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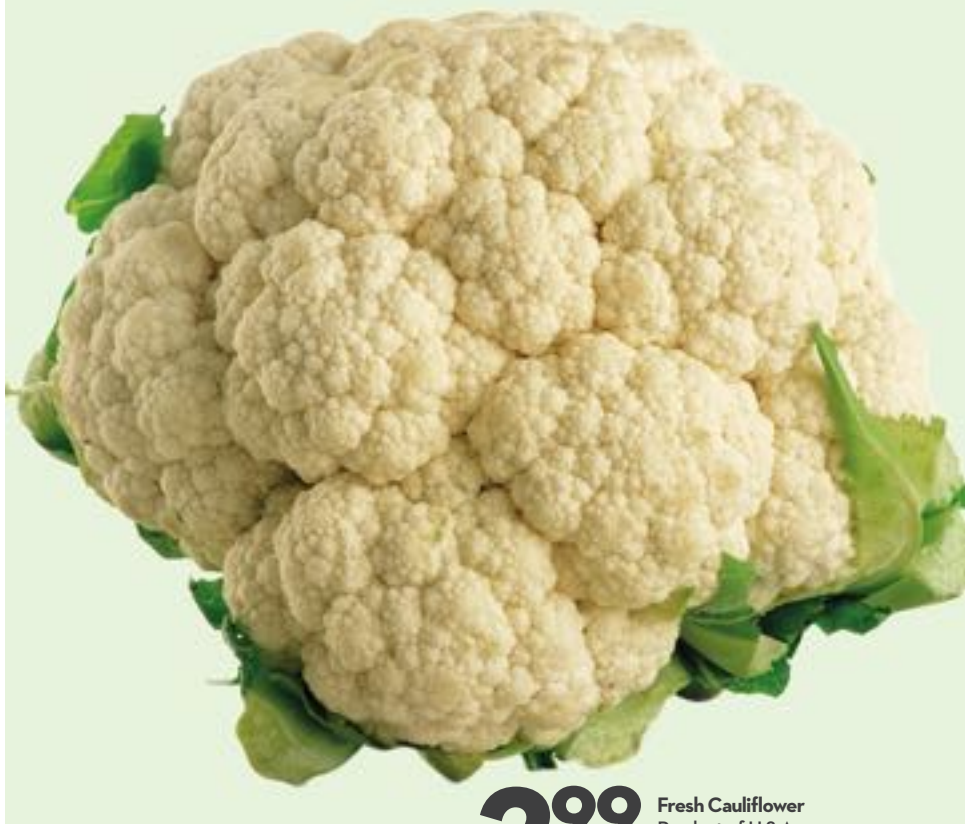
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2025 Highlights

Happy New Year and warmest wishes for a wonderful 2026

BY MAYOR ANNETTE GROVES

As we come to the close of 2025, I want to share my heartfelt thanks with each one of our residents for your continued support. Caledon is a remarkable, caring community—made stronger every day by our dedicated volunteers, engaged residents, and the many people who go above and beyond to help their neighbours. I am truly grateful for your commitment to making Caledon such a special place to call home.

Earlier in the year the Town reported its second consecutive year-end budget surplus of over $5.3 million for 2024—more than doubling the previous year. By amending the budget to make it competitive, we are demonstrating the kind of proactive leadership and disciplined planning that delivers value for our residents.



MAYOR ANNETTE GROVES

Our 2026 amended municipal budget reflects a deep commitment to strengthening Caledon—focusing on the services that matter most. After listening closely to your feedback, we've invested in improving our roads, parks, and public spaces to ensure our neighbourhoods remain vibrant and welcoming. We are also enhancing emergency services, including the new Fire Station 310 with 20 full-time firefighters. We're also expanding bylaw enforcement to support safer, cleaner neighbourhoods, with more officers, resources, and operating investments.

We also deepened our relationship with the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation (MCFN) with a meaningful visit to Hagersville this year. It's essential that we continue building our future on a foundation of respect, understanding, and partnership. Our ongoing work with MCFN strengthens our shared commitment to reconciliation and fosters a more inclusive community for everyone.

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JANUARY

















Mayor Annette Groves and members of Council formally rang in the New Year as the Town hosted its annual Wintefest Celebration at Mayfield Recreational Complex. It was a good month for the Town as Caledon was recognized as a top-participating municipality in Culture Days 2024, a Province-wide program. Over at Headwaters, Alyssia Fullington and Giovanni Altrui's son, Alessio, was the first baby delivered in the New Year. As one chapter began, another closed as the Citizen said goodbye to former owner Thomas Claridge, who passed away at 82. Caledon's Jennifer Brown took home the Canadian School Libraries' Angela Thacker Memorial Award for outstanding contributions to the profession. Over in Alton, residents celebrated the best of winter at the 14th annual Fire & Ice Festival, while the local dignitaries and emergency personnel celebrated Premier Doug Ford's announcement of a new post-traumatic stress injury treatment centre for first responders coming to Caledon – a fitting way to begin the centennial year of the local fire department.



