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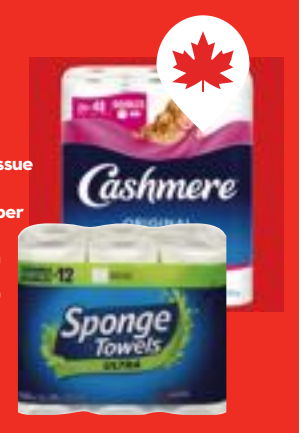
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David Hansraj of the Caledon Agricultural Society is seen at the griddle at the CAS' annual Canada Day and Strawberry Festival on July 1.
PHOTO BY MUHAMMAD HAMZA

Caledon celebrates Canada Day with pancakes, strawberries amid heat wave

BY MUHAMMAD HAMZA
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Local residents, volunteers, dignitaries and business leaders came out to Caledon Fairgrounds on July 1 to take in Canada Day festivities, despite a significant heat wave.

The celebration, the Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival, was organized by the Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS), and ran from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

To energize the residents, the festival included various fun activities for people of all ages, from a car show to electrifying live performances by the Caledon Concert Band.

There were also entertainment tailored just for kids, including a magic show and "Four Paws Flying Entertainment—Dog Agility," where trained dogs demonstrated their frisbee-catching skills.

But for some visitors, the refreshing food and beverages at the Festival had their own significance – particularly given the weather.

"Every year we come here because they have the pancake special with the strawberries and whipped cream – we like that," said Greg Bates, who travelled from Brampton with his wife to celebrate Canada Day.

Bates added a community fundraiser will receive a significant portion of the money earned from that breakfast stall.

"It is $12 for the pancake strawberry breakfast, so the majority of that goes towards the community," Bates said, explaining that these funds help the organizers manage operations.

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More than $65,000 raised in 2026 Velocity Ride

BY MUHAMMAD HAMZA
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

Hundreds of riders participated in this year's Velocity Bike Ride in Caledon, which raised $65,320.70 in funds to replace aging buses that help seniors access reliable and affordable transportation services.

With the effort of nine teams and 142 volunteers who joined the June 20 event, 239 donations were received, and $10,000 more has been raised above and beyond the stated goal of $55,000.

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Meet Caledon's 2026 Senior of the Year: Judy Bennett

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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If you've ever attended a Toonie Sale, an eco station at Caledon Day, or even just walking around Town, you may spot the very familiar face of local resident and volunteer Judy Bennett.

A volunteer at numerous organizations in Caledon, Bennett is Caledon's 2026 Senior of the Year.

After first moving to Bolton in 1972, it wasn't until 2003 that Bennett came back and began establishing her well-known giving spirit around Town.

"I knew a lot of people from way back when, when I first moved to Bolton, so I was no stranger to it," says Bennett on her return.

On the search for a new job, all of Bennett's children and grandchildren were residing in or around Bolton, making it the perfect place to call home yet again.

"I managed cosmetics at Walmart, where better to meet old friends at Walmart? That's when I first joined the Kin Club," says Bennett.

One of Bennett's friends at the time encouraged her to join the Kin Club in 2015, and after volunteering for about a year, she decided to join.

"After that, I just kept meeting people," she says.

Thus began Bennett's decade-plus of helping out the Caledon community, not just through her various organizations, but also with people throughout the community.



PHOTO BY RILEY MURPHY

"There were a lot of people in the building," says Bennett, looking around at her residential complex, "whose families lived a distance away and couldn't always be here. They would ask me to look in on their person, and I did, and they [became] friends as well."

From there, Bennett joined the Bolton Community Crew, then motionball Caledon, and later her other endeavours, such as Caledon Meals on Wheels, Caledon Seniors Centre, and ecoCaledon.

But you'll often spot her helping out at events she's not even a volunteer at, as she says, friends know they can always come to her for help.

"I feel volunteering keeps both my mind and my body alert. If I sat in my apartment all day, I know that eventually it starts to break down," says Bennett. "I feel that volunteering has helped me as much as I've helped other people."

Her multiple avenues and organizations are fun for her, she says, as they also introduce her to a wide range of people.

She notes she loves her time spent at the Caledon Seniors Centre desk, because "who's more fun than people?"

Bennett also runs Bingo at the Vera M. Davis Community Care Centre, and jokes she'll spot the winners the same week spending their money at the Toonie Sale, where she volunteers just a few short days later.

"Old people are fun. We really are," says Bennett. "We're all different, but I really get a lot of enjoyment out of my neighbours."

"No matter where you go, people need help."

Bennett says she's always happy to help out anyone in need.

"I don't do it to be recognized. I do it because it's good for me. It's good for them. Everybody wins," she says. "And I have a lot of support from my friends as well."

Bennett says she knows many of the organizations in Town can't do their work without volunteers.

"I just feel like it's part of my life. It's what I want to do, and it makes me happy. And if I can make other people happy, we're all good."

When she received the letter that she was Caledon's 2026 Senior of the Year, she thought, "Really?"

Bennett was recognized with a special reception at Caledon Town Hall on June 23.

"It was lovely, and I was so happy," she says.

When it comes to volunteering, she says it's not only fulfilling but also fun.

She encourages everyone to try it, at least once.

"Because once you give it a try, you enjoy it," says Bennett.

Looking around her apartment at her awards and numerous bouquets of flowers from friends and family, she says, "I want to keep doing what I'm doing for as long as I can."

"Just because I got an award doesn't mean I'm going to slow down."

"I give back as much as I give, and I just think that it has to come from your heart," she continues. "You have to enjoy it. You have to take the good with the bad. Sometimes everything isn't perfect when you volunteer. You have to know your limit, and I'm almost 78, and I just want to keep doing what I'm doing for as long as I can do it."

Bennett credits meeting many of her friends during her time working at Walmart, and it's clear that the impact was felt the same way around.

"I can remember seeing Judy every time I went to Walmart pharmacy as I had to walk past the cosmetic section where she worked to get to the pharmacy. She always had a smile on her face, but I never really got to meet her personally," says Joe Luschak, President of the Kin Club of Bolton.

Luschak says that when Bennett attended her first Kin Club meeting, he was impressed by her "smile and eagerness" to help with their projects, especially their Toonie Sales.

"After a few meetings, I began asking myself how can a person like Judy always be so bubbly and always wanting to help in any way she can?" says Luschak.

"It didn't take me long to realize that being nice had to be in her DNA and that she truly was a warm and caring person," adds Luschak. "It also didn't take long for the rest of the Kin members to realize what wonderful person she was, and that was confirmed when she was presented with an award naming her Kin of the Year."

Luschak says Bennett has been an essential part of their club executive for the past number of years, and she is also one of the first to volunteer for all club projects.

"One of her favourite projects is our Toonie Sale where she oversees all of the jewellery sales," says Luschak. "At those sales, she often brings cookies, cakes or snacks for the volunteers that she baked the night before."

"Being recognized as the 2026 Senior of the Year recognizes that she is one who truly cares for, and does everything she can to make our community and its citizens a better place," he says.

"Thank you, Judy for being who and what you are, a wonderful human being."

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Peel Region will reconstruct the Centreville Creek Bridge and install a storm sewer along Airport Road.

This work will require:
- **A full road closure from July 6, 2026 to September 7, 2026. NOTE: This full road closure applies to ALL traffic**
- A **full restriction on all commercial trucks** on the following roads:
  - **Airport Road** between King St to Charleston Sideroad
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Restrictions:
- **Mon–Fri:** 3:00–6:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.–9:00 a.m.
- **Weekends & holidays:** No truck access all day

Find more information at **peelregion.ca/transportation-roads/truck-prohibition-pilot-town-caledon**



Four-way stop urged for Henry Wilson, Hope Valley area

BY MUHAMMAD HAMZA
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Residents of the Henry Wilson Drive area are calling on Council to install four-way stop signs at the intersection with Hope Valley Drive and Ash Hill Avenue after filing numerous complaints of speeding and unsafe driving, including a petition last year.

Jason Pulla, who delegated to Council at the Committee level on Tuesday, said residents have been dealing with the speeding and careless driving issues for the last seven years and pointed to the serious incident in the past.

Although no injuries were reported at that time, he urged Council to take necessary action and apply traffic calming measures, including speed bumps and a stop sign.

"Next time, we might not be so lucky. Children cross this street all day and night on bikes and scooters," Pulla said. "There is a bus stop where the kids are picked up and dropped off daily. This is a neighborhood where families should feel safe."

At July 7's General Committee meeting, a motion was brought forward by Councillor Doug Maskell directing staff "to create, as soon as possible, a four-way stop intersection on Henry Wilson Drive at the southern intersection of Henry Wilson Drive and Hope Valley Drive/Ash Hill Ave."

The proposal was approved by Council at the Committee level and is set for ratification at the July 28 Council meeting.

Following residents' complaints over the last couple of years, a consultation process with Transportation Engineering staff for a plan on traffic calming measures was initiated in 2023.

The Town then installed speed humps and "slow down" lamp post bollards.

As those measures had limited impact, residents have been calling on Council for further action last year and submitted a petition to install a four-way stop sign at the intersection.

Although Town staff determined that the intersections do not meet the technical warrants for all-way stops, some Councillors argued that the assessment does not reflect residents' concerns about pedestrian safety, particularly for children and seniors crossing the street.

