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Caledon Community Services' new CEO Geraldine Aguiar has been with the organization since 2013.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Caledon Community Services' new CEO looks to enhance reach, strength of non-profit

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

There's a new captain at the helm of Caledon's largest non-profit.

Geraldine Aguiar has been chosen by Caledon Community Services' (CCS) Board of Directors to be the organization's next CEO. On June 1 she'll be taking over from Monty Laskin, who held the position

of CEO for 17 years.

Aguiar has been working for CCS since 2013 as the Director of Health Services — the largest division at CCS. Before that, she was the Director of Community Programs at Heart House Hospice in Mississauga. In total, she has over 30 years of experience in the community sector, including time spent working for the Canadian Red Cross and March of Dimes.

Aguiar said everyone should spend some time working or volunteering at a hospice, as she said it really changed her perspective on the world. When she saw the Caledon community come together to help build Bethell Hospice, it was one of the things that drew her to Town.

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Mayor says opportunity for independent Caledon "exciting"

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

While Mayor Annette Groves has said the dissolution of Peel is not a move Caledon wanted, that isn't stopping her from looking forward to the Town's future as an independent municipality.

On May 18, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing Steve Clark announced Premier Doug Ford's Progressive Conservative government was

tabling legislation to dissolve the Region of Peel.

Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga will no longer form the Region of Peel effective January 1, 2025.

At Caledon Council's May 23, 2023 meeting, in a confidential session, Council discussed a "strategy on negotiations with the Province and transition board regarding the Hazel McCallion Act."

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All 62 works of art sell at Headwaters Arts’ Tapestry of Art and Music fundraiser

Event held at Alton Mill Arts Centre on May 27

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Local art was selling like hotcakes at a recent Headwaters Arts fundraiser.

On May 27, the local non-profit held its Tapestry of Art and Music fundraising event at the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

In April, Headwaters Arts asked local artists to paint a six-by-six inch blank canvas to show how music inspires them. In total, 62 pieces were painted and subsequently donated to Headwaters Arts to be displayed and sold on the 27th.

The pieces were \$40 each or two for \$75, and all 62 sold. All proceeds from the art are going back to Headwaters Arts and its efforts to promote and empower local artists.

Susan Powell, Marketing Chair for Headwaters Arts, said over 150 people attended the

event and she was very happy with the turnout.

“It was a beautiful day,” said Powell, noting the vibe under the tent outside the Alton Mill Arts Centre was amazing. That’s where all the paintings were displayed, and also where the Achill Choral Society performed for those in attendance.

Powell said artists really stepped up to the challenge for the fundraiser and that Headwaters Arts received art from all over Ontario.

“There’s a lot of great support,” said Powell. “It’s not your typical fundraiser... music and art together, it seems to go well.”

Nancy Kluger, Chair of events for Headwaters Arts, helped bring the Tapestry of Art and Music event to life. She explained she winters in Florida, and belongs to an art group there that does a similar event every year. Kluger thought it was an amazing idea and decided to suggest it for Headwaters Arts. After the success of the first Tapestry of Art and Music event, she said she’ll be looking to make it an annual thing.

Kluger said artists told her it can be just as hard to paint a six-by-six-inch canvas as it is



Artist Robert Chisholm poses with Terry and Joy Griffin, who purchased his work of art in support of Headwaters Arts.

PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

to paint a really large one. Kluger said she was very impressed with the work that artists came up with.

“To me, this art is cream of the crop, all of it,” said Kluger.

She said in years to come she thinks even more artists will want to contribute to the event and be a part of it now that they’ve seen it and know what’s going on.

Robert Chisholm, an artist with a gallery at

the Alton Mill Arts Centre, painted a piece to be featured and sold in the fundraiser. He painted a picture of a bird, and explained that since he usually paints outside with no headphones on, birds are the musical soundtrack to his art.

Chisholm said Headwaters Arts is a wonderful non-profit organization that does a lot for the local art community. He was happy to give back and said the fundraiser was a great way to meet people and share his love for art.

Dufferin to host educational public event for National Indigenous History Month

BY PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

The County of Dufferin is commemorating National Indigenous History Month, recognized annually throughout June, with a public engagement event.

The event, called “A Silenced History – What We Weren’t Taught in School”, will be held on June 20 at 6:30 p.m. at the Monora Park Pavilion.

“Dufferin County is dedicated to undertaking meaningful action that moves us towards greater accountability and achieving Truth and Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples and their nations. This includes providing educational opportunities about the history of Indigenous People in Canada,” said Wade Mills, Warden of Dufferin County.

Led by Dr. Pamela Palmater, a Mi’kmaw lawyer, professor, author, and social justice activist from Ugpi’ganjig (Eel River Bar First Nation), the event will focus on learning, inspiration and change through meaningful and thought-provoking conversation.

Dr. Palmater will deliver a 45-minute keynote presentation addressing the historical and contemporary harm endured by Indigenous peoples and providing attendees with actionable steps toward a decolonial future. Ashunyung will perform the opening ceremony song.

“Dufferin County is prioritizing our reconcilia-

tory efforts and is dedicated to taking meaningful action towards decolonization and creating change. Much of what we have learned about Indigenous history has failed to focus on the persistent and deliberate human and Indigenous rights violations and abuses that continue to be perpetuated against these communities,” said Rohan Thompson, Director of People and Equity for Dufferin County.

“Indigenous History Month provides an important opportunity to meaningfully reflect as we work to forge a path toward a decolonial future. Through thought-provoking conversation with Dr. Pamela Palmater, we hope our community is inspired to create change,” he added.

Dr. Palmater currently holds the position of professor and chair in Indigenous Governance at Toronto Metropolitan University. She has four university degrees, including a Doctorate in Law from Dalhousie University specializing in Indigenous law.

Dr. Palmater was also one of the spokespeople and public educators for the Idle No More movement and advocates alongside other movements focusing on social justice and human rights. She is frequently called as a legal expert before Parliament, Senate, and United Nations committees dealing with laws and policies impacting Indigenous peoples.

Registration is required for the event. Those interested in attending can register through Eventbrite.ca.



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Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives hosting events to mark Indigenous History Month



Traditional Anishinaabe Grandmother Kim Wheatley will lead “Strawberry Moon Teachings” at PAMA in June to mark Indigenous History Month..

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BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A series of upcoming events will give people a chance to celebrate Indigenous history and culture.

During the month of June, which is Indigenous History Month in Canada, Peel Art Gallery, Museum and Archives (PAMA) is hosting events to mark the month.

From 2 to 7 p.m. on June 1, Métis artist Tracey-Mae Chambers is creating a site-specific art installation at PAMA in Downtown Brampton. It will then be on display until September 1 at PAMA, which is located at 9 Wellington Street East.

Since July 2021, Chambers has created

over 100 art installations at places like residential school historical sites, museums, and art galleries. She said many of the places she’s created installations are places that “serve to present a colonial viewpoint and primarily speak about the settlers who arrived and lived here, but not the Indigenous people that were displaced along the way.”

Chambers’ installations are constructed with red wool, silk, and cotton yarn. She said red is the colour of blood and a slur against Indigenous people. She also said it’s a colour of passion, anger, danger, power, courage, and love.

Chambers said the goal of her work is

to bridge the gap between settlers and Indigenous people by creating art that is approachable and non-confrontational. Through this, she hopes to start conversations about decolonization and reconciliation.

From 1:30 to 3 p.m. on June 11, Kim Wheatley will host an event called “Strawberry Moon Teachings.”

Wheatley is an Anishinaabe grandmother who is Ojibway, Potawatomi and Caribbean in ancestry. A band member of the Shawanaga First Nation, she carries the spirit name “Head or Leader of the Fireflower.”

Wheatley has over three decades of experience as a speaker, and has won awards and appeared in books, on TV, and in the news. In addition to this, she is a published author, hand drummer, singer, water walker, artist, ceremonial practitioner and ancestral knowledge keeper.

Committed to forging good relationships, Wheatley’s goal is to create reconciliation that honours the past, connects the present, and contributes to the future.

At PAMA, in the sculpture atrium, residents can view art made by Inuit carvers that represents the legend of Sedna, Inuit Goddess of the Sea.

Also on display at PAMA now until October 1 is an exhibition called Generations Lost: Healing the Legacy of Residential Schools.

It focuses on the enduring impacts of the residential school system on survivors, their descendants, and society as a whole. The exhibition is being made possible thanks to the Legacy of Hope Foundation, which is a national, Indigenous-led charity. Its goal is to “educate and raise awareness about the history and existing intergenerational impacts of the Residential School System and subsequent Sixties Scoop on Indigenous (First Nations, Inuit, and Métis) Survivors, their descendants, and their communities to promote healing and Reconciliation.”



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The new Provincial Constables have been deployed to the following detachments:

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- Haliburton Highlands - 4 officers
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- Huronia West - 1 officer
- Northumberland - 2 officers
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- Southern Georgian Bay - 1 officer

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“On May 29, 2023, at approximately 1:10 a.m., a Dufferin OPP officer while conducting speed enforcement stopped on Fourth Avenue in Orangeville,” say Police. “The officer was led into a criminal investigation which resulted in multiple criminal charges including drug offences.”