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FEBRUARY



February was a great month for the local sports community as the Caledon Sports Hall of Fame welcomed the Class of 2025, and Motionball Caledon was recognized with The Jones Cup, which is awarded annually to the fastest-growing Motionball chapter. Housing was in the spotlight as Caledon received $14 million from Canada's Housing Accelerator Fund, and community leaders, volunteers, and more laced up for the annual Coldest Night of the Year event. Caledon's Captain Kevin Junor was also in the spotlight, presenting a talk on the No. 2 Construction Battalion, an all-Black Canadian labour unit in the First World War, as part of Black History Month – an initiative that was also celebrated at Town Hall with an exhibition showcasing work from the Joan Butterfield Art Collection. It was the end of a "storied" chapter in the local business community as Donna and Paul Forster closed Forster's Book Garden due to economic reasons. Caledon artist Patty Maher's work was seen by one and all as the Alton Mill Arts Centre hosted her new solo exhibition, The Blue Hour. A new idea sprouted at Town Hall as Council endorsed the Plant Based Treaty initiative, while the Caledon Seniors Centre offered some fresh ideas to stay fit at the 55+ Active Living & Wellness Fair. Also on the fresh side of things, Bolton Rotary launched its "Soul Soup" initiative, cooking up healthy, warming meals for those in need.

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MARCH















Businesses were on the move in March as UPS Canada celebrated its 50th anniversary, Bolton Family Dental Centre celebrated a quarter-century in the community, and long-time pharmacist Samuel Lai retired after 38 years. As spring prepared to, well, spring forth, the Caledon Public Library hosted its annual Seedy Saturday event, as well as a book drive hosted by Robert F. Hall students Kendra Addo and Allyson Fritsche. On the arts and culture front, the Inglewood Schoolhouse Performers debuted a new play by Caledon resident Barb Jensen, local leaders celebrated the achievements of community members who received the King Charles III Coronation Medal, the countdown for the Hike for Bethell Hospice began with the Captain's Rally, Earth Hour was marked with an inaugural municipal event, while, on the sports field, the Maverick Highlanders rugby team took their talents to England and Wales.

APRIL













The Humber Valley Heritage Trail Association got the month started by observing the 20th anniversary of the organization. Honours continued to flow into the community as Bolton resident Kayla Emmerton was recognized with the King Charles III Coronation Medal for her work with 4-H Ontario, while Caledon Citizen reporter Zachary Roman was recognized by the Ontario Community Newspaper Association for Best News Series. The Caledon Health Summit, an initiative of the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team, was a success at Southfields Community Centre, and the annual Home & Lifestyle Show was another success for both organizers, and partner charity Caledon Meals on Wheels. Long-time pharmacist Samuel Lai was celebrated by Peter Hanna and Marina Aziz, the new owners of his long-time practice, upon his retirement.

MAY





























Following the April 28 Federal Election, Caledon sent two Members of Parliament to Ottawa – incumbent Kyle Seeback for Dufferin Caledon, and incumbent Ruby Sahota for the new riding of Brampton North-Caledon. MPP Sylvia Jones was one of the many dignitaries on hand to celebrate the 15th anniversary of Bethell Hospice's walk. Budding actors at Mayfield Secondary School pulled out all the stops for their production of Harry Potter & The Cursed Child. Caledon Fire launched 72-hour preparedness kits as part of Emergency Preparedness Week. It was a poignant occasion as Caledon Council met with the Mississaugas of the Credit for a Council-to-Council discussion, marked with a presentation board made from a fallen black cherry tree from north-central Caledon. 0 Shaw's Creek Road came into the spotlight as residents like Jean-Francois Morin pushed back against a plan to bring in fill from elsewhere, filling in a former quarry that has come to be known as "Swan Lake." Turtles also had people in their corner as the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority hosted its 2025 TurtleFest at Heart Lake Conservation Park. On the school front, the PDSB and TMU partnered on a new healthcare series highlighting representation and diversity, while the Jack Ride returned to Caledon to underscore the importance of youth mental health. Fundraising work began on the Caledon Agricultural Society Community Centre this month as well, and fundraising for the Alton Mill Arts Centre continued with its Tapestry of Art and Music event.

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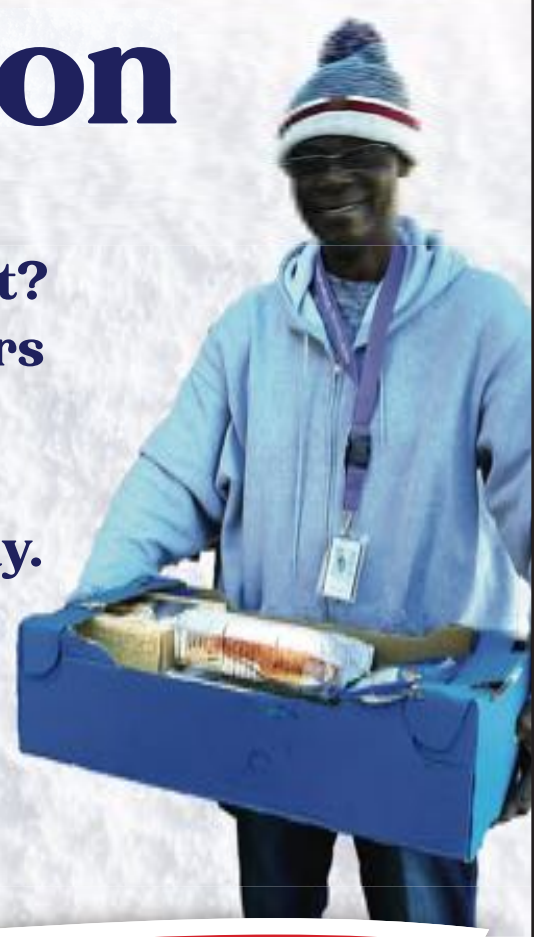
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JUNE



















