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CELEBRATING ITALIAN HERITAGE — Caledon’s Italian heritage came into sharp focus over the weekend as the community played host to the 2022 Caledon Italian Heritage Celebration. Pictured above, centre, is Anna Meo, President of the Bolton Italian Cultural Centre, who was instrumental in the party’s success. For more, see Page 7.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Residents frustrated after mural of Alex Raeburn painted over at school

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Some Caledon residents are expressing dismay that a mural celebrating the contributions of Alex Raeburn to Caledon has been painted over.

Raeburn (1912-2012) was a fourth-generation resident of Caledon Village and involved in many projects in the community. He served on the local school board, was a charter member of Caledon Town and Peel Regional Councils, and served two terms on the Niagara Escarpment

Commission, among other community involvements. Perhaps most relevant to this story is the big part he played in getting Caledon Central Public School built.

According to Peel District School Board trustee Stan Cameron, just before 10 a.m. on June 3 he received a call from Caledon Central’s principal letting him know the mural of Raeburn — located in the library at Caledon Central that’s named after him — had been painted over.

Cameron said in the call, he asked why it

was painted over and never got a solid reason. He also asked what the plan for the wall was now that it’s a blank slate again, and said the response was there wasn’t a definitive one yet.

“You can imagine I was flabbergasted and disgusted and disappointed in these answers,” said Cameron. “The bottom line is I’ve been trying to advocate for the family as a result of this bizarre painting over of a mural without any plan... without any connection with the family about what was being done.”

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Golf tournament benefiting Peel youth
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BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Golfers will be hitting the links “fore” a good cause this summer in Caledon.

Registration is open for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York’s (BBBSPY) annual charity golf tournament, Golf For Kids’ Sake. It’s being held at Caledon Woods Golf Club on August 25.

Fees for the event are as follows: \$225 for a single golfer; \$900 for a foursome or \$1,100 for a foursome and a hole sponsorship.

Included in the registration fees are 18 holes of golf, a golf cart rental, breakfast and lunch,

and a swag bag. There will be giveaways and prizes at the tournament, as well as a silent auction that will take place in person and online.

The tournament was held at Caledon Woods in 2021 and it sold out, something BBBSPY public relations manager Lori Plati was very pleased with. A total of 158 golfers participated and \$46,000 was raised.

Plati said Caledon Woods is a beautiful course with lots of hills that people love playing. She added it’s been a pleasure to work with the golf club on past tournaments.

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Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged four drivers with impaired operation over this past weekend.


“The first incident occurred on June 11, 2022, at approximately 4:17 a.m., when an officer conducted a traffic stop on Innis Lake Road near Old Church Road,” say Police. “Grounds were formed that the driver’s abilities were impaired and subsequently made an arrest for impaired operation. The driver was then transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment where breath tests were conducted.”

As a result of the investigation, Stephen James, 37, of Brampton was charged with:

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

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“Shortly thereafter, at approximately 4:41 a.m., Caledon OPP was alerted of a driver sleeping in a vehicle on Highway 50 near Hopcroft



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As a result, Michael Raykha, 32, from Michigan, was charged with:

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

The charges have not been proven.

“At approximately 11:58 p.m., the third incident of June 11, 2022, occurred when a vehicle was stopped for speeding on Highway 10 near Charleston Side Road. During the interaction, the officer suspected the driver’s abilities to be impaired. The driver was asked to provide a breath sample into an Approved Screen Device. As a result, the driver was arrested for impaired operation and transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment where further breath tests were conducted.”

Christa Cromwell, 39, of Brampton, was charged with:

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

The charges have not been proven.

“On June 12, 2022, at approximately 8:35 p.m., officers responded to a vehicle into the ditch on Mississauga Road near King Road. Grounds were formed that the driver’s abilities were impaired and subsequently made an arrest for impaired operation. The driver was then transported to the Caledon OPP Detachment where breath tests were conducted.”

Balaji Ravi, 48, of Mississauga, was charged with:

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

The charges have not been proven.

The four above accused are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on August 25, 2022, to answer to the charges. Their driver’s licences were suspended for a period of 90 days and vehicles were impounded for seven days.

The charges have not been proven.


The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, in August of 2022, to answer to the charges. The accused’s driver’s licence was suspended for 90 days and their vehicle impounded for seven days.

“The Dufferin OPP would like to thank members of the public for communicating traffic complaints such as this. Your assistance is greatly appreciated and you contribute to saving lives by removing impaired drivers from our roads.

“The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, rideshare, public transit or stay overnight. Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impair your ability to make sound judgements. One bad decision could destroy or end your life, destroy or end the life of another person and leave countless people heartbroken.”

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MONO DRIVER CHARGED

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged a person with impaired operation after a traffic complaint.

“On June 7, 2022, at approximately 9:00 p.m., Dufferin OPP received a traffic complaint of a possible impaired driver in the area of Riddell Road and Centennial Road in the Town of Orangeville,” say Police. “A quick-acting Dufferin OPP officer was able to locate the vehicle and driver in the Town of Mono. The officer commenced an investigation into the traffic complaint, which led into an impaired operation investigation.”

As a result of the investigation, Kendra Neil, 28, from Mono has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration 80 plus

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE BLITZ

Members of the Nottawasaga Detachment traffic unit of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) launched a one-day commercial motor vehicle inspection initiative in Alliston.

Commercial motor vehicles, due to their size, weight and loads, have increased potential of causing serious motor vehicle collisions. Mechanical fitness, driver fatigue, improper licencing and/or driving behaviours are contributing concerns.

Over the course of the day, 23 vehicle inspections were performed which resulted in seven vehicles taken out of service for equipment repair issues. Two vehicles had their plates seized for major safety infractions.

In total, 47 Highway Traffic Act charges were laid. The infractions included overweight vehicles, brake defects, equipment malfunctions, expired annual inspections and insecure loads.



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31. Traditional fishing boat
33. No (Scottish)
34. Spy organization
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37. Married woman
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41. German river

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44. Parts of a movie
47. Residue
48. Ethnic group of Laos and Thailand
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52. Northeast
53. Type of lettuce
56. Abstain
61. Communication between two
63. One who administers medicine
64. Sun up in New York
65. Having eight

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1. He played “Milton”
2. Elsa’s sister
3. Digital wallet
4. About backbone
5. Type of weapon

6. __ Turner, rock singer
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10. Holy fire
11. Military ID (abbr.)
12. __ the ante
13. Containing nitrogen
14. Green citrus fruit
17. Male parent
22. Bring up
23. Murdered
24. Soviet Socialist Republic
25. Supreme ruler
26. Social media hand gesture
28. Semitic Sun god
29. Land
32. Database management system

36. Similar
38. Nice to look at
40. Covered with mud
43. Simple dry fruit
44. Title of respect
45. Type of footwear
46. Most lucid
51. Exam
54. Extinct flightless bird of New Zealand
55. “Rule, Britannia” composer
56. Small Eurasian deer
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59. A pause for relaxation
60. Social insect
62. Expresses acidity

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Official plan change recommended for proposed 127-unit seniors building

Low-density residential zone would be changed to institutional if approved by Council

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

More housing for seniors could be coming to Caledon.

