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**CULINARY CHAMP** - Charlie Borscevski got to compete at a regional culinary competition this week after winning a class culinary competition at Humberview Secondary School. For more on his foodie journey, see Page 11.

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## Council defers housing pledge pending clarity from Provincial government

Caledon is asked to have 13,000 new residential units by 2031

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Council would like more time for Town staff to look at Caledon's housing pledge to the Provincial Government.

At Council's February 28 meeting, local lawmakers voted to defer approval of Caledon's housing pledge "to allow the Region of Peel time

to put forward regional requests to the Province as well as give Town staff more time for fine tuning," according to a Council brief.

Doug Ford's Progressive Conservatives have set a target of 13,000 new residential units to be completed in Caledon by 2031. Caledon's pledge outlines how it will meet this target and the support it will need from the Province to achieve it.

"The pledge asks the province to work with the Town to understand the impacts and investments needed to grow in a sustainable and affordable way," reads the brief.

The types of investments needed are access to transit, community amenities, parkland, and infrastructure like roads and water.

At the February 28 meeting, Caledon's Director of Planning, Antoinetta Minichillo, said Caledon's housing pledge was most in line with the Region of Peel's growth plan when compared to Brampton and Mississauga. Still, she said there were some slight deviations that Town staff would like to have more time to work with the Region on.

Mayor Annette Groves addressed people watching the meeting and explained a bit more about the pledge, such as the 13,000 residential unit target and how the Province's Bill 23 has removed some of Caledon's (and the Region's) funding from development charges.

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**Town says harassment, abuse directed towards employees is increasing**

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Town of Caledon has issued a notice that harassment towards its employees is on the rise.

On March 6, the Town said in a media release that the safety of its employees is going to be top priority. The Town said it's seeing an increase in situations where its roads and customer service staff are being harassed, abused and assaulted while working.

"This weekend there were multiple incidents, in one case the OPP was contacted," said the Town in a statement, referring to the weekend of March 4 and 5.

The Town of Caledon issued warnings on Thursday, March 2 about the large snowfall that came on Friday, March 3.

"Messages included information about the storm, road clearing time estimates and a request for patience as Caledon is so geographically large," reads the Town release.

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# Things to do during March break in and around Caledon

From maple syrup to drumming, there’s tons of fun to be had

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

March break is approaching fast and there’s a wide variety of events and activities planned across the Town of Caledon.

The Caledon Public Library (CPL) has activities planned all week long, such as their Shamrock Scavenger Hunt & Contest that will be taking place at all branches. The CPL is also hosting kids can craft sessions on March 13 at 10:30 a.m. in Bolton; March 15 at 2 p.m. in Inglewood; and March 17 at 2 p.m. in Caledon Village.

For ages eight to 12, there’s the “Nailed it or Failed it? Book Cover Cookies” happening at the Albion Bolton branch of the CPL at 1 p.m. on March 13.

“Join us for the library-themed edition of the hilariously popular television show,” announced the CPL. “Contestants will try to recreate Instaworthy (Instagram-worthy) favourite book covers!”

For ages six to 12, “A Little Drumming in Everyone” will be held at the Southfields Village Branch at 11 a.m. on March 14. Also, at that branch on March 14 will be “The Art of Hot Sauce Making” at 1 p.m. for ages 11 to 17.

More events are going on at the Southfields Village branch on March 15 and 16. On the fifteenth, there’s “Send a Message to an Astronaut” at 10:30 a.m. for ages eight to 13 and on the sixteenth there’s “Perler Bead Fun” for teens.

At 7 p.m. on March 16 the CPL will host a virtual March break bingo night, which can be joined through their website. The Friends of the Caledon Public Library will be hosting a book sale all March break at the Caledon East branch, with full sale hours available online on the CPL’s website.

Two local author visits are rounding out the week of entertainment planned by the CPL. The first is from Robyn Gram-Barclay, an artist, author and illustrator. She’ll be reading both of her books, geared towards ages four to 10, at 10:30 a.m. on March 16 at the Albion Bolton branch. On



Credit Valley Conservation will host Maple Syrup in the Park events at Terra Cotta Conservation Area all March Break.

PHOTO COURTESY OF CVC

March 17, author Lisa Oatway will visit the Caledon East branch at 10:30 a.m. to talk about her book, “The Dinosaur Encounter”, that’s geared towards ages eight to 12.

Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) is hosting its popular Maple Syrup in the Park events at Island Lake Conservation Area in

Orangeville from March 16 to 19. It’s also hosting them at Terra Cotta Conservation Area in Halton Hills from March 11 to 19.

“Maple syrup season is a great time to get outside and have some fun,” says the CVC. “Explore nature, learn about maple syrup and sample the iconic Canadian treat at our conservation areas.”

At Maple Syrup in the Park events, residents can tour maple syrup demonstrations, learn from Indigenous partners, taste maple taffy, enjoy pancakes with real maple syrup, and participate in scavenger hunts.

Maple Syrup in the Park events run from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and tickets must be reserved online at [cvc.ca/maple-syrup-in-the-park/](http://cvc.ca/maple-syrup-in-the-park/).

The Town of Caledon’s Recreation department is offering a March bBeak camp for youth ages four to 12 at the Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness and Southfields Community Centre. The cost of the camp is \$212.25 and it runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. from March 13 to 17.

The camp is set to offer a variety of different activities like outdoor play, creative crafts and active games. Campers will be placed in groups with those who are of a similar age to them. Registration for March break camp can be done online at

[caledon.ca](http://caledon.ca).

The Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) has activities planned for every day of March break. From March 13 to 17, families are invited to attend PAMA at 9 Wellington St. East in Brampton. From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day on the break, there will be creative projects, unique exhibitions in PAMA’s historic spaces., and instructor-led family fun activities.

Special guests will be visiting PAMA on March 13, 15, and 17. On the thirteenth, magician “The Amazing Corbin” will perform family-friendly shows at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

On the fifteenth, also at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m., “Miss T the Bubble Queen” will present “Bubbleology” where she’ll showcase the science and art behind bubbles. She’ll make a bubble cube, a tornado in a bubble, a person inside a bubble and more to wow children and their families.

Finally, on March 17, Scientists in School will be hosting hands-on STEM workshops that combine science and art. At 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. families can join the scientists to “use shadows, colour, motion, and light to create art from science.” Families will make a puppet, spinning top, kaleidoscope, and even design a galaxy.

## Caledon is asked to have 13,000 new residential units by 2031

Continued from FRONT

“It’s actually quite scary,” said Groves of the debt the Region of Peel will need to take on to meet the Province’s housing targets. Groves said it will be important to work closely with the Region moving forward as it provides essential infrastructure servicing for growth.

“We can’t fight with the Province... if we say ‘we aren’t going to do it’ they’ll come along and do whatever they want anyway,” said Groves. “We’re trying to find out from the Province, what does ‘make us whole’ mean?”

This refers to the Province’s promise to ensure municipalities won’t go into any debt if they lose funding from things like development charges.

Groves said she’s hoping Ford is listening to municipalities, which she said are happy to do the housing pledge, so long as the appropriate investment help is provided.

The motion to defer Caledon’s housing pledge was passed unanimously.

Council had originally endorsed the housing pledge at a planning and development meeting earlier in February.

“It is important that we do our part to address the housing crisis while not compromising on the quality of communities we want to see developed in Caledon,” said Minichillo at that time. “Growth in Caledon will be in greenfield areas (rural/farm land) and it requires different considerations which we put forward in our Housing Pledge as action items for the Province to consider.”

There’s going to be a special Council meeting on March 21 where Town staff will present any changes made to the housing pledge after Council voted to defer it on February 28. Municipalities are required by the Province to have their housing pledges complete by March 22.

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# Inaugural Meaghan’s Music Room Charity Gala raises over \$12,000



(LEFT) Meaghan’s Music Room Board members attended the gala. From left to right: Cynthia Oudin, Greg Williams, Board Advisor Annette Groves, Chairman Robert Ward, former chair Howard Phee, and Al McFadyen. (RIGHT) Kristian and Diana Balinov teach music and dance classes for Meaghan’s Music Room.



BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Caledon community came together to support people with physical and intellectual challenges last month.

On February 25, the first-ever Meaghan’s Music Room charity gala was held at Caesar’s Centre in Bolton. The gala featured dinner, dancing and drinks and raised funds for the work done at Meghan’s Music Room.

Mary Balinov operates Tisho’s Music Academy with her family in Bolton. At the academy, there’s a dedicated music room where subsidized music classes are held for people with physical and intellectual challenges.

Balinov explained over \$12,000 was raised from the gala and said it was a great start considering it was the first one to ever be held in support of Meaghan’s Music Room.

“Hopefully all these people will come back next year, and more to follow, and we can build on that,” said Balinov. “It was important that we get the first one out of

the way and it was wonderful.”

Caledon Mayor Annette Groves attended the gala, along with Councillors Tony Rosa, Cosimo Napoli, and Mario Russo. Balinov said it was great to see support from the Town of Caledon, who sponsored a table at the gala.

“We had some wonderful sponsors that stepped up... everybody contributed, the community has been wonderful,” said Balinov. “It was a lot of fun, the music was great, the food was amazing. The venue was very accommodating.”

Balinov said she wanted to put out a huge thank you to the Caledon businesses that sponsored the gala, as well as the Board of Directors for Meaghan’s Music Room. She said they did lots of work in order to make the gala a success.

The gala came at an important time for Meaghan’s Music Room as it was fundraising to make up for lost time in the pandemic. Balinov said the money raised at the gala will be key in subsidizing music and dance classes for the over 150 individuals who use Meaghan’s Music Room.

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SUSPICIOUS DEATHS INVESTIGATED

Members of the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are continuing to investigate two deaths in the Town of Caledon.

