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Alan Duffy on Saint Patrick's Day in the Duffy Homestead, next to a framed picture of Eliza Duffy.

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Gathered in Green: Inside the Duffy Family's Homestead Celebration

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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For the Duffy family, Saint Patrick's Day is all about spending time with one another.

As the seventh, eighth, and ninth generations of Eliza Duffy gathered around the table in the Duffy Homestead, the day was all about connection and catching up.

The family is descended from Andrew and Elizabeth (Eliza) Duffy, who, in the 1830s, immigrated from Ireland, with their four children to Canada in the hopes of a more prosperous life.

It was believed that Andrew became ill and passed at sea, and when Eliza and her children arrived in Toronto, they connected with the other Irish families.

She then put a down payment on 100 acres from The Canada Company in August 1832, land just outside of Bolton, ON.

The Duffy Family shares that, with help from her children and the Irish community, Eliza started clearing the land and put up the first small log home.

Back in 2018, Alan Duffy reclaimed the homestead, the farm, and much of the acreage for the Duffy family.

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Caledon Meals on Wheels Tasting Event celebrates nutrition, support

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Caledon Meals on Wheels (CMOW) opened the doors of St. James Anglican Church to the community last week for their new tasting menu event.

The free event was a chance for attendees to try new proposed menu items and give their feedback on what they'd like to see and how they like the dishes.

The new meals were the brainchild of CMOW's new chef, Arielle Santos.

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Chef Arielle Santos.

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MP Ruby Sahota and Peel Police talk Bill C-22 in Mississauga

BY RILEY MURPHY
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Last Friday, MP for Brampton North-Caledon and Secretary of State for Combating Crime, Ruby Sahota, held a press conference joined with Peel Police and various local representatives to discuss how the proposed Bill C-22 will help law enforcement investigate threats and keep Canadians safe.

Through Bill C-22, introduced on March 12, the Canadian government says it would strengthen the Criminal Code and give law enforcement and the Canadian Security Intelligence Service (CSIS) the tools they need to disrupt crime, investigate serious threats, and protect communities.

Bill C-22 contains two new investigative tools, the confirmation of service demand and the subscriber information production order.

Confirmation of service demand would allow police to quickly determine whether a telecommunications provider, including Internet service providers, has information that will assist in the investigation of an offence.

The subscriber information production order would be a narrower version of the general production order already in the Criminal Code; it would permit police to obtain only basic identifying information provided by subscribers to a service provider, such as their name, address, and email address, linked to a particular account.

"This bill is one of those steps as to how we can work together to make sure that we achieve the results that we want to see throughout Canada," said Sahota at Friday's press conference in Mississauga.

Sahota said that Canadian laws have not evolved at the same pace as the criminals who break them.

"That's why it's important that we take steps to address that. When it comes to the laws that govern how law enforcement and CSIS gathers information, Canada is woefully behind most of our allies. Our laws are stuck in another century while technology has moved forward. Criminals know this and they take advantage of it every single day," she said.

Sahota explained that criminals are using readily available technology that is part of our everyday use, "but they use them for human trafficking, online sexual abuse, extortion, child exploitation, fraud and many other crimes."

She explained that Bill C-22 establishes the legal framework for a modernized lawful access regime in Canada, something she says law enforcement and security services have been requesting for decades.

This new bill is informed by the former Bill C-2, but its provisions are said to be different.

"The act respecting lawful access, informed by views from stakeholders and parliamentarians, voiced serious concerns with the former bill. We listened to what they said and this new legislation, C-22, balances the need for law enforcement with the privacy rights of Canadians," said Sahota. "I want to be clear about what C-22 is not. It is not about surveillance of honest, hardworking Canadians going about their daily lives. It is about keeping Canadians safe and catching criminals."

Bill C-22 aims to help law enforcement obtain timely, lawfully authorized information when they need it, create a consistent and clear legal framework for service providers to allow them to comply with existing legal orders, and bring current laws in line with Supreme Court rulings to clarify that law enforcement and CSIS can receive tips, ask for information to be provided voluntarily, or use publicly available information to investigate crime and threats to security.

"Bill C-22 is a package of targeted reforms that tackles the world as it is, not as it once was. The bill builds on the work that we're doing in other legislation to combat hate, eradicate gender-based and intimate partner violence, and make bail stricter and sentences tougher," said Sahota.

"In Peel, we are all too familiar with violent cases of extortion and human trafficking, and this new bill will give law enforcement the tools they need to better and more quickly investigate these cases so that they can make arrests and lay charges."

Peel Regional Police Chief Nishan Duraiappah spoke about how this legislation ensures that the law reflects the changes in modern policing.

"The legal framework speaks to our ability to obtain data, search and seize information in a way that never existed. The legislation as it stands was in a pre-digital world, and those that are harming our communities right across this country are the ones that are taking advantage of the fact that we haven't had the tools to stop this," said Duraiappah.

He added the Police's ability to operate in a fully digital world is absolutely critical for public safety.

"It does not overstep the elements of accountability. The core of it is lawful access that is judicially authorized, but allows us to achieve it in a better way," he said.

He noted the previous legislation existed decades ago, "and so the ability for criminals to access web-based digital platforms, to organize or conceal their activities is plaguing our environment."

Duraiappah also spoke to what this new bill does not mean, explaining that it does not expand unchecked police authorities.

"If you were to tell me, what is the biggest public safety issue for you, whether it be repeat violent offenders, extortions, home invasions, auto thefts, in a world of geopolitical issues, hate crime, international, transnational issues, this bill is a core foundational element for our ability to respond to all of that," he said.

Regional Caledon Councillor Mario Russo attended the meeting and added that this type of legislation is necessary "to combat common and more complex crimes that we see in our communities."

"With the surge of extortion, with the abuse and trying to take care of our most vulnerable, this type of legislation acts swiftly, and when we have our first responders saying that this is essential and these are the tools that they've been lacking as elected officials, it's our responsibility to step up and try and give them the tools," said Russo.

In a news release, Mayor Annette Groves also voiced her support for the legislation.

"Modern investigative tools to help law enforcement combat extortion and organized crime are necessary to meet the challenges of the way criminals use modern technology. These measures are essential for public safety and policing, extortion, and speedy investigations. I support this proposed legislation that would provide greater ability to keep our communities safe," said Groves.

Councillors from Brampton and Mississauga also spoke at the press conference in support of the legislation.

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Mars Canada invests over $100M in Bolton facilities, Boosting capacity and sustainability

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

From 2022 to 2026, Mars Canada, home to beloved snacks and treats such as Mars Bars and brands like Royal Canin, invested $180 million in its four Ontario facilities to accelerate manufacturing innovation and workplace modernization.

This brings Mars Canada's total investment in Canadian operations to nearly $400 million since 2015.

In a press release, it was stated that the $180 million investment is distributed across the company's four Ontario-based manufacturing sites to enhance operations in Mars Snacking, Pet Nutrition, Food and Nutrition, and Royal Canin.

More than $100 million of the total investment is allocated to three packaging line upgrades to accelerate long-term performance and increase production capacity.

The increase in production capacity was also said to enable the production of new formats that meet evolving consumer tastes.

At the Bolton location, Mars Pet Nutrition, they are investing $86 million to enhance manufacturing capabilities and sustainable operations.

This will result in a 50 per cent increase in production capacity of Temptations care and treat operations, a 15 per cent reduction in the site's water use, and a 13 per cent reduction in the site's gas and hydro consumption.

With the Bolton site reaching a 40-year milestone this year, the company shared that they are marking four decades of innovation, growth, and community impact.

Romain Dumas, General Manager, Mars Pet Nutrition in Canada, says that as they mark 40 years of operations in Bolton, this investment underscores their commitment to Canadian manufacturing and innovation.

"We look forward to continuing to serve the evolving needs of our customers, our community and pet parents, while furthering innovation for the future growth of the category," says Dumas.

Their other facility, also located in Bolton, Mars Food and Nutrition, the company is investing $17 million to enhance production lines for brands in its Food and Nutrition portfolio.

This will increase capacity by 8 per cent and reduce the site's energy usage by 93 kilowatt-hours per day.

This location is also marking a milestone, celebrating its 25th year in Bolton.

"As our Bolton Food Plant celebrates 25 years this year, this investment reflects both pride in our legacy and confidence in what lies ahead," stated Derin Bello, General Manager, Mars Food and Nutrition, Canada.

He also stated this investment in their manufacturing capabilities marks a significant milestone for their Canadian operations.

"By modernizing our facilities, we're fueling future growth and helping ensure our beloved products, like Ben's Original, continue to be enjoyed by generations to come," says Bello.

Their facilities in Newmarket and Guelph will also see millions in investment.

"Rooted in more than a century of Canadian history, this investment represents both the future of our industry and our unwavering commitment to the Canadian market and economy," said Ellen Thompson, General Manager, Mars Snacking Canada.

"For generations, Mars has been proud to make, invest, and grow in Canada. These upgrades reflect our continued focus on advancing innovation, sustainability, and workplace modernization, ensuring our business continues to thrive and contribute to Canada's economic vitality for years to come."



AVA receives full funding for Alton Village Square Community Gardens and ButterflyWay project

Support comes through Caledon's Climate Action Fund

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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The Alton Village Association has been running its Community Gardens and ButterflyWay Projects for years now, and it's able to continue its efforts thanks to full funding from the Town of Caledon's Climate Action Fund.

The Climate Action Fund provides grant funding to eligible entities to implement projects that address climate change in Caledon and align with the targets and objectives of the Resilient Caledon Climate Change Action Plan.

In 2011, a lease agreement was signed between the Town of Caledon and the Alton Village Association (AVA), and funding was obtained from the Ontario Trillium Foundation for the construction of Alton Village Square.

The Alton Village Square is owned by the Town of Caledon and managed by the AVA.

For the next 15 years, the AVA built and maintained the garden beds, expanded their vegetable gardens, educated the community on food security, and much more.

A large part of their efforts is also towards their ButterflyWay Project.

In 2021, the Town of Caledon was recognized by the David Suzuki Foundation as a

Butterflyway community, and inspired by the efforts across Caledon, the Alton Village

Butterflyway became an initiative of the Alton Village Association.

Butterflyway is a volunteer-led movement growing habitat for bees and butterflies in neighbourhoods throughout Canada through the David Suzuki Foundation.

The Butterflyway Project helps people create pollinator habitat in their neighbourhoods, as wild pollinators such as butterflies and bees are crucial to human survival and are constantly impacted by climate change, land development, and pesticides, explains the Foundation.

The AVA has worked to help residents build their own native Butterflyway gardens to bring

birds, bees and butterflies back to the community.

They share that their mission statement is to build, maintain and promote a network of community gardens, starting with the Alton Village Square, that will meet the purposes of the AVA "to work collectively to protect and enhance the quality of life, the environment and the character of the community of Alton, its residents and businesses."