At the Town of Caledon’s June 14 Planning and Development Committee meeting, the Committee passed on consent a Town staff report recommending an Official Plan amendment be permitted for a company looking to build a seniors residence in Caledon East.

Wellings Planning Consultants submitted the amendment request on behalf of the property owners, Wyndham Holdings, who are proposing a three-storey, 127-unit seniors’ residence at 15728 Airport Road. The residence would be built on the west side of Airport Road, south of Hilltop Drive and north of Cranston Drive.

According to the Town staff report, the proposed seniors’ residence would provide a variety of different unit types and levels of care.

“The building will provide various levels of care including 26 units for ambulatory care, 21 units for memory care, and 80 units for independent living,” the report reads. Of those 80 independent units, 57 will be one-bedroom units and 23 will be two-bedroom units. The report goes on to note the following amenities are proposed by the developer for the residence: a games room, library, hair salon, shared dining facilities, and an internal courtyard.

“The parking area will include a total of 45 surface parking spaces. Access to the site will be accommodated through a

single access onto Airport Road... the proposed development will be serviced with existing municipal infrastructure,” according to the report.

The Town of Caledon would need to amend its Official Plan in order to permit the development of the seniors residence, as the current low-density residential zoning on the property only permits single detached and semi-detached dwellings, linked dwelling units, duplexes, and freehold townhouse units. The change to an institutional designation would allow for construction of the proposed building.

According to the Town staff report, the building would be an “H” shape, and 34,658.72 square feet in size. Surrounding it would be 48,502.18 square feet of landscaped areas, including its courtyard amenity area. The report notes staff’s opinion that the proposed development is an example of desirable settlement intensification.

“The Town’s Official Plan promotes residential intensification within the built-up area that better utilizes infrastructure and services, is compatible with land use patterns and enhances the community character of the settlement area,” the report reads. “...Furthermore, the Town will encourage special needs housing including housing for the elderly in locations with convenient access to existing or planned infrastructure, amenities, and support services. The proposed development contributes to the range of housing in Caledon and will provide housing for seniors. The proposed location has access to existing infrastructure, as well as nearby amenities and support services.”

The Town first received the amendment application on July 29, 2021 and it was deemed complete on October 5 of that year.

A residents’ meeting about the proposition was held by the Town on November 29, 2021, and a statutory public meeting about it was held on February 8, 2022.

Town Council is recommended to approve the official plan amendment at its June 28 meeting.



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Craft beverage festival coming to Caledon this weekend

18 Ontario cider, beer and wine vendors coming to Spirit Tree Estate Cidery on Saturday

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A local cidery is hosting an event it hopes will lift people’s spirits.

The Get Spirited Craft Beverage & Food Festival is being held at Spirit Tree Estate Cidery this Saturday, June 18. Running from 1 to 8 p.m., the festival will have 18 beer, cider, and wine vendors; two food trucks; and live music all day.

Tickets for the age 19-plus event are \$45, include four drink tokens and a Get Spirited cup, and can be purchased online at spirittree.ticketspice.com/get-spirited.

One token is good for a three-ounce drink sample, while two are good for a six-ounce.

Spirit Tree Estate Cidery is located at 1137 Boston Mills Road.

Spirit Tree’s marketing and events coordinator, Sarah Rutka, said this year’s Get Spirited will be the second one ever. The first one was held in 2018, but a staff shortage and the COVID-19 pandemic meant the second one could not be held until this year.

Now that Get Spirited is back, the plan is to host it annually.

The amount of vendors at this year’s Get Spirited is triple the amount of the first event, a sign of its growth.

“When we started reaching out (to vendors)

in March the response was kind of low and we were like, ‘Oh... it might just be another five vendors’, but word started picking up and then all of a sudden we got to 15, 16, 17 and now 18,” said Rutka. “We’re really excited by the response.”

Rutka said the craft beverage industry is growing and that she’s seen lots of growth in the amount of ciders becoming available at the LCBO. Even beyond what’s available at the LCBO, Rutka said there’s so many hidden gems making beverages in Ontario and the Get Spirited festival will celebrate them.

“I think that small businesses, we’re pretty supportive of one another. It’s all about getting people out... try us but try them too,” said Rutka. “If we’re successful then they’re successful too.”

BriSkitt Gourmet Slow Cooked Sandwiches is one of the food vendors that will be on site, and Rutka said they have items like brisket on a bun and poutine. The other food vendor coming is 6 Spice Rack, and Rutka said they do things like fried chicken and tacos. Spirit Tree will also be serving its signature thick-crust focaccia pizzas, Rutka added.

The first musicians playing at Get Spirited will be Joe and Steve Burns, a father and son acoustic guitar duo. Following them will be local band 12 Wire. In between live music sets, a DJ will be playing music.

“We’ve actually just built a new bandshell too at Spirit Tree,” said Rutka. “So, we’re excited to officially launch our new bandshell; it’s a bit of an elevated stage.”

Rutka said Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson will be stopping by the event to greet guests and that she’s hoping for good weather.

She said she hopes the event will help build tourism in Caledon and “get people out to our beautiful town.”