“On March 4, 2023, shortly after 8:00 a.m., officers from the Caledon Detachment of the OPP responded to a reported disturbance in the area of Heather Street in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “Officers located two individuals inside the residence with apparent gunshot wounds. A male and a female were pronounced deceased at the scene.

The deceased have been identified as 29-year-old Cassie Antle of Mono and 24-year-old David Evans from Orangeville.

Investigators believe this is an isolated incident and there are no concerns for public safety.

“The Caledon Detachment Major Crime Unit is continuing the investigation under the direction of the Criminal Investigation Branch, with assistance of OPP Forensic Identification Services and in conjunction with the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario and the Ontario Forensic Pathology Service.”

Anyone with information that might assist the investigation should contact the Caledon OPP at 905-584-2241 or toll-free at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or on-line at [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers, you stay anonymous, you never have to testify and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000 upon an arrest.

MULTIPLE CHARGES FOLLOWING SUSPICIOUS PERSON INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid multiple charges following a suspicious person investigation.

“On March 3, 2023, at approximately 2:30 a.m., Caledon OPP responded to a report of a suspicious vehicle/person on McCandless Court, near Paisley Green Avenue, in the Town of Caledon,” Police said. “Officers arrived minutes later and located the vehicle. Once the driver realized police had arrived, an attempt to flee was made by driving into both police cruisers that were positioned in a way to prevent escape. A foot pursuit followed when it was observed that the suspect

was also armed with a handgun. The accused was arrested without any further incidents.”

As a result of the investigation, Nathaniel Snowden, 34, of Toronto, was charged with:

- Unauthorized possession of a prohibited / restricted firearm
- Possession of firearm at unauthorized place
- Careless use of firearm, weapon, prohibited device or ammunition
- Possession of prohibited or restricted firearm with ammunition
- Possession of a prohibited device or ammunition
- Dangerous operation
- Assault peace officer with a weapon - two counts
- Operation while prohibited
- Possession of firearm or ammunition contrary to prohibition order - two counts
- Flight from peace officer
- Failure to comply with prohibition order
- Possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000 - two counts
- Possession of break in instruments
- Driving while under suspension
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor

The accused was held for a Bail Hearing at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville. The charges have not been proven.

“Caledon OPP would like to thank the resident for making the call to police. It was that report along with the officers’ quick response that resulted in an arrest, multiple charges, and a weapon taken off our streets. If you witness activity that is suspicious in your neighbourhood, call 9-1-1 to report it.”

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OFFICER ADMINISTERS LIFE-SAVING NALOXONE

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have administered life-saving Naloxone.

“On March 1, 2023, at approximately 9:18 p.m., Caledon OPP responded to a report of an unresponsive person at a residence in the Town of Caledon,” say Police. “Upon arrival, a female was observed unconscious on the floor and CPR was being performed. Of-

ficers administered Naloxone and continued CPR. Although still unresponsive, it was determined that she was now breathing, and first aid continued until paramedics arrived. She was then transported to a local hospital as a precautionary measure.

“Illegal fentanyl is being mixed with other drugs, such as cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine, MDMA, and illicit cannabis. This is especially dangerous because people are often unaware that fentanyl has been added.”

On June 5, 2019 the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Opioids Working Group released their Opioids and Overdoses: Impact and Strategies report, highlighting the alarming increase of opioid overdoses and deaths across Ontario. The report contains information relating to OPP opioid seizures, overdoses, and relevant strategies.

The Opioids and Overdoses: Impact and Strategies report can be found at [www.opp.ca/opioids](http://www.opp.ca/opioids). The page also includes important resources.

Additionally, the Good Samaritan Drug Overdose Act (GSDOA), which became law in May 2017, provides some legal protection for individuals who seek emergency help during an overdose. The intention of the Act is to reduce fear of police attending overdose events and embolden people to seek life-saving assistance and stay with the victim in the event of an overdose. This is particularly important in the face of the opioid crisis. More information is available at [www.opp.ca/overdose](http://www.opp.ca/overdose).

If you have any information regarding drug activity in your neighbourhood, contact police at 1-888-310-1122.

You can also provide information anonymously by contacting Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.peelcrimestoppers.ca](http://www.peelcrimestoppers.ca). When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, you never have to testify, and you could receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000 upon an arrest.

OPIOID WARNING

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) in Central Region are warning members of the public of a possible highly potent and potentially fatal strain of illicit opioids that may be circulating within the County of Simcoe and the District Municipality of Muskoka after seven people have lost their lives in Central Region from a suspected opioid overdose in the last seven days.

“Fentanyl is an extremely potent synthetic opioid up to 100 times more potent than morphine and up to 40-50 times more potent than heroin,” say Police. “Carfentanil is a synthet-

ic opioid up to 100 times more potent than fentanyl. The prevalence of illicit opioids distributed through drug trafficking networks continues to increase. Trafficking in opioids is a very serious offence. Drug dealers are knowingly distributing products that cause harm and could kill.

“Fentanyl can be lethal in very small quantities. If someone’s drug of choice is mixed with or contains fentanyl, it can potentially kill them. Opioid users have a higher risk of experiencing an overdose due to fentanyl potency, especially when the fentanyl is illicit and not sourced from a pharmaceutical company. It is impossible for a user to determine the quantity of fentanyl they may be using because you can’t see, smell or taste it.”

Symptoms of fentanyl/opioid exposure can include:

- Difficulty walking, talking or staying awake
- Blue lips or nails
- Very small pupils
- Cold and clammy skin
- Dizziness and confusion
- Extreme drowsiness
- Choking, gurgling or snoring sounds
- Inability to wake up, even when shaken or shouted at
- Slow, weak or not breathing

If you, or someone you know, experiences any of these symptoms, stay at the scene and call 9-1-1 to save a life.

“Naloxone is a drug that temporarily reverses the effects of opioids, including respiratory depression, sedation and hypotension, and allows time for medical help to arrive. The OPP has provided frontline officers with naloxone intranasal spray to help protect officers and the public from potential fentanyl exposure when attending an opioid-related incident.

“Members of the public who may be at risk of experiencing an overdose, or know someone who is, are encouraged to acquire a naloxone kit available free of charge at the Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Community Health Centres, and many pharmacies across the region. Learn more: [www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/drugs/opioids](http://www.simcoemuskokahealth.org/Topics/drugs/opioids).”

Anyone with any information about drug trafficking in our communities is asked to call OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or [ontariocrimestoppers.ca](http://ontariocrimestoppers.ca). Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and you will remain anonymous. Being anonymous, you will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

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CLUES ACROSS

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8. Unnatural

13. Deep regret

14. Rogue

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19. An alternative

20. After B

21. Partner to flowed

22. Weekday

23. Body part

24. World’s longest river

25. One of the Greats

26. Make clean

30. C. Canada indigenous peoples

31. Japanese seaport

32. Most unclothed

33. Small grouper fish

34. Soluble ribonucleic acid

35. Distinguishing

sound

38. French realist painter

39. Popular beer brand

40. Views

44. God depicted as a bull

45. Relieve

46. Residue after burning

47. Habitation

48. Poe’s middle name

49. Japanese title

50. TV series installation (abbr.)

51. Beloved country singer

55. Single unit

57. Genuine

58. Develop

59. Traveled through the snow

CLUES DOWN

1. Clues

2. Do again

3. Current unit

4. Neither

5. Corporate exec (abbr.)

6. Second sight

7. The absence of mental stress

8. Supplemented with difficulty

9. Stop for good

10. College dorm worker

11. Bones

12. Most supernatural

16. Spanish island

17. Unlimited

18. Where golfers begin

22. No charge

25. Print errors

27. Professional drivers

28. Kiss box set

29. Short, fine fibers

30. Administers

punishment

32. Czech city

34. Normal or sound

powers of mind

35. The academic world

36. Crustacean

37. Currency

38. Pastoral people of Tanzania or Kenya

40. Cloth spread over a coffin

41. Grouped together

42. On land

43. Glistened

45. A type of extension

48. One who assists

51. College sports conference

52. Zero

53. Midway between northeast and east

54. Type of screen

56. The 13th letter of the Greek alphabet

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From right to left: Councillor Mario Russo, Ryan Werenich and Mark D'Costa of Enbridge Gas, Deputy Chief Samantha Hoffmann, Councillor Lynn Kiernan, Randy Narine from the Fire Safety Council, and members of the Caledon Fire and Emergency Services team.

TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

# Town kicks off fire safety program for older adults: Safe Community Project Zero program also recently launched

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Town of Caledon is hoping a new program will help Caledon residents safely age in place.

On February 24, the Town announced that Caledon Fire and Emergency Services was partnering with Age-Friendly Caledon for a new program that will help ensure older adults in Caledon are living in a fire-safe environment and are prepared in case of an emergency.

The program is called the “Older Adult Home Safety Program” and is targeted towards those aged 65 and older who are living independently.

Caledon’s Deputy Fire Chief of Community Safety, Samantha Hoffman, said those who apply for the program will get a free home visit from a Caledon Fire public educator.

“During the visit, a home safety plan will be developed, hazards in the home identified, and combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms will be installed where needed,” said Hoffman.

The program is free for all 65-plus community members to apply to, and family members or caregivers can also apply for it on behalf of someone. The same applies to community agencies and health-care providers.

According to the Town, at age 65, people are twice as likely to be killed or injured by fires compared to the population at large. By 75, the risk is three times as likely, and by 85 it is four times as likely.

Based on 2021 census data, 15 per cent of Caledon residents are aged 65 or above, and it’s estimated that by 2031 the number of residents ages 65 and above will nearly double.

“As our older adult population is increasing, it is imperative to take preventative measures to reduce injuries and increase home safety, encouraging residents

of Caledon to age well and age in place,” said Town staff in a release. “Advocating for an increase in preventative health-check programs, such as the Older Adult Home Safety Program, will help mitigate the risks brought upon by emergency situations – including fires.”