Also part of the mission is to support projects in their communities that align with the targets and objectives of the David Suzuki Foundation Butterflyway and the Resilient Caledon Climate Change Action Plan.

Now, the Town of Caledon has approved this year's AVA's application to the Climate Action Fund for full funding, allowing them to carry on their efforts in the community.

The volunteers, residents, and businesses who run and contribute to the gardens and ButterflyWay work to create a native habitat and community vegetable gardens that add character to their neighbourhood, promote well-being and foster a spirit of community pride.

Julie Pomeroy, Director with the Alton Village Association, joined the project 12 years ago.

When she began gardening, she noticed the lack of insect life around her and, through research and with the help of Credit Valley Conservation, learned about dramatic insect decline.

"I learned about the neonicotinoids, the insecticides that they treat the seeds with, and the problems it was causing for pollinators and ecosystems, and call it death by a thousand cuts," says Pomeroy.

After learning about the designation of Butterflyway in Bolton, she signed up to become a butterfly ranger with the David Suzuki Foundation and a pollinator steward with Pollinator Partnership to help bring it to her community.

"I've been directly involved with the gardens and the Butterflyway program in the village square. The support that we get through the funding grants, like the Town's Climate Action Fund has really helped us expand the program. We're pretty excited about what we're planning for this year," says Pomeroy.

To see the gardens and Alton's Butterflyway grow to where they are now compared to twelve years ago, Pomeroy says, is satisfying.

"There's so many benefits to the community to have the gardens," she says.

She's even been able to watch residents and local businesses start their own Butterflyways.

"We're looking at other locations, public spaces as well, to expand into, because of course, for pollinators, it's all about the network," she adds.

For Pomeroy, she says this is her passion, and her way to give back to the world.

Now, with the Climate Action Fund, the AVA can put the wheels in motion on many of its 2026 objectives, such as adding two new raised-bed gardens, three trellises to support squash and beans, educational signage, and improvements to online communications.

It will also assist with the purchase of native plants and the ongoing general maintenance of the gardens.

In 2026, the AVA also hopes to continue building and improving the native habitat, Butterflyway, and fruit and vegetable gardens for residents and visitors to enjoy and learn from.

A large part of what they also hope to bring is the education aspect.

In the past, they have brought school groups in to learn about gardening, and in the future, they hope to continue this through signage, gatherings, educational workshops, webinars, youth mentorship programs, plant and seed giveaways/sales, and garden tours.

"Food and agriculture is really important in Caledon," says Pomeroy. "So many people go to do a food shop at big stores all the time, and you never think about where the food is actually coming from and what it has to go through to get to that point where they can buy it to put on the table. That part of it is important."

A lot of their communications and educational efforts are aimed at bringing the community in and engaging them with AVA's projects.

"It's all about community," says Pomeroy. "We don't have a lot of ways to raise funds and this is a benefit for the community and, for the Town, there's so many reasons that native plants help us become climate resilient."

Pomeroy encourages the community to get involved; those interested can check out the group on Facebook or on their website to learn more.





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FATAL COLLISION INVESTIGATION

Officers from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a fatal collision on Highway 10.

"On March 16, 2026, at approximately 1:15 p.m., officers and other emergency services responded to a single vehicle collision involving a pedestrian on Highway 10, between King Street and Boston Mills Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "The pedestrian, a 30-year-old from Brampton, was transported to hospital where they were later pronounced deceased. The involved vehicle driver did not suffer from any injuries as a result."

Highway 10 between King Street and Olde Base Line Road remained closed while the OPP Technical Collision Investigators and Reconstructionists assist with the investigation.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone who may have witnessed the collision or has dashcam footage is asked to contact Caledon OPP at (905) 584-2241 or 1-888-310-1122.

If you are affected by this incident or witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at (905) 951-3838.

STOLEN PROPERTY INVESTIGATION

Members from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have charged two individuals after locating them in possession of a stolen motor vehicle.

"On March 14, 2026, at approximately 3:00 a.m., Caledon OPP officers on patrol in the area of Nixon Road and McEwan Drive West, in the Town of Caledon, observed a commercial motor vehicle driving without a rear licence plate affixed to the vehicle," say Police.

"Officers observed the vehicle stop in a nearby parking lot, before two individuals exited the vehicle and fled the area of foot. Officers learned the involved vehicle was reported stolen just hours earlier."

Shortly after, officers located and arrested both individuals.

As a result, Navraj Dhillon, 28, of Caledon, and Mandeep Singh, 25, of Brampton, were both charged with:

- Obstruct peace officer;
- Possession of break-in instruments;
- Possession of property obtained by crime over $5000.

The accused parties are scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date to answer to their charges.

The charges have not been proven.

If you suspect illegal activity in your neighbourhood, call the Caledon OPP at 1-888-310-1122. You can also provide information about suspected unlawful activity to Peel Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or online at www.peelcrimestoppers.ca. When you contact Crime Stoppers you stay anonymous, and you never have to testify.

FRAUDULENT VEHICLE SALE: OPP

Members from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges against an individual following an investigation into a fraudulent vehicle sale.

"On June 5, 2025, officers from the Caledon OPP received a report of a stolen vehicle in the area of King Street and Airport Road, in the Town of Caledon," say Police. "The complainant reported that an unauthorized individual fraudulently obtained ownership of their vehicle and listed it for sale.

"Detectives from the Caledon Major Crime Unit (MCU) assisted with the investigation which ultimately revealed the vehicle was fraudulently taken and sold without the consent of the registered owner."

Following the investigation, Abhishek Shukhand, 27, of Caledon, was charged with:

- Fraud over $5000;
- Make forged document;
- Theft over $5000 of a motor vehicle;
- Trafficking in property obtained by crime

The accused was held for a bail hearing to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

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PHISHING INVESTIGATION

Members from the Caledon Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) have laid charges against an individual following an investigation into a fraud incident.

"On October 21, 2025, officers from the Caledon OPP received a fraud report from a Caledon-based corporation," say Police. "The complainant reported that they received a fraudulent phishing email, which resulted in the loss of nearly $300,000. Detectives from the Caledon Major Crime Unit (MCU) assisted with the investigation which ultimately revealed the suspect behind the fraudulent phishing scheme."

As a result, Jeyarajah Vallipuram, 67, of Montreal, Quebec, was charged with:

- Fraud over $5000 - two counts;
- Possession of property obtained by crime - two counts;
- Laundering proceeds of crime.

The accused is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on May 14, 2026, to answer to the charges.

The charges have not been proven.

What is phishing?

Phishing occurs when fraudsters use tactics to trick you into sharing your personal information or clicking on website links. Often times, you'll see what appears to be an email or text message from a recognizable institution or company, but in reality, it is designed to obtain your personal or financial information.

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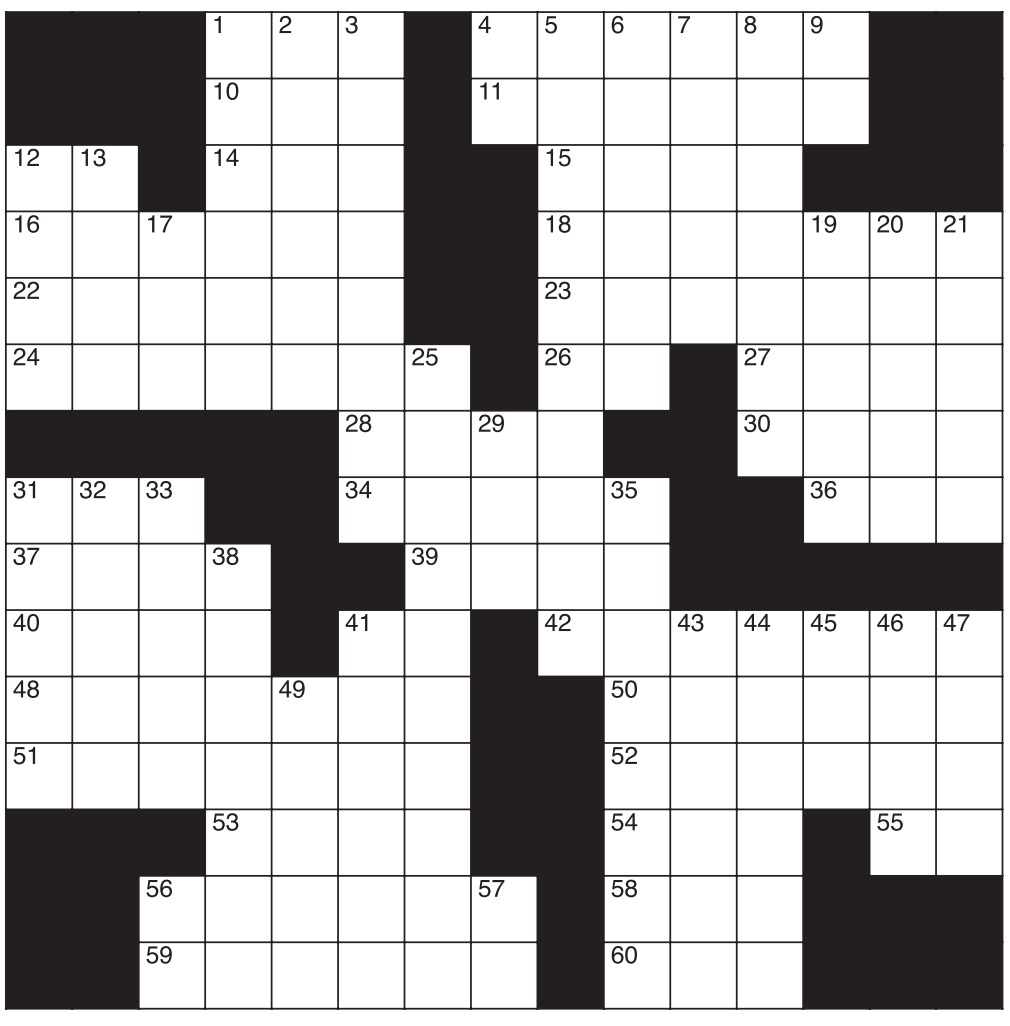
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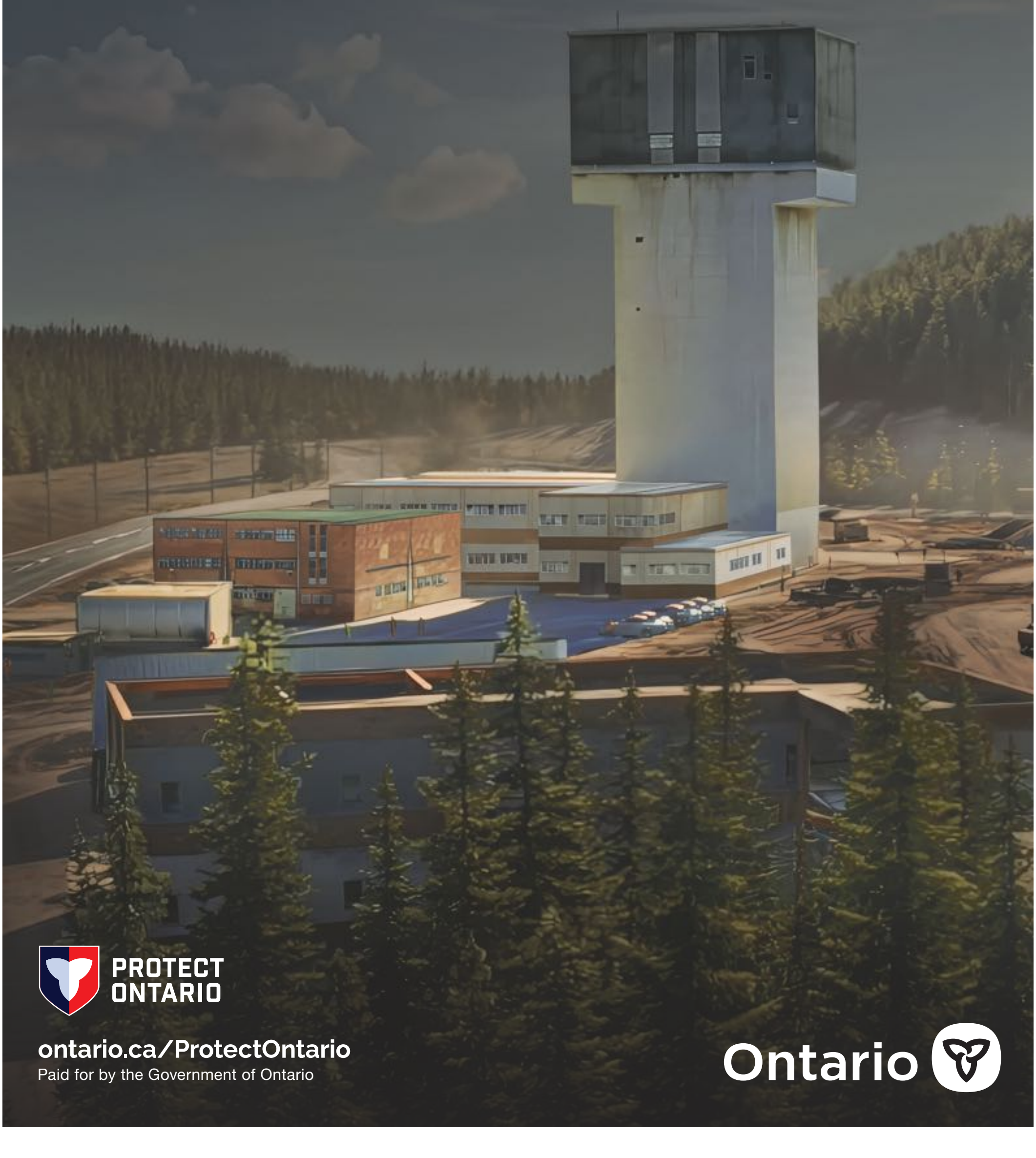
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17. Inches per minute (abbr.)
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20. Hot fluid beneath the earth's crust
21. James __, painter
25. Popular dessert
29. Payment (abbr.)
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32. Genus of true flies
33. City in western France
35. Arrogance
38. One holding a position of command
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45. Not good
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ARTS & CULTURE