Peter Francis-Simms, 30, from Mississauga, has been



charged with:

- Driving while under suspension - while suspended under HTA
- Have care or control of vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available
- Possession of a Schedule I substance for the purpose of Trafficking – Opioid
- Possession of Schedule IV substance for the purpose of Trafficking
- Unauthorized possession of weapon - (two counts)
- Failure to comply with release order (two counts)
- Failure to comply with prohibition order

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a future date in June 2023, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

“Members of the Dufferin OPP are committed to public safety, delivering proactive and innovative policing in partnership with our communities. Officers value your contribution to building safe communities. If you have information about suspected unlawful activity, please contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-822-8477 (TIPS) or www.crimestoppersdm.com.”

FATAL COLLISION IN KING

Investigators with the York Regional Police Major Collision Investigation Unit are seeking witnesses following a fatal motor vehicle collision involving a motorcycle and a pick-up truck in the Township of King.

“On Monday, May 29, 2023, at approximately 7:55 a.m., York Regional Police were called to a collision on Jane Street between Davis Drive and Lloydtown Aurora Road,” say Police. “Information was received that a motorcycle had been travelling south on Jane Street and collided with a pick-up truck hauling a trailer which had turned left out of a private driveway to proceed north on Jane Street.

“The adult male rider of the motorcycle was sadly pronounced deceased at the scene. The occupants of the pick-up truck were not physically injured.”

Members of the Major Collision Investigation Unit are at the scene.

Investigators are appealing to any witnesses who have not yet spoken with police, and to anyone who may have dashcam footage of the area around the time of the collision, to please come forward.

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“Investigators believe there are a number of other victims who have not yet reported the incidents. York Regional Police is releasing photos of the accused and urging any additional victims and anyone with information to come forward.”

“We want to thank the bank employees who take the time to help protect elderly victims by being aware of these types of scams and asking some questions. We encourage anyone to contact police if they suspect a crime has occurred.”A list of ongoing scams, as well as tips to avoid becoming a victim, are available at yrp.ca/fraud.To report an incident involving this suspect, please contact Detective Constable Andrew Milliard #1743 of the York Regional Police Financial Crimes Unit at 1-905-830-0303 ext 6612, or by email at 1743@yrp.ca.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Sloping position

5. Descendant of a notable family

10. Following accepted norms

12. Root vegetable

14. Having a shape that reduces drag from air

16. Integrated circuit

18. Records electric currents of the heart

19. Used to anoint

20. Japanese city

22. After B

23. Muffles

25. Pass over

26. Vase

27. Soft touch

28. A baglike structure in a plant or animal

30. Patti Hearst’s captors

31. Israeli politician

33. Degrade

35. Type of wrap

37. Polyurethane

fabric

38. Avoids capture

40. Vegetarians avoid it

41. Decay

42. Soviet Socialist Republic

44. Vessel to bathe in (abbr.)

45. Inches per minute

48. Frosts

50. Dipped into

52. Controversial replay system in soccer

53. Comforts

55. Needed for yoga

56. Ands/___

57. South Dakota

58. Printing system

63. Dramatic works set to music

65. Highest points

66. Social division

67. Used to treat Parkinson’s disease

CLUES DOWN

1. Hill or rocky peak

2. Initial public

offering

3. Type of light

4. Test

5. Flaky coverings

6. Former NFLer

7. Part of the eye

8. Roman god of the underworld

9. Negative

10. Indiana pro basketball player

11. Replaces lost tissue

13. Denotes one from whom title is taken

15. Historic college hoops tournament

17. Hut by a swimming pool

18. Defunct European monetary unit

21. Feeds on insects

23. Adult male

24. Melancholic

27. Sheets of glass

29. Slang for famous person

32. Not good

34. “Ghetto Superstar” singer

35. The “World” is one

36. Used to make guacamole

39. Midway between south and southwest

40. Wet dirt

43. Ancient Egyptian name

44. Set of four

46. Strips

47. Wife

49. More dried-up

51. Socially inept person

54. Clusters on fern fronds

59. Bar bill

60. Prefix indicating “away from”

61. Very important person

62. Fiddler crabs

64. Special therapy

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

\$13,600 raised at fundraiser for Peel Children’s Aid Society

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

A recent fundraiser for youth in Peel Region was a success.

On May 29, the Peel Children’s Aid Society (Peel CAS) announced its fundraiser held last month at Milestones Grill & Bar Heartland Centre raised \$13,600 for Peel CAS’ Trailblazers Youth Centre.

Mary Beth Moellenkamp, CEO of Peel CAS, said the money will be used to strengthen the non-profit’s services that help young people succeed.

“From employment and education sessions to life skills and financial literacy, our goal is to build

upon the achievements of our Trailblazers Youth Centre by extending these programs to

community groups in the near future... providing opportunities for fun and recreation while helping

(youth) build social connections with peers, nurture positive well-being, and learn important life skills from mentors,” said Moellenkamp.

Peel CAS, in partnership with the Peel Children’s Aid Foundation, will be using the money to enhance programs



Peel CAS’ Youth Success Team are pictured at a recent fundraiser in Mississauga.

PEEL CAS IMAGE

currently offered at the Trailblazers Youth Centre, which is located in Mississauga.

Some examples include career resource programs, networking opportunities, cultural programs, and anti-human trafficking education.

Maryann Kerr, CEO of the Peel Children’s Aid Foundation (Peel CAF), said every young person deserves the joy and camaraderie that comes from participating in programs at the Trailblazers Youth Centre.

“We are deeply

appreciative of the collective efforts of volunteers, donors, sponsors, the youth and staff at Peel CAS’ Trailblazer Youth Centre and community members for their compassion and support,” said Kerr.

Canadian Senator Victor Oh attended

the recent fundraiser and was inducted into Peel CAS and Peel CAF’s honour roll hall of fame for his achievements in advocating for the rights of youth and immigrants in Canada.

Kaleed Rasheed, Minister of Public and Business Ser-

vice Delivery of Ontario; Shafqat Ali, MP for Brampton Centre; and Deepak Anand, MPP for Mississauga-Malton all took part in the fundraiser as keynote speakers.

Acting Inspector Feras Ismail from the Peel Regional

Police also attended the event to speak about Peel’s community safety and well-being plan.

Rounding out the speakers at the event was Dr. David Green, Executive Director of the Free for All Foundation, an organization dedicated

to providing social justice and advocacy services for marginalized communities.

Key sponsors of the recent fundraiser included Toronto Raptors affiliate Raptors 905, a division of Maple Leaf Sports and Entertainment.



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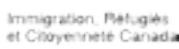
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Public meeting on proposed blasting quarry to be held June 20

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Residents will soon have a chance to share their thoughts on a large below-water table blasting quarry that’s proposed to be built south of Alton.

At 7 p.m. on June 20, in halls A and B of the Caledon East Community Complex, a public meeting will be held by the Town of Caledon to “consider the proposed Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment applications regarding the CBM — Caledon Quarry.”

CBM Aggregates, a division of Brazilian conglomerate Votorantim Cimentos, is proposing to create a quarry between Mississauga Road and Main Street north of Charleston Sideroad (Regional Road 24). The quarry would also include portions of land south of Charleston Sideroad, and east of Main Street north of Charleston Sideroad.

CBM would need to change Caledon’s official plan to re-designate the subject lands to “Extractive Industrial Area B and Environmental Policy Area.” It would need to change Caledon’s zoning bylaw for the subject lands to “Extractive Industrial with an exception.”

At the upcoming public meeting, the applicant and its consultants will make a presentation on their application and take questions, comments, and feedback from Caledon residents and Caledon Council.

According to the Town of Caledon, a review of CBM Aggregates’ application is un-

derway and a second public meeting will be held once a thorough review of the application has taken place.

To register to speak at the public meeting, or to submit written comments, residents are encouraged to visit [caledon.ca/speak-at-council](#). Residents can attend the public meeting virtually by visiting [caledon.ca/agenda](#).

According to the Town, CBM Aggregates plans to remove more than 20,000 tonnes of bedrock aggregate from below the water table, annually, from its proposed quarry.

More aggregate-related news was also recently announced by the Town.

The Town of Caledon has been working on assembling an Aggregate Resource Community Working Group to provide input on its ongoing aggregate policy study.

On May 26, the Town announced it had chosen six members of the community to form the group: David Sylvester, Martin Bamford, John Emery, Jane Thompson, Neil Morris, and Cheryl Connors.

Residents were chosen due to factors such as experience living near a pit or quarry; expertise in the aggregate field; representation from Ward 1; and previous experience on a committee or task force.

“The role of the Working Group is to liaise with residents to bring a variety of perspectives to the study, to inform the work of the consultant and Town staff,” reads a release from the Town.

Geraldine Aguiar has been working for CCS since 2013

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“That was always impressive to me,” said Aguiar.

When the Director of Health Services position came up at CCS it came at the perfect time for Aguiar and she was very happy to join the organization. She saw opportunities to help CCS grow and expand and was able to do just that.

CCS is an organization with a strong and deep history, said Aguiar, and yet with Caledon changing she said it’s important for CCS to change too and step up to meet the challenges of the future.

“I’m looking to enhance our strength, enhance our reach,” she said, noting part of her vision is to have CCS be very present in the community. “Let’s get ourselves out there... let’s create those opportunities.”

