

A Message From **Kyle Seeback, MP** **Dufferin-Caledon**



Dufferin-Caledon Business and Farm Tour Week

During the week of July 20th, Kyle visited many small businesses and farms throughout the riding as part of his “Dufferin-Caledon Business and Farm Tour Week.”

He spoke with business owners and farmers to learn how they’ve approached the challenges the COVID-19 pandemic has presented and how the federal government can best support them, as they continue to recover.

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ANOTHER FORGOTTEN VILLAGE: In the latest in our ongoing series looking at 'ghost towns' in the area, we focus on the old town of Perm. The community was first created in a wilderness area and settled by the Gallagher family in 1832. As more people and businesses sprung up, a small village was created. It was a short lived footnote in Dufferin County history. By the turn of the century the town had all but disappeared. The Methodist cemetery, pictured above, is all that remains along with some nearby private homes. For more, see Page 2.

Upper Grand District School Board meets to discuss September return to school

Written By PAULA BROWN

School will be back in session full-time for elementary and high schools students in Dufferin County come September, and a report from the Upper Grand District School on Tuesday (Aug. 4) gives a glimpse of what the year will look like for both.

Premier Doug Ford and Minister of Education Stephen Lecce released a return to school plan last Thursday (July 30) for the two million students from approximately 4,800 schools that have been out of classrooms since March.

"We were the first province to make the difficult, but necessary, decision to close schools back in March," said Ford in the briefing on Thursday. "This decision put strain on families, but now looking back I know we made the right decision."

The plan released by the Ontario government will see elementary schools, kindergarten to Grade 8, reopen across the prov-

ince and returning to the normal five days a week, five hours a day schedule. Secondary schools in "non-designated" areas will return to school on a full schedule and attendance, while schools in "designated" areas will reopen with an adapted model; alternating attendance on different days and cohort classes of 15 students.

Upper Grand District School Board schools fall under the non-designated area and will return to school full-time while the Dufferin Peel Catholic District School Board will have an adapted part-time attendance and cohorts of 15 students.

"The health and safety of students, educators, and their families is a priority, but there's no questions that children and teens benefit tremendously from social interactions with their peers, and direct in-person contact with their teachers," said Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones in a new release on Tuesday. "I'm proud of our government for developing a balanced plan -

backed by medical advice - that will allow our kids to return to school safety."

Non-medical masks are mandatory for students from Grade 4 to Grade 12. Students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 are encouraged to wear masks, but are not required.

Parents can elect to keep their children home, with the option of online learning.

The Upper Grand District School Board, held a special meeting, five weeks before the beginning of the school year, to outline the plan the will be implemented in September.

A forty page presentation from the Board outlined the different models that will be used for the school age groups. The presentation included what school days would look like, safety measures that will be used, and how transportation with pick up/drop off and school buses will be handled.

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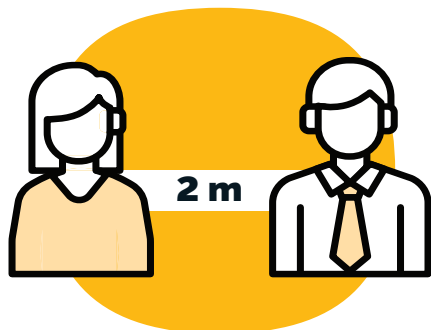
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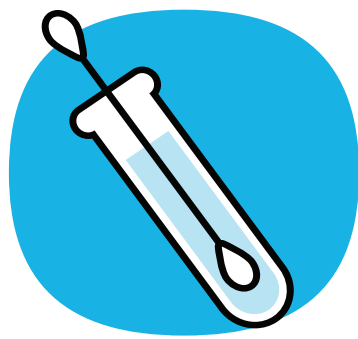
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PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

A PERM-ANENT REMINDER: A reminder that Perm was once a bustling town in Dufferin County. After a promising start, the community eventually faded away into history by the early 1900s.

Perm faded into history after promising start in mid 1850s

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

As far as pioneer settlements go, the village of Perm embodied the rugged determination of early settlers in Dufferin County.

When Hugh Gallagher arrived in Canada in 1832 with his wife and eventually seven children from their native Ireland, they first landed in Mono Mills.

From there they travelled to an area that is now County Road 17 and 5 Line, just west of Mansfield.