Town partners with ecoCaledon and Caledon Public Library for 2026 Earth Hour Event

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER



For the first time, the Town of Caledon, ecoCaledon, and the Caledon Public Library (CPL) are partnering to bring fun and festivities for this year's Earth Hour event at the Caledon East Community Complex on March 28 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Earth Hour is a global movement that encourages people to take simple actions in support of the planet, such as switching off non-essential lights for one hour during Earth Hour.

The event, initially held by ecoCaledon and the Town of Caledon, is joining with CPL this year to make it more accessible to everyone.

Lucrezia Chiappetta, co-chair of ecoCalendon, says that incorporating the Library into the event allows accessibility for those who cannot make it to Caledon East, or who don't like driving in the evenings.

The Library will hold numerous Earth Hour activities.

Their location in Caledon East will be open after hours as well and running activities, and the other five locations will be running Earth Hour activities during the day.

If you visit the Caledon East branch between 6 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. for Earth Hour activities, attendees will get to experience story time by flashlight, interactive experiences at the Cory Trépanier Creativity Studio, live makerspace demonstrations, and more.

"This way, we're able to engage younger families and we're able to engage all of the corners of the community," says Chiappetta.

With last year being the inaugural event, the teams have put together some fun, new, engaging activities for the community this year, including a smoothie bike where residents can pedal to make their own smoothie of choice, showcasing just how much energy it takes to complete our daily tasks.

Chiappetta says they were looking for more interactive activities that could also highlight energy conservation.

Returning this year will be dimly lit yoga later in the evening, as well as snacks and refreshments, giveaways and prizes and their Eco Marketplace with various vendors.

The marketplace will be a chance for attendees to meet local sustainable vendors and explore products, services, and ideas that support greener living.

"It's really meant to be family friendly, and for all abilities, we're trying to tackle that as much as possible and make this an event for everybody," says Chiappetta.

Also returning this year is the night walk organized by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

Chiappetta says not only does the walk provide a great opportunity to view the night sky, but it also has an educational component as the TRCA can discuss various nocturnal animals in the area.

"For me, what's really great is engaging more residents in sustainability," says Chiappetta, adding this event offers the chance for local schools to come and discuss their environmental initiatives.

Last year, she says, was a huge success, bringing in 300 to 400 people, and much of it was due to the many activities they offered with their partners and community groups.

"Around Earth Day, you'll find lots of different events happening across different communities, whereas Earth Hour even though it's been around for 20 years, it's not as publicly celebrated," explains Chiappetta.

She adds that many people celebrate from their own homes, and they wanted to pick a day to celebrate sustainability with everyone.

At the event, community members will also be able to pledge for the planet by taking part in a community commitment, choosing one sustainable action to carry forward throughout the year.

"Really getting individuals, kids, families, adults, everybody to highlight what they do that's good for the planet, but also thanking the planet for all that it gives to us. So, it's about what we do, but also appreciating all that we have," says Chiappetta.

ecoCaledon will also host an Earth Day repair cafe, where residents can give their household items a second life and support a circular economy in Caledon.

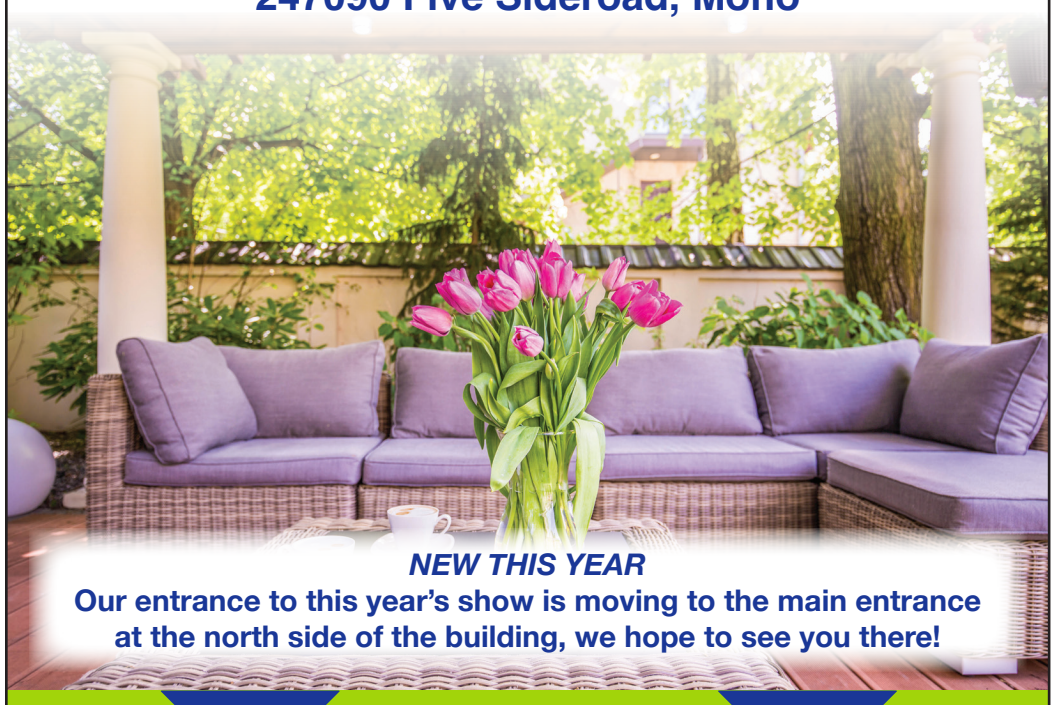
This time, they're bringing the event back to the Caledon Seniors Centre, with coffee and muffin sales going back to support their hosts.

Chiappeta says they will invite various community groups and vendors with a sustainability focus to celebrate Earth Month at the event.

Their team of fixers will be on hand to fix a wide variety of items, including deflated bike tires, broken toasters, items to be stitched, and more.

Chiapetta says that building awareness is at the heart of what they do at ecoCaledon, and they enjoying taking the opportunity to provide hands on experience to help empower residents to take action in their own homes and communities.

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Quiet Waters Painted Turtles by Wayne Hudson.
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Headwaters Arts to hold third themed members art show of the year: Colour Gone Wild

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
INITIATIVE REPORTER

For those needing a little colour in their life as they face the eternal March grey, or the battle between the endless winter and a hopeful spring, Headwaters Arts' newest show may be the perfect remedy.

Their third themed members' art show of 2026 is titled Colour Gone Wild, and they're inviting the community to view the explosion of colours and light that their artists were challenged to bring to the show.

The opening reception for the members' art show will be held this Saturday, March 21, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Headwaters Gallery in the Alton Mill Arts Centre.

Twenty-seven artists took inspiration from the quote, "Color helps to express light—not the physical phenomenon, but the only light that really exists, that in the artist's brain" by Henri Matisse, and submitted pieces filled with colour.

The show will feature more than 40 artworks in a variety of mediums and subjects, including: acrylic, watercolour and oil paintings, photography, mixed media, stained glass, paper collage and textiles.

Artist Wayne Hudson from Caledon submitted his piece "Quiet Waters Painted Turtles" for the show.

"Water provides an amazing canvas to explore the reflection of colour and light. The same scene can change dramatically depending on the timing or type of light on a given day. This painting explores the joy and beauty of colour in a simple scene," says Hudson.

The other artists taking part in the third themed members' art show will be Bill Carroll, Deb Menken, Emilia Perri, David Moir,Gail Backus-Clark, Helen Duplassie, Hildegarde Sausik, Jason Misurka, Jeffery J Nagy, Jorge Nascimento, Kareen Hague, Katia Howatson, Kevin Ellis, Krishna Tyagi, Leslie Larsen, Linda Murphy, Lynn Gilbank, Monica Kerr-Coster, Nahid Azari, Reg Lecky, Sheryl Teasell, Stephanie Schrim, Susan Powell, Suzanne Hornemann, Suzanne Walsh, and Trish Miller.