Part of that means spreading the word about CCS to all of Caledon, especially West Caledon which is furthest away from CCS’ headquarters in Bolton. Aguiar wants to work with all of Caledon’s villages and hamlets, and said part of this means seeing what’s already happening in each community and possibly helping to expand it.

“If you’re already doing something in the community, bring it in, and let’s help you scale it... or provide you with some supports and resources and outreach,” said Aguiar.

Being the eldest daughter in her family, leadership was always something Aguiar was interested in. She said her grandparents would always ask her what she wanted to become. As her career progressed, Aguiar found herself reading books and attending seminars on leadership, trying to bring what she learned into each of her jobs.

“If you’re aspiring, I’m aspiring, let’s aspire together,” said Aguiar. “That’s the excitement I feel... in the



community (sector) we’re a group of aspirers.”

Aguiar said she’s always looking to grow and bring those around her up with her. While she never specifically set out to be a CEO, she always knew she wanted to be a leader wherever she ended up.

When starting a project, Aguiar said she likes to think about what the legacy of it will be. She said that helps people plan and work towards a powerful end goal. When working to better the community, she said even the smallest of actions are important because they lead to bigger actions and movements.

“I’ve got so many ideas that I’d love to bring forward,” she said. “In this role, you can champion things a bit differently.”

Aguiar said she’s inheriting the lead role at CCS at a time where the organization is in a very strong position. She said there’s a talented

and committed staff that are ready to move forward.

“I really would like to send an invitation out to the community, to the readers, to come check us out. We’ve got some neat events coming up in June,” said Aguiar. “We’ve got exciting days ahead.”

Wanda Buote, Chair of CCS’ board of directors, said Aguiar stood out in a strong field of candidates.

“With her leadership and the senior team in place, this appointment ensures CCS will continue to serve the most vulnerable in an engaged, compassionate and comprehensive way,” said Buote.

The CCS board thanked Laskin for his leadership, commitment, and contributions to CCS and wished him all the best in his future endeavours.

For more information on CCS and its upcoming events, those interested can visit <https://ccs4u.org/>.



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EVENT SCHEDULE:

2 p.m.	Caledon Day gates open, food & Cheers Caledon vendors open from 2-10 p.m.
2 p.m.	Sandhill Bicentennial March from Town Hall
2 – 8 p.m.	Tim Horton’s Community Zone, Vendors Market, Electric Vehicle Test Drive
2:15 – 2:50 p.m.	Pride Walk from Downtown Caledon East to the Culture Stage at Caledon Day
2:50 - 6:35 p.m.	Culture Stage opens at 2:50 p.m., showcasing a variety of talent from across the Region
6:35 - 6:50 p.m.	Performance by the Caledon Concert Band Location: in-front of the Main Stage
7 - 7:30 p.m.	Main Stage opens with greetings from Mayor Groves and Members of Council.
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.	DJ Puzzo on the Main Stage
8:30 – 9:45 p.m.	The Sheepdogs
9:45 – 10 p.m.	Fireworks

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS:

- Shuttle Buses**
Shuttle Buses will run round-trip from both Southfields Community Centre and Caledon Centre for Recreation and Wellness to Town Hall between the hours of 2 – 11p.m..
- Home James**
Need a ride home? Home James is dedicated to getting event-goers home safely.
- Paid Parking**
Paid parking is available at CECC and Town Hall for \$5 per car. No in and out.
- Bike Valet**
Ride your bike to Caledon Day and take advantage of the free secured Bike Valet.

Caledon Community Services’ Evolve Caledon thrift store celebrates six years



Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones attended the sixth anniversary celebration for Evolve Caledon in Bolton on May 26. PHOTO BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Ontario Trillium Foundation grant helped store get through pandemic

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Last Friday, Caledon Community Services marked a milestone for its thrift store, Evolve Caledon.

On May 26, Caledon Community Services (CCS) welcomed Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones to Evolve in Bolton, both to celebrate the store’s sixth anniversary and to thank the Ontario Trillium Foundation for a \$162,100 grant received during the pandemic.

Michelle Veinot, CCS’ Director of Community Resources, said she was proud of the way Evolve Caledon made it through the pandemic thanks to a strong staff and volunteer team.

“Along the way, we partnered with some amazing community stakeholders and organizations,” said Veinot. “The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is a shining example of foundational support that has allowed us to build capacity for future sustainability for our store.”

She thanked everyone that’s supported Evolve Caledon along the way, including the store’s customers. The money from every purchase at Evolve Caledon goes right back into the community through CCS’ many initiatives like Kidz in Caledon and food support at the Exchange.

Jones said the pandemic has shown people that resilience is not just a word, and that it was impressive how CCS was able to evolve to serve the Caledon community — pun intended. She said it was important to note that a volunteer board makes decisions on all OTF grants and thanked the board for its hard work.

Angela Panacci, a member of the OTF board, said she was extremely proud to be in attendance at Evolve Caledon’s sixth anniversary. She explained the OTF’s goal is to build healthier and more vibrant communities all across Ontario.

“We’re proud to support organizations like yours... congratulations,” said Panacci.

Incoming CCS CEO Geraldine Aguiar was also at the event, and said a few words to those in attendance. She said Evolve Caledon is the largest revenue generator for CCS and that in the last year alone it’s raised over \$500,000 for CCS.

“The sale of every item in the store, it all goes to support the important work that we do,” said Aguiar.

Council discussed Region of Peel dissolution at May 23 meeting

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The legislation that will dissolve the Region of Peel is being called the Hazel McCallion Act as a nod to the late former Mississauga mayor, who always wanted an independent Mississauga.

On May 23, Town staff presented Council with an overview of the act and its potential impact on Town staff, residents and businesses in Caledon.

In a May 24 media release, Groves said we’re at an exciting time in Caledon’s history.

“Caledon is situated in the right place in the GTA, we have an enviable quality of life, and tremendous employment and housing opportunities,” said Groves. “The Province has provided the Town the opportunity to be independent and plan our own destiny.”

According to the release, Council

is committed to standing together and working with the Province on its promises to keep Caledon whole.

“This means maintaining service delivery and minimizing the financial impact to the community,” reads the release.

Carey Herd, Caledon’s Chief Administrative Officer, echoed Groves in saying it’s an exciting time to live and work in Caledon.

“The Town of Caledon administration will support the Transition Board to ensure services are seamless and residents experience minimal impact,” said Herd.

A five-person transition board is going to be implemented by the Province to oversee the dissolution of Peel. The board is expected to be appointed by this Fall, with the board’s recommendations anticipated for Summer 2024.



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- Wednesday, June 14, 2023, at 1:30 p.m. at Caledon East Community Complex - 6215 Old Church Road.
- Monday, June 26, 2023, at 7 p.m. at Southfields Community Centre - 225 Dougall Avenue.
- Wednesday, July 12, 2023, at 7 p.m. at Caledon East Community Complex - 6215 Old Church Road.

Visit caledon.ca/fire for more details and to get started.

Calling all artists in Peel Region



The Town of Caledon is looking for an artist to create a sculpture for display at the Humber River Centre opening this fall in Bolton. Visit caledon.ca/art to learn more about the history of the building, project details and apply.

June is Recreation and Parks Month



Run, walk, jog, hike, cycle, swim, skate, lift, dunk... Get active and #GoPlay in Caledon!

Staying active is an important part of a healthy lifestyle, and we're here to make it easier for you.

Take advantage of FREE activities at our community centres and outdoor spaces all month long.

For full details on when and where you can get active, visit caledon.ca/JRPM

Summer Registration opens next week



Find a program/activity/camp that fits your interests and stay active this summer.

- Registration for residents opens Wednesday, June 7
- Registration for non-residents opens Wednesday, June 14

For more details on programs, activities and camps visit caledon.ca/recprograms and check out our Spring/Summer Recreation Guide!

Free activities in honour of Seniors Month



Join the celebrations!

Caledon Public Library: Online Nature Journaling with Pencils, Paper & Nature
June 7, 2023 | 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Virtual – Zoom

Eat Local Caledon
Community Lunch with Palgrave United Community Kitchen and EcoCaledon
June 7, 2023 | 12 – 2 p.m.
Palgrave United Church

Advance Care Planning Workshop
with Bethell Hospice
June 8, 2023 | 2 – 4 p.m.
Caledon Village Place

Seniors Health and Fall Prevention Masterclass
Hosted by Dr. Vikas Puri of Intelligent Health Group
June 12, 2023 | 6 p.m.
Virtual – Zoom

Afternoon Strawberry Social
with Caledon Seniors Centre
June 15, 2023 | 2 – 4 p.m.
Rotary Place Bolton

Bingo Bash
with Caledon Meals on Wheels
June 20, 2023 | 1 – 3 p.m.
Caledon East Community Complex

Seniors Summer Social
with Door to Door & More Inc.
June 22, 2023 | 1 – 3 p.m.
Inglewood Community Centre

Watercolour Workshop with PAMA
June 27, 2023 | 2 – 4 p.m.
Caledon East Community Complex

Registration is required for the events above. Please visit caledon.ca/adult55 or call 311.





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A safe month ahead

Hearing and observing is one thing, but having that important lived experience is something altogether different.