Caledon residents made the most out of the height of spring and the dawn of summer with plenty of outdoor activities. The Peel District School Board hosted its second-annual Powwow at the Maawnjiding Wiigushkeng Centre for Indigenous Excellence and Land-Based Learning. IDEA Caledon hosted its second-annual Pride Picnic, which saw participants paint picnic tables that have since found their places in public areas around Town. Caledon and Georgetown laced up and raised $37,000 in the Walk to End ALS. The Caledon Heritage Foundation came together to mark the history of the former Caledon East Community Memorial Hall. Caledon was the host community for a prestigious sporting event as the RBC Canadian Open was held at TPC Osprey Valley. Celebrations for Bethell Hospice's 15th anniversary continued with a reception and cake-cutting. Caledon's Italian Heritage was celebrated in Bolton, marking Caledon Italian Heritage Day. Caledon Day was fun for the whole family, while the Velocity Ride raised much needed funds for Caledon Community Services. Other kinds of wheels rolled as well at the Caledon Fair which, in addition to its popular tractor pull, was built around the theme of "From Seed to Table." Ed Taccone was named Caledon's 2025 Senior of the Year. BrightStart Caledon received a significant investment from the Provincial Government to better serve local families. It was another bright moment as more than 600 rugby players came to Caledon for the Caledon Cavaliers' fourth annual tournament at Palgrave Park. The month, however, ended on a sad note as the community bade farewell to long-time Mayor and Peel Regional Chair Emil Kolb.

JULY

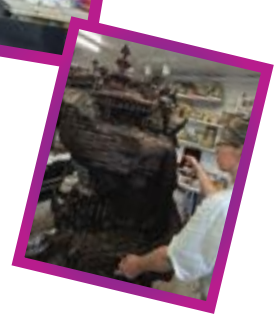













July was a celebration of all things Canada and Caledon as the community geared up to celebrate the Nation's birthday. One of the many ways Caledon got into the Canadian spirit was at the Canada Day and Strawberry Festival held at the Caledon Fairgrounds. Looking back on National Indigenous History Month, storyteller Gimaa R. Stacey Laforme presided over an evening hosted by the Town of Caledon and IDEA Caledon. Over at the Alton Mill Arts Centre, the environment was in the spotlight with their exhibition, Diminishing Landscapes. Music in the Park, always a summer favourite, brought members of the community together, as did a series of celebrations marking the 30th anniversary of the C3 James Dick Quarry in Caledon Village. Another sporting milestone was marked with the dedication of the Karen Hamilton Field at a memorial softball tournament which also carries the late long-time volunteer's name. The contributions of additional long-time volunteers and community builders were also recognized as Bolton resident Rose Greco was named Kin of the Year by the service club, while the Town presented its annual Community Champion Award to Carole Whitehead. Elsewhere, Caledon Area Families for Inclusion (CAFFI) hosted their second annual barbecue, and, over in Belfountain, its Heritage Society put the finishing touches on its October bicentennial celebration, including the sewing of pennants and the creation of a new landmark sculpture. As Belfountain prepared to celebrate 200 years, celebrations for Caledon Fire & Emergency Services' centennial continued to be marked with the creation of a Challenge Coin designed by volunteer firefighter Matthew Morton. John and Ruth Downey were recognized with Agritourism Ontario's inaugural Legacy Award, and, ahead of Back-to-School season, Amazon donated 150 school supply bags to local students in another example of local businesses giving back.

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AUGUST



Caledon was cooking up something special in August as the community welcomed the inaugural Butter Tart Festival and the Town hosted workshops to bring generations together through food. At the start of the month, the issue of road safety and repeat offenders was highlighted by the family of Gabriel Arshad. Residents came together to support Cassie's Place at its annual Golf Tournament. Midnight Madness returned to Bolton's downtown with food, fun, and family-friendly festivities. On the sports beat, Palgrave's Pietro and David Moran made history as the first father-son pairing to race against each other in the venerable King's Plate; while more than 75 teams descended on Caledon East for the Heart of Caledon soccer tournament, which marked its second year. Also marking its second year was BrightStart's Play, Learn & Grow in the Park event and the fun continued with the fourth-annual Valleywood Block Party.

SEPTEMBER



As summer began winding down, attention turned to fall, and even rain couldn't dampen community spirit as the Peel-Dufferin Plowmen's Association marked its 100th anniversary with its annual plowing match, which saw MPP Sylvia Jones and Councillor Sheen among the many participants. Over at TPC Toronto at Osprey Valley, golfers turned out in droves for the inaugural Legacy Golf Tournament, presented by the Allan and Anne Thompson Community Fund to support the Caledon Agricultural Society's efforts to build a new community hub. Brampton North-Caledon MP Ruby Sahota capped a busy summer with a community barbecue, while Camp Molly, a free, four-day camp for young women and non-binary youth, was hosted locally, providing hands-on firefighting experiences. A busy season also kicked off for Bolton Kin as they hosted their first Toonie Sale of the fall while also spearheading the annual Terry Fox Run.