At the time there were no roads or even trails leading into the area. There was just virgin land and trees.

Mr. Gallagher and his family cleared the land and built a shelter.

Following the Gallaghers' arrival, more soon followed and by the mid 1850's, the group had bonded to create a small village.

Settlers arrived by wagon, carting all their worldly possessions with them and they found land and created their first homes in the new territory which were generally primitive but practical log cabins.

The Gallaghers were involved in local politics and administration. Paul Gallagher served as the first Reeve of Mulmur Township in 1851. Other Gallaghers also held public posts over the years.

By 1857, the village completed building a town hall, with the first council meeting being held on May 26, 1858.

Over time more buildings were constructed as the town grew.

A Methodist Church was built in 1872. Hugh Gallagher donated \$500, a sizable contribution at the time, to get construction

started. A cemetery was later established at the church.

An Orange Lodge was chartered, one of many in the area, that reflected the Irish heritage of many early settlers.

Mr. Gallagher opened a general store in 1868 and added a post office in 1872.

Supporting businesses included a blacksmith shop, a shingle mill, and a sawmill.

The original school house was a crudely built log structure, but it served its purpose and doubled as a church at times. The school house was replaced by a frame structure in 1884.

That building lasted until 1935 when it was destroyed in a fire.

The area became busy enough to require a second school house, known as the Lower Perm School.

Despite an enterprising start, the village never topped more than 50 residents.

The post office closed in 1915 following the arrival of rural mail delivery.

By the time the 20th century rolled around the village had all but disappeared, as residents moved to other locations.

Buildings were torn down and land reclaimed for other purposes.

The church remained until 1925, when it was demolished.

These days the only reminder of the town is the cemetery, a memorial stone for the church and the Lower Perm School, which is now a private home.

While the village may no longer exist, the remnants of the town are an example of the determination and pioneering spirit of the early settlers in Dufferin County.

Headwaters Arts moving ahead with its popular annual 'Artful Revival' event

Written By PAULA BROWN

Headwaters Arts is issuing a province wide call for submissions to partake in their annual flagship event "Artful Revival" for the 2020 Fall Festival.

In a post written on the Headwaters Arts website it said, "The Artful Revival Exhibition is the chance for practicing artists to be a part of a greater art community that seeks to share the message of resilience and hope during this tidal wave COVID-19 experience in our history. Our Fall Festival Event is a time to inspire our audience patron and celebrate new beginning."

The event is an open juried show and will

be judged this year by award winning artist Steve Wilson.

Headwaters Arts is inviting artists from regions across the province to submit their work in different mediums such as photography, painting, drawing, wood, jewelry, and more. The event will take place from September 16 to October 4 at the Alton Mills Arts Centre in Caledon and will have a total of up to \$600 in artist prizes.

To find out more information about the guidelines or to find the submission package for the event go to www.headwatersarts.com.

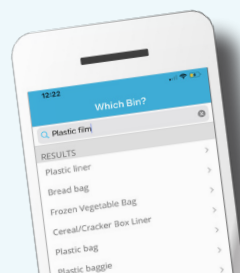
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Hospital reopens collection of clinics as part of recovery plan

Written By MIKE BAKER

Headwaters Health Care Centre is continuing to gradually reopen services to the local community.

It was announced on Tuesday that the Ambulatory Care Clinics at Headwaters hospital are reopening in a “gradual way”. The clinics that are restarting in this phased approach include Infusion, Plastics clinic, Fracture clinic, Minor Procedures, Nephrology, Diabetes, Occupational Therapy, Pre-Operative, Anesthesia, Musculoskeletal, Surgical and Telemedicine. During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, many of these programs have been offered remotely, via phone and the Ontario Telemedicine Network.

The plans for reopening the Ambulatory Care clinics follow a four-week schedule, which hospital staff say will be reviewed on a weekly basis by the facility’s relaunch committee. While some clinics will return to regular hours, others will operate on a reduced schedule. As well, capacity in some of the clinics may be reduced “to ensure the safety, patient care and equity in a safe environment for staff and patients”.

Headwaters hospital closed most of its non-essential, non-emergency clinics and programs back in March. Six weeks ago, on June 15, the hospital started the gradual resumption of surgical services. Then, on

July 7, Headwaters President and CEO Kim Delahunt revealed essential visitors, to patients currently receiving treatment at the hospital, would be welcomed back for the first time since March 19.