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Sandro Giacobbe and Marina Peroni flew in from Italy to perform at the Caledon Italian Heritage Celebration. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

Musicians fly in for celebration of Italian culture in Bolton

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

It’s not often that famous artists from Italy fly in to perform in Caledon. But that’s exactly what happened for the Caledon Italian Heritage Celebration on June 11. Held at the Albion-Bolton fairgrounds, the sold-out event saw a crowd of up to 1500 people, Italians and non-Italians alike, enjoying live music, delicious food, and Italian culture. The event was organized by the Bolton Italian Cultural Centre, of which Anna Meo is president. The Centre is a not-for-profit community organization established in 2003 that’s goal is to share Italian culture and traditions across Caledon. Meo took time at the Heritage Celebration, which had been in the works for two years, to talk to the Citizen. She explained the official announcement of Caledon becoming a twin town with Isola del Liri in Italy was made at the event. The Heritage Celebration was made possible by the plethora of sponsors supporting it, explained Meo, and she wanted to thank them all. She then explained why it was so important to have a celebration of Italian culture. “The Bolton Italian Cultural Centre’s supposed to represent not only the actual people, but also the history, the culture in general. So, because it’s a heritage day, the heritage day brings in our personal history,” said Meo. She explained many Italian immigrants came to Canada full of dreams and that what Canada gave to them, and what they gave to Canada is worth celebrating. Italians have achieved so much in Canada, she added. “I’m sure other cultures are on the same boat as we are. It’s important that we live in a multicultural country and we learn about each other. And this is the beginning. We want to transmit that beauty that we have been celebrating for

years to others and hopefully others will invite us to celebrate with them,” said Meo. The musical artists from Italy performing at the Heritage Celebration were Sandro Giacobbe & Marina Peroni, followed by I Cugini di Campagna. Caledon Councillor Tony Rosa said before June 11, people were asking him if the artists were really coming because they couldn’t believe it. He said people traveled from other parts of Ontario just to see them, which was good for Bolton hotels and restaurants. “We have had Italian heritage days before but never to this magnitude. It looks like people are ready to support this initiative, so I think the plan next year is to try to do something very similar,” said Rosa. “It also gave an opportunity to the local businesses to showcase their products.” Rosa is of Italian descent himself; both of his parents were born in Italy just south of Rome. He said one of the best things about Canada is its multiculturalism and that it’s important for people to celebrate their respective heritages and cultures. “If you take a look at the City of Toronto, you can dine in almost... every country in the world,” he said. “We are really a true example of the world in one location. Having the opportunity to... showcase the rich culture of the Italian community when it comes to art, music, cuisine — It brought me back to my childhood, it brought me back to my roots and I was so pleased at how well it was embraced.” Rosa said one of the things most rewarding about the Heritage Celebration for him was the fact so many non-Italians attended. He said moving forward, he and the Bolton Italian Cultural Centre really want to engage the entire community so that even more people can come out and celebrate with them.

MP changes support, backs Polievre for Conservative leader

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Dufferin–Caledon MP Kyle Seeback has changed the candidate he’s supporting in the Conservative Leadership Race. Seeback had initially backed Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown, who joined the Conservative Party in 2006 as a Member of Parliament, as the next leader of the Conservative Party of Canada, but announced

last week his support has changed to Pierre Polievre. “I believe there’s one candidate – one my constituents support – who can unite conservatives & Canadians to become our next PM. That’s @PierrePolievre,” MP Seeback tweeted. “Let’s put the divisiveness away, unite our movement behind #Pierre4PM & defeat Justin Trudeau to win the next election.” When contacted for an

interview regarding the change in support, Seeback said he was unavailable but provided a statement saying that he didn’t have much to add apart from his recent tweet other than that the “divisive nature” of the leadership campaign is not good. “It’s time for Conservatives to unite. I believe we should unite around Pierre,” he told the Citizen in an email on June 10.

COMMUNITY events

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The Bolton Al-Anon Group has recently moved the regular meeting location to the Bolton United Church at 8 Nancy Street (across from Bolton Post Office). We still meet every Thursday at 8:30 pm. We welcome anyone who is/or has been affected by someone who has problem with alcohol. If you have any questions please come any Thursday evening or email: boltonalananon@gmail.com.

This popular community social offers patrons a chance to sip and savour wines from

around the world while enjoying live music and a stunning view from the grounds of the Caledon Equestrian Park. We typically feature 50+ different wines, local craft beer and cider paired with a variety of delicious foods. All proceeds are directed to Rotary Club of Palgrave projects. Date: Friday September 23, 2022 Time: 6:00 – 9:00PM Cost: \$75 per person or 10 for \$650 Hosted by: Rotary Club of Palgrave Event Website: www.rotarywow.com

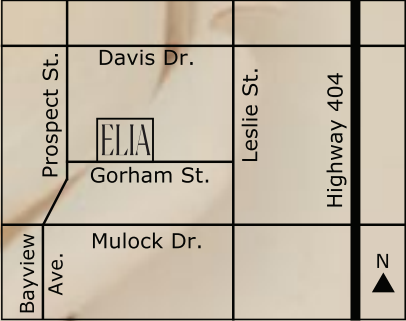
The last Bolton Kin Toonie Sale before September is scheduled for Saturday June 18 from 10 am to 1 pm in the President's Building at the Albion Bolton Fairgrounds. Thousands of new and gently used men's, ladies, children's and infant's clothing, shoes, purses and accessories on sale for only a "TOONIE". That's right, just two bucks! Check us out at boltonkin.com/toonie-sale.

Come and check out the deals at the Trunk and Bake sale at Caledon East United Church on Saturday, June 25 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Interested vendors can contact Larry at 905-584-9255 or email: theproctorslarry@gmail.com

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Showing up can make
a world of difference

The world was shocked late last month when an 18-year-old opened fire at Robb Elementary School in Uvalde, Texas. The gunman tragically shot and killed 19 students and two teachers, wounding nearly 20 others in the process.

The world was shocked, yes, but these horrendous incidents are increasing at an ever-alarming rate.

While the immediate aftermath of the murders brought forward the customary – and more than appropriate --- protests calling for better legislation on gun control, keeping pace were the “thoughts and prayers” brigade that trotted out hoary old chestnuts along the lines of the best line of defence against bad people with guns is arming more of the good people to take them down.

Their far-from-out-of-the-box ideas were duly trotted out, and the more recent catch-all solution of arming teachers to protect their classrooms, the very people many pockets of the United States don’t even trust to teach their own history, was floated once again.

These deeply flawed arguments hit all the right notes with the people they were intended to reach, but there was something different in the air this time, perhaps even a feeling that finally enough was really enough.

Just before I sat down to write this on Sunday, Democrat and Republican Senators announced what is being described as a “framework” for potential legislation on gun safety. As this is related to gun legislation in the US any number of things could happen to this “framework” in the short window of time between our going to press and this column arriving online and at your doorsteps. The outline includes a measure of gun control, increased school safety, and a boost to mental health programs.

“Our plan saves lives while also protecting the constitutional rights of law-abiding Americans,” the CBC quoted the bipartisan lawmakers. “We look forward to earning broad, bipartisan support and passing our common-sense proposal into law.”

While it remains to be seen just how “common-sense” these proposals can be, after all the majority of our two nations probably have different perspectives on just what “common sense” means in this context, it’s a step in the right direction.

But it is also a tall order.

In the immediate days after the shooting rocked their own state, Texas lawmakers set to work on tackling one of their greatest threats... drag queen story hours?

No, seriously.

In Pride Month, this is the piece of priority legislation that is working its way through the Austin-based capital.