SEPTEMBER



Local Special Olympics athletes got a huge boost in support as the annual motionball Marathon of Sport broke records, while students at Humberview expressed themselves through the design, creation, and installation of a new Husky statue. The Caledon Public Library, and its patrons, had reasons to celebrate as they launched new extended access at the Inglewood branch. Pollinators got a boost as well as Albion Hills Community Farm hosted its annual Honey & Garlic Festival. The Bolton Agricultural Society's 167th annual Fall Fair offered up-close and personal encounters with livestock, musical moments, and more. Advocacy work to protect what's come to be known as "Swan Lake" continued apace, while the Humber River Centre Incubator launched to support local entrepreneurs. Students were also supported as their school gardens continued to flourish, offering valuable lessons about the land, environment, and food production in the process. Another milestone was celebrated in Palgrave as Morningside Cemetery marked its first 100 years, while seniors put their best feet forward in the Grand Parade.



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OCTOBER













































Culture was in the forefront throughout Caledon this month as Culture Days continued with events celebrating diversity and inclusion. The preservation of more than 370 acres of Greenbelt land was announced by the Town of Caledon on October 1, just a day after raising the Every Child Matters flag at Town Hall to mark National Day for Truth & Reconciliation. BrightStart Caledon saw vital funds raised at their Warm Hearts & Boots event. Caledon East resident Lydia Adams was invested into the Order of Canada by Governor-General Mary Simon for her contributions to music. The Caledon Community Road Safety Advocacy Group continued its efforts to raise awareness of illegal trucking yards, speeding, and more. October had a regal note as Victoria Kolb was named Ontario Queen of the Furrow, while Belfountain crowned its Bicentennial with the unveiling of “Escarpment’s Embrace,” a new sculptural work by Wendy Mitchell, and the dedication of a historical plaque. Belfountain’s statue wasn’t the only new piece of public art unveiled this year as a bell sculpture was installed in Alton to mark the Centennial of Caledon Fire & Emergency Services, and new crosswalks paid tribute to veterans and those who made the ultimate sacrifice for King, Queen & Country. Local cancer care was supported as the community laced up for the Hike to Fight Cancer at the Caledon Ski Club. Caledon’s Diwali Drone Show lit up the night sky in October, while the night sky also welcomed Spooky Season as Halloween was marked with Rotary’s annual Haunted Hill Walk & Run, and the Caledon Village Association held a spectacular Halloween event at the Fairgrounds. Love was in the air as well as Caledon raised the flag for Love Your Library Month – making October a month for the books!

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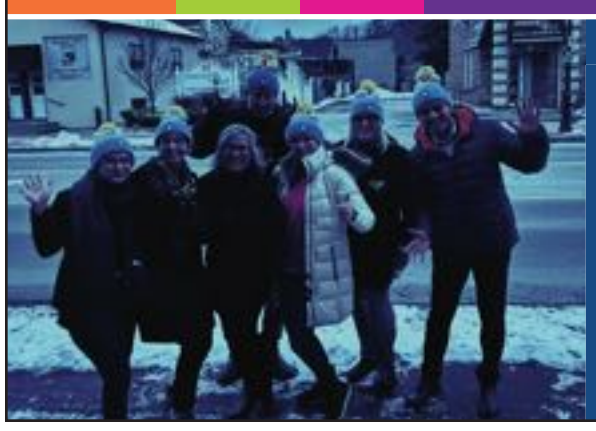
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SPORTS HIGHLIGHTS

FOR 2025



BY JIM STEWART

Here are the many impressive achievements of local sports teams, elite individual athletes, and highlights of sports events connected to Caledon in 2025. Despite some very daunting international developments in 2025, the past twelve months have included significant and uplifting sporting moments that were a pleasure to report to our readers.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays, and Happy New Year from the Sports Department of *The Caledon Citizen*.

JANUARY

Bentley, Holden, MacKinnon, McCreary, Wood, Doughty, Shepley, and 1967 Bolton Kinsmen inducted into the Caledon Sport Hall of Fame

Eight athletes and builders, along with a championship hockey team, were enshrined in the second annual Caledon Sport Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony.

The 2025 Inductees in the Athlete Category were Triathlete Lisa Bentley, Synchronized Swimmer Beverly (McKnight) Holden, Field Hockey Goaltender Zoe MacKinnon, NHL Power Forward Keith McCreary, and Pole Vaulter Douglas Wood.

Wood was also enshrined in the Builder Category as a Pole Vaulting Coach. Two other Builders were inducted: Nordic Skiing Coach and High School Sports Coach Angus Doughty; and Triathlon Coach Barrie Shepley who multi-tasked seamlessly and masterfully as the event's emcee for the second consecutive year.

FEBRUARY

Freeman fires two goals to pace Admirals' 5-3 win over Raiders

Curtis Freeman fired two goals and Cam Lang, Ash Mitchelmore, and Jack Fang added one each in Caledon's 5-3 win over Georgetown in OJHL play at the Mayfield Recreation Complex.

The Admirals continued their late-season role of spoiler by applying a pin to the Raiders' playoff balloon.

OJHL Rookies accounted for all of Caledon's goals versus Georgetown.

Freeman opened the scoring five minutes into the first period and Lang beat Raiders' goaltender Roman Batih at 16:56 to give the home side a 2-0 lead.

Clarence Allain earned his 25th assist of the season on Lang's marker. Lang is Caledon's scoring leader with 11 goals and 28 assists. Nolan Keeler reduced the Raiders' deficit to 2-1 when he beat Admirals' netminder Blake Sloan at 2:06, but Ash Mitchelmore restored Caledon's two-goal margin three minutes later. Freeman notched his second of the game on the power play at 7:18 with helpers from Alain and Deacon King to make it 4-1. Andrew Robinson of the Raiders and Eric He of the Admirals dropped the flippers to punctuate a penalty-filled second period. The dustup earned the combatants a pair of fighting majors and game misconducts.