"An ounce of prevention is better than a pound of cure," said Mayor Annette Groves, referring to Pulla's delegation.

"The word that stood out in your delegation was 'preventable.' That's key because we often talk about criteria, but then something happens, and we say, 'Oh my God, we should have. ' If we can prevent it, I think that is key."

Her words were also echoed by Councillor Mario Russo, who said residents' lived experiences should be considered alongside the Town's technical assessment and thanked Pulla for his advocacy efforts.

"Unfortunately, it doesn't matter how great our staff is; we don't always get it right. Even when we do, it may not meet the threshold of the criteria, but the lived experiences are important for us to hear," he said. "When you come to us and explicitly highlight those concerns, it's important for us to hear them."

Dufferin Child & Family Services urgently seeking foster families

BY JOSHUA DRAKES
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Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS) is encouraging more local residents to consider becoming foster families, as the organization continues to seek safe, stable, and supportive homes for children and youth in need throughout the region.

"At DCAFS, we are urgently seeking families from the Dufferin region who are willing to open their hearts and homes to these vulnerable children," said DCAFS in a statement. "Regardless of your background, there is a place for you in our mission to provide the hope, care, and support these children and youth deserve."

The organization noted that while becoming a foster parent involves a thorough screening and training process, prospective families are supported at every step.

"Becoming a foster family involves various essential steps such as criminal record checks, home visits, training, and more, all of which are crucial in ensuring the safety and well-being of the children," the statement continued. "But we are here to help and provide all needed support in every step of this rewarding journey."

According to DCAFS, foster families play a critical role in helping children through difficult periods in their lives by providing stability, encouragement, and a caring home environment.

The organization stressed that every child has different experiences, strengths, interests, and needs, meaning there is no single type of family that is the right fit for every child.

Whether providing short-term care, emergency placement, or longer-term support, foster families can have a lasting impact on a child's future.

DCAFS encourages anyone interested in learning more about fostering to reach out to the organization to discuss the application process and determine whether becoming a foster family is the right fit.

To learn more, go to dcafs.on.ca/services/child-welfare/foster-care-adoption.





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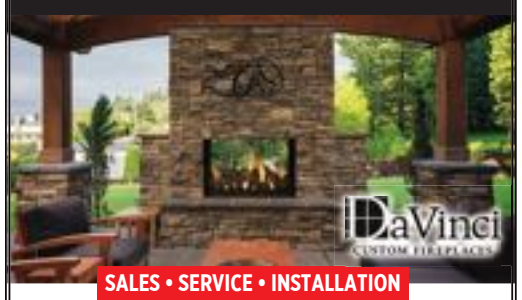
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CANADA DAY ENFORCEMENT CHARGES

Members of the Caledon OPP participated in the Canada Day enforcement week traffic campaign, resulting in hundreds of charges being laid across Caledon roads.

"Canada Day enforcement week took place between June 26 to July 5, 2026, where officers across OPP-patrolled roads conducted focused traffic enforcement of the 'Big Four' driving errors which include impaired driving, distracted driving, speeding/aggressive driving, and improper seat belt use," say Police.

"Throughout the campaign, Caledon OPP officers laid a total of 585 charges, which includes, but is not limited to, 156 speeding charges, 22 seat belt offences, 14 stunt driving offences, 11 distracted driving offences, and nine impaired driving charges.

"The OPP remains committed to making our roads a safer place through enforcement and public education. Motorists are encouraged to contact the OPP to report unsafe vehicles and unsafe driving behaviours that are observed. Road safety is a shared responsibility."

POLICE CAUTION ON JUMPING FROM BRIDGES INTO WATERWAYS

The OPP is reminding the public that jumping from bridges into waterways is extremely dangerous and can result in serious injury or death.

"While the water below may appear safe, significant hazards often exist beneath the surface," say Police. "The height of a bridge can cause severe injuries upon impact with the water, and hidden dangers such as shallow depths, rocks, debris and strong currents may not be visible from above.

"The risks are further increased when vessels are operating nearby. Boat operators may not see a person entering the water in time to avoid a collision, creating a serious danger for everyone involved."

Individuals who jump from bridges also place themselves, other members of the public, and emergency responders at significant risk.

"The OPP urges members of the public to make safe choices around waterways by staying off bridge railings and structures and never enter the water by jumping from a bridge. This applies regardless of whether warning signs are posted. The absence of signage does not eliminate the serious risks associated with jumping from bridges into waterways.

"Public safety is everyone's responsibility. By recognizing the dangers, wearing a lifejacket, and making responsible decisions around waterways, preventable tragedies can be avoided.

"For your safety and the safety of others, stay off bridges, wear a lifejacket, and enter the water only from designated, safe locations."

KNOW YOUR E-BIKE RULES BEFORE YOU RIDE: POLICE

Members of the Ontario Provincial Police OPP are reminding the public of the rules and regulations governing e-bikes before taking to the road or trail this summer.

As the use of e-bikes continues to grow across communities in Central Region, it is important for riders to recognize that e-bikes, also known as power-assisted bicycles, are subject to Ontario's Highway Traffic Act and Ontario Regulation 369/09.

To be legally operated, an e-bike must meet the following requirements:

- Be equipped with operable pedals;
- Have an electric motor rated at 500 watts or less;
- Have a maximum assisted speed of 32 km/h;
- Weigh no more than 120 kg, including the battery;
- Be equipped with two independent braking systems;
- Have the battery and motor securely fastened to the frame;
- Have all electrical terminals properly insulated;
- Meet all Ontario equipment standards.

E-bike riders must also:

- Be at least 16 years of age;
- Wear an approved bicycle or motorcycle helmet;
- Follow the same rules of the road as cyclists;
- Refrain from riding on controlled-access highways.

Riders should also be aware that municipalities may have additional bylaws or restrictions in place that limit where e-bikes can be used, including on certain pathways, trails, or waterfront areas. Always watch for posted signage and follow local regulations.

Unlike motor vehicles, e-bike operators are not required to have a driver's licence, vehicle registration, licence plates, or insurance.

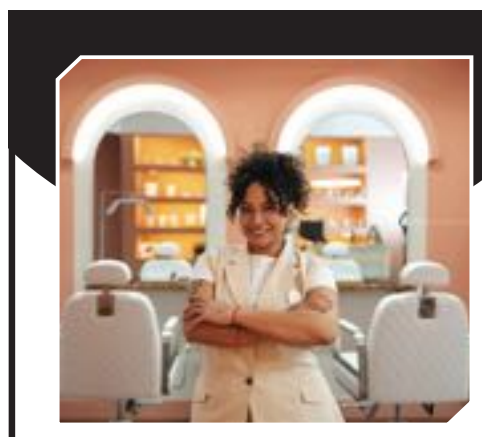
As more residents turn to e-bikes as a convenient and environmentally friendly mode of transportation, the OPP encourages all riders to prioritize safety, remain aware of their surroundings, and respect the rules of the road.

Traffic safety is a shared responsibility. By understanding and following the laws, riders can help ensure safe and enjoyable travel for everyone in our communities.

If you observe unsafe or concerning behaviour on the road, contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or 911 in an emergency. To remain anonymous, contact Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or submit a tip online.



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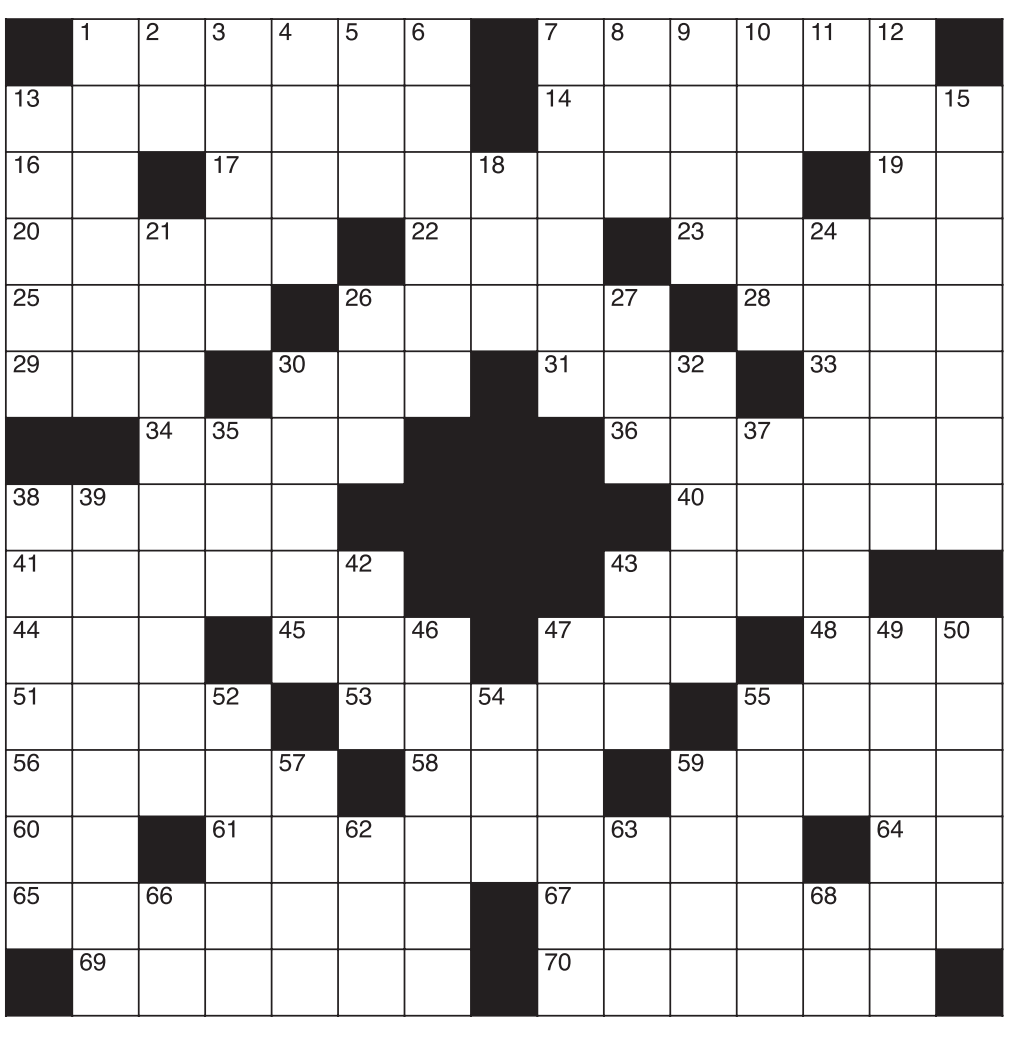