“We are grateful for the patience and understanding from patients and essential visitors, and for the diligence of our staff and physicians,” said Ms. Delahunt. “This pandemic has affected us all, and safety is our top priority in all of our decisions.”

Doctor’s offices throughout the community have been provided with a step-by-step guide to discuss with patients preparing for an appointment at Headwaters. Patients are asked to self-monitor prior to their appointment. If they have any symptoms, or fall into a high-risk category, they are required to be tested for COVID-19 prior to visiting the hospital.

Regardless, all patients and visitors will be screened upon entry to Headwaters. Should anyone fail that screening process, they will be refused entry and will need to make alternate arrangements for their clinic appointments, or visits. All patients and essential visitors are required to wear a mask when on-site. A face shield will be provided for anyone who is unable to wear a mask for medical reasons.

For more information, visit www.headwatershealth.ca.



FILE PHOTO

CLINICS REOPENED: Headwaters Health Care Centre management announced on Tuesday that the local hospital would be reopening many of its Ambulatory Care clinics to the community as part of its ongoing COVID-19 recovery plan.

Provincial government launches new commission into long-term care homes

Written By PAULA BROWN

Premier Doug Ford announced the launching of the Ontario government’s independent commission into COVID-19 in long-term care homes on July 29.

The independent commission will consist of three commissioners who are tasked with investigating how COVID-19 spread within the long term care homes and whether the province did enough to prevent or contain the virus. The commission will also look into how residents, staff, and families were impact by the outbreak.

The commission will be led by Superior Court Justice Frank N. Marraocco. Angela Cock, who was a former senior executive of the Ontario Public Service and Dr. Jack Kitts, the President and CEO of The Ottawa Hospital from 2002 to 2020 will serve as the other commissioners.

“They will conduct as many interviews as

necessary. They will require records to be produced and they will summon as many people as they need to until we get down to the bottom of this,” said Ford in a press conference. “No stone will be left unturned, because our seniors deserve nothing less.”

Ford announced back in late May that the government would be implementing an independent commission into the outbreak of COVID-19 in Ontario long term care homes. The decision came following a report from the Canadian Forces who were helping in the five highest hit homes that detailed the living conditions that included insect infestations, lack of wellness checks, and suspected abuse. The report also noted cases of allowing COVID-19 patients to wander as well as lack of hygiene of medical equipment used.

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Failed justice

There are some people that simply cannot live in society.

They can't abide by the rules, have no regard for other people, flout the laws, and disregard conventional norms – like not stealing from your neighbour, not beating your partner, and not abusing innocent children.

It might take an entire team of psychologists to figure out how some people tick, and even then they can never really figure it out.

I read a news article once about a guy whose entire history included numerous arrests for violent behaviour. He had a rap sheet a mile long and it ended with him getting a life sentence for first degree murder.

During a post trial interview with his psychiatrist, the doctor was asked what his diagnosis was for a guy whose entire life involved violence and bad behaviour.

The doctor could not provide a reason. His answer was simply that this guy was 'wired wrong from birth.'

In other words, some people are just born to be anti-social.

The recent murder of an innocent young woman in Brampton this past week certainly demonstrates a failure in the system to protect its citizens.

For years now, some police agencies

have been complaining that the justice system allows dangerous criminals to be back out on the street too soon. This includes criminals who are repeat offenders or those that break bail conditions or restrictions.

It's a revolving door where criminals break their conditions, are re-arrested, and a judge allows them back on the street. Criminals are laughing at the justice system.

In the case of this unfortunate Brampton woman, only 25 years old, she spent the last few weeks of her life in fear of a man.

According to her friends, she wasn't just afraid of him, she was in fear for her life.

I can understand why bail is granted to first time offenders of non-violent crimes. I can even understand why bail is granted to people charged with some violent type crimes, like an assault charge after a wild drunken bar brawl. Quite often sobering up in the morning makes you realize your mistake of the previous night.

Being arrested doesn't mean you have been convicted of any crime.

However, when a person refuses to abide by conditions set by the court, and re-offends, especially in a serious nature, the courts have a responsibility to the public.

In the Brampton case, the man charged with killing this young woman, was a repeat offender.

The fatal shooting happened just weeks after this man was released following an arrest in connection with a firearms offence.