John Mitchell's power play goal at 9:07 and James Wong's 18th of the season exactly three minutes later pulled Georgetown to within one, but Jack Fang gave the Admirals some breathing space at 18:26 to provide the margin of victory. A scoreless third period featured the puck-stopping skills of Sloan. The nimble netminder repelled all 13 shots he faced in the final frame to preserve the Admirals' tenth win of the season and end Caledon's four-game losing streak. Sloan earned the W by making 32 saves.

It's clear that Head Coach Chris Taylor's young junior hockey team relishes its role as spoiler.

MARCH

Bolton Brewers' Chater and Sterritt win major awards at NDBL's Annual Awards Night

The convergence of daylight savings time, double-digit temperatures, sunny conditions, and maple sap running through blue lines strung across Central Ontario suggested that Spring is just around the corner.

The North Dufferin Baseball League distilled the celebratory spirit of the emerging season by recognizing the outstanding accomplishments in 2024 at its Annual Awards presentation at the Royal Canadian Legion in Lisle.

Two prodigious Brewer hitters—Brett Chater and Ben Sterritt—won multiple awards after catalyzing the high-octane Bolton offence last season. The Brewers plated 211 runs in 24 games. Chater and Sterritt produced a significant portion of those runs, provided a 1-2 spark atop the batting order, and impelled the 19-5-0 Brewers to the NDBL pennant.

Chater was named the MVP of the Senior Division and led the circuit with 36 runs scored. Bolton Brewers' Head Coach and Second Baseman Mike Wallace appraised the qualities of his veteran shortstop and lead-off hitter: "Brett is one of the better ballplayers I have coached and played with. He earned the MVP award this past season. He was tremendous offensively and defensively. His great speed makes him a constant threat on the basepaths. He has that "Die Hard" spirit as a competitor who demonstrates great athleticism but Brett shows great respect towards the opposing team."

Sterritt was recognized as the Senior Division's Best Batter with a gaudy .548 average as well as the Best On-Base Percentage (.667). Coach Wallace appraised his young centerfielder's 2024 performance: "For a young ballplayer, he's light years ahead of others his age. Usually, the younger players suffer a setback in their first season in Senior, but Ben's transition to the next level of baseball was a good one. He's calm and collected at the plate, I never saw him strike out on a bad pitch, and Ben has a good swing that generates contact."

APRIL

Hall Wolfpack prowls to Cavs Cup 2025 Rugby preseason tournament championship

The second annual Cavs Cup, organized by the Caledon Cavaliers Rugby Football Club, was captured by Robert F. Hall Wolfpack Team 2 at Humberview Secondary School. The round-robin preseason tournament featured five rounds. Wins were worth three points and ties were worth one point.

In the final standings of the five-team tourney, Robert F. Hall (2) finished first with ten points, Mayfield finished second with seven points, Robert F. Hall (1) finished third with six points, and Banting and Humberview tied for fourth with three points each.

Tournament organizer and Cavaliers Co-Captain Lara Morrison was pleased to see the sportsmanship on the field and so many Cavaliers players competing for the five area high schools at Humberview: "There's at least one Cavalier on each team. It makes the tournament games more friendly and fun. I think it's less chippy, because everyone knows one another. The best part of the Cavs Cup is getting the girls out to a local tournament and raising community awareness about girls' high school rugby and the teams that girls can play for in Caledon."

MAY

Mayfield Mavericks' unbeaten lacrosse team is "Lights Out" in 12-6 victory over Milton Mustangs

The Mayfield Mavericks defeated the Milton District High School Mustangs 12-6 in an exhibition lacrosse game in Caledon in drizzly, cool conditions.

Dubbed "Friday Night Lights", the contest was played in front of 500 fans who braved the elements and celebrating an evening of lacrosse and community.

A trio of Ethans paced the Mavericks' offensive attack versus Milton. Ethan Brassard led Mayfield with four goals while Ethan Vivieros and Ethan Czata added three goals each. Czata just wrapped up his OHL season with the Niagara Ice Dogs and is ranked 54th in the upcoming NHL draft.

The exhibition game victory also served as a warmup for the Mavericks' ROPSSA championship game versus St. Martin's from Mississauga. The unbeaten Mayfield squad—vying for their third consecutive regional championship – established dominance, took a 6-1 lead at half time, and substituted freely in the second half.

Mavericks' Head Coach Tyler Grant was pleased with both his team's performance and the success of the evening: "Seeing 500 people come out for the game in challenging conditions was great to see. The halftime show was really good. It was so well performed by 50 cheerleaders. The cheer squad's excellent work is also an expression of the arts at Mayfield since so many are part of the dance program."

JUNE

Ryan Fox survives four-hole playoff over Sam Burns to capture RBC Canadian Open in Caledon

Ryan Fox captured the RBC Canadian Open in a four-hole playoff with Sam Burns. Both were tied at 18 under par after 72 holes of play.

The 2025 champion offered a self-deprecating view of his playoff versus Burns—a five-time winner on the PGA Tour: "To be honest, Sam and I had a bit of a pillow fight for three holes. But that shot I hit on 18—that 3-wood—was probably the best shot I've ever hit."