Despite being in my late 30s, I like to think I have a decent handle on the basics. This job affords a lot of opportunity to interview kids and youth in their school environment, and even sometimes in their home environment, on the wonderful and often innovative ways they're striving to make a difference both in the classroom and the wider community.

Finding out what makes them tick, the causes they adopt and place close to their hearts, and just having a good ol' fashioned conversation can often provide a bit of a thumbnail about who they are and what drives them. After all, if you ask youth who they are, they'll tell you – it's just a matter of taking that important step and, most importantly, listening.

For those youth who are trailblazers in their schools, neighbourhoods and beyond, there are more similarities than there are differences and a unifying factor that binds most if not all of them is being able to identify a problem in whatever sphere they pick and brainstorm practical ways to make a real-time difference on a real-world problem.

Helping them along the way, of course, are parents who invariably encourage their kids to get out of their shells and flourish in environments that fuel their passions. They are also backed by often-underappreciated efforts of educators who, regardless of how many years they have been in the classroom, remember what it means to be a youth and, therefore, the tools they need to make the most out of these very formative years. And what it means to harness that energy for the greater good.

But, as much as youth are flourishing in these environments, it almost goes without saying there are challenges, sometimes invisible ones, that make rising to the top more difficult for some than others.

May was Mental Health Awareness Month, an observance that takes place in Canada each year, to promote education and awareness surrounding mental health, how it impacts people's lives in different ways, and promote deliberate methods which associated stigma can be reduced and ideally eliminated.

To mark the occasion, our co-op student, Emma Chianelli, penned a very personal article on how she and her peers perceive mental health challenges.

"Growing up in today's society is not a simple feat," she wrote. "The pressure of trying to decide what post-secondary education will look like when trying to grow into adulthood has never had so many difficult passages. Technology has changed the way the world works, and where it makes something easier, the natural way to learn and make decisions has never been harder. Balancing school work, a part-time job, and extracurricular activities, while trying to navigate into your future, with little guidance leads to confusion and anxiety. The worldwide pandemic changed a lot in today's world, and for a teenager trying to find their way – after being isolated for such a long time – creates further fear and anxiety. We've been trained to learn digitally, how have we been taught to talk to people.

"Times can get difficult and we need to find our own ways to cope. My thoughts, opin-

ions, and feelings are often kept to myself. But doing this to me isn't the smartest thing to do since I end up under a lot of strain and I start worrying about the little things and begin overthinking. This, I believe, is due to my difficulty in placing my trust in others. Despite the fact I may have known them for a significant portion of my life, I feel as though my thoughts are not important to occupy their time or that they might share the things that I would have preferred to remain private. Despite their repeated demonstrations that this is not the case."

Emma shared these thoughts as a teen who is preparing for wherever her post-secondary journey takes her, but I think in many ways the insights she provided here can also be applicable to youth of all ages – even those in elementary school who are both trying to find their way while also learning who they are.

Yet, it sadly feels this journey of discovery is being hindered all too often.

One only needs to look at the discouraging scenes that have been beamed around the world in recent weeks primarily from south of the border in the lead-up to June's Pride Month, with drag queen story hours – a tried, tested, and popular family-friendly endeavour that encourages kids to be themselves – the scene of disheartening protests that have to be taken in by attending parents, families, and their children.

In fact, we don't even need to look south of the border for these unfortunate displays. Now that we're in June, given the heated rhetoric we've all been seeing online in sudden fits of outrage despite these events taking place for the better part of a decade, we're sadly in store for more before the month's end.

We don't even have to wait. We've already heard much of the rhetoric that has come out of recent meetings of the York Catholic District School Board over an act as simple as flying a rainbow flag.

While everyone has the right to express their views, I often wonder why some of the comments made are done so without giving a moment's consideration to how their words might affect their children, their neighbour's children, and the community writ large. (And if they are, well, that could be the subject of a deep dive that's beyond this column) That mere words don't have weight, or consequence for those who catch them. That, even as a child, if they experience the world differently, that they might have to fight extra hard to even get a place at the table.

It fosters an environment where, indeed, thoughts, opinions and feelings are in danger of being bottled up, potentially with tragic circumstances.

This month, all that can be asked in this climate, is for people to express their views in mutual respect – something which, believe it or not, can still be accomplished – and through the lens of being not only being the parent, caregiver, or looked-up-to adult your would have wanted as a child but the parent, caregiver, or looked-up-to adult your child needs today.

To those who celebrate, I wish you a happy and, most importantly, safe Pride Month.



Let's remember to enjoy life as puppies do!

by Mark Pavilons



"All his life, he tried to be a good person. Many times, however, he failed. For, after all, he was only human. He wasn't a dog." - Charles Schultz

Dogs' lives are too short. That's really their only flaw.

Dog owners know that once you have one, it's hard to live without one. They are what they seem – curious, loving, mischievous, intelligent and well, crazy, at times.

Sounds a lot like people. The classic saying, money can't buy happiness, was crushed recently when we got not one, but two new puppies. But you have to remember, money can buy you a great dog, but only love makes her wag her tail.

Our intention, after back-and-forths with the owners, was to pick one of the girls. When we arrived, the owner said they were overwhelmed with nine dogs, so they offered us number two for a song. We couldn't resist. Plus, we thought taking a pair of sisters would help them adjust and reduce any separation anxiety.

And so the adventure begins. It's been some time since I cleaned up after a little one, but everyone's on board with our newest additions.

People have asked me the breed, and I pause, think hard, and say it's a cross between an Australian Blue Heeler (Cattle Dog) and Yellow Lab. We've had Labs most of our lives and currently have two seniors – Marley (13) and Lola (10). The newcomers, who we aptly named Luna and Nova, have ready grown on us.

But boy are they busy little tyrants! One is a bit more passive, while the other is simply nuts. If I only had their energy and could take "dog naps" like they do!

My wife is a pro at crate training and in a matter of days, they already picked up a lot. I don't think they've seen a lot of grass where they came from, so our backyard is a wonderland of sights, sounds and smells.

Kim also bears the brunt of the late night, early morning cries and whines, while the rest of the house slumbers.

My first work day after the long weekend was the start of my official morning puppy duties. I worked up a sweat just entertaining these two monsters for half an hour.

Charles Schultz, who created Snoopy, said there's nothing better than cuddling with a warm puppy.

At first, these two were really snuggly, but now they just want to bite my face!

Being surrounded by dogs (any loving animal) is really selfish. We bring them into our homes to add a

distinct flavour to our lives and give us unconditional love. They can't help it, it's in their nature!

Dogs can lift us up in our darkest moments or humdrum times when we're lost in thought. Without really trying, they can wipe away stress in an instant, with that weird head tilt, or when they leap across the ottoman or engage in human head grooming. Way better than a therapist, in my opinion.

Apparently dogs can show love in some 300 different ways, from talking to wagging. I know if I had a tail, I'd be using it constantly.

For those of us prone to goofiness, dogs are the perfect fit. You can get down and act weird and silly, and they will just join in. I'm not sure how they draw this out of mature, reserved humans, but they do. It's like they're tuned in to our inner frequency and with a simple gesture, you're tuned in, too.

We may ask our dogs to become more human-like, but in reality, they want us to be more dog-like. Maybe they know something we don't.

My senior dogs are pretty smart. They listen to my very intelligent rants and seem to get it, each and every time. They appreciate my genius!

Our dogs are notorious for acting like nothing is ever wrong. They apparently don't have any guilt, or at least refuse to admit it. Right after an "incident," Lola will come up to us, toy in mouth, wagging away, as if nothing ever happened. When you address her in a stern voice, she walks away, but she'd do it all over again.

It's hard to tell how the newcomers will grow and mature, but I'm sure they'll be fiercely loyal and great companions.

I also heard that pet owners tend to live longer, and boy, I hope that's true. I just picked up a double dose of health care!

There's a great original Twilight Zone episode about a farmer who dies while trying to save his dog drowning in the river. He's walking down a country laneway, looking for the Pearly Gates. When he comes upon the first one, the gatekeeper welcomes him, but says dogs are not allowed. The farmer knows right away, this is not the path to take. He reaches the next one, where the gatekeeper welcomes both he and his dog. This is Heaven.

We didn't get the pups to "replace" our old dogs, that's simply not possible. We got them to further expand our hearts.

We all think we have the best dog, and the thing is, we're all right!

We sometimes question our decision when this rather large animal sits on our head or mid-section, wondering why we're so lumpy.

I may be weird, but I love the smell of a dog, wet, dry and in between. It reminds me that I'm a dog owner, a person who experiences a unique kind of love. If only our kids smelled like that! There will likely be some trials and tribulations in our near future, as these two spastic critters learn, grow and mature. But those puppy times – there's nothing quite like it.

I hope, as they warm the cockles of our hearts, we spread that among one another, and bring out the best in our family members.

Yes, there will be "chores," but it's all hands on deck and our offspring assure us they will step up to the plate.

Maybe it will put a renewed spring in my step, back pain permitting!

I want to be like a puppy, and forever frolic, leaping through the grass, right into the afterlife!