Attendees of the opening reception will also have a chance to meet the artists behind the works.

Colour Gone Wild will run from March 18 to April 19th.

The Headwaters Gallery is open Wednesday-Sunday, 10am to 5pm at Alton Mill Arts Centre.

COMMUNITY events

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Monthly Dinner – Friday, March 27, 2026
The Caledon Seniors Centre at Rotary Place in Bolton is having a Monthly Dinner on Friday, March 27, 2026. The menu is Guinness Stew, Mashed Potatoes, Cabbage, Bun and Guinness Chocolate cake for dessert. Cost is $16. Pick-up at 5:15 pm, dine-in served at 5:30 pm, local delivery available for $2.
Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 by Thurs. March 25 at 3:30 pm to buy your tickets!

Lunch & Learn - Thursday, April 2, 2026.
The Caledon Seniors Centre is hosting their monthly Lunch & Learn on Thursday, April 2, 2026 at 11:00 am. Topic: Benefits To Walking Along The Trails. Presenter: Marion Johnston. A sandwich and dessert lunch will be served following the presentation. Cost is $7. Pre-registration is required. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to register.

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Lunch & Bid Euchre Tournament – Sat. April 11, 2026
The Caledon Seniors Centre is hosting a Bid Euchre Tournament and Lunch on Saturday, April 11, 2026 at Rotary Place in Bolton. Check-in at 11:30 am, lunch served at 12:00 pm and tournaments start at 1:00 pm. The lunch menu is beef on a bun, au jus, french fries and carrot cake. Costs: lunch only $16, Tournament only $15 or Tournament and Lunch $20. Pre-registration is required by Thursday, April 9, 2026. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to register.
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Income Tax clinic - Saturday, April 11, 2026
The Caledon Seniors Centre will be hosting a free Income Tax Clinic for seniors on Saturday, April 11, 2026 from 9:40 am to 3:30 pm at Rotary Place in Bolton. This is part of the Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. Single income up to $45,000, couple income up to $55,000 and 3 people income up to $57,000. No bankruptcies, uber income, childcare or personal business, drivers returns, and no interest income more than $1,000.00. This is by appointment only. Call the Centre at 905-951-6114 to book your space.

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- Family-friendly Activities
- Free Dimly lit yoga session
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Learn more at **caledon.ca/environment.**



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Answering the call

Do you always answer the phone when it rings, vibrates, or lights up?

If you are, you might be in good company.

A few years ago, the BBC explored the idea of why Gen Z and Millennials are "hung up on answering the phone."

The data cited in the report found that 25 per cent of people between the ages of 18 and 34 never answer the phone, preferring instead to "ignore the ringing, respond via text, or search the number online if they don't recognize it."

The conclusion rendered by Yasmin Rufo found it's a generational thing in that those who were between the ages of 18 and 34 in 2024 grew up in a time where texting was gaining a foothold and traditional telephone use was taking a backseat.

So, what's the excuse of those of us who have barely aged out of the 18 – 34 demo?

I don't have a clear answer.

Admittedly, talking on the phone is not my favourite thing in the world, but when I have to use it, I send up a silent thank-you to the brains that came up with the simple concept of Call Display.

I love hearing from all of you, and please keep the calls coming, but over my years at this desk, some calls have been nothing short of head-scratchers.

One such call that always comes to mind was from an incensed reader who took exception to a photo caption.

There was nothing wrong with the caption as far as I could tell. It was factual. It stated the facts.

So, what was the problem? It was a photo of the Member of Parliament of the day and, as the caller in question didn't vote for him, they were offended we would refer to them as such.

The caller was old enough to know that our Members of Parliament are chosen by the collective, rather than the individual, but it was clear the caller was in no mood to receive a civics lesson, and I was in no mood at that moment to give one.

But, what a missed opportunity!

Three MPs have come and gone in that riding since I first received that call, and, if recent events are any indication, I don't think the level of civic engagement has improved over those intervening years.

This is often most evident when we, as Canadians, are in a Minority Parliament situation, as we are now.

While the numbers are currently on the Prime Minister's side, sabres often rattle louder when a minority government has secured its status as such by the thinnest of margins and opposing parties might see an opportunity in banding together to form a coalition.

"This is not what Canadians voted for," is the common refrain when political parties at loggerheads during the campaign suddenly find themselves with a breadth of common ground once they sense an opportunity to oust the victor, sometimes creating some very strange political bedfellows.

When this happens, we're often told that such strategic moves fly in the face of the electorate and the Constitution. The former might have merit depending on which political colour you happen to bleed, but, at the end of the day, forming a coalition government is a time-tested component of our constitution and our parliamentary democracy.

More recently, again through the lens of having a minority government, is the thorny issue of floor-crossings.

Members of Parliament crossing the proverbial floor from one party to another is hardly a new invention, despite what some talking heads would like us to believe. In our Parliament's nearly 160-year-old history, it's a situation that has unfolded surprisingly regularly, but we're now living in a society that is sadly fuelled more and more by outrage, which, I suppose, gives it a fresher feel.

Nunavut MP Lori Idlout is the most recent example of this – at press time – having crossed the floor from the NDP to the Liberals last week.

"Nunavut and the North are central to Canada's future, and the rights and aspirations of Indigenous peoples must be at the heart of Canada's democracy. I have devoted my life to this essential change," said Idlout in a statement. "With new threats against our sovereignty and pressures on the wellbeing of people throughout the North, we need a strong and ambitious government that makes decisions with Nunavut – not only about Nunavut. The success of that work needs all of our voices.

"Our North is where climate change is felt first, where new threats to our security and sovereignty are growing, and where Canada's responsibilities to our people are among its greatest. As a Member of Parliament, I have always worked to bring Nunavut's priorities into national focus: especially ensuring the immediate needs of Nunavut are addressed and so that we can confront the high cost of living, the urgent need for housing and food security, the importance of protecting our land and waters, and the need for policies that reflect the culture, language, and rights of Inuit and Canadians all throughout the North.

"… At this turning point in our history, I am ready to work with [Carney] to build a strong future for Nunavut and for all of Canada."

While I sympathise with disappointed members of the Nunavut electorate who voted for Idlout solely due to the fact she ran under an orange banner in the last campaign – while that's not how I vote, I say this as a voter who has seen his MP of the day cross the floor not once but twice – one can only hope the majority of her constituents cast their vote because she was the right person to affect the change so desperately needed in Canada's north.

It's a mandate she can certainly fulfil much more effectively as a member of Government rather than on the backbenches of parliament in a party with little more than a handful of members left. That's inarguable. But people vote for different reasons.

I'm sure many went to polling stations last April to vote for Mark Carney, Pierre Poilievre, Jagmeet Singh, etc., and their respective parties rather than for the person whose name was actually on the ballot. But, at the end of the day, no matter what your intentions, you're voting for your local representative and who you feel will best represent your interests in Ottawa.

Conservatives have accused the Prime Minister of making "backroom deals" to facilitate the recent wave of floor-crossings, of members themselves betraying their voters in the process, but it's curious that when Parliamentarians cross the floor to the Conservatives from any other party, it's often framed as a principled decision and a move that should be celebrated in the name of democracy.

It can't go both ways.

Nunavut voters will have the chance to signal their support of Idlout's move in the next Federal election, but the time between now and then will help determine whether she made the right decision on behalf of her constituents and her territory as a whole.

As for the other ridings impacted by floor crossings, it's a chance for some introspection on whether you vote for the person, the party, the plan, the potential impact, or any combination thereof.

Your motivations might surprise you.



Admiring our ancestors' sense of gratitude

by Mark Pavilons



I had to pick up trash bags on my way home from work the other day.

Green garbage bags.

I comment, under my breath, that I often feel like a pack mule, carrying out menial tasks, carrying cargo from there to here.

The banality of these chores is often mind-numbing.

I'm reminded these are, in fact, First World problems. And there's the crux of it all.

Yes, our ancestors likely endured similar "chores," and theirs would involve fetching water from the well; hanging laundry on a line out back; or bringing home freshly caught fish for dinner. Glancing further back in time, important chores involved keeping the fire stoked; hunting; staying warm and ensuring an adequate food supply for the winter. Trying not to die was front of mind.

These were definitely out of necessity, out of survival and we rose to the challenge. Fight or flight; eat or starve; stay safe or become prey.

Human reality for millennia. But we persevered.

Maybe, if you think about it, not much has changed, other than the location, tools at our disposal, modern contrivances to help us do our work easier and more efficiently.

We still fight to survive – the economic climate and disparity; the harsh realities of the haves and have-nots; maintaining our mental health. All are a bit of a challenge these days. Are we in danger of being trampled by a woolly mammoth? No. But we maybe stomped on by Big Brother, Big Government and Big Banks.

Still, our brethren suffer, in arid lands, in refugee camps and in ruins that were once cities. Food, water and shelter are still the most important things to them.

We know about these things, even see them on the news and all we can do is raise an eyebrow from the comfort of our leather recliners.

We like to think we're at the top of the heap as an intelligent species.

Would an intelligent species allow its brothers and sisters to wallow in poverty, die from curable diseases, or face death simply due to their circumstances or geographic location? We say "no," yet where is the action, the mandate, the progress?

My patience for the mundane and trivial is wearing thin these days, largely because I'm enduring a cancer journey with an uncertain future.

And yet I still have to take out the trash, recycling and organics. I still have household duties.

Not glamorous, high-profile or tasks befitting my certain set of skills.

But for survival? No. That comes from within, in discussions with myself, my consciousness and my God.

All through human existence on this tiny planet, our ancestors have turned to unseen powers, deities, "star people," supreme beings and gods of all shapes and sizes. They sought their guidance, approval, help and comfort.

Despite our lack of technology eons ago, we believed and looked to the stars for reason, for answers.

Our ancestors built impressive temples, obelisks, statues and monuments, perhaps to show their worthiness, or out of respect.

Our forefathers and mothers spent considerable time and effort appeasing the gods. To what end?

We don't know.

But what we can surmise is their belief system was rock-solid and unshakable. It was key to who they were.

Did they know something we don't?

Experts say much of our ancestors' mathematical and engineering prowess was way beyond their time. Ancient structures – some built in the middle of the jungles or top of mountains – defy today's logic and construction methods.

To our ancestors, it simply had to be done, so they did.

If we only retained that ideology and adopted that sense of purpose and determination to this day.

There are many things these days that "have to be done."

Our distant cousins would gather thousands of their brothers and sisters and construct an unbelievable, multi-storey temple, elaborate carvings, staircases, rooms and manicured grounds. Were these a gesture, a physical depiction of their unwavering belief?