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41. Long-legged, wading bird
43. Breathe noisily
44. Congressman
45. Rip off
47. Golf score
48. Popular pickup truck
51. Where infants sleep
53. Music term
55. Small opening in a surface
56. Musical term meaning "very"
58. Soviet Socialist Republic
59. Treats with powder
60. Email subject line feature
61. A British lawyer
64. Expression of laughter
65. Farmer's calendar
67. Seeds used as food
69. Eurasian shrubs
70. Periods of inactivity

CLUES DOWN

1. Hard things to kick
2. Collective of countries
3. Letter of Hebrew alphabet
4. One-time Alabama running back Eddie
5. One's sense of self-esteem
6. Of the teeth
7. Treat with care
8. Type of whale
9. Curved structure
10. Emits coherent radiation
11. One of the Gospels (abbr.)
12. Smallest interval in western music
13. Netherlands seat of government
15. Gives to charitably
18. Lout
21. Pastas
24. Release from restrictions
26. Female sibling
27. Title of respect
30. Silver coins
32. Region in India
35. Partner to cheese
37. Dark or dusky
38. Pacific Northwest tree
39. Exaggerate
42. Toddler
43. Touch lightly
46. Fundamentals
47. Jeopardies
49. Curved structures
50. Isolated, flat-topped hills
52. Forming the bottom layer
54. Reciprocal of sine
55. Genus of Old World birds
57. New York college
59. Cloak
62. Kawhi Leonard's team (abbr.)
63. Vietnamese offensive
66. "The Great Lakes State"
68. "__, myself and I"

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

Velocity Ride funds will help upgrade CCS' buses

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The bike ride event was organized by Caledon Community Services (CCS) with contributions from the Town of Caledon's Municipal Agricultural Community Grant (MACG) and the generous support from multiple organizations and businesses to make that event successful.

"There were many wonderful sponsors. We are very grateful to them," said Mariia Kuprianova, a Chief Development Officer with the CCS.

The 2026 Velocity Ride was sponsored by Silcotech North America Inc., a silicon parts manufacturing company, which was the Grand Tour sponsor; Brampton Brick Inc., the climb sponsor; Ask4Care Support Services Inc., the road sponsor; and Nonna B's Bolton and Nutritel, the rest stop sponsors.

The CCS has been organizing the Velocity Ride fundraising event since 2018, founded by Ian Armstrong and Wayne Noble, to support the programs and services that help seniors in the community.

Kupriiyanov said that since then, the event has turned into a beautiful community celebration, bringing together hundreds of riders, supporters, and sponsors.

"This year was a record year; we have raised over $65,000, which is wonderful," she said, adding the result demonstrates the strength of the community support.

Participants could choose from a variety of cycling routes, including a 50-kilometre road route, a 50-kilometre road-and-trail route, a 25-kilometre gravel route, a 25-kilometre trail route, and a 10-kilometre trail route. All rides began and ended at Caledon East Park.

"We wrapped up with a wonderful lunch for our riders, some fun activities and games… and a beautiful ceremony where we celebrated our teams," she said.

The event welcomed riders of all ages and skill levels.

Kupriianova said that the youngest participant was six-years-old, and the oldest top fundraiser, Ted Webb, was 93.

Donna Cragg, Director of Communications and Marketing with CCS, who has been participating in Velocity Ride every year since its inception, said that events like these are useful in supporting seniors' mental health across Canada.

"We are seeing a growing need for that every day," said Cragg of supporting the independence of seniors. "That's not just Caledon but across the country to support seniors, and we know that isolation is incredibly harmful for them."

She pointed out the importance of the CCS Velocity platform, where multiple seniors shared their testimonies, expressing how they benefited from the organization's services and programs.

Kupriianova said those who joined this year's ride had one common reason: seniors, who rely on CCS transportation to perform day-to-day activities—if they have an urgent medical appointment, need to renew a driver's licence due to a health condition, or go grocery shopping—and added that having affordable and accessible transportation is necessary.

"In our community, where public transit options are limited, it is something that speaks to many people; maybe they had a parent who relied on CCS transportation," she said.

"We all have seniors in our lives. Every team member, every rider, had a reason. The main reason is that they believe in our community and believe in taking care of each other."

While highlighting the importance of transportation services for seniors, Cragg said that the organization needs to replace up to seven aging buses by the end of 2027, adding the demand for those services will continue as the senior population is growing.

"This was a huge testament to the fact that the community believes that this is a vital service, and we are working hard to ensure that we maintain it and increase the level of services for our seniors as that population grows," she said.



Council members, volunteers and participants joined the CCS team for a photo. PHOTO BY LIFE EVENTS PHOTOGRAPHY





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Thursday evenings
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July 9, 2026
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Arielle Perez - 7-8 p.m.

July 16, 2026
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Molly Bince - 7-8 p.m.

July 23, 2026
The BRS Band - 6-7 p.m.
Holli Ward - 7-8 p.m.

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CALEDON SPORT HALL OF FAME

Here's your last chance to nominate an athlete, builder or team for the 2027 Caledon Sport Hall of Fame inductee class.

Deadline for nominations is Sunday, July 12, 2026!

To nominate someone today, visit **Caledon.ca/CSHOF**.

The three categories for induction are: Athlete, Builder and Team. Nominees for all categories, to qualify for induction must:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Torbram Road Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Mayfield Road to Old School Road) Notice of Study Commencement

The Town of Caledon (Town) is initiating a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA) to evaluate options for the improvements to Torbram Road from Mayfield Road to Old School Road. The corridor is expected to experience significant increases in traffic volumes as a result of planned developments as well as broader regional growth and future transportation infrastructure such as Highway 413. The study will build upon the recommendations of the Town's approved 2024 Multi-Modal Transportation Master Plan and the 2025 Future Caledon Official Plan. The study will support increased north-south capacity, improve safety and travel efficiency, and accommodate multimodal transportation needs through review of roadway capacity, intersection upgrades, provision of active transportation facilities, and associated infrastructure improvements.



STUDY PROCESS:

The study is being carried out in accordance with the requirements of a Schedule C Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (October 2000, as amended 2024), which is approved under the Ontario Environmental Assessment Act. The study will evaluate and recommend solutions in consultation with the public, Indigenous Nations, and all relevant agencies. At the conclusion of the study, the decision-making process will be documented in an Environmental Study Report (ESR), prepared for a 30-day public review period.

CONTACT US!

Your input is a key component of this study. Public Information Centres are planned for future stages of the study to inform the public about the progress of the study and gather feedback on the solutions being considered. The first Public Information Centre is planned for Fall 2026. For further information, to submit comments on the study, or if you would like to be placed on the project contact list to receive future notices for this study, please visit the study website at haveyoursaycaledon.ca/torbramroadea or contact one of the study team members below:

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BROCK WEIR
BROCK'S BANTER

Courage, conviction, and contrast

It's strange how as often as some folks like to claim "Canada's broken," followed by an incongruous laundry list of reasons to justify their claim, it's often these same folks who balk the loudest at the idea that Canada's history is imperfect, has had some dark historic chapters, and still has its work cut out to be the best it can be.

The very idea of identifying some of the skeletons in our collective closet, ones that would be far more convenient for our shared consciousness if they weren't there at all, and pointing out ways in which we can try to begin a healing process, is somehow seen as insulting to those who came before us. Unless it works in their favour.

It's created a situation where those who are clear-headed about our history are sometimes derided for perceived political stances, even when it's just the facts, but others are given free rein to point out all the country's shortcomings with near-complete impunity – as long as the objective is to score political points and further a distinct narrative.

It's not a phenomenon that is unique to Canada, of course. It's one our neighbours to the south have experienced for years, albeit with increasing intensity in the last decade or so.

It was through this lens that it was fascinating to watch one nation celebrating its 159th birthday on Wednesday, and the other marking its 250th anniversary on Saturday.

Our anniversary, admittedly, is not the biggest of milestones to celebrate, certainly not in comparison to a quarter-millennium, but our respective approaches to these occasions was an interesting study in contrasts.