Our Readers Write

Healthcare system is being “pushed to the brink”

Ontario's healthcare system has been pushed to the brink. This is an emergency, but it's not an accident. The Ford government is systematically underfunding our healthcare system so they can sell off services to the highest bidder.

Ontario can increase not-for-profit healthcare, but Ford wants to put profits ahead of

people.

Look at the disaster of our nursing homes during the pandemic. For profit homes did much worse than publicly run homes.

People's lives at stake.

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Time travel

“How far is it to the next town?”
“It’s about 25 minutes.”
That is a very Canadian euphemism – expressing distance in time instead of kilometres.
Everywhere else people would answer, “It’s about 23 miles.”
We all say that and think nothing of it because it seems normal to us.
Another uniquely Canadian thing I’ve noticed when it comes to road travel, is no one will ever admit how long it takes them to get somewhere.
I have attended a lot of out-of-town playoff games and usually there’s a local contingent of fans who make the trek, especially if it’s an important game.
For some reason, everyone has the ability to get somewhere a lot faster than I can.
I can’t count the times someone has said, “Oh, it only took us an hour and fifteen minutes to get there for the last game.”
That’s strange because when I went to the same arena using same route, it took me one hour and 45 minutes, and I wasn’t driving slowly. It seems “making good time” is some kind road warrior badge of honour, and no one will admit how long it really took them to make the trip.

Putting vinegar on your French Fries is another very Canadian thing we do.
I recall a friend of mine going to visit relatives in California when we were kids. They stopped at a restaurant somewhere in the southwest, and when his order of fries arrived, he asked the waitress for vinegar. It was a strange request to her.
She returned with a jug of some kind of brown coloured malt vinegar they had in the kitchen.
She even hung around to see what he was going to do with it.
His mother explained to the waitress that in Canada we put vinegar on our fries. The waitress thought it was the strangest thing she had ever heard.
Another uniquely Canadian word is “hydro.” If you go camping in the States, and ask for a campsite with a “hydro hookup,” they will have no idea what you are talking about. You have to re-phrase, and say “power.”
Did your grandmother ever offer you a seat on the chesterfield? I’m not sure if that word is still used much, but it is also a unique Canadian word for a sofa. If you go to a store in the US and ask for a Chesterfield, you will probably get a pack of cigarettes.
I think they still use the word in the U.K.,

but there it defines a particular style of furniture.
Canada is a very east/west country. Just speak to someone from B.C., and the rest of the country is “out east.” If you’re in the Maritimes, the rest of the country is “out west.”
If you’re a beer drinker, you’ve probably used the phrase “two-four” at one time or another. Anywhere else in the world, it would make no sense to go into a retail establishment and ask for something with two numbers.
Also alcohol related, if you ask for a mickey in a liquor store in Canada, you’ll get a small bottle of liquor. Anywhere else, you might get a stuffed well-known mouse.
There’s nowhere else in the world, you can go into a coffee shop and ask for a “double double” and they’ll know what you mean.
Loonie and Twoonie – outside of Canada, these words have no meaning at all. My friend once had a discussion with an American tourist who couldn’t figure out what a Twoonie was worth.
“What’s it worth?” he asked. “Two dollars,” she replied.
“But what’s it worth?” he asked again. “It’s a two-dollar coin. It’s worth two dollars.”
This went back and forth several times and ended with the tourist walking away and trying

to figure out exactly how much money he had in his hand.
A Muskoka chair, can only be found – in Muskoka. The style is used elsewhere but other regions had their own regional name to them. In New York they are called Adirondack chairs.
Ever ask a waitress for another “serviette?” Very Canadian. Everywhere else, they use the common “napkin”. Now that I think about it, “serviette” does sound a little snobby.
These unique phrases and euphemisms break down into regional habits as well.
I once asked a guy I worked with, who was from Newfoundland, if he had done any “mumming” lately.
He was astonished, and said ‘how do you know about that?’
I’m kind of hungry, so for a totally unique meal, I’m going to have Kraft Dinner with peameal bacon and poutine, wash it down with a Ceasar, have some Nanaimo bars for dessert, then burn some calories afterward by taking a walk in my runners.
No American would understand that sentence.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

On Flags

As you read this column, today marks the start of PRIDE month, a month which I believe at its core, is simply asking us to be human. To be kind. To be decent. To accept one another for who we are as individuals. It also suggests that we consider raising a flag. A simple piece of rainbow coloured material that for some has actually become nothing more than a huge RED flag – a flag representing hate rather than its original purpose representing peace, love and acceptance.
Now we all know that flags are raised for many reasons: countries raise their flag to denote who they are as a people and to proudly share their collective history, sports teams have flags for supporters to waive madly in celebration, organizations raise flags in recognition of significant occasions or to raise awareness about certain causes and finally, a white flag is the universal symbol of surrender. Flags have always been meaningful but increasingly, it’s the meaning behind flags that has me concerned for our humanity.

Let’s delve into this recent controversy surrounding the flying of the pride flag, specifically at publicly-funded Catholic schools. Catholic school boards across the province are grappling with the “difficult” decision to demonstrate a safe, welcoming environment for all students, including those who identify as members of the 2SLGBTQ+ community. They are being asked to raise the pride flag in a show of support and understanding; of inclusivity and in simple recognition. Nothing else. It seems such a simple ask and yet, at the DPCDSB’s recent trustee meeting to address the issue, the irony of the chairperson’s opening message to attendees seemed lost on many of those sitting around the decision-making table.
The Chair and Trustees asked attendees to acknowledge Portuguese Heritage Month, Italian Heritage Month and National Indigenous History Month (and if anyone has a fractured history with a designated group it’s the Catholic church and their treatment of Indigenous persons) but pointedly left out any reference

to acknowledge or recognize June as Pride Month. Why such willingness to acknowledge so many other groups but also specifically exclude others?
I attended the meeting as a person interested in the outcome. I attended as someone who is a Catholic, a parent, and a person who whole-heartedly believes in safe, inclusive schools for every student. I attended because I believe (and was willing to run in the last two elections and take action - not just complain on social media) that the Catholic school system has an opportunity to lead the way in creating a future that recognizes publicly funded education is the cornerstone of democracy.
They have the opportunity to recognize that making education accessible for everyone regardless of how they identify is the responsibility of both school systems. Whether in a Catholic school or a Public school, the funds flow from the taxpayer and are meant to support student learning, period. In Catholic high schools that means you will see students of

every faith (many of whom don’t actually believe in Jesus) learning alongside those who passionately believe that Jesus Christ is the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. No one seems to have a problem with that. But ask them to fly a flag in recognition of the student who believes in Jesus but might also be queer? That appears to be a hard “No.”
What really irks me the most about this issue however, is not the debate about the flag - debate is healthy, it’s another one of those cornerstones of democracy. No, it’s the lack of debate from SOME Catholics who consider themselves Christians but then proceed to engage in hateful, derogatory and downright shameful remarks - comments that are in no way the hallmark of the religion they profess to practice.



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Orangeville Horticultural Society partners with Branching Out to teach neurodivergent adults how to grow microgreens indoors

BY SAM ODROWSKI

A not-for-profit organization and a social enterprise are teaming up to teach people with disabilities how to grow food from the comfort of their homes.

The Orangeville Horticultural Society is partnering with Branching Out Support Services, which provides programming to adults who are neurodiverse, to set up an indoor grow table with microgreens. The grow table will be set up in the window sill of Branching Out, located at 5 First St., and the program participants will learn how to look after the microgreens.

Microgreens are seedlings of edible vegetables and herbs for visual, texture and flavour enhancement. They are typically sold for around \$25 to \$50 per pound, so the program helps to teach gardening and how to make money.

“Our participants will be learning how to do a microgreen process from start to finish to be able to harvest food, sell microgreens, and make money, as an interdependent living skill,” explained Kimberly Van Ryn, founder of Branching Out Support Services.

The microgreens project is seen as a building block on the work that Branching Out’s participants were already involved in, said Sara Clarke, Executive Director of the organization.

“Participants have been tending to the [Orangeville] Food Bank garden for the last three years, so we have some base skills that we now have

the opportunity to kind of elevate and build up to bring into the community in another way.”

Jamie Richards from Am Braigh Farms is a horticultural teacher who will be guiding the program, thanks to a \$2,000 grant that the Orangeville Horticultural Society received through the Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands’ annual Community Choice Grants program.

Vivan Petho, secretary and archivist of the Orangeville Horticultural Society, told the Citizen the society’s slogan is “Gardens Are For Sharing,” and the partnership with BOSS is a great example of how the group aims to share with the community.

Len Meyer, the Community Choice Grants chair at the rotary club, said they selected the horticultural society because it’s a charity that’s sometimes overlooked for donations. It also enhances sustainability within Orangeville.

The four other organizations that received \$2,000 grants through the rotary club’s Community Choice Grants program were Celebrate Your Awesome, Headwaters Health Care Foundation, Dufferin Parent Support Network and the Dufferin Arts Council.

The annual grant program lets the public select three charities to each receive \$2,000 by public vote.

Two charities that are less publicly known or less likely to receive funding are then hand-picked by the Rotary Club of Orangeville Highlands members, and the recipients are announced in April each year.