The Town received funding for its Older Adult Home Safety Program through the Seniors Community Grant Program, which is administered by the Ministry of Seniors and Accessibility.

To find out more about the program, or to sign up yourself or a loved one, visit [caledon.ca/homesafety](https://caledon.ca/homesafety).

The Older Adult Home Safety Program is one of two fire safety programs recently announced by the Town.

On March 1, the Town announced Caledon Fire, Enbridge Gas, and the Fire Marshal’s Public Fire Safety Council (FMPFSC) had partnered to provide free combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to Caledon residents — with a goal of bringing fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

A total of 324 alarms were received by Caledon Fire through “Safe Community Project Zero” which is a campaign that’s running Province-wide to provide more than 8,000 alarms to residents in 50 municipalities.

In 2023, Enbridge Gas invested \$250,000 into the program. Ryan Werenich, GTA West Region manager of operations for Enbridge Gas, said the best way to avoid carbon monoxide exposure is to eliminate it at the source by properly maintaining fuel-burning equipment.

“Alarms are a critical second line of defense to protect against carbon monoxide poisoning,” said Werenich.

Jon Pegg, Ontario’s Fire Marshal and Chair of FMPFSC, said the goal of Safe Community Project Zero is to deliver alarms to those most in need.

“It’s a program that fire departments can adopt to help educate their communities about the requirement for all Ontario homes to have a CO alarm if they have a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage,” said Pegg.

Hoffman said Caledon Fire is proud to partner with the FMPFSC and Enbridge on Project Zero and said the donation of the alarms will allow Caledon Fire to continue protecting Caledon’s most vulnerable community members.

## Caledon OPP responds after charge dropped over unsigned document

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Last week, the Citizen reported on a careless driving charge that was thrown out of court over an unsigned document.

Tomislav Roki was accused of careless driving causing the death of Caledon teen Milo Yekmalian, who was just 18 years old when he died in a collision with Roki last May.

When the case was brought to Caledon’s Provincial Offences Court on February 1, Roki’s legal counsel successfully argued that information necessary to prosecute Roki should be nullified, as it was missing the signature of the Caledon OPP officer swearing it to be true.

Presiding Justice of the Peace Neil Burgess said if the officer had signed the statement, he would have found that it was fine to proceed on the matter.

“We don’t have the officer swearing to the information, we don’t have the officer signing the statement,” said Burgess. He found the information to be null and the charge against Roki was dropped. The charge cannot be reissued as more than six months have passed since the collision.

“I see by looking at the information that this is a very serious matter, and I can tell you I am

not happy having been put in the position that I need to say that this is a nullity,” said Burgess.

The Citizen asked the Caledon OPP as to if the officer in question might face any consequences, or if any detachment policies might change as a result of this case. The Caledon OPP could not respond by press time for last week’s paper, but sent a statement to the Citizen on March 3.

“The OPP is looking into the matter and further conversations with Court Services are continuing to review the process. The current Court Services process is to forward the informations to a Justice of the Peace to review the document. Questions about that process and the actions of the Justice of the Peace should be directed to the Ministry of the Attorney General,” wrote community safety and media relations officer Joe Brisebois. “Caledon OPP is also internally reviewing all informations and its procedures to ensure this does not happen again.”

“The OPP has been in regular contact with the family. We want to assure the community that we are reviewing this incident and our procedures,” wrote Brisebois.

# Town says harassment, abuse directed towards employees is increasing

Continued from FRONT

However, the Town said it saw incidents beyond even rude gestures and verbal abuse as staff worked after the storm.

“Staff are now being physically threatened, in some cases objects are being hurled at trucks, sidewalk plows and at staff directly,” according to the Town.

Caledon’s chief administrative officer, Carey Herd, said the safety of Town staff will not be compromised. “We realize most citizens have been patient, however, instances of harassment toward staff have increased both in frequency and severity throughout the winter,” said Herd.

Caledon’s Police Chief, Inspector Mary-Louise Kearns, said threats to public safety will not be tolerated and that charges will be laid when necessary.

“Violence toward individuals trying to do their job to the best of their ability is unacceptable,” said Kearns.

Mayor Annette Groves said she knows Caledon is “better than that.”

“These employees work long hours, during nights and weekends, working around obstacles including street-parked vehicles, to clear roads and sidewalks in a priority sequence,” said Groves. “They shouldn’t have to endure threats and abuse.”

Groves said Town employees are not only public service providers but members of the community too. She emphasized that Town employees should be able to carry out their duties in a safe work environment that is free from harassment and abuse.

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# SPORTS

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The Alliston Hornets take on the Caledon Golden Hawks in the final game of the regular season on Monday, March 6, at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre in Alliston. PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

## Caledon Golden Hawks edged 2-1 in overtime by Penetang Kings in PJHL Pre-playoff Showdown

BY JIM STEWART

The Penetang Kings jumped from 9th to 7th place and into the playoffs on Sunday afternoon with a 2-1 overtime victory over the Caledon Golden Hawks at Mayfield Recreation Complex.

The Golden Hawks, Kings, and Midland Flyers jockeyed for the remaining divisional playoff spot on the final weekend of the PJHL regular season. When the Flyers lost 4-1 at home to the Schomberg Cougars on Saturday night, the North Car-

ruthers Division’s playoff seeding was determined by the result of the Caledon-Alliston regular season finale.

Unfortunately, a 7-3 loss to the Hornets in Alliston on Monday night eliminated the Golden Hawks from the playoffs.

Penetang, which finished one point ahead of Caledon and Midland, faces Alliston in the opening round.

In Sunday afternoon’s contest, Golden Hawks’ goaltender Lucas Hillert was brilliant, turning aside 44 of 46 Kings shots. However, Penetang’s Aiden McK-

enzie slipped a sudden-death, power play goal past the heroic Caledon netminder at 6:15 of the extra frame with Golden Hawk Jacob Altomare in the penalty box for unsportsmanlike conduct.

Riley Kennedy and Owen Vandusen drew assists on the game-winning goal that ostensibly clinched a playoff spot for the improving Kings.

The Golden Hawks-Kings game was a chippy affair from the outset and over twenty minor penalties were served. James Ramani and Jacob Altomare of the Golden Hawks were particularly pugnacious for the home side, rolling up 16 and 12 minutes in penalties, respectively. With their season on the line, Caledon jumped out to a 1-0 first period lead when call-up Ram Rallpalli scored at 17:44—on assists from Ramani and Altomare.

Kennedy, on a feed from Kyle Robillard, pulled the Kings even less than two minutes later and the 1-1 deadlock lasted through two penalty-filled periods. The battle for the final divisional playoff spot stayed close through regulation due to the stellar play of Hillert who turned aside 15 and 18 shots in the second and third periods, respectively, to keep the game tied and to send it into overtime.

In Caledon’s regular season finale, the

Golden Hawks took to the ice with only 12 skaters versus the second-place Alliston Hornets on Monday night at the New Tecumseth Rec Centre. The Caledon squad fought valiantly to keep their flickering playoff hopes alive and took a 1-0 lead on Joey Furlano’s 22nd goal of the season—assisted by Andrew McClure and Carson Bennett—less than 5 minutes into the game.

The rookie-laden and short-handed Golden Hawks maintained their slim lead going into the first intermission.

However, three consecutive goals by Jacob Power, Andrew Maltby, and Ben Taylor gave the Hornets a 3-1 lead with two minutes left in the second period.

The Golden Hawks responded on a key power play at 18:05 when Caledon’s leading scorer, Andrew McClure, fired his 21st goal—with assists from Furlano and Jared Leite.

Clinging to their one-goal lead, the Hornets stung the Golden Hawks with ten seconds to go in the period when Maltby scored his second of the game and 19th of the season to restore Alliston’s 2 goal advantage.

The Hornets took a commanding 6-2 lead with goals by Gavin Tornoff and Payton Palbiski five minutes into the final period.

The Golden Hawks reduced the deficit to three when Carson Bennett scored at 9:01, but Adam Hoppe’s power play goal at 17:33 put the Hornets back up by four and restored the winning margin. Alliston outshot Caledon 44-30.

Andrew McClure and Joey Furlano were an effective one-two punch for the Golden Hawks during the 2022-23 season and finished first and second, respectively, in team scoring. McClure led Caledon with 21 goals and 18 assists for 39 points in 32 games played. Furlano led the team in goals with 22 and added 16 assists for 38 points in 40 games played.

The Golden Hawks and the Midland Flyers finished the regular season tied for 8th place in the North Carruthers Division; both squads missed the PJHL playoffs by only 1 point.

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# Town conducting survey on future Caledon East Park addition



A skatepark is one of the options proposed for a new feature at Caledon East Park.  
TOWN OF CALEDON IMAGE

## Skatepark, volleyball courts and outdoor fitness course among options for park

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

The Town of Caledon would like to know what residents want to see added to Caledon East Park. The Town has posted a survey regarding the building of a new feature in Caledon East Park. The survey is available on [haveyoursaycaledon.ca](http://haveyoursaycaledon.ca) and will be available until the end of the March.

According to municipal staff, the Town wants to build an active recreation feature at the park to support healthy living. Some proposed features for the park include: a skatepark, pump track, mountain bike course, outdoor fitness course, outdoor exercise equipment, pickleball court or beach volleyball court. In the survey, Caledon residents are asked to rank these features in order of most to least desired. They are also asked what ward they live in, how they would be traveling to the park and to indicate their age range. “The feedback received from this survey will be used to identify the preferred park feature and ensure that the new facility meets the needs of the local residents,” said the Town on its website.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

## 14245 Highway 50 Proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBER(S): POPA 2022-0002, RZ 2022-0001

A Public Meeting will be held to consider applications to amend the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law. Your input and insight will inform and shape plans that meet the needs of our community.