Spurred by videos of kids attending a drag show, the State Senator who put forward the legislation attempting to ban minors from such shows, said, as quoted by NBC News, “The events of this past weekend were horrifying and show a disturbing trend in which perverted adults are obsessed with sexualizing young children. As a father of two young children, I would never take my children to a drag show and I know [my colleagues] wouldn’t either.”

The usual suspects, of course, took this piece of legislation and ran with it in an attempt to make it snowball across the country through the usual channels, but it’s yet to be seen whether this legislation against allegedly “sexualizing young children” will extend to grandparents asking their preschool-age grandsons, “Do you have a girlfriend yet?”, entering their daughters

in highly sexualized beauty pageants, or fathers taking their sons out for a bite at Hooters.

Of course, it isn’t yet to be seen; we all know that will never happen, but that doesn’t fit into the narrative they’re trying to create.

We’re fortunate to live in communities where organizations are making the effort to teach kids it is indeed okay to express their true selves, even if it doesn’t dovetail into what generation upon generation has tried to construct as the accepted norm.

Aurora and New Tecumseth are just two communities that have embraced the idea of drag queen story hours. Whether with Miss Eva Lasting, whose warm and welcoming storytelling ability has been embraced by the Aurora Public Library for the last several years, or through Fay & Fluffy’s Storytime, which delighted kids and families virtually last year by the New Tecumseth Public Library, these shows are joyous occasions for kids, parents and caregivers alike.

Kids are able to be themselves in a safe and accepting environment, are encouraged to ask questions, and parents revel in the opportunities to see their kids be authentic with their peers in an environment that is anything but judgemental.

As I’ve watched these events unfold in person and through virtual channels, I continually marvel at how lucky these kids are to have such opportunities. Many of parents of like-aged kids are my peers and, looking back, had they had the chance to take part, it would have done our whole generation a favour in increasing perspectives.

The sting of watching helplessly from my desk as one of my peers fled the classroom in tears in the middle of a presentation after being mercilessly bullied by another student simply for having two moms still smarts.

How I hope times have changed and, if they have, these kinds of opportunities have played no small part in that.

I am fully aware though that, for one reason or another, we’re not all on the same page.

It wasn’t all that long ago that one reader re-tweeted some of our previous pre-pandemic Pride coverage, including Drag Queen Storytime, accusing me directly of promoting “deviant” behaviour through the simple act of event coverage.

That one instance was an eye-opener that no matter how diverse and cosmopolitan our communities are becoming, there’s still a lot more work to do in the field of allyship. The good news is if you truly are an ally of the 2SLGBTQ+ community, demonstrating said allyship is easier than ever.

Wherever you might live, there are plenty of Pride-related events being hosted by prominent community-building organizations to suit every taste. Being an ally can include volunteering to make these events happen, looking at ways to maintain the momentum throughout the balance of the year, or it can be as simple as finding your place along the side of the street ahead of a colourful, inclusive and family-friendly Pride parade.

As lucky as we are to live in communities that support each other, regardless of the path they walk in life, there are no shortage of examples around the world, some sadly all too close to home, to illustrate that this support can be a fragile thing.

But, with a collective effort, it can be a strong part of how we define ourselves now and into the future – as long as we show up.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



An eye for an eye

“An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth.”

That is pretty much a standard old saying that many people use as an example of how to apply justice when someone is wronged.

It shouldn’t be taken literally – it means the punishment should fit the crime.

A society can be judged and rated on how well its justice system operates. This includes the entire procedure, including individual rights, the court system, and punishment given to offenders who are found guilty.

The western notion of “innocent until proven guilty” is designed to eliminate the old way of hanging a witch based on an accusation from someone who claims they saw their neighbour flying on a broomstick on a moonlit night.

This system has generally been adopted in western society, but not entirely.

There was a case in British Columbia several years ago where police from a European country arrived to question a prisoner who had been arrested and detained in B.C., but also had warrant for a murder committed in Europe.

The European police demanded the prisoner be questioned and made to talk.

The RCMP told the Europeans they can’t force a prisoner to talk, and that he had the right to remain silent.

The Europeans then claimed he was guilty because he refused to speak and defend himself. The mindset of the two police agencies was entirely opposite when it came to procedures and the way they conducted an investigation.

The death penalty is, of course, the ultimate penalty that can be applied to a convicted person.

Generally speaking, it is applied as a punishment to only the worst crimes – usually murder – but not always. In some countries you can be hanged or beheaded for fairly low-level offences on the whim of the court or judge.

Currently there are 93 countries that still have the death penalty as an option in their criminal justice system.

Of those countries, 27 have not executed anyone in least ten years. Eight of those countries still have it in the books but only for extreme cases like war crimes.

Almost all western democracies have abolished the death penalty.

Outside of China, which routinely executes its citizens by the thousands every year, but does so secretly, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Egypt accounted for 88 per cent of all known executions worldwide in

2020.

In the U.S. the death penalty is a matter of justice according to state law – not federal law. That means a person can end up being strapped to a gurney and given a lethal cocktail of drugs in one place, but two miles down the road across the state line, that same person might some day receive parole for the same crime.

Some people are in favour of the death penalty for terrible crimes, others are opposed to it for any reason.

It 1959, mass murderer Charles Starkweather killed ten people in Nebraska and Wyoming in a crazy seven-day murder spree with his girlfriend, as well as an 11th person he murdered days earlier.

Thirteen months after being convicted of murder and sentenced to death, Starkweather met his fate while seated in the Nebraska State Penitentiary’s electric chair. That seems to be a reasonable time for a sentence to be carried out, and was a normal time frame for those events at the time.

Currently there are 25 states that have the death penalty with various levels of enthusiasm.

The U.S. reinstated the opportunity for states to have the death penalty in 1977 after several years of a halt to all executions. With that came a new system whereby the appeals process can last for years or decades.

This past week, the State of Arizona executed a man for a crime he committed in 1984. The previous week, that same state executed a man for a crime committed in 1978 – 44 years after he was convicted.

How can killing a person so many years after the crime be justified, since that person has been in prison serving which amounts to a life sentence, that in many places would place them on parole and ready for integration back into society? The thinking is these executions will open the path to clearing out Arizona’s death row in a hurry.

Neither of the two men who were executed were Boy Scouts. The both deserved a severe punishment for their crimes.

However, executing a person so many decades after their crime is a miscarriage of justice.

Those sentences should have been commuted to a prison term. Both prisoners have now served double sentences – a life behind bars as well as an early death.

Justice is supposed to be blind.

In these cases, the eyes are wide open and the state has failed in carrying out justice.