In many respects, at least through these non-American eyes, it seemed the United States was not only celebrating 250 years of history – as they rightly should – but doing so for a yearning for what once was, even if it wasn't. It was not just a matter of looking back at history in the context of providing the foundation blocks for today, but the idea that a return to many of those halcyon days of yore would solve the issues facing the country today.

No matter the progress made in the last few decades.

No matter the hard-fought rights established in those ensuing years.

No matter the fact that those "halcyon days" were anything but for large swaths of the population.

And, for some people leading the celebration, it was seen as an appropriate venue to attempt some score-settling, partisan haranguing, and the dusting off of well-worn soundbites that somehow still strike a chord with their intended audience.

While we didn't have a big milestone to celebrate this year – Canada could still, however, amp things up for our 160th next year – it was still heartening to see that our leaders from all levels of government were largely focused on what's right with Canada, while also looking to a future that, for better or worse, we're all in together.

"Canada is a beacon of hope and opportunity for people from around the world, which is reflected in the incredible diversity of cultural, religious, and linguistic backgrounds of the people who make up our great province and country," said Premier Doug Ford in a statement. "As we celebrate Canada, let's recommit to working together as Canadians to continue defending the values of freedom, democracy, and justice that make our country great. Let's also continue to keep fighting to protect our country, its communities, and its workers, unlocking new opportunities that will make Ontario and Canada more prosperous and more secure."

Many of you spent Canada Day this year wisely enjoying air conditioning as Mother Nature delivered a scorcher. It was understandable, and I admit I fully indulged in it, but it was still a shame not to be able to celebrate the day communally under the sun, as is the tradition for so many families.

But it was a great chance to see the festivities from the Nation's Capital on TV. Until it wasn't, and Mother Nature scattered the crowds – those who were brave enough to show up, anyway – with torrential storms.

She was, however, kind enough to hold off on unleashing her fury until after the Prime Minister delivered the traditional Canada Day speech at the noontime show – and, again, those clear contrasts in nation, leadership, and where we are headed, couldn't have been in sharper focus.

Drawing on the Artemis II mission and the participation of Canadian astronaut Colonel Jeremy Hansen, Carney chose the theme of strength and bravery in his remarks.

"From such great heights, Colonel Hansen brought back home a perspective on the values that make us who we are and the values that can propel us to achieve extraordinary things – courage, connection, and conviction," said the PM. "He showed courage in the face of the possibility of never returning; courage to take a calculated risk to achieve what had never been done before; showed connection because that mission was only made possible by everyone working together within a family, within a team, within a community. He showed conviction about what we are capable as a country, about the need to take risks in order to do big things. Courage, connection, and conviction: they're what it takes to reach the dark side of the moon. And they're what it takes to make the greatest country in the world even better. And we can do it."

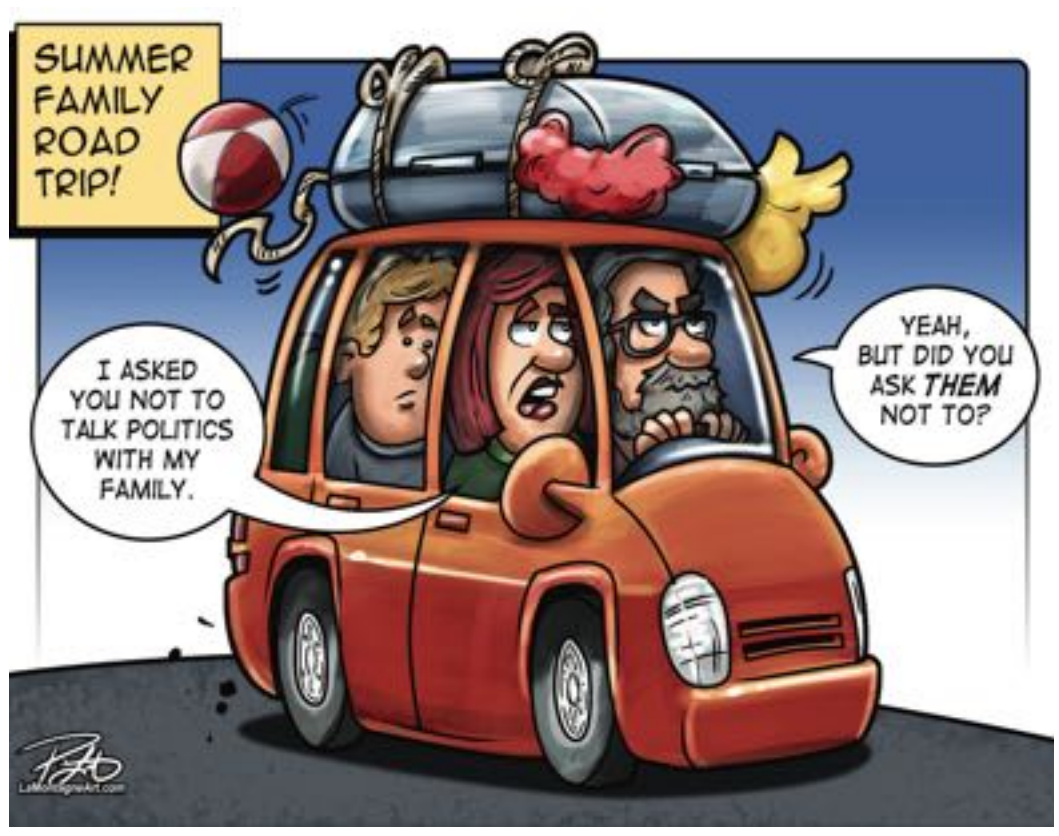
Noting that courage is "the ability to act despite fear" rather than the absence of fear itself, he pointed to the courage demonstrated year in and year out by members of the Canadian Armed Forces around the world, the staggering number of police officers this year alone who lost their lives in the line of duty, and those first responders preparing to head out to fight dangerous wildfires.

"If courage is how we must face the world, connection is how we accomplish what can seem impossible," he continued. "Jeremy Hansen has observed that while individuals can feel powerless in the face of global challenges, humanity's true strength lies in our ability to collaborate. That is how the Artemis team accomplished what had never been done before. That's what a united Canada makes possible….

"One hundred-and-fifty-nine-years-ago, Canada saw the light of day. It was not perfect. It offered a foundation, a starting point, founded on a deep conviction: the conviction that we can always do better. Every generation of Canadians inherits something that was built by the generations before – a railway, a seaway, a charter of rights, a path towards reconciliation, a country that's more prosperous, more just, more inclusive than the one they inherited from their parents…. None of us builds on empty ground. We build on those platforms raised by those who came before us. And our job, our duty even, is to raise it higher still for those who come after."

A study in contrasts indeed, and one that instilled me with Canadian pride.

All too often we, as Canadians, define ourselves by what we aren't rather than by what we are, and that's a shame as we have much to be proud of – but last week, I think we can be forgiven for indulging in a bit of that definition. Just a little.



Will our collective end be just a "whimper?"



by Mark Pavilons

T.S. Eliot once predicted that the world will end with a whimper, not a bang; that society will quietly, pathetically fade into nothingness.

Now, his bleak 1925 poem was a commentary on the world's post-war despair and cultural collapse. But that's not true today is it?

Some say we are experiencing severe systemic poly-crises – climate change, economic inequality, housing shortage and more. This can be described as a "widespread culture collapse," but experts see it as a restructuring rather than our annihilation.

I would beg to differ, considering the body count in both the Middle East and Ukraine.

The perception of the world being in despair and culture collapsing is heavily shaped by several key factors:

- Information Overload and Social Media: Hyper-connected digital spaces feed us a constant, global stream of crises, exploiting our natural human tendencies to fixate on threats and dramas.
- Institutional and Political Decay: Trust in traditional systems, such as governments and democratic institutions, is historically low in the West. This breeds intense polarization and a deep-seated loss of shared understanding.
- Ecological and Existential Stress: Major environmental indicators are flashing warning signs, which has sparked severe "eco-despair" and anxiety among communities and climate scientists alike.
- Cultural Stagnation vs. Localization: While we aren't seeing a total collapse of art or knowledge, many sociologists note that rapid globalized cultural innovation has slowed. Interestingly, data shows that global pop culture is actually receding as people turn inward to local, language-specific, and national identities.

I have been wondering in recent years why we aren't seeing many more Michelangelos, da Vincis, Mother Teresas or Gandhis, all striving to share, impart, save.

Where are today's geniuses, spiritual leaders and motivators? Where is the altruistic goodness?

Our planet and its inhabitants – human and other – has seen several "extinction" events over the eons. They say all species come back changed, but stronger, more adaptable.

Anthropological and historical analyses show that while complex civilizations do experience cycles of peak and decline, these periods are not always purely apocalyptic. They often serve to redistribute wealth and resources, eventually recalibrating into new societal equilibriums.

I wonder when the next one will occur.

My son is growing more pessimistic about current governments, here at the federal level. With government missteps, conflict of interest, greed and the people taking a back seat, he's losing faith in our system. Sad, since he's part of the next generation that will lead us all.

I tell him to channel his frustration – to read, perhaps join a political party or lobby group – to try to encourage change. Put that pent up energy to good use, I tell him.

And then of course I ignore my own advice. "So this is how it ends, with a whimper," I mumbled to myself as I headed up to bed last week, feeling a bit down at my current predicament.