Meeting Date: April 4, 2023  
Public Meeting Start Time: 7 p.m.  
Location: Council Chambers, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon East

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

The Town of Caledon offers a hybrid meeting model with multiple ways for members of the public to participate and engage with Council.

- Attend In-Person:** Members of the public may attend a meeting in-person and provide verbal comments regarding the proposed application(s) or sit in the gallery to watch the meeting. Although registration is not mandatory, members of the public are encouraged to complete the Participation Request Form, available at [caledon.ca/speak-at-council](http://caledon.ca/speak-at-council)
- Submit a Written Comment:** Members of the public may submit a written comment regarding the proposed application(s) by completing the Participation Request Form, available at [caledon.ca/speak-at-council](http://caledon.ca/speak-at-council)
- Virtually:** Members of the public are welcome to participate via telephone or video conference through WebEx upon request. For more information on how to participate, please complete the Participation Request Form, available at [caledon.ca/speak-at-council](http://caledon.ca/speak-at-council). In addition, members of the public can watch meetings through the live stream available on the Town's website.

**APPLICANT:** Glen Schnarr and Associates Inc. on behalf of Columbia Square Inc. (Wyndcliffe Development Inc.)

**LOCATION:** 14245 Highway 50  
Part of Lot 12, Concession 7 (Albion), Parts 2 and 5 Plan 43R-38843  
Northeast corner of Highway 50 and Columbia Way  
Ward 2

#### PROPOSED CHANGES:

The Town of Caledon received applications to amend the Town's Official Plan and Zoning By-law to permit a phased mixed-use development. The applicant is seeking permissions to develop the property with two 8-storey apartment buildings containing approximately 403 units, nine 3-storey townhouse buildings containing approximately 142 units and approximately 1,844 square metres of commercial space. The proposal includes an outdoor amenity area and a total of 1018 parking spaces.

The applicant proposes to amend the Official Plan to re-designate the lands from the "Bolton North Hill Commercial Area" designation to a new "Bolton North Hill Mixed Use Area" designation, including new site-specific policies for the development of residential and commercial uses on the site. The proposed amendment to the Zoning By-law would rezone the land from a site-specific "General Commercial" zoning classification to a site-specific "Mixed Density Residential" classification, including new zoning standards for the proposed residential and commercial uses on the site.

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**APPEAL PROCEDURE:**  
If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of Council of the Town of Caledon to the Ontario Land Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted and/or the Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Clerk of the Town of Caledon before the proposed Official Plan Amendment is adopted and/or the Zoning By-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.



*"The illustration is a conceptual plan for information purposes, and it is subject to change. The application is currently under review by the Town of Caledon."*

#### HOW TO STAY INFORMED:

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Town of Caledon on the proposed Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law you must make a written request to the Planning Department of the Town of Caledon, 6311 Old Church Road, Caledon, Ontario, L7C 1J6 or [planning@caledon.ca](mailto:planning@caledon.ca).

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, a copy of the proposed Official Plan Amendment or Zoning By-law, additional information and material, please visit [www.caledon.ca/notice](http://www.caledon.ca/notice) or contact the Lead Planner at Town Hall from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### ACCESSIBILITY:

If you require an accessibility accommodation to attend or participate in this Public Meeting, or to access any materials related to this item in an alternate format please contact Council and Committee Services by phone at 905-584-2272 x.2366 or via email at [agenda@caledon.ca](mailto:agenda@caledon.ca).

Notice Date: March 9, 2023



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Share your ideas for the future of parks and recreation at upcoming open houses!

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#### WHAT IS THIS PROJECT ABOUT?

The Parks and Recreation Strategy will be our road map to enhancing parks, recreation, facilities, events and support services for the next 10 years.

#### WHAT CAN I EXPECT AT THE OPEN HOUSE?

The Plan's motto is Imagine, Plan, Play. The open house is the time to Imagine - Your vision for the future of parks and recreation across Caledon. Drop-in to an interactive session of collaboration and sharing of ideas through graphic panels, drawings, maps and more.

There will be six open houses, one in each ward:

WARD	LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Ward 1	Caledon Village Place	March 20	5 – 8 p.m.
Ward 2	Southfields CC	March 22	5 – 8 p.m.
Ward 3	Caledon East CC	March 25	10 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Ward 4	Palgrave Room (Equestrian Centre)	March 24	5 – 8 p.m.
Ward 5	Albion Bolton CC	March 27	5 – 8 p.m.
Ward 6	Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness	March 29	5 – 8 p.m.

#### CAN'T MAKE IT TO AN OPEN HOUSE?

Please visit [haveyoursaycaledon.ca](http://haveyoursaycaledon.ca) to contribute ideas and follow project updates.

Parks and recreation play an important part in community building, engaging people physically and socially, and improving quality of life. How do you want the next 10 years to look? Help us Imagine, Plan and Play.



Parks and Recreation

## Active Transportation Task Force RECRUITMENT NOW OPEN



The Town of Caledon is looking for five members of the public to be on the Town's Active Transportation Task Force (ATTF) to help develop a walking, cycling and trail network. The ATTF is to provide Town staff with input for a healthier and safer community for active transportation.

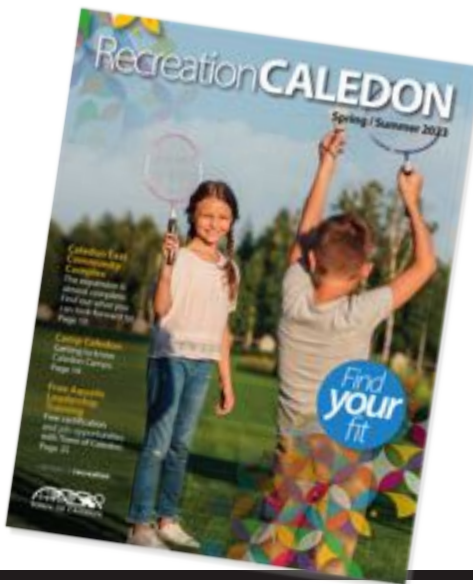
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Applications due March 17, 2023 by 4:30 p.m.

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# Underestimating our students

Do you ever look back on your childhood and wonder how you survived it all?

I bet most of us do, even if our respective benchmarks of what had to be endured might be a little bit different.

If you're of a certain age, you might have fond memories of running out your front door barefoot after dinner to play with friends, not for a moment thinking to lock the door behind you.

All my parents needed know was their own parents wanted them home before the streetlights went on. The world was essentially your oyster. Not so much today.

For my generation, let's say people born between 1980 and 1990, we had other things to worry about... Dangers like ... Red Rover?

I'm old enough to have fond memories of my own "calling so-and-so over" in a spirited round of the recess-time game with nary an injury sustained by any party; yet somewhere along the line it was a game deemed too hot to handle and summarily banned.

Yet, we lived to tell the tale.

Were we built harder than the generations that have come since then? I don't think so.

What might have set our generation, and even that of our parents, apart is we were by and large encouraged to develop and foster our critical thinking skills.

Us kids from largely White communities were, of course, spoon-fed a bucolic version of our own country's history that rarely touched upon the realities of our nationhood, but we were largely encouraged to examine, study, and read up on issues that were truly affecting our world.

That, sadly, seems to be on the wane in some parts.

Last week, for instance, Police were called to the headquarters of the York Catholic District School Board after delegates – mostly parents – spoke with anger and frustration over the fact that some teachers had deigned to designate their classrooms as "safe spaces" for all students.

The general thrust of the argument that a simple sticker, simply by nature of it featuring a graphic of the Pride flag, was somehow an attempt to "indoctrinate" students in... respect for one another, regardless of sexuality or gender identity?

Nope.

"Brainwashing" was one term thrown out for the overall argument, and at its heart was, "to believe that being gay is okay." Heaven forbid.

"Inclusive education means that all students are supported and included in all aspects of their education, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity," said one parent, apparently without a healthy sense of irony. "It's imperative that we all view students as equals and ensure they are comfortable and welcome in all aspects of their educational experience."

"Creating a safe space for one group," the delegate continued, "can also lead to exclusion of another. This is especially true if one... is given preferential treatment over another, which appears to be the message of these stickers."

This, in my opinion, is hardly the case.

While the sticker in question might include the Pride Flag, an obvious symbol of the 2SLGBTQIA+ community, it's message really is that it's a "safe space" for all students to be themselves, without judgement, and the symbol's inclusion is merely a testament to the fact that this once- (and, sadly, still-) marginalized group has a place within their commu-

nity – perhaps a place that is being denied to them in the home, their particular faith community or, depending on their age, even the workplace.

"There is absolutely no need to have such an aggressive campaign all around schools exposing younger children like my nine-year-old to sexual ideologies and indoctrinations that she's far too young to understand," the delegation continued.

Words like "aggressive," "sexual ideology" and "indoctrination" are buzzwords designed to rile rather than reflect reality. After all, at the heart of a debate is a humble sticker that teachers have been using for well over a decade. Although designs have varied over the years, they have almost invariably included some sort of symbol that "safe spaces" are indeed accessible to younger members of our society who identify as 2SLGBTQIA+.

And those buzzwords, particularly in the last few months, have been thrown about with wild abandon on both sides of our border. One only has to look as far as the recent legislation passed in Tennessee banning drag shows with other similar bills working their way through their respective corridors of power with alarming speed, all in the name of a fantastical "danger."

But, why? After all, although terms have changed over the centuries, 2SLGBTQ+ individuals have always been integral parts of our communities. Drag too is almost as old as civilization itself. The better question might be, "Why now?"