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The Sun (and Caledon) is Shining!

Despite my generally sarcastic view of the world you might be surprised to learn I am a generally happy person, with a “glass half full” or even, a “happy to have a glass” kind of attitude.

Perhaps that’s why as I sit here on a sunny morning, with a view of some beautiful flowers, trees and green grass, I’m reminded of all the good things that exist in our little corner of the world. The sun is shining, summer will soon be upon us, and so too is Caledon’s opportunity to shine.

Recently celebrating 200 years, Bolton, the town at the core of Caledon, had its moment in the sun just last weekend. What a beautiful moment it was. A chance to celebrate our history and to reconnect with the nature that frames the downtown core also served as an opportunity for some of our newer residents to learn more about our history.

Bolton’s downtown is undergoing a revitalization, with new restaurants and businesses helping to make it a destination of choice, not a drive by. With the new community hub, the Humber River Centre, (formerly the old firehall) undergoing renovations to serve as a neighbourhood hub with a makerspace, year-round market and to play host to a variety of events and activities, there will soon be even more to enjoy. Until now, if your view of Bolton has been framed by the freight village atmosphere along Highway 50 at Mayfield Rd. I’d invite you to venture a little farther down the

road! As things open up this summer, almost all of us are desperate to get outside and enjoy all that Caledon has to offer. Thankfully, that’s a lot! Our extensive trailway system criss-crosses Caledon with a number of access points and is perfect for bike riding, walking, running and even horseback. Much of the trail system is considered quite accessible for those with mobility challenges and if you have little ones, even a sturdy stroller will manage the terrain. The trail is 35km long and a portion of it also connects to The Great Trail (formerly the Trans Canada Trail) and in some spots you will find signage indicating points of interest or the history of the trail along the way.

At various locations you’ll also find opportunities to hop off the trail and grab a coffee, a bite to eat or even ice cream or an “adult beverage.” Inglewood, Caledon East and Palgrave – I’m looking at you! Finally, in a great way to explore the trail system and support community, you can help make a difference in the lives of seniors living in Caledon while also enjoying Canada Day! Take advantage of the trailway system and participate in Caledon Community Services Velocity event, a fundraiser supporting seniors in the community to help improve their quality of life, sense of connection, their health and safety too. There are 10, 25, 50 and 100km distances mapped out for riders ensuring something for everyone from

families with little ones, to serious cyclists ready “to go the distance” in support of Caledon seniors! Speaking of grabbing an adult beverage, Caledon’s fame as a “hoppy” place to be is growing. Cider houses and breweries abound, offering a fantastic mix of ciders, both traditional and eclectic, and beers from IPAs to dark beers and everything in-between. The locations are becoming destinations of choice for both residents and visitors alike as many of them provide great outdoor venues, entertainment, food and even a few games to keep you entertained. You may even find a few chickens wandering around or a view of cows off in the distance. Ride your bike, ride your horse, walk or drive but just make sure you have a designated driver along for the ride! Caledon Village recently played host to a fair and for those not yet “in the know” is also featuring an outdoor market every Friday this summer featuring local vendors and as the summer progresses, fresh veggies and fruits and more. On Canada Day, if you are not already busy cycling, you’ll find the Canada Day Strawberry Festival is fast approaching and promises to be a fun day for families with free cake at noon, a vendors’ village and more. Mainstay destinations in Caledon include the Alton Mill, the Forks of the Credit Provincial Park, Bel-fountain and of course, the Badlands too. The South-fields Village Branch of the Caledon Public Library

will soon be celebrating the official opening of its reading garden, “Midnight Madness” returns to Bolton this year as does the tractor pull – a loud but entertaining night. New this year is the Taste of Bolton that will make three appearances this summer. I’m pretty certain I’ve missed many other events but I think you get the idea. Consider visiting the Town of Caledon’s website for all you need to know. Caledon truly is a beautiful community and while there may be portions of it under threat of extinction due to highway construction – if nothing else this should provide all the motivation you need to get out and enjoy everything our “community of communities” has to offer. Summer comes around just once a year and for many of us it feels like it has been missing for the past two years. That gives us all the more reason to get out and enjoy it THIS year. Even those who are still a little concerned about venturing out should feel reasonably comfortable (perhaps still wearing a mask) knowing that so much of what we’ve shared today will be outside in the fresh air and Caledon countryside. The sun is shining and so is the best Caledon has to offer. Enjoy!

SHERALYN ROMAN
TALK CALEDON



Latin America: The Pink Tide Is Rising

“Corruption isn’t fought with slogans on TikTok,” complained veteran Colombian presidential candidate Gustavo Petro. But social media can win elections, and a right-wing dark horse called Rodolfo Hernández, who calls himself the “King of TikTok”, may crush Petro’s hopes of becoming Colombia’s first-ever leftist president on June 19. It did seem that Petro’s moment had finally arrived. Going into the first round of the presidential election last month he was well ahead of the establishment candidate, Federico Gutierrez, a serviceable replica of outgoing president Ivan Duque – but the runner-up was actually Hernández, whose social media skills make him a real threat to Petro. Hernández is a wealthy 77-year-old businessman whose resemblance to Donald Trump is more than skin-deep. He flaunts his ignorance proudly, his speeches consist mostly of slogans and abuse, and he almost never discusses actual policies. But he does promise to kick out the corrupt politicians. “Almost all of them are robbers, thieves, scoun-

dreels, delinquents,” he claims, and he’s about half-right. Indeed, he may be one himself: he faces a graft investigation from his time as mayor of the city of Bucaramanga. But it’s the usual populist strategy: target small-time crooks while serving and protecting the rich and powerful. Hernández is not a new phenomenon in Latin America: Brazil’s President Jair Bolsonaro has been doing a Trump tribute act for years. And while he may manage to deflect the “pink tide” from sweeping across Colombia, it will still cover most of the region by the end of this year. It’s called “pink” to distinguish it from the “red tide” of Communist and other hard-left militants who made major inroads in Latin American politics in the latter half of the 20th century. In most Latin American countries these revolutionary movements were stamped out by US-backed military coups. In a few countries – Cuba, Nicaragua, Venezuela – they live on as stagnant and impoverished dictatorships. But with the end

of the Cold War the passion gradually went out of the politics, and the extremists faded away on both sides. What’s left is a “pink tide” of non-violent social democrats, competing in democratic elections with conservative parties that defend the interests of the local establishments. There’s nothing uniquely Latin American about this, nor about the fact that the conservatives are increasingly resorting to populist strategies. The difference is that Latin American countries are much more unequal than those in other parts of the West (except the United States), which probably explains why there is a “pink tide” of social-democratic governments coming to power in Central and South America. That tide began to run around the turn of the century, with the elections of Ricardo Lagos in Chile (2000), Luiz Inácio “Lula” da Silva in Brazil (2003), and Néstor Kirchner in Argentina (2003). Its most recent successes have been Luis Arce in

