



Citizen began in 1977 and celebrates 25 years in Bolton office

The *Caledon Citizen* was born in 1977 as a sister publication of the Orangeville Citizen, which grew out of the century-old, family-owned Shelburne Free Press and Economist.

Expansion of the *Caledon Citizen* was a combined effort of Claridge Publishing and Simcoe-York Printing and Publishing Ltd.

The *Caledon Citizen*, in the beginning, had a circula-

tion of 7,200.

Principals of Simcoe-York - Bruce Haire and John Archibald - brought with them years of experience in the newspaper business. Haire, a former teacher in Dufferin, launched the Beeton Record Sentinel (now New Tecumseth Times) in 1974. Simcoe-York initiated the Tottenham Times in 1978.

"Starting new papers is

always exciting," Haire said in April 1982 when the Bolton office of the *Caledon Citizen* opened. "It's amazing that we got it going so quickly. It's a big accomplishment."

"I think it looks very promising," said Archibald at that time. "We have been greeted warmly by the merchants and the readers. It's a good area. The people are

ready for a second paper and companies we have the facilities to give the people a decent local community newspaper."

Citizen Anniversary Contest

The *Caledon Citizen* is having a birthday - two in fact. We're 30 years old this year, and we've been in Bolton for 25.

To thank our dedicated readers and residents, we're offering three fabulous prizes, worth more than \$1,000.

The grand prize is two-night stay in a Parkview accommodation for two adults, at the renowned Delawana Inn Resort at Honey Harbour. It's valued at \$650.

Affectionately known as The Del, the resort is marking its 110th anniversary this year. The Delawana consistently ranks in the top five family resorts in Canada and was named the number-one family summer resort in City Parent for 2005 and 2006. The picturesque facility offers water sports in Georgian Bay, an outdoor pool, excellent day programs for children, all-inclusive dining, a golf course, day trips and spa. For more, visit www.delawana.com.

Caledon's venerable facility, The Millcroft Inn and Spa, is offering another great prize. It includes a one-night getaway for two adults, including accommodation (between Sunday and Thursday), a 3-course dinner for two and country continental breakfast buffet. This package is valued at \$375.

The Millcroft Inn and Spa has long been renowned as a destination for those seeking beautiful scenery, historic charm, premier accommodations and exquisite cuisine. In fact, The Millcroft is the only establishment in the Headwaters region to receive the prestigious Four Diamond Award from CAA/AAA for the quality of its dining - now for 11 consecutive years.

The Millcroft Inn & Spa also boasts a Conference Centre, and is a popular destination for weddings and couple's getaways. It's also home to the state-of-the-art 9,000-square-foot full-service Millcroft Spa, Centre for Well-Being.

For more information about The Millcroft Inn & Spa or this event, please call Charles Banfield, Marketing Manager at (519) 941-3903 or 1-800-383-3976, or email cbanfield@millcroft.com. Information is also available at www.millcroft.com.

Finally, Allegro Fine Foods in downtown Bolton is offering a sumptuous, intimate dinner for 2 adults (excluding drinks). For those looking for the best Bolton has to offer, little compares to Allegro's warm, open-concept atmosphere, with wood-burning oven and large outdoor deck. Allegro has been in Bolton for almost 13 years, offering upscale dining. It's perfect for intimate gatherings as well as parties and outdoor events. For more, call them at 905-857-0201.

Fill out the ballot and send it to the *Caledon Citizen*. You can drop it off, mail it or e-mail your entry with your name, address and daytime phone number. The draw will be made Friday, April 27. Open to Caledon residents only, 19 and over. Good luck!

Thanks for the past three decades of history!

Thirty years is not a long time in the big scheme of things. But in Caledon's recent history, the three decades have brought about enormous, almost life-altering changes to this once secluded rural community.

From humble beginnings as an extension of the Orangeville Citizen in 1977 to one of Caledon's leading community newspapers, the *Caledon Citizen* has shared in the events that helped shape our little piece of paradise. We are marking our 30th anniversary and 25th birthday in Bolton. It's in no small part due to the support of our advertisers and citizens who embraced us from day one.