Today's archeologists struggle to understand and find answers. We can't comprehend the strength and coordination necessary to create such monoliths. Their sheer size and perfection escapes us.

Maybe what we fail to grasp, given modern bias, is something rather simple. Perhaps our primitive ancestors were just returning the favour.

They were given life and this beautiful land – treasures beyond any bounty. The least they could do was show their appreciation and love.

Where's our thanks for life and bounty bestowed upon us? How often do we get down on our knees and express thanks for experiencing the miracles that abound all around us?

Where are our temples, statues, monuments and testimonies to the Almighty?

We marvel at ancient wonders. Anyone would be awe-struck standing before the 112-metre-tall statue of Shiva, at Vishwas Swaroopam, India. Or looking at the 71-metre-high Leshan Giant Buddha or Colossus of Rhodes. And who isn't familiar with the iconic Christ the Redeemer statue of Jesus in Rio de Janeiro?

Wonders all. Not just testaments to human ingenuity, but our faith, our inner momentum.

My friends, today our symbols are reviewed, scrutinized and "politically corrected" so as not to offend.

What do you think the response would be if someone suggested such creations at Queen's Park or Parliament Hill?

And yet, I can see the U.S. leader commissioning a statue in his image, dethroning Lincoln in Washington.

What have we become?

We are free to believe in what we wish. But I think one common thread in all forms of spirituality is giving thanks.

Maybe we don't need to construct modern monoliths to express our gratitude. But grace and recognition would be nice now and then.

Our Readers Write

Many thanks!

I was at McDonald's at the Orangeville Walmart on Thursday, March 12, around 5 p.m. I saw they had Playmobil figures with the Happy Meal.

I asked the cost to purchase one for my Grandson. A father and his son (8-10) were waiting for their order. They heard my request and offered to give me theirs. It was an eagle. The boy had two and came back to give me the second one as they were leaving.

Your kindness has left me with a wonderful memory. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

DEBRA SHADDOCK
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Fraud, dancing, and how we all pay the price

While I sometimes share opinions on the state of politics, locally or provincially, and about how some of us might occasionally feel misled by some politicians, today's column addresses the fact that it's "Fraud Prevention Month" and how easy it is to be misled in a different way.

Fraudsters seem to be multiplying exponentially and financial institutions aren't doing enough in response to protect consumer interests. As well, whether it's happened to you personally or not, ultimately we are all the victims of fraud, because we are all paying for it, one way or another. I'm really damn tired of it. Perhaps you are too?

About a year ago we were the victims of, according to how one bank employee worded it, "an account takeover." To be clear, we did not hit "reply" to a scam email or text, nor did we randomly answer the phone and then follow the directions of some stranger asking us to provide personal banking information or to go out and buy gift cards to "help spring our grandchild from jail."

Instead, our account was hacked and in just a few minutes we were suddenly robbed of close to what some people might pay as a mortgage payment. I'm sharing our personal experience for several reasons: I want you to know fraud comes in many forms, and more importantly, that the systems in place to support you, when victimized, don't always do so. Also, perhaps like some of you, I'm just really, really tired of being a good citizen, obeying the law, paying my taxes and driving the speed limit yet still getting "stiffed" at the end of the day by someone operating from a basement, in a different time zone, who has never worked an honest day in their life.

The bank, in two separate letters sent via snail mail, stated that after completing their "investigation" they found us to be at fault. Not that anyone actually called to speak with us as part of said investigation.

Because I'm a rule follower, I didn't post angry messages on social media, calling out the bank by "naming and shaming" them. Instead, I continued to follow the rules, "escalating" the matter through various senior teams and eventually the OBSI (Ombudsman for Banking Services and Investments) who are supposed to assist on the consumer's behalf. I had faith in the system. It was misplaced. The system works for the system, not for us mere humans.

Banks might claim they are losing millions to fraud every year and that they are doing everything possible to protect consumers, but the more folks I speak with, it seems to be anything but true. Everyone has a story about being the victim of fraud. Meanwhile, like many large corporations, even if a bank does occasionally incur a loss, you know they are making up for it up through the fees they charge, similar to when big box stores incur repeated theft and we end up paying more for our groceries, clothing or hardware items.

With so many transactions done online these days, and point of sale transactions also flying through the ether, credit cards are also being compromised at alarming rates. Amazon, it appears, is so easy to hack as to be laughable and forget about speaking to an actual employee "live" to get help, it's literally impossible. Worse still, with mega corporations dotting the consumer landscape meaning less and less competition, consumers truly might be feeling as though, like the aforementioned song implies, they have no choices and nowhere else to take their business. So, in fact we really are simply "dancers," conditioned to accept the decisions of the mega-corps.

All the current "advice" about avoiding fraud seems focussed on common sense recommendations that I suppose aren't as common as I thought.

By now we should all know not to share passwords, click on links or respond to those calls from "Johnny Junior in jail." But what about the thousand and one other ways that honest, hard-working people are being scammed out of their money each and every day? Scams that are harder to detect, or to prevent? I had a credit card compromised at a gas station not too long ago. Am I supposed to stop driving?

We might live in an age of "ease" and "convenience" but it comes at a cost, and it's an increasingly large one. I'm not happy we were robbed, because whether at the end of a gun barrel or not, that's what it was, and the bank didn't do enough to protect us from that theft. We took a big hit but we'll survive. My concern is what happens to an isolated senior living on a pension, or a single parent struggling to make ends meet, or a newcomer living paycheque to paycheque and English is their second language. How do people advocate for themselves when victimized by fraud if they don't have the time or the resources to try and seek redress? Who speaks up for all us "dancers" when even the systems meant to support consumers don't? Fraud leaves us all paying the price.

MAYOR ANNETTE GROVES
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TAPMO - Responsible Management of Aggregate Extraction

The Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO) presented information on balancing aggregate needs with fairness for municipalities, environmental stewardship and sustainable land use at the March 10 Planning Committee meeting at Town Hall.

TAPMO works with industry partners and provincial decision makers to develop a sustainable plan for aggregate extraction. They bring together municipalities to provide education, advocacy and shared support on aggregate-related matters including planning, licensing, rehabilitation, infrastructure impacts and land-use considerations.

Aggregate extraction places long term demands on local road infrastructure and the community. The Ontario Aggregate Resources Corporation (TOARC) collects annual fees and royalties from aggregate producers (pits and quarries) in Ontario, distributed annually to provincial and municipal governments for rehabilitation and infrastructure.

TAPMO has expressed concerns if these fees properly reflect environmental impact and whether they sufficiently fund rehabilitation, and how the funds are distributed. When levies fail to reflect these impacts, municipalities are left to absorb the costs through local budgets and property taxes.

The Town of Caledon is facing potential downloading of roads and ongoing concerns with provincial policies related to aggregate extraction. Town Council has asked for the support of Top Aggregate Producing Municipalities of Ontario (TAPMO) to help advocate for changes to provincial policies that affect aggregate operations. The policy changes the Town is requesting would benefit many municipalities across Ontario that host aggregate operations.

Current provincial policies do not give municipalities enough authority to address the combined environmental, health, and social impacts of aggregate extraction and transportation. Municipalities that host a large share of aggregate operations should not be left to manage these long-term environmental, community, and financial impacts without stronger provincial policy support.

Council has raised these concerns in the past, noting that current provincial policies do not adequately protect water resources, air quality, public health, or community well-being in municipalities with significant aggregate activity.

I would like to thank TAPMO for their support and commitment to fairness for municipalities and for advocating responsible management of aggregate extraction.

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Special Events By-Law open house draws concerned fair boards and local organizations

BY RILEY MURPHY
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The Town of Caledon recently held an open house to discuss its proposed Special Events By-Law, which aims to establish requirements for large public events to improve and proactively address anticipated community impacts.

At the Open House, numerous fair boards and organizations attended, concerned about what this might mean to their longstanding events.

In the proposed by-law, a Special Event is defined as any indoor or outdoor activity, parade, festival, concert, exhibition, assembly, or other event that is open to the public, including events conducted outdoors under tents or other non-permanent structures, on private property, at which more than 500 persons are anticipated to attend, or do attend, during any one day.

Types of events not regulated by this proposed by-law would be public or private events on Town-owned or public property, private events hosted on private property, and weddings, large family gatherings, birthday celebrations, etc.

The proposed Special Event permit process falls into two streams: Standard Event Intake for events not requiring exemption from one or more Town By-laws, and Complex Event Intake for events seeking exemption from one or more Town By-laws.

"The scope of what we're trying to do with the Special Events By-law is to support tourism events that are happening in Caledon," explained Ahsan Rasheed, Senior Economic Development Officer with the Town of Caledon.

He says they're trying to mitigate any impacts that happen to the community with these events such as noise and traffic.

"We recognize that we want to bring…tourism into Caledon, it's a great economic driver into the Town but we also want to make sure that we're looking after our community and that we're not unnecessarily impacting the residents of our community," says Rasheed.

The open house was a chance for them to receive feedback to continue to shape their draft by-law.

With wording such as "fairs" built into the proposed by-law, fair boards, such as the Bolton Fall Fair and Caledon Fair, voiced their concerns about what this new by-law would mean for them.

Heather French, 1st Vice President of the Albion and Bolton Agricultural Society, spoke about how they're currently securing vendors and planning for their longstanding community events, such as their Tractor Pull and Fall Fair.

With these dates fast approaching, she expressed concern that passing this by-law would put them under a strict timeline.

Emily Quinton, Tourism and Culture Officer for the Town of Caledon, reassured that, from their understanding from an agricultural society and fairground standpoint, their zoning permits hosting events like fairs and all that comes with it.

"This is not concerning fairs; it's not putting regulations on existing fair events. We're trying to talk about public events on private property that are not zoned for that," says Quinton.

Town Staff also explained that last year's RBC Canadian Open is what triggered the momentum, bringing this Special Events By-Law forward, as Caledon has never experienced an event of that size before.

They explained there was no process in place for appropriately requesting the necessary items to address traffic, noise, and other environmental factors that could impact the environment or nearby residents.

"As Caledon grows and continues to become a successful tourism destination, which some of your businesses and peers know very well, we, as economic development, feel that we should have a better plan in place for moving forward," added Quinton.

"We can't, in good conscience, keep welcoming tourism events in an unsustainable way.

The intent is not to overburden event organizers who are willingly working with us. The intent is to understand and work with them a little bit closer, to make plans that will benefit the community, that don't overtax our infrastructure."

Downey's Farm attended the meeting as well and was concerned that, with their large attendance, the way the proposed by-law is written could loop in existing businesses like theirs, as well as breweries and other tourism businesses that receive more than 500 people a day.

Staff answered that they are looking at options such as having an internal administrator to handle applications on a case-by-case basis, and for longstanding businesses to have their mitigation plans in place so they can be logged on record, so that each year they do not have to re-evaluate everything.