Bolivia (2020), Pedro Castillo in Peru (2021) and Xiomara Castro in Honduras (2022). Not to mention the election of Mexico’s first socialist president, Andrés Manuel López Obrador (AMLO) in 2018, and the likely return to power of Lula da Silva in the Brazilian election next November. Those two countries alone account for more than half of Latin America’s population. Colombia, with 50 million people, is third-biggest, and it may also turn pink this month. In the first round Gustavo Petro got 40% of the votes and Rodolfo Hernández only 29%. The populist right-winger will probably pick up more votes from the candidates who were eliminated in the first round than Petro will, but it’s heading for a photo-finish. Continued on Page 15

GWYNNE DYER
OUR WORLD TODAY





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SPORTS

At the midway point of the season, local teams find themselves on top

BY ROBERT BELARDI

We're at the midway mark of the 2021-2022 North Dufferin Baseball League season and Caledon ball clubs find themselves at the top of the ranks.

The Caledon Nationals Jr. currently holds a 6-1 record, good for first place in the junior division.

The Bolton Brewers, are hanging in there in second place with a 7-4-1 record on the year, five points back of the Ivy Rangers who are first in the standings.

Last week, the Nationals Jr. took down the Georgina Bulldogs on the road 5-0 and then came back home to win a tight match against the Orangeville Bengals Jr. 6-5.

For much of the Nationals Jr. season, tight games have been seldom for this particular group. In their seven games so far, the Nationals Jr. have won five games by more than five runs.

"They're seeing the ball well and hitting it. If you like the pitch, just take it and go no matter what the count is," said Nationals head coach Bill O'Neil.

"We had strong hitters last year and I think they're even stronger this year. Some of the guys are pretty good hitters, I've got to say that much."

In their second year with the team and in the NDBL, Logan Hart and Chris Zanchetta have vastly improved. Hart is posting a .429 batting average and Zanchetta is just behind him with .389 at the plate.

Daniel Amodeo leads the team with 10 hits so far throughout the year. Five Nationals Jr.

players, like Reid Deibert, Brayden Grech, Cameron O'Neil, Josh Catalanotto and Mark Sharples, have all hit one home run.

The Nationals Jr. will head on the road to take on the Barrie Baycats Jr. Friday night. First pitch is at Lennox Park at 7:30 p.m.

The Bolton Brewers in the senior division are coming off two excellent victories last week.

The Brewers defeated the Barrie Angels 11-5 last Thursday, before their double-header against the Midland Mariners over the weekend.

The Brewers defeated the Mariners 12-2 before drawing the next outing 5-5.

With Brett Chater, Carter Burnside and Amin Juorez leading the charge offensively and Nick Hodgson pitching a clinic every time he steps out on the mound, the Brewers have an excellent chance to repeat as champions.

However, head coach Mike Wallace says he does want to see the boys focused at all times.

"I think it's kind of showing up and getting a little bit more focused. We've played New Lowell, Ivy, Clearview, Barrie and we've come away with wins against the top teams. And then, we've played some of the middle-tier of the standings and we haven't been successful," Wallace said. "It's almost like we're playing to our competition. I think we just need to show up a little more focused."

The Brewers' next opponent is the Mansfield Cubs on Thursday night, a team which is currently near the bottom in the league standings.

First pitch is at 7:00 p.m. at North Hill Park in Bolton.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters held their annual Golf For Kids' Sake tournament at Caledon Woods Golf Club in 2021, and will be hosting it there again this year. PHOTO COURTESY BBBSPY

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel York hosting event at Caledon Woods Golf Club

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Plati explained Big Brothers Big Sisters of Peel and Big Brothers Big Sisters of York officially unified into one organization in January 2022. However, last year's tournament supported service in Peel and York.

"It just made it bigger and better... we just joined the best of both ways that we'd always traditionally do our tournaments," said Plati.

This year, Plati said room will be made for 170 golfers and that 90 of those spots are already spoken for. In addition to more golfers, Plati said BBBSPY is still looking for sponsors and items to be donated to be auctioned off.

"Another thing that we do at this tournament, which is really fun, is we have what we call a cheers wall. It's all a different variety of bottles of wine and different spirits, and people buy tickets for it and you automatically will win... you may not win the big 60-ounce bottle of Crown Royal but you may win a \$10 bottle of wine or something," said Plati. Donations for the cheers wall are also welcomed.

For those who don't know, Big Brothers Big Sisters is all about matching youth with caring adult mentors.

"Through regular outings, a relationship is developed between the mentor and the mentee, which is built on trust and common interests, and is supported by our experienced case workers. The result is a life-changing experience for both the mentor and the mentee," reads BBBSPY's website.

The organization also offers many other mentorship opportunities for youth in Peel and York.

"Really, it all comes down to... we're doing this fundraising event so that we can have the sufficient funds to be able to make sure that every child who needs a mentor has a mentor," said Plati. "People participating in an event like our golf tournament — and

whatever way that is — either coming out, or donating an item to help us raise extra funds, it all comes back to allowing us to provide better service for the young people in our community by ensuring they have a mentor."

The annual Golf For Kids' Sake tournament is one of Big Brothers Big Sisters' flagship fundraising events. Plati said while not everyone has the time to be a mentor, coming out to golf is a great way to support the community while enjoying a day off.

That being said, Plati said she thinks there's a bit of a misconception around how much time mentors have to dedicate. BBBSPY is always looking for new mentors, and there's a variety of different opportunities with different time commitments required, Plati explained.

"We're really trying to educate the community about how much variety there is within our programming... realistically, it could be just a couple of times a month for a few hours or we have other programs where it's just the school year for one hour a week," she said.

Right now, Big Brothers Big Sisters has a marketing campaign underway called "Be Big" that encourages people to realize they have it in them to be a mentor for young people. Plati said the pandemic has led to a bit of a backlog in the system, as many people did not want their child to start a mentorship program online as kids have been spending enough time online for their schooling already.

Now that pandemic restrictions are being lifted, people are more interested in starting mentorship programs in person, and BBBSPY wants to meet that demand.

Those interested in signing up for this year's Golf For Kids' Sake tournament, donating to BBBSPY, or learning about sponsorship opportunities can visit app.eventcaddy.com/events/golf-for-kids-sake-2022.