Arriving in Bolton in the spring of 1982, just down the street from a long-established newspaper, we must have been seen as a young pup, sniffing around the tall pines that dotted the landscape. But we were here to work, to roll up our sleeves and get involved in our new community.

The fact we've lasted 25 years, grown and excelled, proves we were no flash in the pan.

The community newspaper was, and still is, the **only** source of information about what's happening in your neighbourhood. It's the definitive service, supplying news, features, sports results, church events, fundraisers, school achievements, award-winning accomplishments, as well as disasters and criminal occurrences. For the price of a cup of coffee, you really get your money's worth each and every week! Regardless of how popular electronic media and the Internet have become, there will always be a place for the inky newsprint that smells like home.

While we didn't make history ourselves, we were there to report on it over the years. From cold, wind-swept fields during dump protests, heated debates at the council tables, devastating election losses, to leading the way in going green, our staff was there, providing a first-hand account. From death and tragedy, to gold-medal victories, our pages cried out.

There were times Caledon garnered international attention, and others, when we preferred not to be known of at all.

A community is not bricks and mortar, to borrow a phrase. It's made of people - individual souls who breathe life into our social

fabric. Caledon has always been a community of caring types, many of whom escaped the urban sprawl to secure their idyllic lifestyles. Others have lived here for generations, toiling the land and serving the public. Like the proverbial melting pot, Caledon has embraced everyone. We relish calling upon the skills and talents of our citizenry for the common good.

While much has changed, many things haven't. We're quite a dedicated, compassionate bunch, coming to our neighbours' rescue as often as they've needed it. We fight the good fight and put our money where our mouths are. We are quiet champions of all that's good about this country.

It was once said that the Citizen contains more of Canada than a month's supply of daily newspapers. High praise to be sure. Hopefully, we haven't done anything to change that Palgrave letter-writer's mind over the past two decades.

We'd like to think the Citizen has heart and soul, reflective of the community we serve. That has a lot to do with our staff - dedicated journalists **Mark Pavilons** and **Alan Liczyk** (and previously **Bill Rea**). They have been the faces seen on our streets and sideroads; they have faithfully documented history for all to see. They are motivated by a sense of duty and love for the community they call home. They are proud of the product delivered to your door each week. It contains more sweat and tears than the average reader would ever know.

Helping to spread the word are dedicated community activists - service club members, church-goers, councillors and business people. They have kept us in the loop and continue to feed us pertinent information and photos of stories taking place within and outside our borders. Their work, and tireless efforts over the years, is unrivalled and unrelenting.

Like a Swiss watch, there's a lot beneath the surface of a place like Caledon that makes it run smoothly. Like your favourite restaurant or swimming hole, we hope the Citizen has grown on you, too.

It is difficult to summarize our feelings. Suffice it to say we thank all those who've supported us, and continue to do so. It's been our privilege.

MP, Editor

Prizes worth more than \$1,000!

Caledon Citizen's Anniversary Contest

Brain Teasers

1. How many sides does a circle have?
2. What starts eternity and ends life?
3. What gets wetter when it dries?

Prizes are as follows:

* A 2-night stay for 2 adults at the Delawana Inn Resort at Honey Harbour, May 28-June 20 or Sept. 3 to Oct. 3, valued at \$650. * A one-night getaway at The Millcroft Inn, accommodation for 2, 3-course dinner for 2, continental breakfast buffet for 2, valued at \$375. * Dinner for 2 (drinks excluded) at Allegro Fine Foods Bolton. Fill out this ballot and drop off or mail to Caledon Citizen, 25 Queen St. North, Bolton, L7E 1C1, or e-mail the answers with your name, address and daytime phone number to editor@caledoncitizen.com. A draw will be held at our office Friday, April 27. Must be at least 19 and a resident of Caledon.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