Fair boards in attendance, such as the Caledon Agricultural Society and the Albion Bolton Agricultural Society, voiced their suggestions for rewording the proposed by-law as it pertains to fairs and their work.

"That's what the biggest challenge is for us with all our by-laws," said Joel Assaly, Policy Analyst with the By-law Department at the Town. "How do we make sure that the good operators continue to operate without affecting them, adding more costs and bureaucracy…but we deal with the bad ones and make them pay for what they're doing?"

"We're trying to do what's best for you guys without affecting you," Assaly told the boards in attendance. "That's why we want feedback to make sure we're not creating issues for businesses that have been around for a while, but we have the tools to deal with the bad actors, per-se."

Town Staff assured that agricultural societies are a large part of the Town of Caledon, and they're not looking to add burdens to them.

"We want to make sure that we're protecting and supporting business agriculture, but we also have to make sure that we don't open that door too much. Otherwise, we get the bad players," said Ben Roberts, Interim Manager, Business Attraction and Investment with the Town of Caledon.

The fair boards in attendance recommended that, for an agricultural society to be recognized under this by-law, it must be under the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, which they are all part of.

"We're actually an agricultural society. Every one of us here is a volunteer, and when you get a volunteer that doesn't accept money and cares so much about what they're doing and what they represent, we deserve a say in the new by-laws," said Ed Taccone, President of the Caledon Agricultural Society.

One thing Staff suggested was forming a working group with representatives from local community groups and agricultural societies to help discuss the by-law together.

Staff is aiming to amend the by-law and bring the report to Council's April 7 committee meeting for public review, with a goal of bringing it before Council at the end of April for a final vote.



CAFFI Community Support Network promotes inclusion through Library donation

BY RILEY MURPHY
LOCAL JOURNALISM
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Pictured here from left to right: Nicholas Alleyne, CPL Board Member; Domenic Maggi, CPL Board Member; Colleen Lipp, CEO and Chief Librarian; Patricia Franks, Executive Founder of the CAFFI Community Support Network; Jacqueline Iafrate, CPL Board Member; Debra Mann, CPL Digital Literacy & Access Coordinator; and Samantha Dillane, CPL Branch Manager. **CONTRIBUTED PHOTO**

CAFFI Community Support Network has donated 18 books to the Caledon Public Library (CPL) that promote community inclusion.

This donation provides access to a wider range of resources that can help teach children and families about diversity, equity and inclusion.

The CAFFI Community Support Network focuses on creating social connections for families while advocating for children and adults with differing abilities.

They strive to create a community where every individual, regardless of ability, is valued and supported.

Many may recognize the group from their accomplishments through local advocacy, championing inclusive programming and services, or by establishing Caledon's first home for independent living.

A press release stated that the donated titles focus on themes of understanding, empathy, inclusion, and celebrating diverse abilities.

Titles of the books include "A Guideline on Protecting the Health and Lives of Patients in Hospitals, Especially if the Patient is a Member of a Societally Devalued Class," and "Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities."

The books will be located at CPL's Albion Bolton branch and are marked with a CAFFI Community Support Network sticker.

Patricia Franks of CAFFI Community Support Network says that stories have the power to build understanding and connection.

"By donating these books to Caledon Public Library, we hope to support families, spark important conversations, and help people of all abilities see themselves reflected on the shelves. Together, we can build a future where everyone has the opportunity to thrive," says Franks.

By making these books available through the public library, it was shared that CAFFI and CPL are helping families find stories that reflect their lived experiences and can lead to meaningful conversations.

Colleen Lipp, CEO and Chief Librarian, adds that at CPL, they are committed to being a library for all.

"This thoughtful donation from CAFFI strengthens our collection in a meaningful way and supports families seeking resources that promote understanding, literacy, and lifelong learning. We are grateful for this partnership and for the opportunity to continue strengthening our community through collaboration," says Lipp.

CPL says that the donation aligns closely with their vision to fuel an informed, inspired, and connected Caledon.

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Schedule C Class Environmental Assessment

Bolton Zone 7 Water Elevated Storage and Transmission Mains Class EA

Background:

Peel Region continues to grow, and new infrastructure is needed to ensure residents and businesses in Caledon have reliable access to clean drinking water now and in the future. To support this, Peel Region is undertaking a planning study for new water infrastructure in the Bolton area. The **Bolton Zone 7 Water Elevated Storage and Transmission Mains Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (MCEA).**

This study will examine the need for two new water towers for storage and the large underground water pipes that connect them to the existing system. This planning work is being completed through a MCEA which is a provincially regulated process that helps identify the best solution while considering the environment, technical requirements, costs, and community input.



Figure 1: Bolton Zone 7 Water Elevated Storage and Transmission Main Study Area

The study forms part of Peel's Flow | South Caledon Program, a new program-based approach that groups multiple water and wastewater projects within a broader geographic area to efficiently support growth in southern Caledon. It builds on previous planning work completed under the Bolton Water and Wastewater Capacity Improvements Schedule 'C' study, and incorporates updated growth forecasts to the year 2051, developed with local municipalities, and considers new provincial housing targets introduced through Bill 23.

As part of this study, Peel Region will confirm how future water service should be provided in Bolton, including areas that will rely on new water pressure zones – specifically Pressure Zones 7B and 7E. Pressure zones are a standard water system planning tool used to manage water pressure across different elevations and neighbourhoods, and they do not affect drinking water quality. The study area is shown in **Figure 1**.

Process:

This study will follow the 2024 process for a Schedule 'C' MCEA project, which includes:

- Meaningful Indigenous Community engagement.
- Public and interested stakeholder consultation and engagement.
- Identification of projects that may be exempt from the MCEA process (as per the recent 2024 amendment) through the Archaeological Screening Process (ASP).
- Development, evaluation, and selection of two elevated tank locations, including water route options, impact assessment and mitigation measures.
- Development, evaluation, and selection of the preferred water construction methodology, including shaft locations.

Your Input is Important:

Three (3) Public Information Centers (PICs) will be held at key points during the study to present findings from the MCEA study and provide opportunities to give feedback to the project team. The first PIC is anticipated in late spring 2026 to present the identified problems or opportunities, the existing conditions and constraints, and an overview of the study process. The second PIC will present alternative solutions, evaluation findings, and the preliminary preferred tank locations with water servicing strategies. The third and final PIC will present the preliminary preferred design concept for the preferred tank locations and overall water strategy.

Once the study is complete, the MCEA Report which documents the full study process will be available for public review and comments.

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For more information on this study, please visit the Region's website at: www.peelregion.ca/public-works/environmental-assessments/#current (Caledon) or by scanning the QR code with your smartphone.

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SPORTS



Huskies' Quarterback Ian McCausland signs letter of intent with the University of Guelph Gryphons





Humberview Athletic Director Adrian Piscitelli, Mayor Annette Groves, Gryphons commit Ian McCausland and Guelph football coaches Joe Cappiello and Donnavan Carter pose with the Mayor's Certificate of Achievement awarded to the Huskies' quarterback and kicker.
PHOTOS BY JIM STEWART

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Huskies' Quarterback Ian McCausland signed his letter of intent with the University of Guelph Gryphons in a ceremony on Tuesday morning at Humberview Secondary School.

The event was attended by Mayor Annette Groves who applauded McCausland's diligence.

"Ian has shown us what determination, dedication, and commitment look like. He's been a model student and athlete. Today, we're celebrating Ian's signing with the University of Guelph. None of this happens without your great volunteer coaches. I was proud to support the team from proceeds we raised at the Mayor's Gala. $40,000 was donated to the Huskies football program."

Humberview SS Athletic Director and Huskies Head Coach Adrian Piscitelli acknowledged the ongoing support of Mayor Groves.

"This is a Mayor who really knows about kids. Her gesture of buying gelato for our players after they did volunteer work shows her generosity and shows her connection to student-athletes in our community."

Coach Piscitelli also thanked Principal John Colton "who is so supportive of our football program" before focusing on the talents of his graduating Quarterback and Kicker.

Piscitelli addressed Gyphons' Coaches Joe Cappiello and Donnavan Carter and reminded them that "you've found a hidden gem today. Ian has accumulated more points than any other player in the history of the Humberview football program. Even more importantly, Ian took hits. Ian got hit as a Quarterback, he kept getting knocked down, but he kept getting back up again. He's our toughest player. He will be a complete kicker in the conference. He's been a leader in our community—a kind, young man."

When Guelph's new kicker took the stage, he "thanked Jesus Christ and my Catholic faith."

McCausland also expressed his gratitude to "my teammates and coaches and I want to thank my parents for encouraging me to keep going."

The veteran Huskies' Quarterback/Kicker applauded the Huskies' improvement over his five-year football career.

"This team has been transformed over the years, going from tough times wearing old equipment to much better times and results on the field. Go Huskies, Go Gryphons."

Prior to the signing ceremony, University of Guelph Gryphons Director of Personnel, Camps Coordinator, and Defensive Line Coach Joe Cappiello warmed up the room with his remarks about the value of football and its importance to communities. Coach Cappiello expressed his appreciation to Humberview SS and the Town of Caledon.

"Coach Adrian has built a strong program here with the Huskies. Thank you as well to Mayor Groves for supporting high school football—a sport which makes such a difference in the lives of so many young men."

Closing his address to the dozens of student-athletes attending the ceremony, Coach Cappiello encouraged all the Huskies "to enjoy and play the greatest sport in the world" then turned his attention to McCausland who will assume full-time kicking duties for the Gryphons in September.

"Ian's dedication to his craft—to the art of kicking which is such a technique-driven position—takes a special guy to do that and we're so happy to have found a kicker after our coast-to-coast search. I had the opportunity to recruit Ian while coaching at another school and I am so pleased to see him sign today with us at the University of Guelph."

Gryphons' Assistant Head Coach and Special Teams Coordinator Donnavan Carter expressed a keen interest in McCausland's kicking skills after a "so-so season for that phase in 2025."

Coach Carter encouraged all the football players in attendance to "strive for the things you're passionate about" and expressed his gratitude towards Mayor Groves.

"It's a pleasure to see the Mayor of the city so involved with the youth of the community."

After he signed his letter of intent with Coach Carter and Coach Cappiello, McCausland reflected on the best part of committing to the University of Guelph.

"For me, it's about the coaching staff—they've been so excellent during visits. The culture of the Gryphons—even in a down season—is so strong that they made the semifinals."

When asked about the turning point of the Huskies' season during which they punched their ticket to the ROPSSAA finals, McCausland noted that there were "two moments—one was our loss in our first game where we realized we hadn't taken it seriously and needed to prepare better. The other was the Mayfield game—we beat them 31-0 after losing to them for two years. The turning point of that game was when I scored an 80-yard touchdown to make 10-0 just before the end of the first half. It gave us lots of momentum for the second half and we scored three more touchdowns."