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CDS goaltender Pietersen leads Canada to glory

BY ROBERT BELARDI

Country Day School student Mari Pietersen stood on her head to prevent a USA comeback, as she and Canada defeated the USA 3-2 to capture their sixth under-18 women's world hockey championship title.

Pietersen shut the door in the third period stopping all of the USA's 10 shots to hang on for the victory. The Country Day School netminder had 29 saves on 31 shots.

Heading into the tournament, the USA had previously won five of the last six gold medals dating back to 2015.

In the preliminary round of the competition, Canada had suffered a brutal 7-0 defeat against their border rivals.

But, in turn, when it came down to the final, the Canadians were more than ready and immediately jumped out to a 3-0 lead.

Alexa Aubin, Ava Murphy and Jocelyn Amos were responsible for giving Canada the upper hand.

However, in the second period, the USA stormed back with two goals in seven seconds thanks to Finley McCarthy and Claire Enright. But Pietersen, composed and focused, recalibrated her stance in between the pipes and ensured that puck was to never cross the red line for the remainder of the game. She was later named player of the game.

This has been quite the remarkable year for Pietersen as the CDS student committed to Boston University's women's hockey program back in December.

Director of Communications and Marketing at CDS, Kim Sillcox shared that Pietersen had set her sights on Boston University since grade nine.

The BU Terriers, pursued the local netminder, following a showcase tournament with the Aurora Panthers roughly three years ago.

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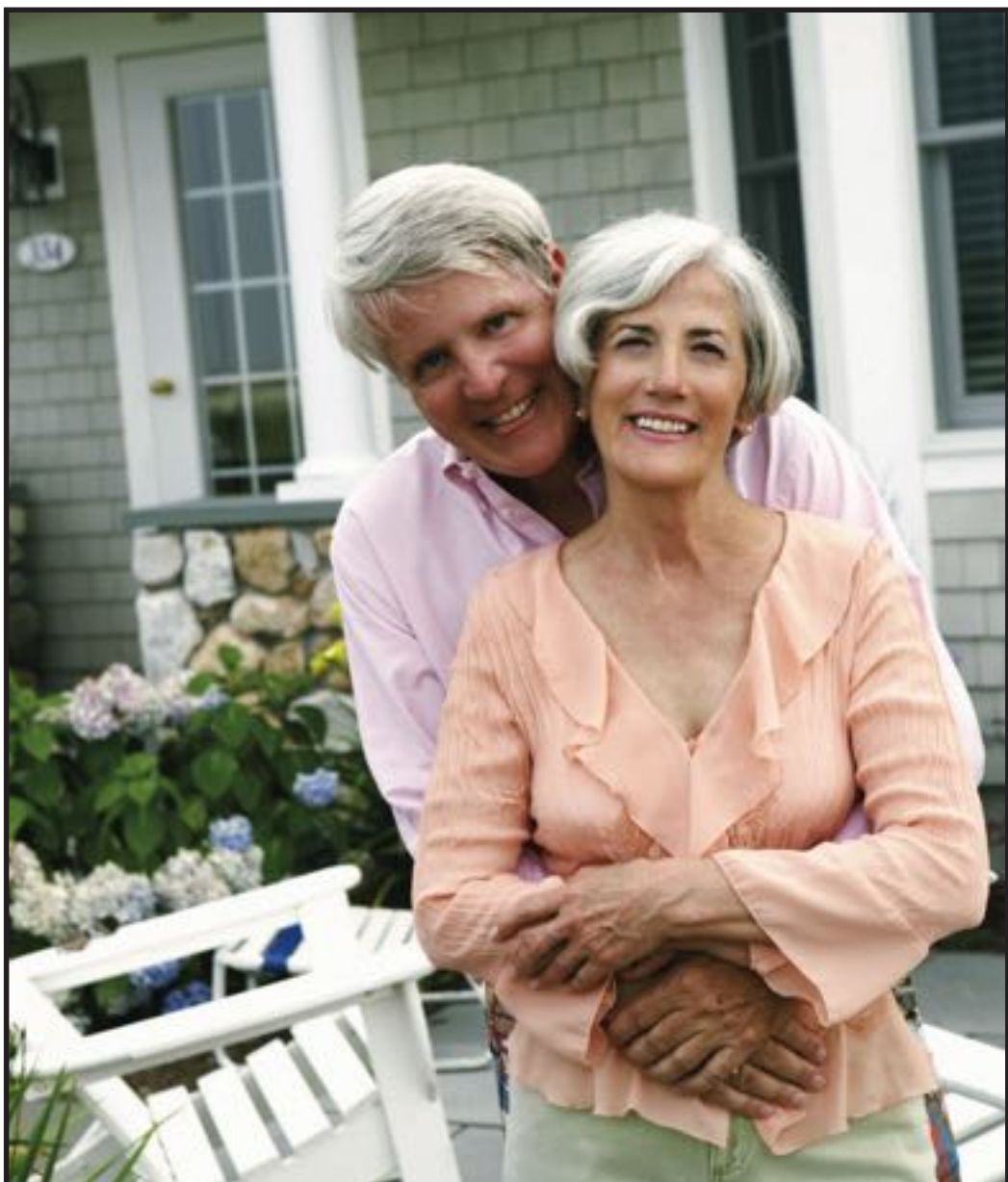
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Understanding and respect lacking for people with brain injuries, light being shed on issue for Brain Injury Awareness Month

BY SAM ODROWSKI

June is Brain Injury Awareness month in Canada and this year’s theme is “Shine a Light on Brain Injury”, designed to show the prevalence and impact of the injury that impacts more than 500,000 Ontarians.

For most who are impacted, it’s an invisible injury, one that can lead to stigmatization and discrimination when interacting in the community.

Depending on the type of brain injury someone has, they can have trouble with balance or communicating and become easily angry, confused or sad. The injury can also lead to poor mental health and facing barriers when out in the community trying to live their lives.

Barbara Gilchrist, Day Services Program Coordinator at Mind Forward, a government-funded organization that supports adults with brain injuries, said its common that when clients go into stores they’re misunderstood and can receive disrespect from other customers or employees.

“There can be misdirected comments from the customer service staff,” she said. “That’s something that is always being worked on, how to be allies, how to be aware.”

If someone appears to be acting in an unusual or difficult way but look normal it could be that they’re suffering from the impacts of a brain injury, Gilchrist explained.

Shelburne resident Katie Lang, 35, who was born deaf and with learning difficulties, had an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) in 2018 when she was walking across Main Street and struck by

pickup truck, forcing her 25 feet into the air. Katie told the Citizen, people sometimes behave harshly towards her because of her brain injury.

“I think people need to be much more understanding and patient with people. If they’re struggling to understand something you just have to think, well why?” said Katie’s mother and caretaker Karen Lang.

