell Recreation Park on July 13 to take on the Knights and travel to Victoria Park in Ivy the next night on July 14 to challenge the third-place Rangers. The Brewers' final home game of the regular season is versus the Barrie Angels at North Hill Park in Bolton on July 20.

Chris Fafalios, currently hitting an impressive .459, continues to lead the Brewers in most offensive categories. Falfalios has played in all 15 of the Brewers' regular season games and his 16 runs, 17 hits, and 16 walks are tops on the team.

Engines and crowds roar at the Bolton Truck and Tractor pull

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

When the announcers recommend covering your ears at the tractor pull, they mean it.

On June 30, the Albion Bolton Agricultural Society hosted its annual Bolton Truck and Tractor Pull.

Established in 1978, Caledon residents have come to expect a night of high-octane excitement from the pull — and this year's event didn't disappoint.

The event began at 6 p.m. at the Albion Bolton Fairgrounds. There were numerous food vendors on scene, as well as Caledon Hills Brewery providing cold beverages. The Agricultural Society set up a kids' zone with free face painting, a bouncy castle, balloon animals and more.

Grandstands were set up lining both sides of the track where all the trucks and tractors would be pulling, with drivers each hoping to get the longest pull in their respective classes.

Fans were not hurting for variety, as there were 16 different types of vehicles pulling over the course of the evening: from hot stock trucks, to modified farm tractors, to semi-trucks, to multi-engine modified tractors, competition was fierce. Over $30,000 in prize money was up for grabs at the pull.

During breaks in the pulling action, the entertainment didn't stop.

There was a kids power wheels pull, free t-shirts being thrown to the crowd, pedal tractor raffle, best beard competition, and "who came from furthest away to see the pull?" competition.

The 2023 pull was the 45th annual pull to be held by the Albion Bolton Agricultural Society and it will be back again in 2024.

The society's next event, however, is the Bolton Fall Fair, which will be held from September 21 to 24, 2023.



The awesome roar of high-powered engines and the smell of exhaust filled the air all night at the Bolton Truck and Tractor Pull.

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Marielle is the youngest sibling of the Koz Family. Her parents William Koz Sr. and Constance Pineo Hanvey. Marielle attended schools in Niagara Falls, St. Catharines and Mohawk College in Hamilton where she graduated as an LPN. Marielle was also a ballerina—attended Hamilton Ballet School with Vitek Wincza as her teacher as well as The Feder School of Classical Ballet—her teacher and principal Beverly Ann Feder in Niagara Falls.

In 2000 Marielle "went west" along with many other young people and was hired at Parkside LTC for 12 years in Regina SK. Her favourite hobby was Filet Crochet following a graph and produced murals which her mother had framed and will cherish.

Marielle's health started to fail—osteo arthritis in her hands, spine and legs. She retired from Parkside LTC 10 years ago. Single by choice, Marielle leaves her mother Connie, brothers Bill and Wallace and joins her sister Kathleen (2014) in their heavenly home. Cremated May 12th.

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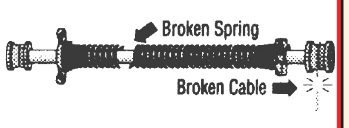
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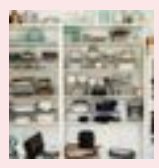
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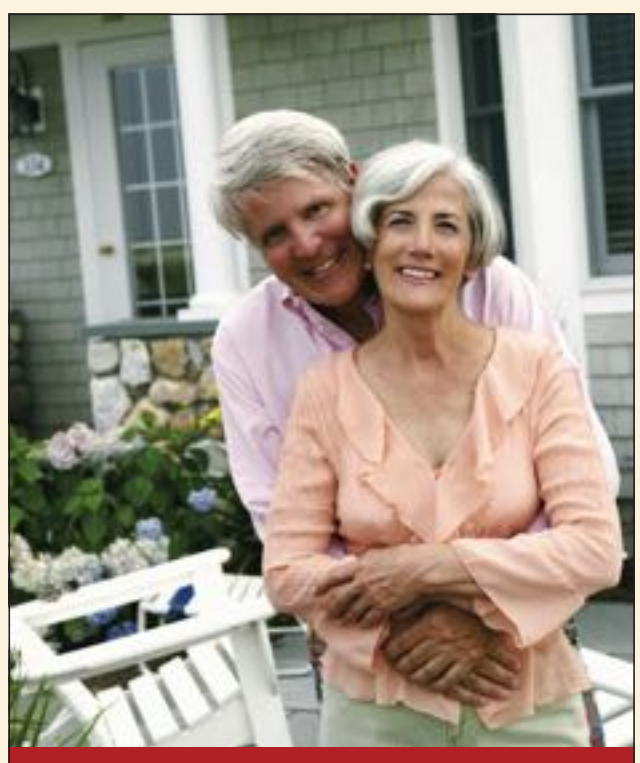


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Food Bank to see boost in funding from annual AllPro Roofing golf tourney

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Attendees of the AllPro Charity Classic golf tournament will be teeing off later this month to raise funds for the Orangeville Food Bank.

It will be the fifth time AllPro Roofing in Orangeville has hosted the charity golf tournament.

You can be a part of it all when the tournament gets underway at the Woodington Lake Golf Club near Tottenham on Friday, July 21. The purchase of a ticket for the event includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, and lunch.

"We'll be supporting the Orangeville Food Bank again and making our donation to them," explained Brier Davis, marketing director with AllPro Roofing. "It will be a shotgun start with a scramble format. We're hoping to sell out. We have prizes and local sponsors who have donated prizes, as well as raffles and other things."

AllPro Roofing has done other tournaments, and they always want to keep everything involved with the tournament on a local level.

The tournament has been successful over the past few years. Last year it raised $23,000, and organizers are hoping to match or top that this year.

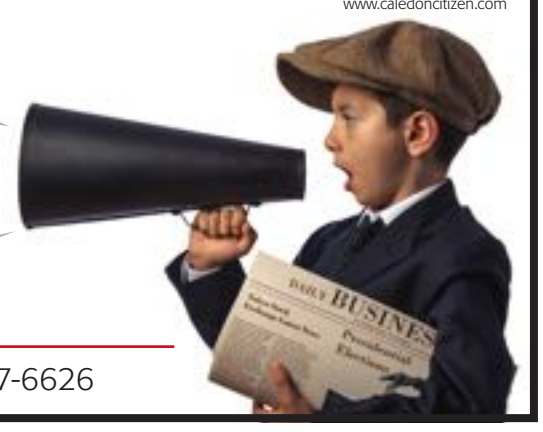
"We get invited to a lot of golf tournaments ourselves, and we do a lot with Diabetes Canada in tournaments in Toronto and Shelburne," Brier explained. "The president of AllPro Roofing, Jamie Bates, is just a pretty generous guy, and he knows how hard things are right now for everybody, and he's always been a charitable guy.

If you and a group of friends would like to sign up for the tournament, you can contact Brier directly at: brier@allproroofinginc.ca or visit the website at: www.allproroofinginc.com.

The tournament will have lunch and registration at noon, followed by the tournament on the golf course at 1:00 p.m.

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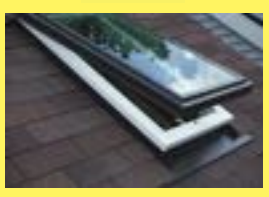
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