In addition to the romp over Mayfield, McCausland identified the two most memorable moments of his football career at Humberview: "The semifinal game that we won in triple OT against Ambrozic this year. We also beat Ambrozic during a Friday Night Lights game in 2024. During the last five seconds, I was able to throw the TD pass that won the game."

McCausland discussed the challenges of his transition from being a touchdown-throwing high school quarterback and a kicker at Humberview to being a full-time university kicker at Guelph.

"One of the challenges is that kickers play a different role. Being a QB all these years prepared me to be a better team player, but now, it'll be more of an individual role and it's a bit lonelier in terms of preparation."

Despite the prospect of a different kind of role as a university football player, McCausland expressed his excitement about attending the University of Guelph.

"What I'm looking forward to the most are the games—the crowds—they love their sports at the University of Guelph and the games are sold out. I'm also looking forward to making new friends and making new football bonds at Guelph."

In addition to enjoying life on the gridiron as a Gryphon, McCausland's academic plans at Guelph were delineated in our post-ceremony interview in Humberview SS's library: "I'm going to study History and Religion—to get my two

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Gathered in Green: Inside the Duffy Family's Homestead Celebration



Michael, Lauren, and Alan outside the Homestead prior to restoration.

DUFFY HOMESTEAD PHOTO

Continued from FRONT

They aim to revive the heritage site by cultivating crops their ancestors grew and preserving the property as "a testament to Irish emigration, pioneer living, and historical restoration for the community."

After many years spent constructing and restoring, the Duffy family have spent countless hours bringing the heritage property back to its original charm.

Alan's son Michael, daughter Lauren, and sister Gail are all actively involved in the project, and the homestead is now open as a museum for private tours, allowing the community to learn all about the timeless tales of the Duffy family.

On Saint Patrick's Day, Lauren Duffy, Michael Duffy, Alan Duffy, and two ninth-generation soon-to-be historians themselves, Ellie and Nicholas, sat around the dining room table in the Duffy Homestead, kept warm by the wood fireplace.

Each piece in the Duffy Homestead has been thoughtfully restored, right down to the beds, floors, and even the outhouses.

Right next door to the dining room is an old gramophone that, when played, rang out songs of Old Ireland.

Lauren remembers a time, during the construction and restoration, when they would gather and eat around work tables in the homestead.

They began meeting at the property for Saint Patrick's Day back in 2019 and have continued on ever since.

Alan explains that this is one of the only times of year when, on a holiday, there's not a whole lot of people over celebrating; it's a quaint celebration.

"It's just kind of been us, and then as they learn," says Lauren, gesturing to Ellie and Nicholas, "they grow up and see the family in the history and it's more meaningful to them."

Alan adds that as the family grows, he looks forward to continuing this tradition for years to come.

Lauren says for them, this is a family holiday that gives them the chance to get together once more throughout the year.

"In Ireland, on Saint Patrick's Day, it isn't necessarily about drinking. It's about getting together, a quiet home dinner," she adds.

Looking ahead, Alan notes they've established the Duffy Heritage Foundation, which supports their overall mission.

Someday soon, the Duffy family hopes to open up the Homestead to public events and truly bring all it has to offer to the community.

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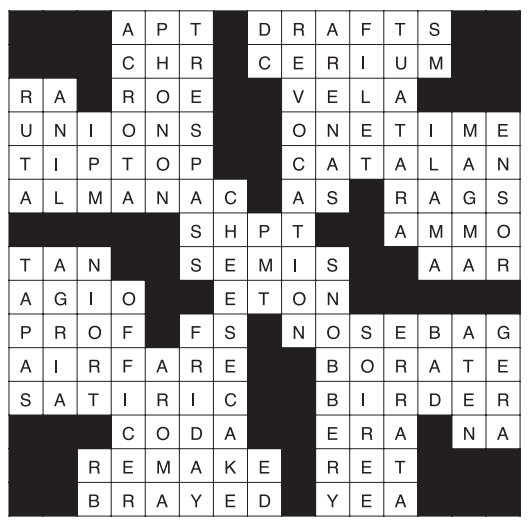
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Caledon Meals on Wheels Tasting Event celebrates nutrition and new projects through OTF grant

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"All these five dishes are extensions of myself in different parts of my life, whether it comes from my Filipino roots to being in an Italian bistro as a pastry chef, to now being in management for the past 8 to 10 years," Santos told the room that day.

Some items featured on the menu were beef mami, chicken katsu, ginger garlic shrimp, lumpia, and a tiramisu that seemed to be a fan favourite, as it disappeared quite early in the event.

Santos told The Citizen she gravitated towards CMOW because she was looking for something different. After working in management for over eight years, she felt she had hit a ceiling and that her creative freedom was being pushed down.

"Luckily, they decided to take a risk on me and allow me to have the creative freedom to develop the menus that I have so far, and also be able to apply the management skills that I've had from before and hopefully inspire the other two chefs that are in my kitchen," says Santos.

"Being here, albeit it's been a little bit short, but it's been very, very rewarding. Everyone's attitude has been so positive that it's infectious that I actually get up in the morning and look forward to going to work," she adds.

She commutes up to five days a week from Toronto, and what gets her up in the morning is looking forward to being able to feed somebody because "that's the fulfillment I get being in culinary."

When brainstorming the new menu, she says she enjoys mixing different cultures and flavour profiles.

She adds she wants to make sure everyone can "have their cake and eat it too," meaning abiding by all dietary restrictions while also bringing good flavours to the table.

Looking out at the full room of attendees, Santos says it was a real feeling of community.

CMOW had plenty of reasons to celebrate that day; the event also marked the launch of their new podcast series, Aging Out Loud Caledon, which focuses on the lives and stories of local older adults in the community, each with a unique story to share.

The podcast was made possible through a $90,800 seed grant from the Provincial government's Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF), which also helped support CMOW's completion of its 12-month intergenerational pilot, designed to reduce social isolation by creating opportunities for youth and seniors to build meaningful friendships.

Recognizing that achievement on the big day was Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones.

"Caledon Meals on Wheels has been doing amazing work for so many decades," said Jones, and, speaking to the OTF grant, adds that it allows organizations such as CMOW to continue the work they do in the community.

Executive Director for CMOW, Kim Rodrigues, said the day was about recognizing the grant, celebrating their organization, their new chef, and their new food, and sharing it with the community.

"This funding gave us the opportunity to really strengthen our work in a way that was both practical and deeply meaningful, in supporting our efforts to reduce social isolation among adults, strengthen intergenerational connections and better prepare our organization for the future," said Rodrigues.

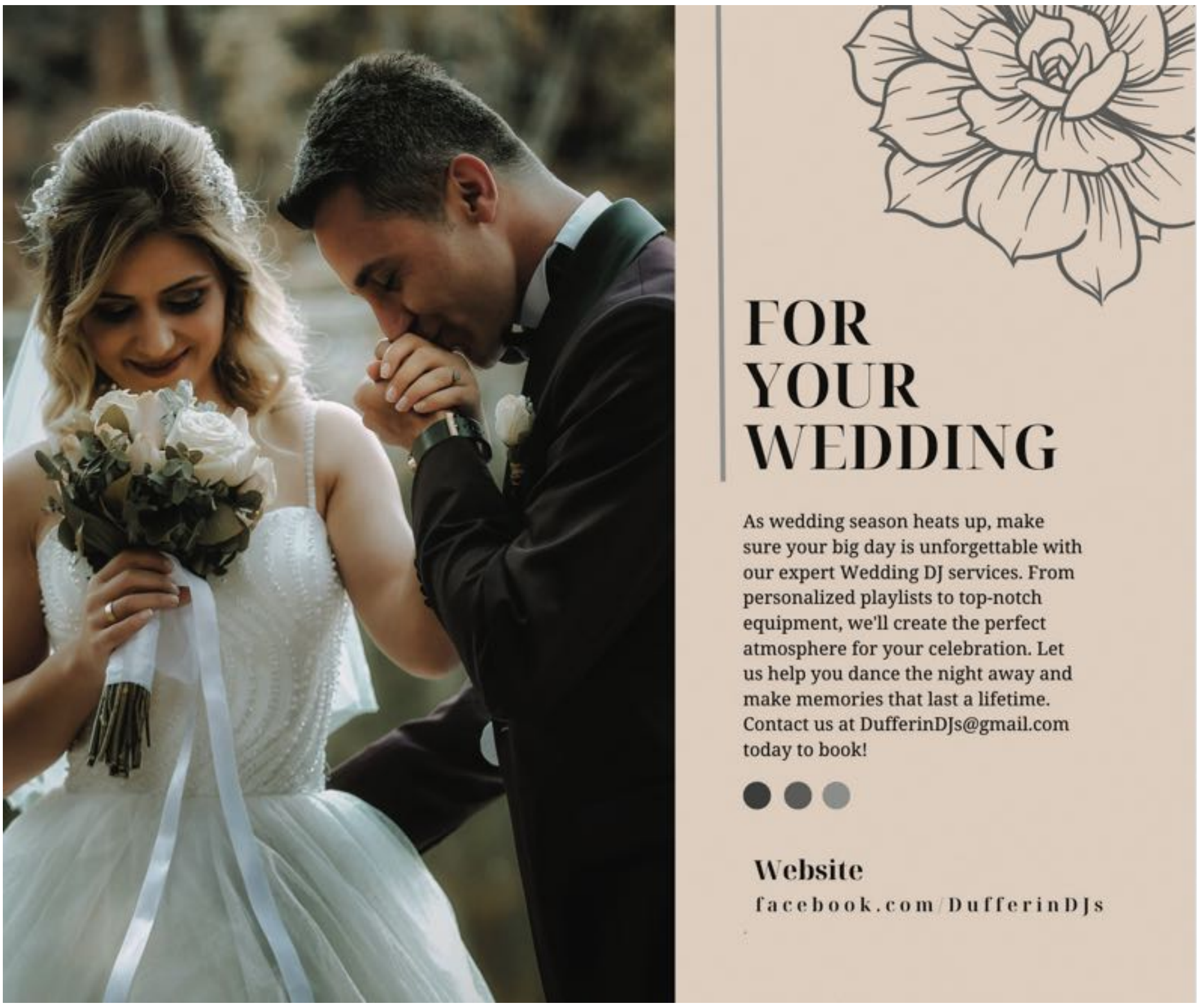
The grant also supported their community-building efforts, and seniors experienced greater social connection and engagement, said Rodrigues.

Finally, it also supported the development of CMOW's strategic plan through research and stakeholder engagement.

"It's helping us redefine how we engage our community, strengthen support services, and retain our volunteers. Just as importantly, it's giving us a clearer roadmap for the future and how we can continue to grow sustainably while continuing to meet the needs of older adults in our community," said Rodrigues.

"We're really proud of the work that has been made possible by this grant, not only in terms of activities and outcomes, but in the sense of connection, dignity, and belonging to help foster everyone being included. So, to the Ontario Trillium Foundation, thank you for believing in this work and for investing in our community. Your support has helped us build something that will be really lasting."