Take a moment to respectfully listen to a parent about why they might take their son or daughter to a Drag Queen story hour and the level of joy that all parties experience might prove enlightening.

My generation, again using the 1980-1990 birth bracket, survived seeing Robin Williams dressed in drag in Mrs. Doubtfire without any ill-effects and have probably even shared the laughter with their own kids. We also withstood "indoctrination" when exposed to reruns of Tom Hanks and Peter Scolari Buffy-and-Hildegard'ing it up on Bosom Buddies – but, again, those Red Rover wranglings may have set us up to have iron-rich constitutions.

Kids of the 70s had a learning moment when they sat down with their families to watch All in the Family's Edith Bunker (Jean Stapleton) show much-needed kindness to her dear friend Beverly LaSalle and mourned along with her when LaSalle was murdered simply for being a member of the 2SLGBTQ+ community.

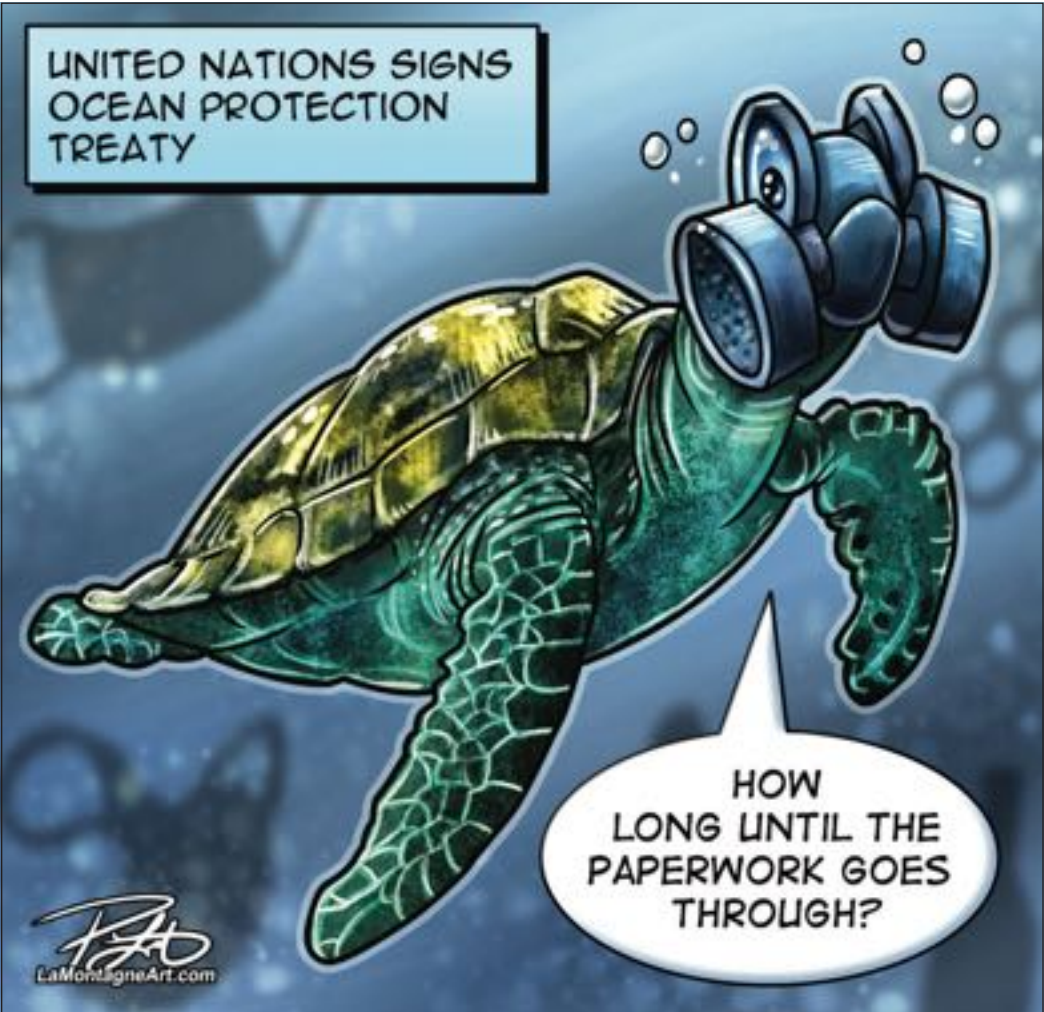
Kids of the 50s and 60s regularly saw Milton Berle sashaying across their TV screens in ballgowns and other forms of drag, apparently without any ill effects, saw Mary Martin take wing as Peter Pan without palpitations, and survived more than one occasion of Lucy and Ethel donning suits and mustaches to pull one over on the boys.

Heck, keep climbing our family tree, and those of our ancestors lucky enough to score a seat to the Globe Theatre in its prime saw dudes don the duds of Lady Macbeth, Cleopatra, Desdemona, and Juliet without the roof caving in.

And on and on it goes.

Learning about gender roles on the stage in Grade 10, as far as I'm aware, did not encourage any of my peers to ponder careers in drag any more than learning about the Archimedes principle prompted us to seek out careers as arithmetic professors in nudist camps – but both gave us a good foundation in history and mathematics.

We could handle it, and so can they – if given half a chance. And, thankfully, schools appear to be withstanding the barrage to do just that.



## A quick guide to understanding men



First off, let me state, for the record, men are dumb. They're also the weaker sex.

Now that we have that out of the way, here's a simple (get it?) guide to understanding the males of our species.

Of course, mine is subjective, but it's one assembled from more than five decades of hands-on study and in-depth research.

Most women likely know a lot about their boyfriends or spouses, since we're a pretty easy read.

Ladies, this won't take long!

By nature, men like "newfangledness." English poet Chaucer wrote. Even back in the 1300s, men loved their gizmos and gadgets.

Some of us love cars, smart devices, audio equipment and the like. But it has to be simple and respond accordingly. Throw a few monkey wrenches in our enjoyment and look out! After just a short time indulging in newfangled things, we become instant experts!

Part of this enjoyment comes from the fact we never grow up! We love our toys, they just get bigger and more expensive.

We all want a supercar, flamethrower, slingshot, lightsaber and phaser. We like to build and display models. If you hear weird airplane noises from time to time, it's your partner.

Every time my wife "catches" me in a childlike moment, this ditty runs through my brain: "I don't wanna grow up, I'm a Toys R Us kid ..."

If you ask me, the first 50 years of childhood are the hardest!

To expand on this, we also like to collect things, sometimes odd things. But they're valuable collectibles and will be worth something, some day. Really! And we got a great deal!

While I do have quite the collection of tiny models and such, my newest passion has been artifacts – centuries' old coins, pendants and small swords. But I'm on a budget, so I have to be quite savvy when it comes to internet shopping.

My wife can't believe that my Byzantine crosses or Roman coins have survived thousands of years. She's convinced these are modern replicas, made in Asia. I do my homework. They're real, baby.

Like your pet dog, a man loves sticks, any sticks really. Give him a stick, tree branch or bamboo pole and he's happy. He will swing it around wildly before using it for its intended purpose. He will also keep it and put it in the garage because it's cool and you never know when it will come in handy.

When not engaged in our favourite "hobby," we prefer to do nothing. But to us, that's something. When our better half asks us what we've been up to, instead of telling her the truth, we make up stuff that sounds like something, when it's really nothing.

While doing nothing, we are easily amused. Slapstick, bawdy humour, farts and burps make us

by Mark Pavilons

laugh. The wiser women in our midst merely shake their heads in disbelief. I can never reach the pitch or length of my son's prize-winning belches, but they are impressive, almost worthy of the history books! Again, the smarter of the sexes don't get it.

When our partner is not around to advise us, left alone we will do stupid things. Trust me on this one.

We often have good intentions on fixing things or doing stuff when our spouse is out of the house, but when they go terribly wrong, we bury the evidence. But more often than not, she will find out!

"Why would you do that?" is one of the most often heard phrases from our females.

We seldom have an acceptable answer.

Some men also like to take shortcuts, even though we know we shouldn't. We're told, time and again, "the right tool for the right job" and "something worth doing is worth doing right." Ya, but why use a complicated tool set when a fork will do? If I wrap something in enough electrical tape, it has to work. Just hide it behind the bush, no one will notice!

While our partners may be better cooks, men want to be grillmasters. We love our BBQs. I think it goes back to our ancestors who were obsessed with fire. It has taken me many years to learn the proper way to grill a steak or burger. Chicken requires finesse, and I have yet to figure out how to grill the perfect pork chop. Again, cover it in sauce and onions, and no one will notice!

When confronted, we blame it on the grill!

When we're not the ones doing the actual grilling, we still like to hover around it with our buddies, beverage in hand.

Aside from these funny examples, there are some rather bleak, sad ones, too.

As men get older it becomes increasingly difficult to maintain friendships with other men. None of my friends are nearby, so we converse via the internet and Facebook. We're all busy with families and kids and stuff, so it's hard to get together.

Many men seek approval, perhaps they never got much from their parents.

My dad was a man of few words. He worked hard and expected help. He didn't think he'd have to ask.

In some cases, men do things to get their woman's approval and nothing he does is for his own happiness.

We don't talk as much as our partners and we often don't talk about our issues. We just don't.

Men are fixers and doers. We don't like talking about problems and would rather look for solutions.

This sometimes spills over in our communication skills with our partner. My wife thinks I have ADD and I have to put in the effort to look at her and give her my full attention when we talk. I have no idea why it's difficult.

Fortunately for us men, we have the women in our lives to help us out.

They prevent us from doing dangerous, reckless things on a daily basis. You are the conscience, the "sober second thought."

That doesn't mean they stop us, though. My wife got quite the chuckle one winter, watching me helplessly slide down a hill on the ice, ending up face first in the cedar hedge!