Weakness and dizziness – newest side effects of my chemo – left me discouraged. A once tough, strapping man, I am now reduced to a bag of bones, getting eaten from the inside. I want to "bounce back," and approach my former self, once my current treatment session is over. And then I think, "and then what?"

If we can't turn the tide of my cancer or at least derail it temporarily, am I doomed?

A recent call from the palliative care department at Southlake didn't help my mind set. I confirmed with the staffer on the phone that this was a support network of specialists helping me to manage my journey, and that it wasn't the final "whimper."

Ok, but that term nags at me, tugs on the hair at the back of my head like a move by a professional wrestler.

In my bathroom drawer, there's a pile of little hospital wrist bands. I could make a set of "rattan" patio furniture with the stuff. The faded bar codes contain a lot of information about me, I'm sure, but not all. Upon scanning it, does it let everyone know how funny I am? Does it indicate that I care deeply, that I'm a husband and father?

Alas, probably just a mumbo jumbo of digits, reference numbers and test results.

We all die, but Chuck Palahniuk once observed that "the goal isn't to live forever, the goal is to create something that will."

True enough.

But humankind has been barking up the wrong tree for centuries, chasing our own tails in search of "things."

And yet, as the dawn draws near, we realize what's important.

The end – or goal, or objective, or destination – isn't here. It isn't physical, or tangible, or even knowable. It isn't limited by the laws of physics or bound by time. It's spiritual. It's the person you become when you finish your work. And your job, while you're here, is to actualize your potential and become the person you're capable of becoming.

But can we actually transcend the limitations of our decaying, three-dimensional, time-bound world?

There are likely thousands of breakthroughs on the horizon across the globe – achievements in medicine, science, technology and humanity. They can all contribute to the common good, and slow the perceived decay.

I am placing my money on the medical students, researchers, university studies, oncologists and, yes, pharmaceutical companies, to offer hope. And one day they will, I have no doubt.

Until then, many will slip away quietly, with nothing but a whisper on their lips.

The end? Or the beginning of a new adventure?

Our Readers Write

Open letter to Premier, MPPs, Mayor and Council

I am writing to express my serious concerns, as well as those shared by many family members, friends, neighbours, and residents of Bolton, regarding the increasingly dangerous and inadequate transportation infrastructure serving our community.

For many months, residents have voiced concerns about the worsening traffic congestion, deteriorating road conditions, and significant safety risks associated with Highway 50 and Coleraine Drive. Unfortunately, these concerns continue to grow while meaningful action remains absent.

The reality is simple: Bolton has become the funnel, while Highway 50 and Coleraine Drive have become the bottleneck. These roads are the primary routes connecting Bolton to communities south of us, yet they are already operating beyond their intended capacity. Heavy truck traffic, increasing industrial development, and continued residential growth have created conditions that are unsafe, stressful, and unsustainable.

The intersection of Highway 50, Coleraine Drive, Major Mackenzie Drive, and the Highway 427 terminus is particularly concerning. Residents use this intersection daily, yet it remains inadequately designed to accommodate existing traffic volumes, let alone the additional traffic generated by ongoing development.

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SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Lambs to the Slaughter

Caledon roads are at an inflection point and we are not alone. Across the country, indeed across North America, road safety is declining to the point where we might be forgiven for thinking every time we leave our homes we're like innocent lambs being led to the slaughterhouse.

Not everyone is innocent, of course, and it's unfair to lay the entire issue of road safety at the feet of truckers, but it is also long past the time when we can continue to make excuses for illegal trucking, Drivers Inc infractions, poor training and the deplorable lack of action from our provincial government. At least the federal government seems to be listening, but we wonder, just how many more people have to die on our roads before true action is taken?

Amongst what I'm sure are many other incidents, just in the last two weeks commercial trucks have been involved in three separate incidents involving rear end collisions. Whether any attempt was made to stop isn't clear, although at least one of them involved a slow-moving farm vehicle with flashers on and they are kind of hard to miss. The other two occurred on the two major highways that border our town to the east and west, and which are increasingly proving to be roads that are beyond any adequate description of just how bad they are when it comes to safety. Where is our provincial government? The sign on the door of the legislature says "Out of Office."

On Highway 50, container-carrying trucks regularly turn at least one lane into a parking lot.

They've also been recorded driving the wrong way on the shoulder of the road, making a myriad of unsafe left turns and even u-turns. U-turns! Speed isn't always a factor, sometimes it is the sheer volume of trucks and the unsafe manoeuvres just described. Meanwhile on Highway 10, it is speed, speed and more speed, often combined with fully loaded gravel trucks moving between the seemingly endless pits and quarries that dot the ward one landscape. Despite multiple calls for attention from some of our local municipal leaders, like outgoing Councillor Lynn Kiernan, the mayhem continues.

On Canada Day, we happened to meet up with volunteer members of the CCRSA who, it sometimes feels like, are the only ones continuing to draw attention to the road crisis Caledon residents face every day. Using every opportunity and community event to gather support and spread their message of road safety awareness, this group continues to advocate on our behalf, volunteering their time, energy, efforts and research, all while Transportation Minister Sarkaria appears at a photo op with Premier Ford announcing speed limits on Ontario highways are being increased! The absolute irony of being in a road safety crisis and increasing speed limits cannot be overstated. It's beyond belief.

After previously increasing limits on over 850+ kms of roadways, the province recently added an additional 938 kms of highways across the province to that list. Sarkaria claimed, "This work is critical to improve travel times for families, commuters and workers and will benefit millions of drivers." Except of course when travel times are impeded by horrific accidents that regularly plague our roads and which, if happen at even higher speeds than already exist, will cause ever more grievous injuries.

Meanwhile it seems some of the only people paying attention to what's happening, and who are trying to draw the attention of our federal and provincial leaders to this disaster (in addition to the CCRSA) are the Ontario Trucking Association. They have already filmed a documentary about their concerns and stepped up campaigns to call attention to road safety in general. Now, coming to Caledon in August to personally bear witness to what is happening here, is another film shoot, this one a documentary being made with the support of Federal MP Xavier Barsalou-Duval. The CCRSA will be included, sharing what's happening locally with illegal truck yards and the many other related safety concerns that challenge our residents every time they leave their homes.

In summary, Caledon residents are at risk daily. So are many others across Ontario. The volunteers of the CCRSA spent their Canada Day advocating for change and educating residents who stopped by their booth. Premier Doug Ford spent it at his cottage, according to media reports, and Sarkaria was spotted at a photo op in Chingacousy Park.

Oh - and the legislature? They are on a 21-week break. Twenty-one weeks! Hope no one gets hurt on our roads in the meantime.

MAYOR ANNETTE GROVES
MAYOR GROVES' COLUMN



On-demand Ride Pilot coming Fall 2026

The pilot will serve Bolton, Caledon East, and Mayfield West/Southfields, giving the Town an opportunity to explore how an on-demand transit model can best meet the needs of local residents. The service will also connect riders to Brampton Transit, York Region Transit, and GO Transit, making it easier to travel throughout the region.

This initiative supports the Town's broader vision of creating more connected, accessible, and sustainable transportation options for residents.

As one of Ontario's fastest-growing communities, Caledon is exploring innovative solutions that can adapt to changing travel needs while strengthening connections between neighbourhoods and neighbouring transit networks.

Using Argo's Smart Routing™ technology, riders can be picked up right at their door and matched with others travelling in the same direction—all for the cost of a standard transit fare.

This pilot is an important opportunity to learn how flexible, demand-responsive transit can support Caledon's growth while helping residents stay connected to the places and services that matter most. It is a great option for our seniors and youth.

I would like to thank our staff for their work on this pilot program and I look forward to seeing on-demand transit service in our community.



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ARTS & CULTURE

Theatre Orangeville's Young Company set to premiere production of Into the Woods

BY JOSHUA DRAKES

Theatre Orangeville's Young Company is heading Into the Woods this summer, bringing fairy tales and their consequences to life on the stage as they explore classic tales through song.

Running July 24 to 27 at Theatre Orangeville, Into the Woods reimagines some of literature's most recognizable fairy tale characters, weaving them into a single narrative. While audiences may be familiar with the characters, the production takes a different approach from the traditional fairy-tale formula, exploring what happens after wishes come true and examining the consequences that follow.

Rather than ending with a conventional happily-ever-after, Into the Woods challenges audiences to consider the complexity of its characters and their choices. Throughout the production, seemingly simple stories become interconnected as characters pursue their dreams, confront unexpected outcomes and learn that every action has lasting consequences.

For the cast, that complexity is part of what made the production so appealing.

"Into the Woods is not like any other show," a Young Company member said. "Most of the time, musicals will have this big happy ending, and you can normally predict, alright, beginning they have an issue, they solve it, happy ever after. But with Into the Woods, it is very bittersweet. It's again actions and consequences... it's unlike any other show, and I think it's very special, and it should be shown as often as it can."

Performers described the musical as one that offers something different from a typical family show, with layered storytelling that allows audiences to interpret its themes in different ways depending on their own experiences. Familiar fairy tales provide an accessible starting point, but the production delves deeper into questions about responsibility, morality and the realities that follow achieving one's goals.

The music itself presents another challenge. Sondheim's intricate score is known for its rapid-fire lyrics, demanding harmonies and carefully crafted musical motifs, requiring performers to master technically difficult material while conveying the emotional depth behind every scene.