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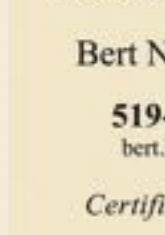
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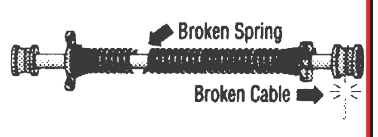
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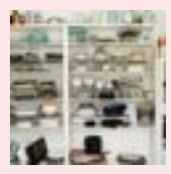
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Review:

Theatre Orangeville's Murder at Ackerton Manor delivers killer performance

BY JOSHUA DRAKES

Murder at Ackerton Manor is a hilarious escapade that will keep you guessing with every turn and every twist.

Without spoiling Theatre Orangeville's latest production, it's hard to describe exactly what you're in for when you sit down to watch Murder at Ackerton Manor. It's obviously a murder mystery, reminiscent of Agatha Christie classics.

The story centers around the murder of the bombastic Roger Ackerton (Jamie Cavanagh), Lord of Ackerton Manor, who finds himself murdered rather dramatically by unknown forces shortly following a dinner party.

With no other options, the police are called, and an eccentric and specifically Belgian detective soon arrives, introducing himself as Pierre Pierrot (Jamie Cavanagh), assigned to solve the case.

With stormy weather and a warm body on their hands, he confines everyone to the manor. No one leaves or comes in until the case is resolved and the guilty party is arrested.

The detective has to work through an equally eccentric collection of characters who all have various connections to Roger Ackerton and potentially motives for wanting him dead. They include: the Butler, Curtis (Tyrone Savage), Ariadne Ackerton (Christy Bruce), Sterling the gardener (Tyrone Savage), one Bavarian professor (Christy Bruce) and a wealthy southern woman (Tyrone Savage).

The plot is a love letter to Agatha Christie's classic literature, blending subtle, distinct movements and lines with plot twists that'll catch most off guard. You'll find plenty of subtle details layered throughout the story that might just give you some hints about the guilty party, and it is a joy to try to piece it together.

But all of that detail and nuance is compounded with another element, the chaotic comedy of Mel Brooks.

While each character is subtle and layered, they're also loud, eccentric and charming in their own way. Curtiss the butler is over-the-top British, Pierrot is stereotypical French, and their Bavarian professor is very German.

Put together, this wacky cast stumbles its way through a very serious murder mystery with tons of laughs and plenty of memorable moments that'll make you say "I should've seen that coming!" at nearly every turn.



Loaded with laughs, wacky twists and ominous hints, Murder at Ackerton Manor is a must-watch for Theatre Orangeville fans and fans of classic literature. It's a murder mystery and a comedy rolled into one, and it delivers on both fronts. **PHOTO BY BOB SMITHSON**

That's the beauty of this play, and what makes it such a joy to watch. Done seriously, this story will have many more hints or noticeable details that would clue audiences into the killer earlier on, but each character is so wacky and over the top that you get more distracted by their larger-than-life personalities that you fail to notice they are still moving with a very distinct purpose.

More than a few blink-and-you'll-miss-it moments will fly by you, but that's part of the fun.

This is a murder mystery that doesn't take itself seriously, not at first anyway, but is still loaded with deliberate detail that one could enjoy as both a comedy and a mystery plot, or one could enjoy both at once.

What truly sold this production was the tremendous skill of the cast.

Jamie Cavanagh brought a truly explosive presence to the stage that undoubtedly set up the play for success. His introduction as Roger Ackerton was loud, obnoxious and demanding, a perfect introduction to the rich, egotistical victim not many people would mourn.

He plays a perfect British aristocrat in all his pompous glory, and projects his voice so well you'd think he was yelling at you in the back row to bring his dinner immediately.

This skill wasn't exclusive, as he brought a hilarious performance to Pierre Pierrot, the Belgian detective. Pierrot reminded me a lot of Inspector Clouseau from The Pink Panther. Somewhat clumsy, but dedicated.

Christy Bruce also brought compelling performances to her roles. Roger Ackerton's sister, Ariadne Ackerton, was a very three-dimensional character, embodying multiple overlapping goals and strategies into one very interesting woman.

From the moment you meet her, you can tell she has a lot of pieces at play, with many subtle details you'll have to observe for yourself. There's more to that woman than meets the eye.

Bruce's performance as the Bavarian professor was likely one of the wackiest and most entertaining parts of the performance. I imagine being told to throw on some lederhosen, don a thick German accent, and stroll on stage must have been as entertaining for her as it was for the audience. Every scene with the professor was hilarious.

Last but certainly not least, Tyrone Savage was a one-man army on stage. Juggling three characters on a good day is difficult, but doing all three in a fast-paced play is incredible work.

Savage did an expert job switching from an uptight, rigid butler to a dirty, slouching gardener, and then, of course, a woman in a bright red dress. All three characters are so radically different and change so frequently that it would be easy to make mistakes, but that didn't happen once, at least not in my view.

Savage made each character memorable, funny, and dynamic, alongside the entire cast.

On one or two occasions, I did observe some of the accents getting away a bit, sometimes becoming difficult to understand or follow, likely a result of the accents being exaggerated by design. This led to a couple of minutes of slight confusion as I felt like I could have missed an important detail, with this being a mystery and a clue-based plot.

I think grounding the accents slightly when characters are emoting strongly, or yelling, would fix this issue easily, as it only really presented itself in those specific moments.

The set design was also impressive and well executed. For a moment, I felt like I really was dropped into a Victorian-era mansion and not sitting in a theatre chair. It felt warm, lived in, and dynamic.

All the furniture was utilized, rather than simply placed as decoration.

The actors made full use of the stage, moving to the very front edge, to the very back, and treated it like a real room, touching things and adjusting items. While that is barely noticeable at first, it adds an extra level of immersion that improves the overall visuals of the scene.

Overall, the production is extremely well crafted, with a brilliantly designed set supporting a larger-than-life cast that will leave you guessing and laughing.

Murder at Ackerton Manor is absolutely worth the watch, maybe even two viewings, so be sure to catch it while it's available!

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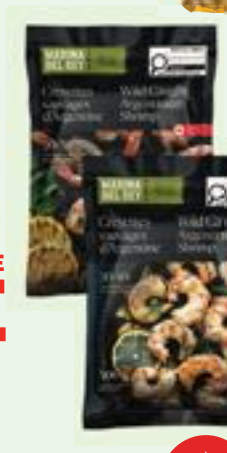
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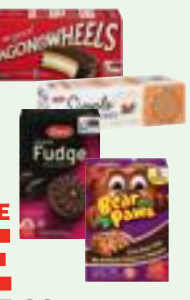
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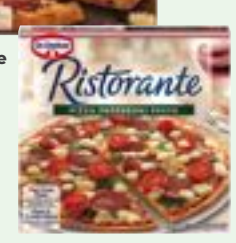
Astro Yogourt
12x100g pkg
selected varieties
BUY ONE GET ONE **FREE**
SAVE $8.99



Sponge Towels Paper Towels 3=6 rolls or **Cashmere Bath Tissue** 8/12=24 rolls
selected varieties
BUY ONE GET ONE **FREE**
SAVE $11.99



Clover Leaf Albacore Solid or Chunk White Tuna
170g can
selected varieties
BUY ONE GET ONE **FREE**
SAVE $3.99



Dr. Oetker Frozen Ristorante or Casa di Mama Pizza
320-410g pkg
selected varieties
BUY ONE GET ONE **FREE**
SAVE $6.99



LOOP Fresh Probiotic Fruit Soda
355mL can
selected varieties
BUY ONE GET ONE **FREE**
SAVE $3.99

3LB BAG



Lil Snappers Fresh Bosc or Green Anjou Pears
Product of U.S.A.
3lb pkg
BUY ONE GET ONE **FREE**
SAVE $6.99

SAVE AT LEAST $1/LB



12.99/LB **Fresh Ontario Rainbow Trout Fillet** VALUE PACK or **Fresh Atlantic Salmon Steak**
28.64/kg

SAVE $3/LB



4.99/LB **Fresh Ontario Pork Tenderloin**
11.00/kg



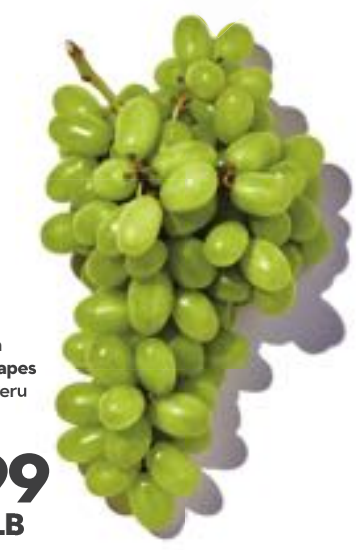
Fresh Strawberries
Product of U.S.A.
454g pkg
3.99



Fresh Seedless Cucumbers
Product of Ontario
3 FOR $5



Fresh Bagged Avocados
Product of Mexico
5 pack
4.99



Fresh Green Seedless Grapes
Product of Peru or Chile
8.80/kg
3.99/LB



Fresh Broccoli Crowns
Product of U.S.A.
6.59/kg
2.99/LB

SAVE $2.00



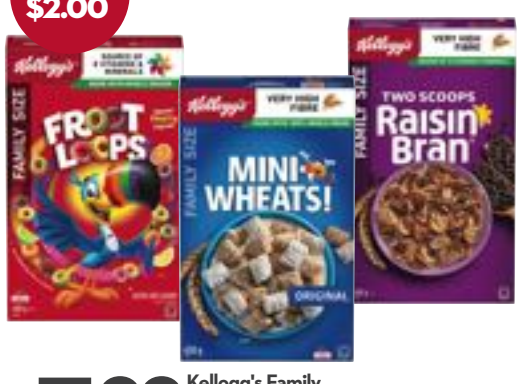
4.99 **Longo's Sparkling Water**
6x1L bottles
selected varieties

SAVE AT LEAST $1.50



Garofalo Pasta
500g pkg
selected varieties
2.49

SAVE $2.00



5.99 **Kellogg's Family Size Cereal**
480-650g pkg
selected varieties

SAVE AT LEAST $5.00



Tide Liquid Laundry Detergent
83-100 loads, **Pods or Gain Flings**
45-76ct or
Ivory Snow Pods 45ct
selected varieties
19.99

SAVE $1.00



Longo's Sourdough Soup Bowls
2 pack, 480g pkg
3.99

LOW PRICE LOCKDOWN



3.99 **Gray Ridge Large White Eggs**
12 pack



3.49 **Redpath Granulated Sugar**
2kg pkg



2.29 **Longo's Essentials Bread**
675g pkg



3.99 **Oikos or Liberté Greek Yogourt**
4x100g pkg

WE'VE LOCKED DOWN PRICES ON EVERYDAY ITEMS.

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