The New Zealander's impressive approach from the 18th fairway set him up for an eagle putt, but he settled for a birdie to vanquish Burns—the clubhouse leader and LSU product who held a one-stroke lead over the field for over two hours.

Burns shot a sizzling -8 on Sunday and it appeared that the Canadian Open Trophy would have his name inscribed on it. However, Fox birdied 13 and 14 on his way to the 18th where he rolled in his pressure-packed third birdie in six holes to force the two-man playoff.

Fox's gutsy charge and dramatic win at TPC Toronto Osprey Valley was his second PGA victory in five weeks. He captured the Myrtle Beach Classic in May—also in a playoff.

Nick Taylor of Abbotsford, BC was awarded The Rivermead Cup as the lowest-scoring Canadian at TPC Toronto. Taylor cobbled together a 3-under par 67 on Sunday to tie for 13th at 13 under par. The 2023 Canadian Open champion expressed disappointment about his final round performance, but was appreciative of the award: "I'll take some pride in that. It stings with the finish today, but I'm happy I gave it a run. It didn't pan out this time, but it that's a consolation prize, it's nice. I thought 17-under would be in a playoff potentially, but being given a chance with a few holes to go is what you're looking for."

The RBC Canadian Open at TPC Toronto Osprey Valley was all a golf fan could be looking for, even though a native son such as Taylor did not hoist the trophy in 2025. It was a thrill to watch eight Canadians march up the 18th fairway to appreciative applause from the thousands of fans ringing the final hole.

A record-tying number of Canadians made the cut and their play showed the depth of golf talent in this country.

The Caledon Citizen's Sports Highlights for 2025 will continue in our January 8 edition.

NOVEMBER

















An unseasonable cold snap brought snow to Remembrance Day ceremonies across the community, but the weather couldn't keep residents away from remembering the fallen. Elsewhere, Humberview teacher George Allain was recognized for his and his students' contributions to Canada's Innocence Movement, the Caledon Chamber of Commerce hosted its annual Fall Business Summit, Cordoba Coffee marked its first year, the Legacy Golf Classic presented a cheque of $82,650 to the Caledon Agricultural Society, students from across the GTA descended on Albion Hills Community Farm for food literacy initiatives, Bolton's Coffee Time celebrated 40 years in the community, and the PDSB unveiled plans for a new track and field facility at Humberview. Events marking the centennial of Caledon Fire and Emergency Services culminated in an awards ceremony recognizing service, bravery and leadership. Mayor Annette Groves hosted her Fall Business Breakfast at Mount Alverno where Steve Anderson, former deputy mayor of Shelburne, outlined the importance of transit. It was a celebratory time for the entire community as Robert H. Hall's Wolfpack took the Metro Bowl, the Bolton Recreational Club celebrated its first decade, and the countdown to the holidays began with Christmas in the Village. Art abounded this month as well with the installation of the Butterfly Bereavement Project at Town Hall, while Bolton's Angelica Ganea published her new children's book.



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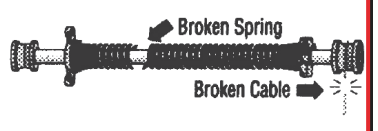
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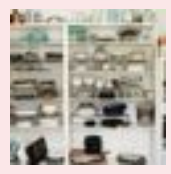
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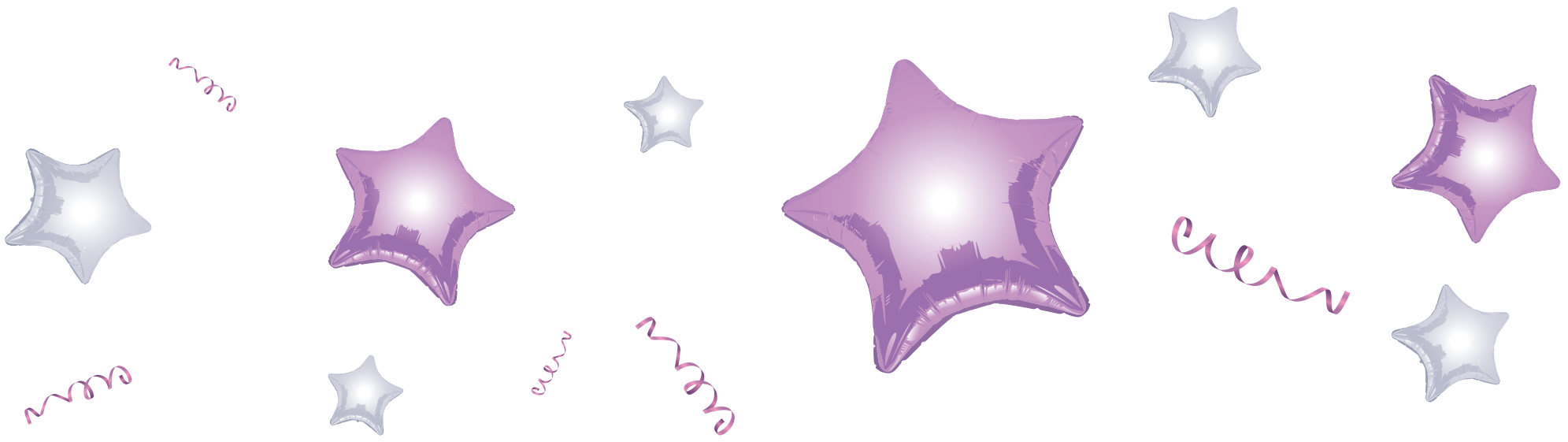
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Caledon's business community also had a strong year. We strengthened relationships with key employers, welcomed over $53 million in investments across the commercial, logistics, and retail sectors, and issued new industrial and commercial permits valued at more than $6 million. Through our partnership with the DMZ/Humber River Centre, local entrepreneurs accessed mentorship, expert guidance and networking opportunities. We also hosted a two-day delegation with Italian businesses, continuing the momentum from our June trade mission to Italy and expanding Caledon's global business connections. This year, we reinstated public question periods—an important promise from the last election—giving residents more opportunities to speak directly to Council. We also implemented a lobbyist registry to continue strengthening transparency and accountability at Town Hall.