Despite our drawbacks, men are simple, but can be brave, fearless, strong, generous, and even romantic. And we sure can be entertaining!

End of lesson. There won't be a test, because we're too lazy to hand one out!

## Our Readers Write

# Land of opportunity or paradise lost? reader asks

I share with many people of our country real concerns, people who really wonder about our future. A country blessed with so many advantages that nature has given us: the beauty of our lakes, rivers and forests are marvels. Of course, we also have to add other natural resources plus the advantages we enjoy from an educated population, a population that is hard-working and eager to make the world a better place for all.

However, we have our legitimate worries.

We see a world where often there is a decline in the Quality of Life here and elsewhere. For instance, beginning in the mid-1980s with the commencement of FTA and NAFTA, more and more we in Canada are affected and influenced by the dog-eat-dog culture of America. This influence reduces our humanity and our collective will to support each other and to look out for the community's interests.

In addition, we have witnessed too many examples of smug, self-serving politicians who generally seem to have a commitment to political expediency rather than principles that reflect an understanding of our world and that we all have an obligation to look out for one another. Many of our institutions seem to be out of control and emphasize impersonal technologies that rule our every day actions. Too often that technology acts as a screen to avoid personal commitment and responsibility. How many of us remember that old-fashioned expression: "My word is my bond"? Consider also our political institutions at all levels that depend more and more on impersonal communications where it is next to impossible to hold politicians and their bureaucracies to account.

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# I have a headache

Imagine going to the grocery store and buying one of your favourite products.

When it comes time to use it, you take off the cap and notice the tamper proof seal is either missing or not properly in place.

Would you still use the product? Probably not. You would most likely toss it in the garbage or possibly return it to the store for a refund.

With the seal not in place, you simply wouldn't trust that the product is safe to consume.

It hasn't been really all that long since regulations were put into place requiring manufacturers to package their products with tamper proof seals.

Prior to the early 1980s, when you bought a bottle of ketchup, you simply unscrewed the lid and poured the contents on your hamburger. The thought that someone would take a bottle, place a toxic substance in it, then place the bottle back on a shelf for someone to buy, was never thought of.

In Chicago, in 1982, a 12-year-old girl was given a Tylenol pill for cold symptoms. She went into immediate distress, and died the next day.

The following day, six more people died after taking Tylenol. They all died from cyanide poisoning.

Health officials and police quickly realized the common link, and a call went out for people to not

take Tylenol.

After eliminating the possibility of a problem at the manufacturing site, they concluded that someone had bought bottles of Tylenol, replaced the contents in the pills, and placed them back on store shelves for innocent people to buy.

The crime cost companies millions of dollars as products had to be pulled off the shelf across the continent, and very few people at the time wanted to risk buying a bottle of Tylenol that could potentially contain a lethal dose of cyanide.

No one was ever arrested or convicted of the crime.

There were hundreds of copycat cases of this ridiculous crime as other nutjobs decided to follow suit.

Manufactures were quick to start marketing their products with tamper proof seals to avoid this happening again.

It was one of those crimes, until it happened, no normal person would think of or consider.

It is the same with mass shootings. Until a psycho took the elevator to the top of the main tower at the University of Texas, and used his marine sharpshooting skills to kill 17, and wound 31 people, the thought of a maniac indiscriminately murdering

people, was unheard of. Now, it's pretty much common place in the U.S.

The OPP have issued a new statement about a dangerous strain of opioids being used in Ontario. Both fentanyl and carfentanil, has caused the overdose deaths of a number of people.

While quite often we associated drug overdoses with habitual illicit and illegal drug users, the truth is, many of those deaths have occurred to regular people who were offered a little recreation at a party, and paid the ultimate price.

I don't recommend taking any kind of narcotic that isn't prescribed by a qualified doctor for a specific reason.

Some people just get caught up in a party situation and are offered something to lighten the party atmosphere, and the next thing you know, they aren't breathing.

Both fentanyl and carfentanil are extremely potent synthetic opioids that are cooked up in secret labs with the drug mixed into other drugs, and usually unknown to the user.

One intrepid journalist tracked down one of these drug lab cookers on the west coast, and requested an interview that allowed the drug maker to remain anonymous.

When asked if he felt any responsibility for putting a substance on the street that kills people, his reply was "I don't make them take it."

He felt no guilt at all, even though the stuff he was cooking and selling, and making a profit with, was killing many people

When you mix a potentially lethal drug with another drug, you are creating a cocktail with deadly consequences. It's no different than slipping a single cyanide pill into a bottle of aspirin and waiting to see what happens when a person has a headache and reaches for a pill for some relief.

Catching these drug cookers is not easy. There's a whole chain of supply that police must go through.

But when caught, they should be held accountable for the carnage they are creating across the country, and receive a sentence that reflects the severity of their actions.

There are too many families that have lost loved ones to this opioid crisis.

## BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



# Can we ban banning things?

These are increasingly dangerous times. We're witnessing a slow and steady decline into what feels like a state of chaos fed by misinformation, zealotry, and sometimes simply through good old-fashioned but misguided attempts at righting a wrong, resulting in an over correction instead. Worrisome trends across the globe abound, and here closer to home too. Caledon isn't immune. There are no easy answers to any of this but I wonder, despite the obvious contradiction in the statement, whether or not we could start by agreeing to ban banning things?

Banning something is akin to adding fuel to an already roaring fire. When you ban something, it takes away – or, at least, certainly limits – the potential for conversation and open dialogue and haven't we all at some point in our lives been taught that open communication and dialogue is the way toward finding mutually agreeable solutions? Of course, the key to open communication and dialogue is not only to speak, but to also listen. I'm seeing less and less evidence of that!

Two recent examples where dialogue is muted include Florida and York Region. One is a kind of unofficial province, with snowbirds and Disney fans, and the other close enough to Caledon to be of concern. In Florida it's book bans and here at home there's talk of banning rainbows.

In Florida, a Bill known as HB1467, demands every book, in every school library or classroom, be vetted by an educational media specialist, someone trained (by whom?) and who has been told to "err on the side of caution," when pulling books from shelves. The result? Many school libraries are simply closing their doors altogether meaning no books for students at all. The language of what will be considered acceptable moving forward is described as "challenging and subjective," with the working phrase "harmful to children" left purposefully vague. Given that teachers will be subject to a felony charge if they are found teaching something that hasn't passed through the vetting process AND that "HB1467 works in tandem, providing the mechanism by which parents or citizens who are censorship-minded can scrutinize school collections for books with topics they disfavor, books they feel are not age-appropriate, or books they feel violate these laws." you perhaps start to get a sense of the magnitude of the type of book bans that Florida faces in the future.

Combined with troublesome news that Roald Dahl books are being rewritten to remove offensive words (offensive to whom?) and many other authors also facing requests to edit books or have them removed from libraries altogether, banning is fast

becoming synonymous with censorship. Are there SOME books and SOME phrases and expressions that are not only outdated but frankly abhorrent? You bet! Does that mean that every work of fiction produced prior to 2023 need now be declared redundant and banned? No. When we know better we do better. How do we know better? By engaging in an open dialogue about what is problematic with some of these stories and/or the language they contain and then exploring and discussing together, what we can learn from them and how we can and must do better now. To do otherwise becomes a true Orwellian exercise in constantly editing even our edits until we edit ourselves out of words altogether.

Speaking of words, for a more local take on things, you may have heard a lot of shouting from our neighbours just to the northeast of us a few nights ago. A Catholic School Board meeting had to be adjourned and the police called because of a group of parents upset about some rainbow stickers. Yup, you read that right. Rainbows are no longer acceptable apparently - especially in the context of their use within the YCDSB as denoting a safe space for LGBTQ2S+ students. Why the controversy now - when the stickers have been in use since 2013? No one seems to know (or perhaps want to admit) that the answer might be, because much like those

seeking to ban books in the US, the voices of conservatives (and conservative Christians in particular) are feeling particularly emboldened. In the case of one YCDSB parent, so emboldened they felt they could speak in place of the Pope!

Now, I'm Catholic myself and you may recall I ran as a school trustee. So, I make the following comments with a healthy degree of concern and perhaps some bias too given that I ran on the position of fostering safe, open and welcoming schools, something the eventual winner did not champion. The Pope is by no means infallible but to claim, as the York Region parent did, that "there are Biblical reasons why homosexuality is considered a sin regardless of what Pope Francis might think," is the very epitome of emboldened. This same parent also stated, "Catholic schools should not allow transgender or LGBT students to attend." I'm sorry - but what? She knows better than the Pope himself? She practices a faith that teaches tolerance? Ms. "X", I might remind you that against much opposition,

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## SHERALYN ROMAN TALK CALEDON





# “Beer, it’s the best damn drink in the world.”

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An infographic detailing some of the items that can be fixed at ecoCaledon’s upcoming repair cafe.

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# ecoCaledon hosting free repair cafe on Earth Day

## Event will also feature a community cleanup

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon residents are invited to get their broken items repaired for free this Earth Day.

On April 22, local non-profit ecoCaledon will host a repair cafe. ecoCaledon has hosted a few successful repair cafes in the past, and is hoping to spread the word and get even more people participating in this one.

It’s going to be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Caledon Seniors Centre, and residents can come and get items like clothing, bikes, pottery, and small electronics repaired for free.

ecoCaledon’s volunteer “fixers” will not only help residents fix their items, but show residents how it’s done, too. Repair cafes are all about reducing the waste sent to landfills and changing our society’s “throwaway” mindset.

The Citizen chatted with ecoCaledon members Lucrezia Chiappetta and Betty de Groot about the upcoming repair cafe, and how repairing things is an important part of the move towards a circular economy.

de Groot said there’s nearly 10 fixers already lined up to participate in the event. One of these fixers is Chris Millar, who has

been helping to organize the repair cafe as well. Millar’s repair skill is in sewing.