According to police, this man had regularly ignored his bail conditions and continued to possess illegal firearms. He was released back into the community with a GPS monitoring device after only six days in custody.

A GPS monitoring device does not stop a person from leaving anywhere, it just notifies authorities that he has left. By then, it's too late.

Police said he had been arrested on four separate occasions for breaching the terms of his bail by contacting the now deceased woman.

Police Chiefs rarely make statements criticizing the judicial system. For the most part they do their job and let the courts handle the judicial process.

However in this case, the Chief in Peel called the decision to release this man a "complete failure of our justice system to protect (the woman)."

I'm sure he and the officers who dealt with this case are feeling very disappointed that despite their good work, the

victim is still dead.

The man who allegedly committed the murder is in hospital with 'serious injuries' – apparently self inflicted.

I'm sure some of her family and friends hope he dies so they can spit on his grave. Others probably hope he survives so he can spend the next 40 years in prison as brain damaged inmate number 90210.

Many advocacy groups are quite upset about this event. Especially those groups that advocate against violence toward women.

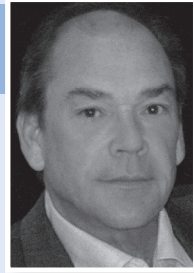
They should be mad. This was a murder that that should have never happened.

A person who is a repeat offender, routinely carries an illegal gun, breaks his bail conditions, and is considered dangerous should never have been released in the first place.

The police did their job of apprehending and charging a dangerous person, several times.

This is the failure of the justice system to protect an innocent woman from an obvious threat and it cost her life as a result.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



An October surprise

An 'October Surprise' in the United States is now almost inevitable, because that will be Donald Trump's last chance to get re-elected legitimately. He might try to cling to office even if he loses the vote, but it would be a lot easier and neater if he actually won a majority in the Electoral College on 3 November.

'October Surprise' is the American political term for a fake crisis, usually involving foreigners, that is 'discovered' by a president trailing badly in the polls in the last few weeks before an election. All other issues are forgotten, Americans rally around the flag, and the incumbent wins on a surge of patriotism. Or that's the theory, at least.

The same thing happens elsewhere too, of course, and not necessarily in October. That's when it needs to happen in to win a US presidential election, but there's a 'July Surprise' happening in Belarus right now (because the election there is set for 9 August).

Last week Alexander Lukashenko, the strongman who rules Belarus, 'discovered' Russian mercenaries in his country. They were unarmed and on their way to Istanbul, but Lukashenko says there is a plot: "So far there is no open warfare, no shooting, the trigger has not yet been pulled, but an attempt to organise a massacre in the centre of Minsk is already obvious." Only I can save our country! Vote for me!

Trump will need something like that because otherwise the coronavirus is going to kill him politically. This was not true as recently as early June, because up until then the United States was not performing especially badly in dealing with the pandemic.

It looked a lot worse because of Trump's bizarre behaviour – the endless, shameless lies, the narcissism, the suggestions that people should inject bleach, etc. – but in terms of Covid-19 deaths per million people the American fatality rate was still lower than any other major Western countries except Germany and Canada.

The United States was late to go into lockdown, but so were they all, at least compared to most Asian countries. Until recently, if you were a Trump supporter, you could still believe he was doing a good job.

It was Trump's rush to end the lockdown, not all the earlier nonsense, that did the real damage. He believed that he would lose the election if the economy didn't revive, but by opening up too fast he managed to revive the pandemic at

the same time.

The numbers tell the tale. This week America will record its 160,000th death from Covid-19. That's almost a quarter of all the coronavirus deaths in the world. Much worse, US deaths are still going up while deaths elsewhere in the developed world have fallen steeply.

That's almost entirely due to Trump.

Take Canada, for example. It's very similar to the US in economy and demography, but different in social and political terms. Canada has universal health care and a much less drastic divide between the rich and the rest, for example, which probably explains why America's cumulative death rate per million is 484, while Canada's is only 237.

The history is therefore an American death rate twice as high as Canada's: not great, but structurally inevitable. By now, however, Canada has managed to get its deaths down to ten a day, whereas America is back up around a thousand a day.

Even allowing for Canada's much smaller population, that is ten times worse. This is what coming out of lockdown too early did to the United States, and it is all down to Donald Trump.