Awareness, education and advocacy in focus for being Brain Injury Awareness Month

BY SAM ODROWSKI

June is Brain Injury Awareness Month, and a not-for-profit organization that supports Dufferin residents impacted by the “invisible illness” is working to educate the public and advocate for the people they assist.

Mind Forward, a not-for-profit organization that supports about 150 people with serious head injuries in Dufferin County, is promoting this year’s theme for Brain Injury Awareness Month: “More Than Just My Brain Injury.”

Michelle Pessotto, a case manager with Mind Forward, said many people don’t understand the impacts a brain injury can have on survivors and their families.

“There’s that stigma surrounding the invisible nature of the injury, that creates a lot of obstacles for our clients, especially when they’re trying to rebuild their lives,” she said. “If someone looks okay on the outside, often people think they’re functioning okay on the inside, and we know with brain injury and mental health that this is absolutely not true.”

“When you’ve seen one brain injury, you’ve seen one brain injury” is another important message, Pessotto stressed, as it impacts everybody differently.

“And it doesn’t define them,” she said. “They just have to do things differently.”

A brain injury can present behavioural and cognitive challenges, as well as change someone’s personality, leading to significant losses for those impacted.

Pessotto said the personality changes that some people with brain injuries experience can lead to their family, friends and social network not connecting with them in the same way.

“There’s a lot of anxiety surrounding the reaction of others to their injury,” she explained. “Some clients may try to con-

ceal their symptoms, and some may isolate themselves because they don’t want to deal with that negativity or how they’re going to be perceived. It can also be a reminder of the limitations that they have or the changes that have resulted in their brain injury.”

The often-invisible nature of a brain injury can encourage discrimination and stigmatization of those impacted.

“For example, if someone has slowed or slurred speech, a lot of people immediately think they’re intoxicated or they’re on drugs, but that can be part of their brain injury,” Pessotto explained.

One of her clients, who had difficulty processing information after her brain injury, was at a grocery store and had to count out change for payment. She was taking a long time, and those who had to wait behind her became impatient.

“Even the grocery clerk was making demands of her and being unkind,” Pessotto recalled. “It became such a difficult experience for her just to buy a couple of groceries and she ended up just leaving.”

Part of Mind Forward’s mission is to help clients develop self-confidence and strategies to respond to challenging situations when out in public.

But creating awareness is vital for building a more mindful, inclusive and less judgmental society, said Pessotto.

“I believe educating others would be really helpful so that they understand what a brain injury is and the challenges that people have so that when clients and their families go out in the community, maybe it could be more welcoming, more supportive and positive,” Pessotto said.

Barbara Gilchrist, program coordinator at Mind Forward, said raising awareness of the invisible nature of brain injuries is key.

“The main goal is to help create sensitivities to our fellow human beings. We all walk this journey, and some people have incredible challenges from what’s happened to them,” said Gilchrist. “Just be respectful, don’t make judgments, quickly, like the woman in the grocery store.”

Advocacy for more funding to better support people with brain injuries is an ongoing effort at Mind Forward, according to Pessotto.

“We need increased supports or resources for those who suffer from brain injury,” she said. “I have clients who are in their 20s and 30s, who live in long-term care. There’s no other option for them.”

Being a young adult stuck in a long-term care facility with seniors can fuel feelings of sadness and hopelessness.

This is why the government needs to dedicate permanent funding and more resources towards creating residential living homes for people with severe brain injuries that need assistance with day-to-day life, said Pessotto.

“My dream is a specialized housing for young people with brain injuries that provides them with safety, 24/7 care, and socialization with people that have the same interest in the same age. They try their best with the seniors, but it just adds to their depression and their low mood because they feel that there’s nothing there for them,” said Pessotto.

When looking at the services Mind Forward provides, in addition to case management, they hold community events and offer day service in Orangeville at the Alder Recreation Centre.

This programming provides engagement for people with brain injuries and the opportunity to make new friends.

Participants get out for a weekly walk around Island Lake to enjoy some nature and get exercise.

Anyone interested in learning more about Mind Forward or getting added to their waitlist can contact the organization’s clinical manager, Ashley Budd, by emailing Ashley.budd@mindforward.org.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

UPDATED - NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

CBM – Caledon Quarry

Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment

FILE NUMBER: POPA 2022-0006 and RZ 2022-0010

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

Meeting Date: June 20, 2023
Public Meeting Start Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Caledon East Community Complex – Hall A and B
6215 Old Church Road, Caledon, ON L7C 1J7

MEETING FORMAT: (ADDITIONAL INFORMATION)

The meeting will be a formal Public Meeting under the *Planning Act* for the above-noted applications. The applicant and their consultants will make a presentation on the proposed applications and will take questions, comments and feedback from members of the public and Council. This meeting is the first public meeting on these applications. A review of the applications is underway. A second public meeting will be held once a thorough review of the applications has taken place. Town staff will be in attendance and will prepare a Public Meeting Information Report with the information available to date.

There will be NO decision made on the applications at the public meeting.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE: (UPDATED INFORMATION)

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- Contacting Planning staff or the Lead Planner during office hours by phone or email.
- Visiting Town Hall to speak with Planning staff. Visit caledon.ca/development for more information.

APPLICANT: Glen Schnarr and Associates on behalf of CBM - Caledon

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PROPOSED CHANGES:

The proposed CBM Caledon quarry is a Class A, below-water table quarry, meaning that the proposal is to remove more than 20,000 tonnes of bedrock aggregate annually, from below the water table.

The Official Plan Amendment application proposes to redesignate the lands in the Town Official Plan from General Agricultural Area, Rural Lands and Environmental Policy Area to:

- Extractive Industrial B to permit above and below water table aggregate resource extraction; and,
- Environmental Policy Area to protect the existing tributary (watercourse) in the north-west corner of the site.

The Zoning By-law Amendment application proposes to rezone the lands from Agricultural (A1) and Environmental Policy Area 2 Zone (EPA2) to Extractive Industrial – Exception XX (MX-XX) and Environmental Policy Area 1 Zone – Exception 487 (EPA1–487). The Extractive Industrial zone would permit the quarry and extraction, while the EPA1–487 zone allows the area to be licensed but no extraction permitted. The EPA1–487 zone aligns with the proposed Environmental Policy Area to protect the existing tributary in the north-west corner of the site.

LEAD PLANNER:

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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

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Guests enjoy a previous Wines of the World event at the Caledon Equestrian Park in Palgrave. CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Tickets on sale for Palgrave Rotary’s Wines of the World event

BY ZACHARY ROMAN

Wine lovers of all kinds may want to consider attending an upcoming event in Palgrave.

On June 23, The Rotary Club of Palgrave is hosting its Wines of the World event at the Caledon Equestrian Park. The event runs from 6 to 9 p.m. and will feature over 50 wines from around the world, including some local favourites as well.

Palgrave Rotary is running Wines of the World for the 24th time this year.

Janice Bezanson, Palgrave Rotary board member, said the Caledon Equestrian Park is the perfect location for the event and that it has picturesque beauty.

She explained that for those who don’t love wine, there will be local craft beer and cider available at the event too.

Local caterer Lavender Blue will be in charge of food for Wines of the World, and the Sweeter Thans will be the evening’s musical entertainment.

“This is a fantastic evening for an avid or novice wine drinker and a great way to support the community,” wrote Bezanson in a

media release.

Palgrave Rotary uses 100 per cent of the proceeds from Wines of the World to support local and international Rotary initiatives and projects.

Tickets for Wines of the World are \$75 plus fees; to purchase 10 or more tickets residents are asked to email stiyke.ndubuisi.rotary@gmail.com to receive a discount code. Bezanson said Palgrave Rotary is proud to have kept their ticket prices at \$75 despite inflation.

There will be lots of parking available at the Caledon Equestrian Park, and residents are also encouraged to come by taxi. Local non-profit Home James will be on site, arranging free and safe rides home for anyone who needs one.

Those interested in attending the 24th annual Wines of the World event can purchase their tickets online at www.rotarywow.com.

In the 24 years it has run, \$500,000 has been raised for the community from Wines of the World. Local sponsors always play a big role in the event, and this year’s title sponsor is the Town of Caledon.

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Caledon Citizen’s Student Athlete of the Week

Humberview’s five-sport athlete Sarah Maia is off to MLB Elite Development Camp this month

BY JIM STEWART

In her sophomore year, Sarah Maia has competed for the Humberview Huskies on the basketball court, tennis court, volleyball court, and lacrosse field.

In addition to her significant three-season commitment to the Huskies, Maia has donned the uniform of two elite level baseball teams – the Royal York Cardinals and Team Ontario – as well as the Peel Selects Volleyball Club and the Caledon Coyotes Rep Hockey Club.

Of the seven high school and rep sports the versatile athlete has competed in during the last 12 months, Maia loves playing baseball most of all. In addition to her commitment to two baseball teams, the Honor Roll student is off to Vero Beach, FL, this month to an MLB Elite Development Camp—a sure sign of her baseball talent level and desire to play US College sports.

The Team Ontario and Royal York Cardinals catcher is currently competing at both the provincial and rep levels – another signal that she will transition successfully into life as a student-athlete at an NCAA or NAIA school in two years upon graduation from Humberview.

Currently, Maia is not only impressing College Baseball scouts with her talent on the diamond, but also her own hometown coaches at Humberview Secondary School.