“My mother taught me at a young age and it’s a gift that’s brought me many hours of happiness throughout my life,” said Millar. “I look forward to the repair café; we have created a great little community among each other, it’s a place to socialize with like-minded people who not only care about the environment but are truly happy to use their skills to help others. People are truly grateful when an item is fixed and their smiles show it.”

Chiappetta explained since the upcoming repair cafe is on Earth Day, ecoCaledon is planning a community cleanup as part of it. She said this way even if people don’t have something they need repaired they can still come out and do something positive for the environment on Earth Day. de Groot noted that April is a great time for a cleanup as there’s often lots of garbage hidden underneath the snow that only reveals itself once the snow is all melted.

The concept of repair cafes is spreading, said Chiappetta, and there’s more and more communities starting their own.

The concept of repair cafes began in Amsterdam in 2009 and has since spread across the world. The first repair cafe to happen in Toronto happened in 2013.

ecoCaledon is hoping to spread the word that repair cafes are a great free service. de Groot said items you may not think can be fixed can be fixed — she even had her air

fryer fixed at a previous repair cafe. Other interesting items to be fixed at an ecoCaledon repair cafe include a label maker, a vacuum, and a music box. Anyone with questions about the repair cafe or what items can be fixed there can email [info@ecocalledon.org](mailto:info@ecocalledon.org).

“Community members offering services that they would normally get paid for, for free, is just a great way for us to help build community,” said Chiappetta.

According to the Government of Canada’s environment and natural resources branch, in a circular economy, nothing is waste. “The circular economy retains and recovers as much value as possible from resources by reusing, repairing, refurbishing, remanufacturing, repurposing, or recycling products and materials,” reads the government site. “It’s about using valuable resources wisely, thinking about waste as a resource instead of a cost, and finding innovative ways to better the environment and the economy.”

Finding ways of reusing items is a key part of the circular economy, said de Groot. She said even if you can’t use something yourself anymore, you can do something like donate it to Evolve, Caledon Community Services’ fundraising thrift store. One time, someone brought a vacuum to the repair cafe to be repaired, then donated it. It was a perfect example of someone participating in the circular economy.

Chiappetta said the circular economy

starts at the manufacturer level and that people need to advocate for higher-quality items that will last a long time, as well as for items that are made with sustainable materials — including their packaging. She also said people need to use items for as long as they can, giving the example of cell phones. There’s no need to get the latest iPhone if your current one still works, she said.

There’s been an unfortunate trend of products not lasting as long as they used to, and it is something that de Groot and Chiappetta have noticed. As well, it’s becoming harder to repair items and some are designed so they can’t easily be repaired by the consumer.

“My mother-in-law has a refrigerator in her basement that’s 40 years old... meanwhile, the refrigerator in the kitchen in the last 40 years has been replaced three times,” she said. “That just goes to show you that yeah, items are not made the way they used to be.”

Chiappetta said she’s hoping to see a trend towards higher-quality and sustainably-made items, as well as see people’s right to be able to repair them respected.

“We need to keep things in the system for as long as possible,” said Chiappetta. She said the last step in the circular economy process is recycling. If an item has truly reached the end of its life cycle, it should be recycled if possible so it does not end up in a landfill needlessly.

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# Inglewood Schoolhouse Performers bringing sci-fi farce “Above and Beyond” to the stage

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

What if your local bookshop was run by aliens? And what if it was actually just a front for an alien hotel? “Above and Beyond”, the Inglewood Schoolhouse Performers’ latest production, will answer these questions and more in comedic fashion.

Kathie Maloney, who is directing the play, said when she began to read the script for Above and Beyond she was soon laughing. She had always wanted to bring a Sci-Fi farce to life on the stage, and knew Above and Beyond would be the perfect fit for the Schoolhouse Performers.

Maloney has been involved with the performers for over 30 years and was actually neighbours with the founder of the performers, Paddy Thomas. Maloney first got involved by helping with props, then began acting before eventually becoming a director.

Above and Beyond sees Mortimer and Philomena (who are aliens) run an alien hotel (disguised as a bookshop) with their teenage daughter Alexis. However, there are some “Men in Black” who are trying to suss out what’s really going on at the “bookshop”.

“It makes for a good situational comedy, it’s very funny,” said Maloney.

The performances of Above and Beyond are going to be very special for the Inglewood Schoolhouse Performers. They actually had the play all ready to go right before the first pandemic lockdowns hit in 2020; community centres got closed down right before the performers’ dress rehearsal for the play that year.

“For three years we couldn’t put on a play, and this play was ready to go,” said Maloney. “Our stage was left at the community centre all these years.”

During the pandemic, some actors in the play moved away, and some new actors had to be found when it came time to rehearse for the play again. Maloney said it’s been a delight getting the play ready to go for a second time.

“It’s been very, very, very wonderful working with this group of people,” said Maloney.

Maloney said her favourite part about directing is building a play up from nothing to the point where it’s a polished product and all the actors are having a good time.

“It’s hard work to put a play on, hard work for everybody,” said Maloney. “[When] everybody’s on stage and you can tell they’re having fun, I think that’s what the

best part is.”

There are many chances to see a performance of Above and Beyond. Performances will be held at the Inglewood Community Centre on the following dates at 8 p.m. (doors open at 7:30): March 17, 18, 24, 31, and April 1. Tickets for these shows are \$20 and can be purchased by emailing [inglewoodperformers@hotmail.com](mailto:inglewoodperformers@hotmail.com) or visiting the Lost Bear Market or Riverdale Fitness Mill.

There will also be a special dinner theatre on March 25 at Inglewood United Church. Dinner begins at 6 p.m. there with the performance happening after at the community centre. Tickets for the dinner theatre are \$40 and can be purchased the same way as the other tickets. All proceeds from the dinner theatre go to Knox United Church.

Maloney said there’s lots of talk of the play around Inglewood and that people will be coming to see it from out of town as well. There’s going to be free popcorn and drinks at the performances for guests to enjoy.

“It’s a really enjoyable evening,” said Maloney. “It’s a community thing.”



The cast of “Above and Beyond”, the Inglewood Schoolhouse Performers’ latest production, have been hard at work rehearsing for their upcoming performances.

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# Caledon student wins spot at regional culinary competition

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A Caledon student’s cooking and baking skills are being put to the test.

Charlie Borscevski is a Grade 11 student at Humberview Secondary School in Bolton. He’s currently taking the family studies course there under teacher Jaclyn Haber.

While Humberview doesn’t have a hospitality program, Haber teaches culinary skills in her class as she has four years of culinary school experience from George Brown College. Each year, she likes to include a culinary challenge as part of her class.

This year, Haber hosted a cultural bread championship for her students. They were divided into teams, and each picked a bread item to make from a team member’s culture. Borscevski was part of the winning team, which baked a German pretzel.

Two students, one of which was Borscevski, from that winning team then competed in a competition on March 6 to earn a spot in the Peel Skills — Culinary Arts competition.

Borscevski won, gaining a spot in the competition which was held on March 8 at David Suzuki Secondary School in Brampton.

To earn his spot, Borscevski had to first make a hamburger from scratch. He had to make the bun, patty, sauce, and a pickled topping all within a strict time frame. Then, he had to create a brownie for dessert complete with a functional garnish and fruit-based sauce, again all from scratch and under a tight timeline.

“It was fun, but hard because you had to do it all in a certain amount of time... you feel pressured,” said Borscevski.

Borscevski said his interest in cooking and baking is fairly recent, and that it’s grown as a result of him taking Haber’s class. He likes food and working with his hands so cooking and baking have been a great fit for him.

While Borscevski has a lot of ideas for what he might do as a career, being a chef or baker is now one of them. Some of his favourite things to make are brownies and soups, as well as garnishes and sauces.

In a March 6 interview, Borscevski said he was nervous but excited for the March 8 competition. He said he thought it would be a fun time.

While this article had to be sent to press before we knew how Borscevski did at the Peel Skills competition on March 8, if he won there, he’ll be going to compete at the provincial level at Humber College on April 1. Students who win at the provincial level can then compete in a national competition too.



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

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in learning how to show fish and practise judging as is done in the larger competitions. Join us in person!

CALEDON REDUCES/ECOCALEDON will be holding their next Repair Café on Saturday April 22nd, 10am -2pm, at the Caledon Seniors Centre - 7 Rotarian Way, Bolton. WHAT IS A REPAIR CAFÉ? It is a FREE opportunity to give your broken or damaged household items and clothing a second life, support a circular economy, have a coffee and connect with good community members! Want more info? Go to <https://justsayincaledon.com/what-you-need-to-know-to-be-ready-for-caledons-next-repair-cafe/> or contact [info@ecoCaledon.org](mailto:info@ecoCaledon.org)

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OBITUARIES

**DUCHARME, MARK  
JOSEPH ANDREW**  
**JULY 30, 1953 – FEBRUARY 24, 2023**

The meaning of family isn't only dictated by shared bloodlines or genetics. Family means being there for one another, day in and day out, through the good times and the bad; creating special memories and having unconditional love. It saddens us to share that we have lost such an important member of our family. Mark Ducharme passed away suddenly and unexpectedly Friday, Feb. 24th from heart failure. He was blessed with a short 69 years to shine his light. It gives us a small sense of relief to know that he wasn't aware of his limited time and didn't suffer.

Mark was pre-deceased by his parents George and Stella Ducharme of Windsor, Ontario, but he leaves behind his forever family.

He was a good friend and neighbour to John and Louise Grant (Caledon East) and more like a brother to both of them. He was an uncle/mentor to their children Diana (Jason) and Adam (Cynthia). As their families grew, so did his role as 'Uncle Mark' to their children, William, Julian, Maeva, Innis, Ethan, and Deklan.