The pandemic is raging again in the United States, and there may be a quarter-million deaths there by election day in November. US 'deaths per million' are going up three per day, which means that the US will overtake Chile (now 509) in less than two weeks, Italy (582) in a month, Spain (609) in five weeks. It might even catch up with the UK (682) by election day.

Most of those newly dead Americans will be over 60, so probably Trump supporters. Their relatives and friends are bound to notice eventually. Joe Biden's lead over Donald Trump in the polls has already widened to 10%. How could Trump turn that around in the remaining ninety days?

His only hope is to manufacture an October Surprise: a restaged 'Tonkin Gulf Incident' with China, perhaps, or a terrorist 'threat' so humongous that it gives him a pretext to declare martial law nationwide. Or maybe he will arrange the premature certification of a Covid-19 vaccine so he can roll it out just before the vote. If it kills a lot of people later on, who cares? He won.

Trump knows that if he loses the election he will spend the rest of his life in court, possibly even in jail. He will do whatever it takes to win. It isn't over yet.



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Shelburne housing market remains strong despite pandemic

Written By PAULA BROWN

The number of houses up for sale on the market might be low in Shelburne, as sellers still deal with listing fears stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, but the housing market, local realtors, say is quite healthy.

Realtor Dave Launchbury from iPro Realty told the Free Press that he has seen the listing prices for homes in Shelburne go up through the easing of COVID-19, in some cases by 10 to 15 percent.

“A house that I was quoting at \$500,000 in January, would be quoting at \$550,000 right now,” said Launchbury. “It’s that significant.”

While the current state of the housing market in Shelburne is looking, according to Launchbury, “extremely healthy” with only 17 listings on the market by print time, in March and April the state of the housing market was looking bleak.

At the beginning of 2020 the housing market in Shelburne was slow – a normal reaction realtors say, that comes with the colder weather of January and February. In the early parts of March though the market was looking up.

Dave Besley, a realtor with Royal LePage in Shelburne even related the early stages of the March housing market to those of 2017.

“It was starting to look somewhat like 2017, where we had a crazy year,” said Besley. “I mean prices were very, very strong with multiple offers and property was going way over listing (price).”

Realtor Ken Bennington, also with Royal LePage told the Free Press that in early March he had a listing for a house that sold in 24 hours.

By the end of March though, with the



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MARKET STABILIZING: Despite a couple of slow months at the height of the COVID-19 pandemic, the housing market in Shelburne is looking “quite healthy” as we head into fall.

brunt of COVID-19 hitting Ontario, the housing market hit a pause with the closing of the economy, and there was some fear that the housing market would crash by summer or fall.

“We went through a period of about two months, that the real estate market went pretty much flat, or at least the activity was very slow,” said Besley. “Then people started to come to terms with it and realized that the world wasn’t going to end and

life had to carry on. It was just going to be different.”

During April and May there were few houses listed on the market for sale. The current 17, Launchbury says is about a 50 percent increase from the lowest point in the pandemic. But, while the number of houses on the market was and still remains low, the prices for listed houses have remained strong and in even some cases have gone up.

“Prices are remaining strong, especially in the entry level market,” said Bennington. “We’re seeing multiple offers and most starter type homes are selling well above asking price.”

So, why have the prices for homes gone up during a global pandemic? Launchbury says it’s because of low inventory and the demand for first time home buyers.

“Mid-April, houses were still selling and the prices started going up because inventory was low, it’s just a natural thing, inventory is low and it becomes a seller’s market,” said Launchbury. “The biggest issue for home sellers is there’s less inventory for houses they want to purchase, and then the prices went up too.”

What is there to expect next from the housing market as it continues to recover from the year?

Besley says that the days of buying a house for less than \$400,000 in Shelburne are over and that the market is better off than they expected it to be. Bennington also said he expects the market to remain strong in Shelburne for quite some time.

But while Besley and Bennington share similar thoughts on the strength of Shelburne’s housing market, Launchbury suggests doubts with the way the pandemic has affected the income of first time home buyers – the ones he says drastically affect the market.

“If there is a significant amount of first time homebuyers out there who have had a significant reduction in their income, that lowers their approval ratings and that affects the market. Everything we hear about COVID-19 affecting the market drastically, I thought was going to be instantaneous, but it’s not going to fall out until 2021.”