In a historic milestone, Caledon secured 379 acres of Greenbelt land, helping address the parkland deficit from Bill 23 and creating new opportunities for parks and trails. Having this land protected and available for community use is a tremendous achievement—one that will allow us to create more spaces where families can gather, explore, and enjoy the natural beauty that surrounds us.

Thanks to our partnership with the Caledon OPP, the Town has installed CCTV cameras in 42 selected public areas—an important step in deterring crime, enhancing investigations, and protecting the spaces we all enjoy. These cameras were funded through the Ontario CCTV Grant Program, and I want to extend my sincere thanks to Sylvia Jones, MPP for Dufferin–Caledon, for her support in securing this investment in community safety.

We also established two new committees this year—the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee and the Youth Advisory Committee—inviting residents of all ages to share their perspectives and help shape the future of our Town.

As we welcome the New Year, let's continue working together to make Caledon an even better place to live, work, and thrive. I am truly grateful for your ongoing commitment and cooperation. Together, we are building something special. Thank you, and warmest wishes for a wonderful 2026.

Year in Review from the Caledon Public Library

As we come to the end of 2025, we extend our thanks for another meaningful year at Caledon Public Library (CPL). Each day, we see how learning and creative exploration enrich the lives of people across our community. We see you build new skills in the makerspaces, attend lively author talks, and we hear the giggles of children enjoying stories and spaces built for them. These moments remind us of the important role the Library plays in Caledon.

You borrowed 300,000 physical items, from books and audiobooks to instruments and board games. A significant portion of these were children's materials, which shows that families in Caledon are building positive early reading habits. You also streamed and accessed over 170,000 digital titles and resources from our Digital Library. Over 25,000 people attended library workshops, events, and story times. There were 350,000 visits to our branches and over 120,000 sessions using technology and tools including Wi-Fi, computer workstations, and makerspaces.

This year, we added telescopes, passes to the Royal Ontario Museum and McMichael Art Gallery, puzzles, and Ontario Stream backpacks to our Library of Things collection. We introduced free 1-on-1 appointments to help customers build skills using technology. In addition, we were thrilled to launch Extended Access at the Inglewood Branch, enabling customers to access the branch beyond staffed hours and doubling the hours when registered customers can make use of branch collections and services. We hope to expand this service to more branches in the coming years.

Looking ahead, 2026 will bring a full calendar of programs for all ages: story times promoting early literacy, family-friendly March Break activities, studio support hours in the makerspaces, author visits, and exciting opportunities for teens, adults, and older adults to come together to learn and grow. As always, we will continue to expand our collections of books and other fun and useful items, and we will keep providing the digital services you love, including Kanopy, Hoopla, Gale courses and Udemy, Overdrive, and more. (Visit cpl.social/digitallibrary for a full list.)

We are grateful for the ongoing support of our dedicated staff and volunteers, the Library Board, the Friends of Caledon Public Library and our partners at the Town of Caledon. Their commitment and support helps strengthen our work and extend our reach across the community.

Most of all, thank you to the residents of Caledon. Your engagement, feedback, and support help shape the Library's direction and inspire us to keep improving. We look forward to welcoming you in the new year whether it be in person, online, or through our home delivery service. And, if you don't yet have a library card, getting one is an easy New Year's resolution we're happy to help you achieve.

Warm regards,
Colleen Lipp
CEO & Chief Librarian
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As November gave way to December, the C3 Cross Training Club hosted its annual Egg Nog Jog, which was festive fun for all, and the community gathered at Town Hall for Caledon's official Tree Lighting Ceremony. The U16BB Caledon Hawks made a big difference for many families this holiday season, collecting 1,645 pounds of food for Caledon Community Services. Santa Claus continued his Caledon rounds by checking in to CAFFI's annual Holiday Social, Bolton Kin Club's 52nd Santa Claus Parade, at which Mayor Groves welcomed hundreds of residents lining the route, and the annual Christmas Tree Lighting in Caledon Village. Elsewhere, a Supermoon lit up the festive atmosphere as Bethell Hospice hosted its annual Tree Lighting Ceremony. And, if you happen to have a book lover on your shopping list, Caledon author Glenn Carley had just the thing in his new children's book, Stella: In Search of Elderfish.