Kendall Volpe, the Huskies’ Athletic Director, praised the Grade 10 student’s impact on five of her school’s sports teams.

“Sarah is an excellent junior athlete here at Humberview! She has played on the Girls Basketball, Tennis, Junior Girls Volleyball, Reverse 7’s Volleyball, and now Girls Lacrosse teams. She chose not to play Slo-Pitch this year to embark on a new sport-- lacrosse.”



(From Left) Sarah Maia on Team Ontario, on the Caledon Coyotes, and the Humberview Huskies.

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In addition to the sophomore student’s evident versatility, Department Head of Phys. Ed. Kent Campbell believes that Maia’s determination, competitive edge, and positive relationships make her an exceptional athlete.

“Sarah never quits on a play – she’s always willing to go 100% in pursuit of competing. She’s also willing to help others be successful.”

Campbell, who is also Maia’s Net Sports teacher, praised his student for “striving for excellence academically and also believing in inclusivity—she is willing to work with

all members of the class and help all those around her achieve success.”

Aya Utahara, Maia’s Junior Girls Volleyball Coach and Reverse 7’s Volleyball Coach, augmented Campbell’s remarks: “Sarah has incredible athleticism that allows her to excel in many sports such as basketball, tennis, volleyball, lacrosse, and baseball. She is a fierce competitor and always works hard to achieve excellence. Sarah has a great attitude, is a great leader on the team, and is the athlete that every coach would want on their team.”

Coach Campbell has also “witnessed the growth of Sarah as a person and as an athlete over two years.

Sarah is willing to work hard and balance all of her academic and athletic responsibilities. She competes at a high level in the school on various teams and outside the school in club volleyball and as a member of Team Ontario Baseball.”

Coach Utahara offered a succinct assessment of what was most impressive about Maia’s athleticism: “Sarah is committed and dedicated to being the best athlete possible.”

When asked to highlight Maia’s key performance moment from 2022-23, Coach Campbell noted that the Huskies’ versatile star athlete has been a “very strong contributor to all her teams; a key cog in the teams’ successes. Sarah has been a member of ROPSSAA silver medal-winning volleyball team and on the Lacrosse team.”

Coach Utahara delineated Maia’s medal haul on the court as a kind of linear highlight reel.

“Junior Girls Volleyball: 2021-22 ROPSSAA Silver Medalist, 2022 D’Youville Invitational Gold Medalist, 2022-23 ROPSSAA Silver Medalist; Varsity Coed Volleyball: 2023 D’Youville Invitational Gold Medalist.”

Sarah Maia took a brief break from hauling in medals for Humberview to answer our interview questions:

Caledon Citizen: What qualities did you demonstrate in your sports seasons to earn Student Athlete of the Week honors?

Sarah Maia: “I think some of my strongest qualities would be that I’m a hard-working and dedicated athlete, but I also

believe that my leadership skills play a big role in my athletic journey and growth as well. I give 100 and 10% in everything I do, every time. I am focused and, through my opportunities of being captain, I’ve been able to lead my team whether it’s on the field, on the ice, or on the court.”

Caledon Citizen: What were your key statistics and performance moments from the 2022-23 season that you are most proud of?

Sarah Maia: “For Humberview’s Junior Girls Volleyball, I led the team in serving percentage. I was proud to be a co-captain for this team and help lead them to a gold medal in the opening tournament and a silver medal for the second year in a row at ROPSSAA. As well, for the Varsity Girls Basketball, I led the team in blocks and in rebounds which I thought was pretty cool.”

Caledon Citizen: In addition to your high school sports team(s), what other community teams do you play for and at what level?

Sarah Maia: “Aside from my high school sports teams, other community sports I play for include: Royal York Cardinals Rep Baseball Team, Team Ontario Baseball, Peel Selects Volleyball Club, Caledon Coyotes Rep Hockey, and towards the end of June, I will be going to a MLB elite development invitational camp in Vero Beach.”

Caledon Citizen: How would you describe yourself as a student at Humberview SS? To which sports teams and clubs do you belong?

Sarah Maia: “As a high school student, I strongly believe that high school is what you make of it, so I’m very involved in my school community. I play for the tennis, basketball, volleyball, and lacrosse team and I’m a member of Humberview’s Athletic Council (HAC). I do the morning announcements and last year, I was on the Honor Roll and it is a goal of mine to remain on it throughout my high school career.”

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COMMUNITY
events

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Walk for Alzheimer’s returns to Island Lake, raising close to \$30,000

BY SAM ODROWSKI

Nearly \$30,000 has been raised for the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County through its annual Walk for Alzheimer’s event at Island Lake Conservation Area.

The walk took place on Saturday, May 27, with approximately 110 walkers, who were encouraged to take 10,690 steps for the 1,069 people living with dementia in Dufferin County.

“After a three-year hiatus of walking in person due to the pandemic, the walk was a tremendous success. Registrants were high and walker participants were excited and eagerly embracing the prospect of walking the trails to show their support to people living with dementia and their care partners,” said Carmelina Cicuto, Executive Director of the Alzheimer’s Society Dufferin County.

Donations are still coming in, but as of press time, the walk generated around \$28,000.

The money that’s been raised helps the Alzheimer’s Society to offer more caregiver support, enhance behavioural support visits, and reach more community members with dementia education.

Cicuto said the need for awareness and support for people with Alzheimer’s and dementia is increasingly important. Studies show that the number of people living with the disease will rise rapidly over the next few years.

The Alzheimer Society of Canada’s

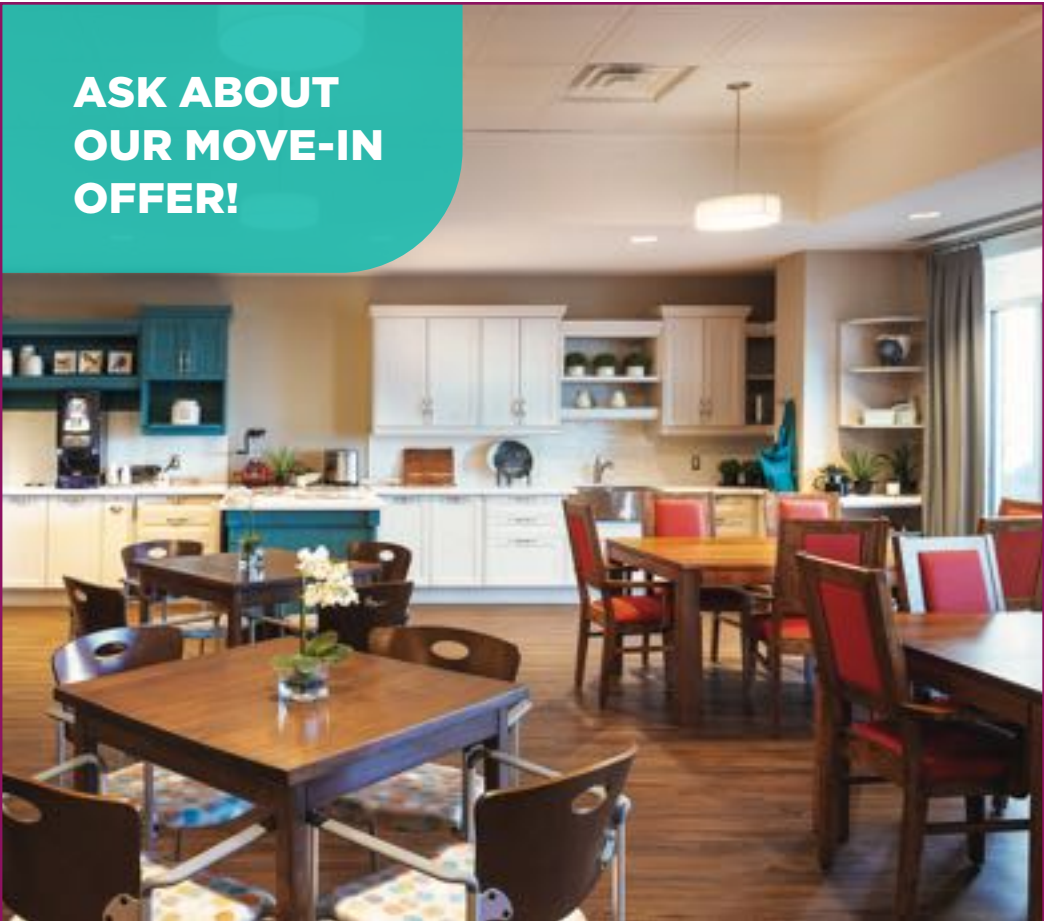
Landmark Study, launched last year, shows almost one million Canadians will have dementia by 2030. Another study by the Alzheimer Society of Canada projects 1.7 million Canadians will live with dementia by 2050.

With these numbers only rising, the need for support becomes increasingly important.

“Everyone will be touched by dementia, whether a relative, a friend, a member of your community – or yourself. No one should have to face dementia alone. Our plan is to ensure that everyone living in Dufferin County has the support and resources to help them in their Dementia Journey. We will continue to support while expanding program access in the community,” said Cicuto.

She told the Citizen that her organization is very thankful to IG Wealth Management as the Walk for Alzheimer’s title sponsor and the many other sponsors and corporate donors who helped to make the event a success.