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Upper Grand District School Board meets to discuss September return to school

Elementary Schools

The UGDSB plan for elementary students falls in line with the government plans. Students will attend school every day for five hours, with possible staggered lunches and recesses, and will not rotate between classes. A student’s class is considered their cohort.

Elementary students that opt to do online learning will be assigned to “central” classrooms, which can be composed of students from other schools. These classes will be taught by teachers not able to work at the schools and who are assigned to the remote learning.

Secondary Schools

For public secondary school students returning to in-class learning, the Board has provided two models – “quadmesters” or “octomesters”. In the quadmester model, the semester will be divided into two terms, where students will take two courses for a term that will span for 10 weeks. In the octomester the four courses normally taken by students will be put into four terms, so a course spans five weeks.

The Board, in the presentation, provided two models that are being looked at to use for students that opt to do online learning. One plan is to have students remain a part of their “cohort” or class, connecting during the school day with their teacher. The other option for online students being looked at is to have the courses taught online by teachers who are not able to return to schools.

Safety Measures

The Board in their presentation highlighted a number of safety measures that will be implemented for students returning to school, such as cleaning of high touch points, the use of fountains for water bottles only, and daily removal of garbage. Parents will need to assess for symptoms daily before school and staff will also be required to do daily self-assessments for signs of the virus.

Transportation safety measures for buses was also brought up in the meeting, with the Board introducing protocols such as masks

for students and drivers, and regular cleaning of the buses.

With the beginning of the school year five weeks away, the Board also provided next

steps in preparation.

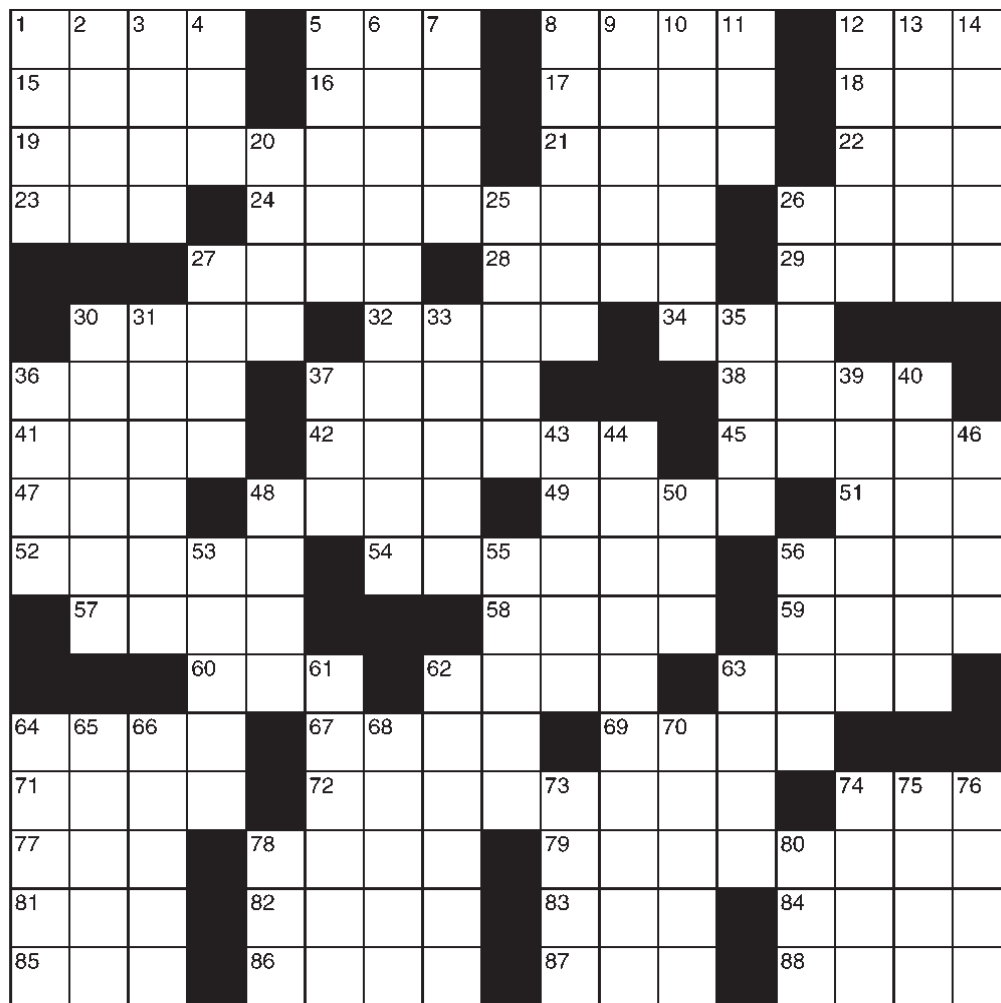
A pre-registration survey for parents is being provided by UGDSB that will indicate whether a student will return to school, or

enrol in online learning. The board will also be releasing a staff and parent guide.