In addition to increasing one’s awareness that anyone can have a brain injury and it may present itself in a variety of ways, it’s also important to make people who have brain injuries feel included in society, Karen noted.

“The main thing that I see is a lack of inclusion and lack of understanding,” said Karen. “Just because my daughter’s deaf and has some learning disabilities, I’ve watched it my whole life, and I’ve seen how people treat her.”

She added, “That’s my message, include them, don’t leave them out thinking that they have no feelings, don’t ignore them, don’t think that they don’t matter.”

Talking about the issue and speaking up when witnessing discrimination are two important things people can do to help fight the stigma, said Karen.

Meanwhile, an ongoing problem for those impacted by brain injuries is a lack of funding for organizations like Mind Forward, according to Gilchrist. She added that Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) isn’t enough to cover rental costs for a lot of the people who have a brain injury and the wait list for rent geared to income is around seven years in Orangeville.

Gilchrist noted that with a lack of monthly funding for individuals who are unable to work because of their brain injury and the array of impacts serious brain damage can cause, a lot of individuals without strong familial support systems can find themselves living on the streets.

Of the 235,000 people who are homeless in Canada each year, approximately 50 per cent of them have a brain injury, according to Brain Injury Canada, a national advocacy group.

Another area where people with brain injuries are disproportionately impacted is the prison system. People who suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) are roughly 2.5 times more likely to be incarcerated in a Canadian federal correctional facility than those have not, according to a study published in the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES).

In the early stages of a brain injury, impacting an area of the brain that controls disinhibition or self-monitoring, a person can become violent or aggressive, Gilchrist said. This makes it important to seek help and become rehabilitated as soon as they can.

When looking at success stories for Mind Forward, which offers support services in Dufferin, Peel and Halton, Gilchrist says she’s seen many over the years.

Katie Lang is among the Dufferin County residents who the organizations supports and said they have helped greatly with her energy, emotions, and making new friends.

“Mind Forward is a very good place, they helped me a lot,” Katie said. “It’s helped me meet new people and making new friends. Get

out of the house.” Karen told the Citizen accessing Mind Forward has been a “lifesaving experience.”

In terms of other success stories, Gilchrist said she’s seen a client who was extremely violent due to his brain injury, receive counselling and support through Mind Forward that led him to living a non-aggressive, independent life.

“Now he lives in his own apartment in Mississauga. He’s got lots of friends and he’s just one person that’s just been amazing to watch him thrive,” she noted.

A woman who received support attended Mind Forward’s writing groups and became an author, with 12 children’s books and three novels published to date.

The psychosocial, anger management, and men’s and women’s groups at Mind Forward have helped a lot of others as well, said Gilchrist.

“Friendships develop between the people there who realize they’re not alone, because we’re there to facilitate their talking and sense of community,” she told the Citizen.

Without supportive resources, a lot of people who struggle with a brain injury can feel isolated, excluded, and alone.

In Orangeville one of the main types of support Mind Forward provides is case management, which helps clients find a place to live, deal with court cases, get the right medications, and ensure there not facing barriers to living a healthy life.

“With every single individual we work with, they all have their own needs their own service plan, we cater to every individual and what they need for their rehabilitation. Then we’ll find those extra resources,” said Gilchrist.

To apply for services from Mind Forward visit: mindforward.org/apply-for-services or call 519-942-0111.

Another resource for people with brain injuries in Dufferin County is the Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury (HABI) support group, which Karen said has been an incredible help since Katie’s suffered her brain injury four years ago.

To learn more about HABI visit: headwaters-abi.net

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Either way, Colombia is heading for major change. If Hernández wins, he’s proposing to declare a state of emergency for 90 days and suspend all judicial and administrative functions “in order to address corruption.” He will rule by decree, in other words, and he gets to

choose who is arrested. It could end up as a populist dictatorship.

Unlike Hernández, Petro is a known quantity, active in politics for the past thirty years. He’s not really radical, but he would be Colombia’s first-ever president from the left, so for some Colombians his policies would seem extreme: things like expanding social pro-

grams, ending oil and gas exploration, and investing in agriculture.

To pay for all that, he’s planning to raise taxes on the country’s 4,000 richest people and on the mining industry. He will be making enemies of some powerful people, and the head of the Colombian army has already expressed his concern.

Colombia has a long, unbroken

tradition of “conservative” rule, and an almost equally long history of low-level civil wars. Change there is especially risky, and what is on offer from the right this time may be even more destabilising than what is being offered by the left.

But in general, the pink tide is still rising.

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LIVING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lives life with balance & pursues their passion• Is independent, confident and resilient, and perseveres in the face of setbacks• Acts with integrity & honours their commitments	LEARNING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is a critical thinker & creative problem-solver who values lifelong learning• Can be self-directed & collaborate effectively with others as needed• Is adaptable & ready for the challenges of an ever-changing world	LEADING <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Values diversity & seeks to understand others• Is a relationship-builder who treats people with respect• Actively participates in & enriches their community
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Here are a few of our outstanding graduates:

Marianna Speranza
As a recipient of a 2022 Schulich Leader Scholarship, Marianna has served on the DECA Executive, Student Council, and Senior Girls' Volleyball team. She is pursuing a dual degree in Computer Science and Ivey HBA at Western University.



Noah Smith
A co-recipient of the Jon Campbell-Smith Male Athlete of the Year Award, Noah has excelled on both the soccer pitch and basketball court during his time at CDS. He will be studying Business Administration at McMaster University.

Tarini Amarasinghe
As a student coordinator for Social Justice, Tarini helped lead the charge on diversity and inclusion at CDS, and also won accolades both at Mock Trial competitions and on the Senior Girls' Rugby pitch. Tarini will be pursuing Life Sciences at McGill University.



Arjun Walia
An accomplished member of the CDS Debating and Public Speaking team and co-coordinator of Robotics, Arjun was also a member of the Concert Band. Arjun will be studying Software Engineering at the University of Waterloo.

Maria Ivoditova
Maria captured the overall 2022 World Debating Champion title, making her the 4th CDS student to do so in seven years, and was also student coordinator for the CDS Model United Nations Team. Maria will be studying Economics at Brown University.



Mason Davis
An active member of this year's Student Council, integral player on the Senior Boys' Baseball and Basketball teams, and appreciator of history, Mason will be studying Engineering and Pre-Ivey Business at Western University.

“Having spent 14 years at CDS, I feel as though it is a place that fosters passion, that challenges perspective, and that pushes me to learn and grow everyday.”

NEYLA KIRBY '22, DUKE UNIVERSITY