“We could not have achieved our objectives without our participants and donors and the community,” said Cicuto. “Thank you for showing up for your community this [past] weekend – our annual #IG-WalkforAlz had an incredible turnout. Because of you, people living with dementia and caregivers can access the support they need, close to home.”



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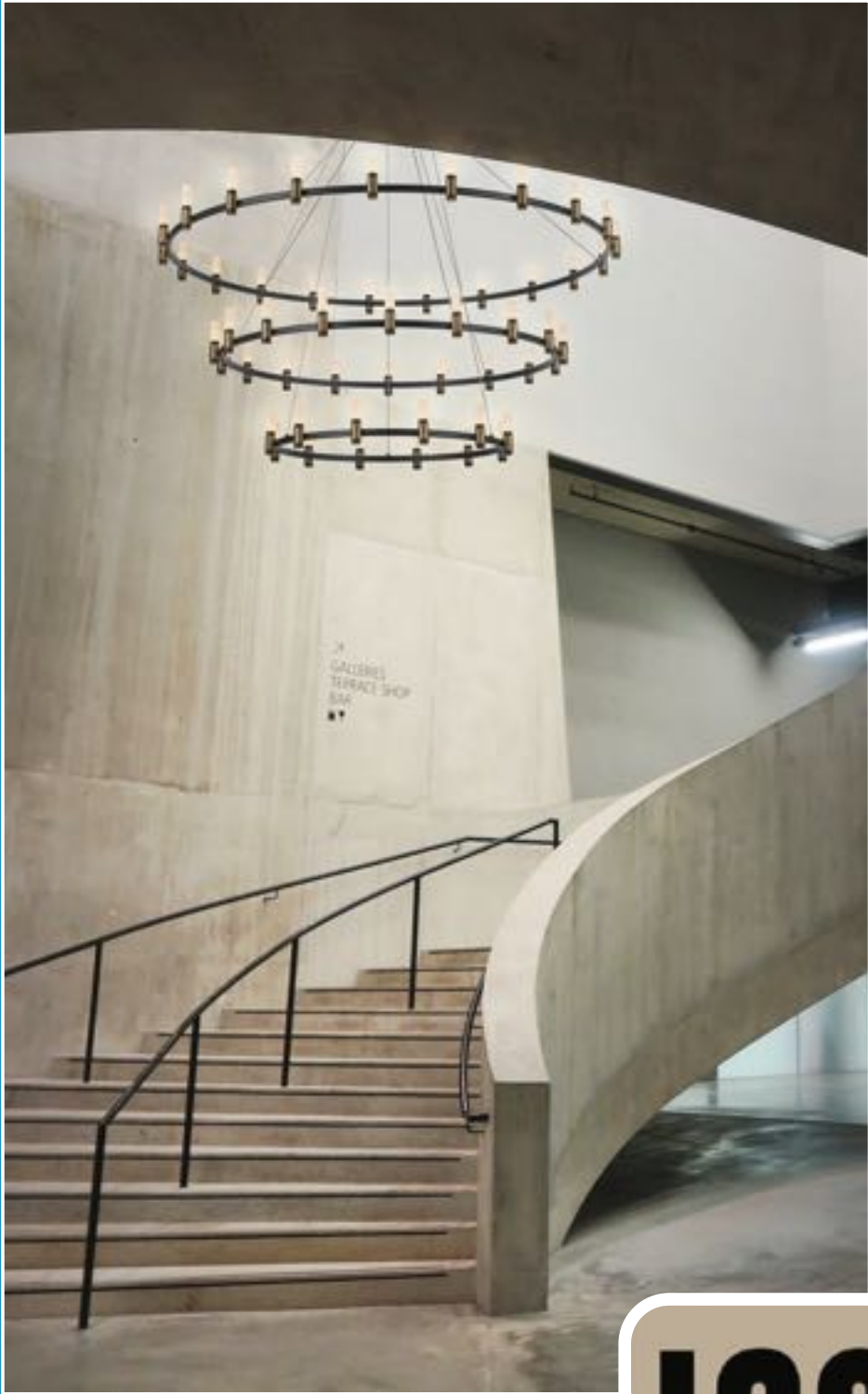
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Peacefully passed on Thursday, May 18, 2023, with family by her side at Matthews House Hospice in Alliston at the age of 66 years. Beloved wife for 40 years of Edward Rooney. Cherished mother of Jenna (Ethan) and David. Proud "Gamma" of Lillian and Jack. Dear sister of Andrew (Jae) and Doug (Pin). Much loved by her in-laws, Michael (Nancy), Rosann (Wes), Mary (Barry), Colleen, Caroline (Ray), and numerous nieces and nephews. Predeceased by parents, Barbara and Robert Shaw, and brother in-law, Louis (Audrey).



Nancy will be remembered for her strong will, love of people (evidenced by her 34 photo albums), and forever starting the dance party. Despite her immediate family calling it "101 questions", she had a beautiful ability to connect with others and loved to listen to their life stories. Family memories in Caledon included fireworks, Dinner Club, euchre parties and her book (wine) club. Nancy was happiest spending the day by the water, camping, hiking, and golfing.

The family would like to send a special thank you to the teams at Headwaters Health – especially Ruth and Dr. B, the team at HPCT Southlake – especially Somayeah, and the teams at TGH and Matthews House.

The family will receive their friends at the Egan Funeral Home, 203 Queen St. S. (Hwy 50), Bolton (905-857-2213) on Thursday, June 1 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Memorial Service will be held at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church, 16066 The Gore Rd., Caledon on Friday, June 2 at 12:30 p.m. Reception will be held at The Royal Ambassador, 15430 Innis Lake Rd., Caledon on Friday, June 2 at 2:00 p.m. - Colourful attire encouraged.

In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Nancy appreciated to Headwaters Health – Cancer Care (www.hhcfoundation.com) or Matthews House Hospice (<https://matthewshh.givecloud.co/give>)

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Memorial service will be held at the New Hope Community Church - Salvation Army 690 Riddell Rd. On Saturday June 3 at 2:00 pm, with visitation beginning at 1:00 pm.

Memorial donations to New Hope Community Church - Salvation Army would be appreciated by the family.


Myrna's family wish to extend a Heartfelt thank you to all the Doctors, Nurses and Health Care workers who cared for her.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com



AUDREY ELISABETH GALLOP

At her home in Bolton on Sunday, May 14, 2023, Audrey Elisabeth Gallop, at the age of 76. Loving mother of Chris Gallop, Scott and Chrissy Gallop. Devoted grandmother of Macy, Richard, Alisha, and Ryan. Cremation has taken place. Condolences for the family may be offered at www.EganFuneralHome.com



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Student Athlete of the Week

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Caledon Citizen: What are your post-secondary plans regarding prospective academic/athletic destinations?

Sarah Maia: "My plan is to go to school in the U.S. on some sort of athletic scholarship and study Health Sciences, but I'm still weighing my options."

Caledon Citizen: Who is your role model in terms of the person you admire the most?

Sarah Maia: "I think I look up to my parents the most because even if they didn't always know exactly what

was going on in all the different sports I was playing, they always came out to support me and did whatever they could to help. However, growing up playing a male-dominated sport, I've definitely had a lot of coaches who don't believe in me and I think I use that as motivation over anything else."

Caledon Citizen: How do you feel about being nominated as the Caledon Citizen's Student-Athlete of the Week?

Sarah Maia: "I feel very honored to receive this nomination; it definitely came as a surprise, but it is something that I will cherish and remember for a long time."

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As I attended the board meeting, I carried a sign. I made no comments and wasn't a delegate. I didn't shout, interfere with or otherwise attempt to distract the proceedings. I simply held a sign, visible to all, that said this: "All people are created equal in the image of God and deserving of dignity." It's a quote directly from the DPCDSB's own website. It was followed by these words: "Peacefully, Respectfully, asking for Inclusivity, Dignity and Equity," and was followed by the hashtag #LoveIsLove.

For my time and trouble - for sharing my opinion AS A CATHOLIC - a torrent of hate and abuse was unleashed on my social media by my "fellow" Catholics. Persons who consider themselves

Christians, most of whom don't even know me personally. Despite that, they felt it was acceptable to call me all manner of names, to accuse me of all manner of behaviours, to defame my character and to hurl horrible accusations that frankly, hurt me to my very core. That such hatred exists in the hearts of those who profess to practice a religion of love and acceptance is alarming and so very sad.

It occurred to me that what's even worse is I only experienced this hate for one or two days. I was devastated, but for the queer community (and other marginalized groups) these kinds of evil words are experienced day after day, week after week, in their schools and in their communities too. In my case, it was balanced by beau-

tiful people who jumped onto my social media to express concern, to share their support of the 2SLGBTQ+ community and who firmly believe that at the end of the day a flag, a beautifully hued rainbow flag, is not an instrument of division but rather of acceptance.

That the Pride flag is a flag that purposefully includes a range of colours to ensure all of our humanity is represented and one that doesn't ask you to change who YOU are as a person but to simply ACCEPT those around you for who THEY are. After all, at our core aren't we all just human beings. Wouldn't it be nice if we treated one another that way? If I'm not mistaken, I believe it was someone named Jesus Christ who felt similarly.

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