The show's structure also gives nearly every performer a chance to shine. Instead of revolving around a single protagonist, Into the Woods follows multiple storylines simultaneously, allowing each character to play a meaningful role in moving the story forward.

"Every single character in this show is important in some way, shape, or form," a Young Company member said. "Whether it be following them in a lot of the scenes, or they are the one person that you might think is not really super important, but then they do something that changed the entire course of the story."

They added, "I feel like Into the Woods is a really good show for having everyone in the cast feel like they're doing something really important, they're contributing to the show, and they are making the show better."

The approach is reflected in the casting, with several performers taking on multiple roles throughout the production. Switching between vastly different personalities – from fairy tale heroes to villains and comic characters – has challenged the young actors to develop distinct performances while helping create the production's expansive world.

The production also emphasizes ensemble work. Although individual characters each have defining moments, cast members say the musical relies on everyone working together to tell the story, making collaboration as important as any single performance.

Bringing a production of this scale to life is no small undertaking.

Preparation for the show began months before rehearsals officially started. Theatre Orangeville's production team began planning late last year, securing performance rights, assembling the creative team and developing the production schedule before moving into set, costume and design work. Once rehearsals began, the cast worked through an intensive four-week process to transform the musical from auditions into a fully staged production.

The production is the culmination of Theatre Orangeville's annual Young Company program, which brings together performers from students entering Grade 7 through graduating high school students.

Unlike some theatre camps, Young Company is designed to replicate the experience of mounting a professional production. Participants audition for roles, work alongside industry professionals and rehearse under the same expectations found in professional theatre, all while developing their acting, singing and stagecraft.



The cast behind Into The Woods, the newest production by Theatre Orangeville's Young Company, takes a break from rehearsals. Featuring a medley of fairy tales, the production takes each tale, systematically breaks them down, and analyzes the values within through song, offering unique perspectives to both those familiar with the tales and those coming in blind.

PHOTO BY JOSHUA DRAKES

This year's production was also shaped by the participants themselves. Organizers invited the young performers to pitch shows they were interested in tackling before ultimately selecting Into the Woods, recognizing both the enthusiasm for the musical and the opportunity it offered to showcase the cast's abilities.

For many participants, Young Company has become more than a place to perform. Returning cast members describe it as a welcoming environment where friendships form across age groups and experienced performers support newcomers.

"That belonging is the biggest reason why I love Young Company so much," one Young Company member said.

"I keep coming back every year, because on the very first day I spent with Young Company three years ago, I remember being so scared that I was going to be on the outskirts and I wasn't going to enjoy myself, and as soon as I walked in, there was a big circle of people, and someone came and invited me, we sat and we talked in a big circle."

"From that day, this became my second home. It's so inclusive and welcoming for anybody, no matter where you're from, how old you are. Without this company, I never would have met some of my closest friends," they added.

As opening night approaches, audiences can expect a production that combines familiar fairy tales with thought-provoking storytelling, challenging music and the collaborative energy of a cast working together to bring Into the Woods to life.

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Music in the Park concert series opens summer season in Caledon

BY MUHAMMAD HAMZA
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER



Residents braved the heat for some golden hour music at Dennison Park last week. PHOTO BY MUHAMMAD HAMZA

With back-to-back performances by the artists, Caledon's "Music in the Park" summer series began last week at Dennison Park in Southfields Village.

Hosted by the Town of Caledon, the event was held on July 2 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and is scheduled to run every Thursday throughout July through the end of August.

Despite the high temperatures residents sat down on the benches at the outdoor seating area to listen to the bands.

Lorie Harrron, a resident of Caledon, who has been consistently attending the weekly festival for the last three years, says it was a pleasant experience for her, and the event is a good reflection of the community.

"There is a wide variety of music displayed, so I find it's a very good repertoire," she said.

"I really enjoy the variety that they have. There are a lot of different performers, from very young to senior citizens." Harron added that such events provide opportunities for residents to network and meet people from diverse cultural backgrounds.

"It's a wonderful way to create some new friendships," she said. "I think music is something that is universal and joins people together in love, harmony and sharing."

The first performance in a two-hour show was given by Wilson and The Cast Aways, an indie-folk band with a style of sharing stories in songs, supported by banjos, acoustic guitars, mandolin and more.

After their performance ended at 7 p.m., Shelagh Haney, who calls Caledon her home, took the stage and performed songs from her albums while playing guitar.

Harron said that she enjoyed both performances, and some songs were familiar to her.

"The first group had some beautiful harmonies, and I also appreciated the soloists," she said.

"There was quite a wide repertoire. There are a lot of songs that I recognize, but all of them are songwriters in their own right, and there are a lot of new songs that they created themselves."

Not only did residents enjoy the event, but the performers as well.

Haney, who grew up in Caledon, said it was a great experience to perform here again.

"It is really cool to come and play back on the familiar grounds," she said.

Haney said many songs she wanted to sing she didn't perform that day, like "the Eagles and modern songs", because she was feeling "a little bit more sentimental than rocking out".

She said she preferred old storytelling songs while performing and described her music style as "Canadiana" because of that storytelling aspect.

"It's like a mixture of country, folk, and Americana—I call it Canadiana because it's got more storytelling; I feel like there's a Canadian element to that," she said.

"Canadian music is a bit more connected that way, I think, to the human spirit than I find Americanized music."

Through August 20, the final date, many other musicians and artists are set to join the festival, including Caledon Concert Band, The Trio Kings, Inka's Band, Nix Ironstone, No Refunds and Friends, Holli Ward, and others.

While highlighting the significance of these events, Sofia Clements, a member of the Town of Caledon's organizing team, said that while similar events are common in Toronto, she was pleased to see a smaller community like Caledon bringing people together through live music.

"I am really happy that a much smaller community is doing it too… I think that what's important about it is… there doesn't have to be a million people to bring a community together. I just think that something small and intimate like this has just as much value."

COMMUNITY events

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Advocates seeking residents' support for Fairgrounds community centre

BY MUHAMMAD HAMZA
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Local advocates are encouraging local residents to support the construction of a new community centre in Caledon.

Once constructed, the building will be located at Caledon Fairgrounds.

Mustafa Ali, Treasurer of the Caledon Agricultural Society (CAS), explained the significance of building a new community centre for residents.

"For a long period of time, this area of Caledon has [needed] a community centre or maybe a fitness centre," he said.

As the Fairgrounds have long been in use for celebration events like the Canada Day festival, Caledon Fair, and other social community events, Ali said that CAS has decided to expand the use of these parcels of land to build a community centre on one portion, and the other will be used as a high-level fitness centre.

"We are partnering with the organization called C3, which trains Olympic-level athletes, so they will have the fitness facility available within the same building," he said.

C3 (Canadian Cross Training Club) is a non-profit organization that helps people of all ages to adopt a healthy multi-sport lifestyle and achieve athletic fitness goals.

With a headquarters in Bolton, the club offers a range of programs for people of all ages, like swimming, running, cycling, and more.

Ali added the CAS also has an "ambitious plan" to eventually build an Olympic-class training pool if funding and community support can be secured, with assistance from C3.

"This is just a beginning," he said.

Ali said that the proposal will be submitted to the Town of Caledon "very soon" to seek approval.

"We have already done the plan layout, land studies, and things like that," he said.

While speaking about the timeline of the project, Ali said that, once the proposal receives approval from the Town of Caledon, he is hopeful that "the ground-breaking will either be the end of this year or early next year".

Although events like the Caledon Canada Day and Strawberry Festival, and the Caledon Fair have been ongoing for years, he added they generate little surplus revenue for the CAS to run its programs.

"We barely even break even with the funds," Ali said. "Otherwise, it is usually through the funding we receive from different people, the Town, the Regional government, and the Province."

For a community centre project, he said the society has started several funding initiatives, including a Kubota raffle, as well as "generous support" from former Caledon mayor Allan Thompson and his wife, Anne Thompson, who are helping through their foundation and Legacy Golf Classic at Osprey Valley.

Giving a message to the community, Ali called on residents to come out and support the society in this important project.

"We are doing this for you. We need your financial support and volunteer support as well," he said.

"This is a need we have found in the community, and everyone I have spoken to appreciates us taking that initiative, but we can't do it alone."

Headwaters Health Care Foundation names new chair, vice-chair

BY SAM ODROWSKI

The Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) has appointed Sandra Hartman as board chair and Jeet Dhillon as vice-chair.

The leadership changes come as the foundation begins planning for future initiatives, including early work toward a fundraising campaign to support the redevelopment of the Emergency Department at Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC).

Hartman has been a longtime supporter of the hospital and said her connection to Headwaters is personal, as she received care there during a traffic moment in her life.

"I am honoured to serve as board chair of the foundation," Hartman said. "Headwaters holds a very special place in my heart. I know firsthand the critical role our hospital plays in this community, and I am committed to working alongside our dedicated team and supporters to ensure we continue to raise the funds needed to provide exceptional care, close to home, for every patient who walks through our doors."

As chair, Hartman will help lead the foundation's board as it works on future fundraising priorities.

Dhillon joins Hartman as vice-chair after making an impact on the foundation's board within a short period. She has supported fundraising efforts and community events during her time with the organization.

"I am excited to take on the role of vice-chair and continue supporting the important work of the Foundation," Dhillon said.