He didn't miss a soccer game, a birthday party, a school concert or a religious sacrament. He was always available for school pick-ups, drives to appointments and babysitting duties.

Mark retired from DPCDSB as an elementary school principal in the Caledon/Orangeville area in 2007.

The Grants and Mark went on to own and operate Shoeless Joe's Restaurant in Orangeville until 2018. Mark and Diana then opened Tiny Town Vaughan and continued his legacy of educating children while fostering family connections. We are left with a gaping hole in our hearts, but also with the gift of having the opportunity to have Mark in our lives. We are grateful that he chose us to share his life with. He will be missed beyond words.

A funeral service officiated by Father Bob Glynn will be held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*, 21 First St, Orangeville on Saturday, March 25, 2023. Visitation at 10:00 am with the Service at 11:00 am. Reception to follow.

Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.dodsandmcnair.com](http://www.dodsandmcnair.com)





OBITUARIES

**BROOM, CATHERINE  
MICHELLE**

Catherine (Cathy) passed away peacefully at Brampton Civic Hospital on Friday March 3rd, 2023, after fighting a brave battle against cancer. Born May 9th, 1978, in Guelph, Ontario, Cathy was raised by father Chris and Rayma Blaymires and mother Debbie and Al Puncher. Cathy balanced being a wife, daughter, sister, friend and her most cherished role of mother. Cathy had a remarkable impact on so many people in her lifetime. Her smile warmed up many hearts, and she always set aside time to talk and listen to her family and friends. Going for walks on local trails, working with children and volunteering with the musical theatre were some of her greatest passions. She is survived by her husband Chris, children Jordan, Keira and Mack and siblings Brian, Curtis and Greg.


Visitation will be held at the Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First St., Orangeville on Thursday, March 9th, 2023 from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm. & 7:00 pm-9:00 pm. Funeral Service will be held in the chapel on Friday, March 10th, 2023 at 11:00 am. Memorial donations to the Orangeville Music Theatre (only available at funeral home) would be appreciated by the family.

Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.dodsandmcnair.com](http://www.dodsandmcnair.com)




**CULLEN, MILTON ARTHUR**

Passed away peacefully at Shelburne Residence on Sunday, March 5, 2023 in his 87th year. Devoted husband of Yvonne (nee Smith) for 61 years. Loving father of Lenore (Dave) Hardick and Scott (Tamara) Cullen. Cherished grandfather of Madeleine and Isabella Cullen. Dear brother of Bob (Sharon) Cullen and brother-in-law of Lyle (Joyce) Smith, Ione Smith and Marion Smith. Predeceased by his sister Mary (Al) Wolfe and his parents James and Grace Cullen. Beloved uncle of many wonderful nieces and nephews. He will be dearly missed by his friends and extended family. Milton was a member of the Rosemont Trinity Centennial Church, a member of the Centre Dufferin New Horizons Club and a farmer at heart. He loved playing crokinole, euchre and enjoyed playing the harmonica. Milton will always be remembered as a kind and gentle soul. Friends and family will be received at Trinity Centennial United Church, 4903 2nd Concession, Rosemont, on Friday, March 10, 2023 from 1-2 p.m. The funeral service will follow at 2:00 p.m. Spring interment at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to Trinity Centennial United Church Memorial Fund would be appreciated. Online condolences and donations may be placed at [www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com)




**MARY JOSEPHINE  
'MAUREEN' RANGLES**

Peacefully at Brampton Civic Hospital on Sunday, March 5, 2023, Maureen Randles, in her 79th year, beloved wife of David Randles. Loving mother of Neil (Victoria) and Courtney (Ryan). Cherished grandmother of Penelope, Lily and Caeden. Memorial Mass will be held in Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, 60 Allan Drive, Bolton on Monday morning, March 13 at 11 o'clock. Followed by a reception at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen Street S., Bolton (905-857-2213). If desired, memorial donations may be made to Heart & Stroke Foundation. Condolences for the family may be offered at [www.EganFuneralHome.com](http://www.EganFuneralHome.com)



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Ontario Regulation 181/03  
Municipal Tax Sales Rules

From: The Corporation of The Township of Amaranth

Name of Municipality or Board

Take Notice that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on March 23, 2023 at 374028 6th Line, Amaranth, ON L9W 0M6

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3:00 pm, The Township of Amaranth Municipal office, Amaranth, ON

Time and Place

Description of land(s): (provide the street address and municipality in which the land is located, or if there is no street address, the location of the land; and, the property identifier number (PIN) assigned to the land in Ontario's land registration system)  
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Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/money order payable to the municipality (or board).

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Cobs Bread owner, Amber North and staff member Brendan Terry stand behind the hot cross buns that will be used to fundraise for Headwaters Health Care Centre on April 1. For every six pack of hot cross buns sold, \$2 will be donated. For the entire month of March, Cobs has donation boxes set up for customers to drop their change in. The fundraising goal is \$1,500 but North says it's likely the bakery has already surpassed that target and will try to raise as much money as possible.

PHOTO BY SAM ODROWSKI

# Cobs Bread fundraising for local hospital with hot cross buns

BY SAM ODROWSKI

A bakery in Orangeville is fundraising for the local hospital to support its critical work, caring for sick and injured individuals across the region.

All month, Cobs Bread is collecting donations for the Headwaters Health Care Foundation, and on April 1, \$2 will be donated to the hospital for every six-pack of hot cross buns sold.

The bakery's owner, Heather North, said the fundraiser is an easy and delicious way for people to support an essential not-for-profit organization in the community.

"Headwaters Health Care Centre is working to provide the best care. With your help, you are making them better. Whether for priority equipment, professional education or hospital renovations, [your donations] will make a meaningful impact," said North.

There are multiple flavours of hot cross buns available at Cobs.

The bakery offers traditional fruit, triple chocolate, cranberry orange and apple cinnamon.

North said they make for an excellent Easter treat.

"Our hot cross buns are incredible. Like

once somebody has them, they come back over and over," she said. "You'll see the same customer three times a week just for the hot cross buns."

She added that customers should get the hot cross buns while they can, as they're a seasonal treat, discontinued after Easter on April 9.

"It's a good time to stock up on your hot cross buns... you can freeze them," North noted.

She said it's been easy to fundraise for Headwaters since most customers are familiar with the hospital or have used it themselves at some point.

In addition to fundraising for Headwaters, Cobs raised around \$7,500 for Family Transition Place on its opening day last July.

Since Cobs' products are baked fresh daily, leftover baked goods are donated to not-for-profits in the community at the end of the day.

The business also gives freshly baked goods to local youth groups, sports teams, school breakfast programs and the Orangeville Food Bank.

North said Cobs tries to be community-minded and lend support where it can.

The bakery is located at 489 Broadway, Orangeville.

## Our Readers Write

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Let's also consider the world that we are providing to and for our young people, a world of precarious employment. How can they plan a future with that kind of situation? Rightly, they in addition point out what our decisions have produced often leading to the destruction of our natural environment. How is such a situation a positive one? In our educational systems, how does remote or online learning contribute to the development of personal worth that only can come from human relations and interactions with other learners in a supportive, threat-free learning environment?

We have a society where we are blessed with a social safety need of public health, education and social services that complement our economic system. However, now we see the ongoing fights between the Federal Government and the Provinces and Territories over the needed financial funding to protect and promote our Universal Public Health Care System. More and more we see the pressures to privatize public health to serve the interests of huge private corporations, all in the interest of increasing profits for share-holders and the bureaucrats who run such private corporations. How does privatization help doctors, care-givers and nursing staff who, for over 20 years, have seen the results of cutbacks in the public domain all linked to the restructuring of our economic and political systems linked to FTA and NAFTA? We do not need the profit-motive and American moral and cultural influences to be applied to our Universal Public Health Care system be-

cause we have seen the results already, due to related cutbacks in Health Care.

Where is the dialogue in the political system that requires public input so that these and many other questions can be seriously addressed with no blocking of ideas and the necessary steps installed to guard against all forms of propaganda and misrepresentation/misinformation? Should this dialogue not be encouraged through all forms of communication, mass media and social media? Furthermore, this dialogue must be encouraged and protected through all levels of public education.

Here, the Canadian labour movement must be involved and must be an equal partner to ensure that the interests of the working class and union members in Canada are represented in a vigorous and competent way by workers and their leaders speaking out as contrasted with the situation where others (politicians) claim that they provide that viewpoint, another example of misinformation and misrepresentation.

Do we have the courage to properly address these ideas and to encourage widespread accountable communication? Would such an effort not strengthen our endangered society? My view is that we must act and support these efforts, especially to include our Indigenous Population who for centuries have been subjugated and ignored. Otherwise, there is a real possibility that Canada will be lost, swallowed up in an enlarged and exploitive United States of America.

JOE GROGAN  
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Catholic schools are publicly funded (now) but be careful what you wish for or in the future you might find yourself paying for the privilege of excluding some students from the classroom. If you want to ban students, or even simply ban the creation of a safe space for them to gather, you may end up banning Catholic schools altogether.

For the record, for those with enquiring minds, Pope Francis often and as recently as this past January, has criticized laws that make homosexuality a crime, has stated publicly that "We are all children of God and God loves us as we are" and in a recent interview with the Asso-

ciated Press "called on Catholic bishops....to welcome LGBTQ people into the church." He specifically quoted the Catechism of the Catholic Church saying the LGBTQ community "must be welcomed and respected, and should not be marginalized or discriminated against." Is there work to do in the Catholic Church? Indeed there is but the efforts of local school boards to become more inclusive, safe and welcoming spaces for every student should be celebrated, not banned.

Reading books, discussing why or why not they are appropriate should be celebrated, not banned. Yes, it is time to speak out but it is also time to listen. It's time to learn from one another, not ban ourselves out of existence.

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