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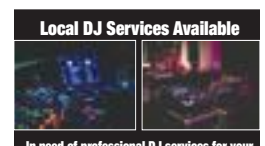
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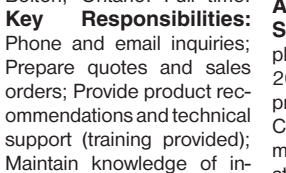


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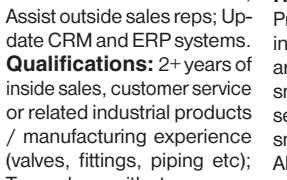
Heated & cooled leather seats, power moonroof, Bluetooth with Nav. Performance exhaust, back-up camera and tonneau cover and much more!
Ext: Black, Int: Black. 212,000 KM
$14,995 + HST & licensing

2018 NISSAN ALTIMA



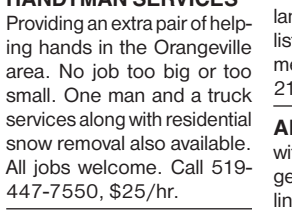
Low mileage sedan! Automatic trans, front wheel drive and 2.5L engine. Heated front seats, steering wheel audio controls and bluetooth.
Ext: White, Int: Black. 103,000 KM
$13,995 + HST & licensing

2007 TOYOTA CAMRY LE



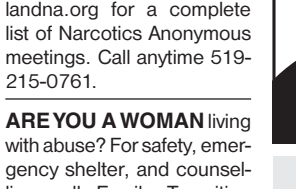
Clean Carfax report. Automatic transmission, 3.5L 6 cylinder engine and front-wheel drive. Comfortable seating for 5 and spacious trunk.
Ext: Blue, Int: Grey. 227,000 KM
$6,495 + HST & licensing

2008 FORD F-450 SUPER DUTY CHASSIS



CERTIFIED! Regular cab and automatic transmission! Ford's tough 6.4L diesel engine. You bet your bottom dollar it has a plow!
Ext: White, Int: Black. 265,000 KM
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2014 AUDI A5 AWD



Certified, AWD and Manual trans.! Fuel efficient 4 cylinder engine. 2 door coupe with heated leather seats, Navigation & moonroof.
Ext: Red, Int: Black. 162,000 KM
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FIREWOOD

WELL SEASONED HARDWOOD - 12" or 16" lengths, campfire wood as well. Delivery is available. 519-994-6075.

COMING EVENTS

2025 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) for StormFC 2025 will take place on Friday, January 9, 2026 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm at the Alder Recreation Centre, Alder Room 4. All members are welcome to attend.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES & REPAIRS

HANDYMAN SERVICES – Providing an extra pair of helping hands in the Orangeville area. No job too big or too small. One man and a truck services along with residential snow removal also available. All jobs welcome. Call 519-447-7550, $25/hr.

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SERVICES

The LORD DUFFERIN CHAPTER IODE holds their meetings at the Lord Dufferin Centre on the 4th Tuesday of every month. We are looking for women who would like to help in the Community. Call 519-941-1865.

IF YOU WANT to keep drinking, that's your business. **IF YOU WANT** to stop drinking, that's our business. Call Alcoholics Anonymous Hot Line, 1-866-715-0005. www.aanorthhaltonerin.org.

DRUG PROBLEM? We've been there, we can help! Please refer to georgianheartlandna.org for a complete list of Narcotics Anonymous meetings. Call anytime 519-215-0761.

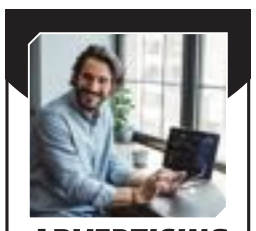
ARE YOU A WOMAN living with abuse? For safety, emergency shelter, and counselling call Family Transition Place, (519)941-HELP or 1-800-265-9178.

SERVICES

FOR INFORMATION regarding **HEART and STROKE**, call Dori Ebel (519)941-1865 or 1-800-360-1557.

IF YOU or a FAMILY MEMBER are struggling with gambling, Gamblers Anonymous is there to HELP. Call: 1(855) 222-5542 or visit www.gatoronto.ca.

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1L bottle

10.99

SAVE $4/LB



9.99/LB Fresh Ontario Rainbow Trout Fillet
22.02/kg
VALUE PACK

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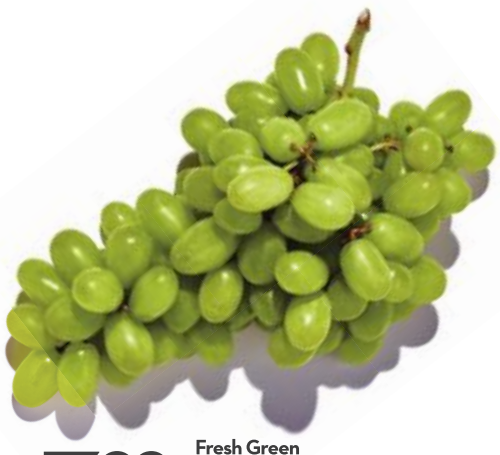
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selected varieties

3.49

SAVE UP TO $2.00



3.49 Activia Yogourt 650g tub or Two Good Yogourt 4x95g pkg
selected varieties

SAVE UP TO $7.00



Kicking Horse Organic Ground Coffee
284g pkg
selected varieties

9.99

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14.99

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4.49 Stonemill Flax and Honey Bread
450g pkg



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SAVE UP TO $4.50



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selected varieties

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2 FOR $10 Bonne Maman Jam
250-280mL jar
Individual $5.99

SAVE UP TO $2.50



Post Cereal
311-525g pkg
selected varieties

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SAVE $1.37 ON 3



3 FOR $4 Longo's Essentials Beans
540mL can
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