"Whether it's connecting with donors, supporting campaigns, or volunteering at events, I am proud to contribute in any way I can to help strengthen health care for our community."

Headwaters Health Care Foundation CEO K.C. Carruthers said the new leadership team will help guide the organization as it continues its fundraising efforts.

"Sandra brings not only strong leadership but also a profound sense of purpose to this role," Carruthers said. "Her personal connection to Headwaters drives her passion for philanthropy, and we are incredibly fortunate to have her guiding the Foundation as we look ahead to our next chapter."

Carruthers added that Dhillon's involvement with the foundation has included supporting fundraising initiatives and events.

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Minister of Transportation
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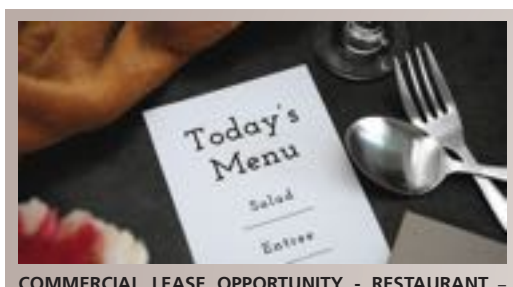


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SPORTS

Brewers blast Mansfield Cubs 13-3, blow 6-3 lead in 13-8 loss in Midland, and coast to 6-1 win versus Creemore



Brewers' starter Paul Cota struck out seven Cubs to earn his first NDBL win and delivered the decisive RBI in Bolton's 13 – 3 win over Mansfield. **PHOTO BY JIM STEWART**

BY JIM STEWART

With playoff positions up for grabs, the Bolton Brewers took two of three games in seven days to strengthen their hold on fifth place in the NDBL Senior Division standings.

Last Monday, Bolton mercied Mansfield 13-3 in a five-inning game.

Timely four-RBI performances by Carter Burnside and Brett Chater, and the lineup's saint-like patience at the plate to draw ten walks, were two key ingredients in the Brewers' winning offensive recipe.

Bolton scored three runs at the bottom of the second. Burnside blasted a leadoff double to the left-centre warning track and Chater cashed in Burnside with a hard ground ball to shortstop that was mishandled.

Ben Sterritt's hard single between first and second loaded the bases. Josh Hickey was hit by Cody Bryan's pitch to earn the Brewers' third baseman an RBI, and Chris Fafalios's bases-loaded walk secured an RBI.

Mansfield responded at the top of the third with a sacrifice fly by Alex Attenborough and a hard single by Devon Caldwell over second base to pull the visitors within one at 3-2.

The Brewers added to their lead when Chater lashed a two-out clutch single to cash in Burnside to make it 4-2.

Bolton starter Paul Cota was dominant in his last inning of pitching.

After the offence gave him a two-run lead, the NDBL rookie befuddled the Cubs hitters—inducing a pop up to third, and two strikeouts swinging.

His 1-2-3 inning was the contest's turning point.

The Brewers' hitters manufactured two runs at the bottom of four by combining two consecutive walks and two consecutive singles to push ahead of Mansfield 6-2. Burnside did the damage, delivering a bases-loaded, none-out line drive into left field to plate Luke Witty and Fafalios.

The Brewers took the suspense out of Monday night's contest by plating seven runs at the bottom of five.

With patience, self-sacrifice, and athleticism, Bolton batters drew three walks, were hit three times by pitches, and produced three singles to create a ten-run lead and a mercy victory.

Burnside capped off a four-RBI game with a bases-loaded single and Chater's hard single to the centerfield warning track cashed in two more.

Cota, who moved to shortstop when Chater came in from the bullpen in the fifth and made a smooth, nonchalant 6-3 putout to support his fellow pitcher, delivered the knockout punch in his first AB of the game with a sharp single up the middle that plated the game-winning run.

Head Coach Mike Wallace described Cota's role with the Brewers: "He's our Swiss Army knife."

"He's a starting pitcher, closer, infielder, outfielder. We had to get him stretched out before we could start him against Mansfield. He can cover shortstop when Brett comes in to pitch. He's a great fit for the team and I think he's going to be an X-factor for our club."

The first-year Brewer earned the win with his four-inning quality start (zero earned runs and seven strikeouts) and earned his first save of the season last Monday in the Brewers' stirring 6-4 win over Barrie.

It's been a momentous week for Cota. He earned his first save and win in the NDBL, and his two hits spurred a rally versus Barrie and ended the game mercifully versus Mansfield.

The two-way player admitted he was fatigued and achy after the bursts of action versus Barrie and Mansfield.

"I haven't played regularly for three years and this was my first start. I'm tired and my back hurts. I felt good to throw four innings tonight—someone needed to pitch. Thank God I got that hit to end the game because my hamstring was sore running up the line. I've been a pitcher my whole life and this is the first time I've started to play a position regularly. It was good to get a save and a win this week—I'm trying to do a bit of everything here."

In Midland on Tuesday night, the Brewers let a 6-3 fourth inning lead get away and wasted a solid 4-inning start by Matteo Stothers in a 13-8 loss to the Mariners.

Midland jumped out to a 3-0 lead after the first inning, but the Brewers scored one in the third and five more in the sixth to build a 6-3 lead.

The roof fell in on the visitors at the bottom of the sixth when the Mariners plated ten runs. The home side took advantage of Brewers' reliever Jaineel Purohit's five walks allowed in one inning of work.

On the bright side, Luke Witty hit his first home run of the season for the Brewers.

Chater and Jack Larmer continued their productive ways by driving in two runs each in Midland.

The Brewers got back in the win column at home on Monday night with a tidy 6-1 win over the Creemore Padres.

Charlie Hughes delivered a seven-inning CG gem—striking out seven Padres and limiting the visitors to three hits.

Coach Wallace praised his starter's performance versus Creemore: "That was all Charlie. We needed a good start. Matteo and Charlie are really rolling right now. Charlie always gives us a chance."

Stothers, the veteran leader of the pitching staff, echoed his Head Coach's remarks about Hughes: "Charlie threw great. Big kid with lots of zip. We started calling him the Men's League's Misiorowski."

A flattering reference, indeed, to Jacob Misiorowski of the Milwaukee Brewers who is leading MLB in ERA, WHIP, and Ks.

In addition to the quality start by Hughes, Coach Wallace identified other key factors behind the 6-1 victory: "All in all, it was a good team win. Josh Hickey had a big two-RBI single. Our D bounced back, too, after a rough game in Midland. We rebounded well from that loss."

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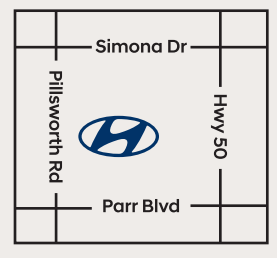
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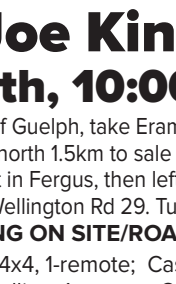
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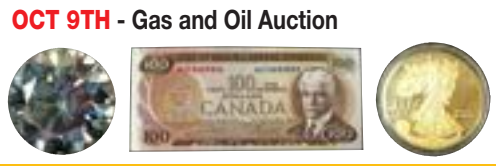
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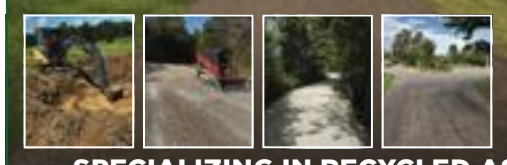
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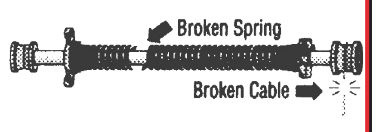
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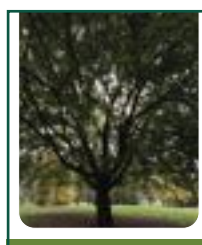
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Caledon celebrates Canada Day at Strawberry Festival

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Rachel Lima was a first-time vendor at Wednesday's Canada Day festivities.

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Environment Canada had issued the orange warning for Wednesday, July 1, instructing residents to exercise extreme caution as the temperature was expected to rise up to 37 degrees Celsius.

However, that did not stop the community from coming out and celebrating Canada Day in style.

Rachel Lima, who owns an Oakville-based cookie brand named "Cookie Cuddle" was participating in a Caledon event for the first time and said that her sales were not affected due to harsh weather conditions.

"Even though it's a really hot day, sometimes people avoid going out, [but] it's been pretty good," she said. "People are stopping, and they are trying the samples and buying."

Lima described her product's specialty by saying it's a "New York-style cookie," which means it has a thick layer of crunch outside and is made up of "real butter and good ingredients."

Some activities like the pony rides and petting zoo, and the dignitaries' parade were cancelled due to the extreme weather.

But the impact of the event was still clear to Lima.

"It is an amazing moment for families to get together," Lima said. "I do believe this is really important for the community to have these kinds of events that can put them together."

Her words were also echoed by Councillor Mario Russo, Wards 3 and 4, who said, "It's about our community coming together, celebrating Canada, celebrating Caledon, and being the unique nature of Caledon, which is what we always want to continue to maintain."

He emphasized that Canada is what brings us together, and that's what needs to be reflected and celebrated on this special day.

In his view, although the residents' turnout had declined compared to last year, mainly due to the heat, he believed that the quality time families spent with each other outweighs the number of people.

"The turnout is still great; the day is still young. But the reality is, it's not about the number of people; it's about the quality of spending time with one another."

The food booth was open for the community throughout the event, where they could enjoy barbecue, fresh juices, and cold drinks. It also included ice cream, fruits, and vegetables.

Among other prominent stalls were clothing and skin care products.

David Hansraj of the Caledon Agricultural Society, pointed to the trend of 10 to 15 years back, when residents came out in massive numbers; as that is no longer the case, he urged residents to come out to continue that legacy.

"The Strawberry Festival and the Caledon Fair are very important; we need this to continue. It's been around for 160 years," he said.

"When you look around, you will see the reminiscence of the bygone days when this place was filled with people. We need to continue that."

The CAS is in the process of building a new community centre for residents.

Giving a message to the residents, Hansraj said, "We need your support. As the years go by, you will be proud of your community."

PAULINE MIKOL

JANUARY 28, 1944 – JUNE 20, 2026



82, of Alton, ON, passed away suddenly but peacefully at home on Saturday, June 20, 2026.

Pauline is survived by her beloved husband Michael, daughter Michele Sguigna (Tom), sons Jim Mikol (Audrey De Groot) and Ken Mikol. She was loving and supporting Grandma to Jen (Chris), Josh (Kayla), Jillian, Myles, Callum, and Corben; she was an adoring and enthusiastic GG to Adaline, Bryce, Eleanor, and Jacob.

Pauline was born on January 28, 1944 in Lancashire, England to Jim and Doris Tallon (predeceased). She emigrated to Ontario with her family in 1951. Pauline attended Women's College Hospital, graduating as a registered nurse in 1965. She was a dedicated nurse, known throughout her career for compassionate care and genuine kindness. Pauline always put her patients first. Her cohorts remember her as a great classmate and a good friend.

Pauline was a friend to everyone lucky enough to meet her. She saw the best in people and was the best person that everyone knew. In her reluctant retirement, Pauline travelled often, enjoyed reading, tinkered on her piano, and continued to dedicate her time spreading happy thoughts to those she cared about. She collected anything that sparked joy and marked everyone occasion with a handpicked greeting card (or 5). She fanatically supported anything her grandchildren did and was overjoyed in every moment spent with her great-grandchildren.

Pauline was a truly lovely human, remembered for her warmth, quiet humour, and nurturing spirit. She exemplified what it is to be a good soul, and Pauline's legacy of kindness will continue to live on in the hearts of her family and friends. Though she is no longer with us, her unconditional love and vibrant spirit will remain with us always, reminding us to be proud of who we are and to find the joy in every moment.

In lieu of flowers, gifts to Headwaters Healthcare Foundation in her memory would be appreciated (hhcfoundation.com)

Cremation has taken place. A reception to celebrate Pauline's life and memories will be held on Saturday July 25, 11am to 3pm at the Alton Legion, 1267 Queen St W, Alton, ON L7K 0C4. Family and friends are welcome to drop-in; a short service will take place at 1:00pm for any who wish to attend.

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Our Readers Write

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Despite years passing since Highway 427 was extended to Major Mackenzie Drive, there has been little visible progress toward addressing the infrastructure deficiencies at this critical location.

At the same time, industrial development continues at an aggressive pace. New industrial buildings are being approved and constructed throughout the area, generating thousands of additional truck and vehicle movements. Large-scale residential developments are also proceeding throughout Caledon, including areas near King Street, Duffy's Lane, Humber Station Road, and The Gore Road.

The obvious question is: where are all of these vehicles expected to travel?

The answer is Highway 50 and Coleraine Drive—roads that are already overwhelmed.

Residents are left wondering how so much development has been approved without corresponding infrastructure improvements. Effective planning requires roads, transportation networks, and public safety measures to be developed in conjunction with growth, not years after growth has already occurred.

While discussions continue regarding future projects such as Highway 413, residents need answers about what is being done today. We cannot wait years for relief while traffic congestion, safety concerns, and quality-of-life issues continue to deteriorate.

I respectfully request clear answers to the following questions:

- What immediate measures are being implemented to improve safety and traffic flow on Highway 50 and Coleraine Drive?
- What is the timeline for improvements to the Highway 50/Coleraine Drive/Major Mackenzie intersection?
- How will existing infrastructure accommodate the significant industrial and residential growth already approved?
- Will further development approvals be reconsidered until transportation infrastructure can adequately support current and projected traffic volumes?
- What specific short-term and long-term investments are planned, and when can residents expect construction to begin?

Residents of Bolton deserve the same level of infrastructure planning and investment afforded to neighbouring municipalities. We contribute significantly to the tax base of Caledon and the Region of Peel and have every right to expect safe, efficient transportation networks that support both current residents and future growth.

Highway 50 was never designed to accommodate the volume of traffic and heavy trucking it now experiences daily. The absence of adequate road widening, intersection improvements, street lighting, and traffic management measures has created conditions that many residents consider dangerous. Continuing to approve growth without addressing these deficiencies is neither responsible nor sustainable.

This issue is no longer a future concern—it is an immediate public safety concern. Every day that passes without action places residents, commuters, and businesses at greater risk while traffic conditions continue to worsen.

I urge all levels of government represented in this letter to work collaboratively and prioritize immediate action. Residents need more than plans and studies; they need visible progress, firm timelines, and accountability.

I respectfully request a written response outlining the actions being taken, anticipated timelines, and the responsible agencies overseeing these improvements.

The residents of Bolton deserve answers, and more importantly, they deserve action.

MARJORIE SPIZZIRRI
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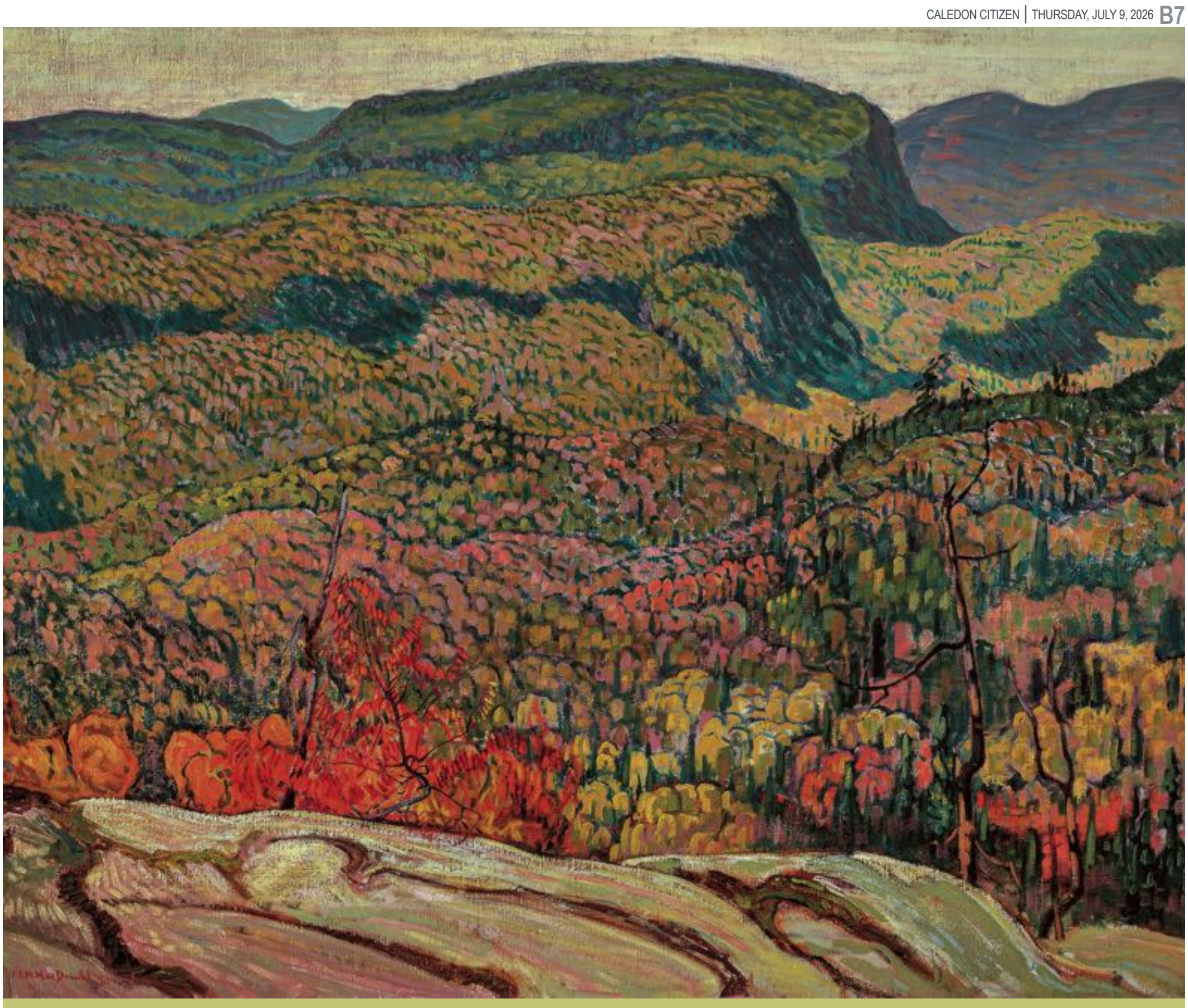
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