Parents are being asked to pre-register their children for the 2020/21 school year.

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1. Sheet of cotton
5. Unit of resistance
8. Dull
12. Right this minute
15. Empty-house sound
16. Herbal beverage
17. Leaf’s angle
18. Incense
19. Variable resistor
21. Stream
22. Boorish fellow
23. Opal or sapphire
24. Column’s support
26. Called
27. “Eyes of Laura ____”
28. Hearty
29. Verge
30. Computer symbol
32. Romanov title
34. Make lace

36. Naughty child
37. Gizzard
38. Gloat
41. Choir gown
42. Empty inside
45. TV’s “____ Buddies”
47. “Charro!” star Balin
48. Two cups
49. Cabbage’s cousin
51. Fraternity letter
52. Chop up
54. Revolve
56. “____ and Tell”
57. “Take Good ____ of My Baby”
58. Blunted rapier
59. Garden flower
60. Do the wrong thing
62. Den
63. Ladder rung
64. Fit

67. Grand
69. Narrow trail
71. Expedition
72. Sluggishness
74. Hive occupant
77. Muscle spasm
78. Force
79. Side dish
81. Black bird
82. Hawaiian goose
83. Shad delicacy
84. Fragrant bloom
85. Mil. unit
86. A long way off
87. Certain amphibian
88. Road for Cato

DOWN

1. Ice mass
2. Feel great pity
3. The other guys

4. “A Bridge ____ Far”
5. Furry swimmer
6. Stubborn
7. Perth pal
8. Mongol
9. Along the middle
10. Cereal grass
11. Building addition
12. Battery type
13. Short ape?
14. Type of golf club
20. Cross
25. Wrap
26. Of an earlier time
27. Speck
30. Sarcastic
31. Bathhouse
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35. French friar
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48. One’s equal
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55. Arrive at
56. Friends
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63. Eye woe
64. Perfume ingredient
65. Carry along
66. Permitted by law
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70. Shoelace end
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74. Ink smudge
75. Soften
76. Jug
78. “CSI” evidence
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Ontario junior lacrosse league extends age eligibility to u22

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Young lacrosse players in Shelburne who are looking forward to playing in the big leagues some day will be interested to hear that the Ontario Junior A Lacrosse League has voted to extend player eligibility beginning 2021.

The OJALL board of governors made the decision by vote on July 17.

League eligibility has been changed to u22 and the new policy grants players who have not reached their 22nd birthday by January 1, of each playing year the ability to play Junior A Lacrosse in Ontario.

Currently, the Canadian Lacrosse Associ-

ation and the Ontario Lacrosse Association rules limit junior age players to five seasons of competition.

Junior players range in age from 17 to 21.

However the CLA recently voted to extend the Midget division to include 17 year old players. That change will come into effect in 2022.

If the OLA takes direction for the CLA, the decision made by the OJALL would restore league eligibility to five years within one year.

The League has stressed the change is not a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Since the pandemic caused the cancellation of the 2020 series, many graduating play-

ers could potentially lose their final junior year in the sport.

The idea of extending graduating players eligibility for an extra year of play to make up for that has been discussed at several levels.

"This is something the league has been discussing for a long time," said Board chair, Jason Shuttleworth. "It shouldn't be viewed as a response to the COVID-19 pandemic - we believe extending junior eligibility to 22U aligns with the current competitive lacrosse landscape."

The extension to u22 eligibility will allow all players who were eligible to play in the cancelled 2020 season to restore a season of

competition.

The decision is especially important to players who were approaching the end of their junior career in 2020.

OJALL teams will not be excluded from competing in any championships the League is involved with.

The League will be making a number of future announcements with regards to the return of lacrosse in Ontario.

Shelburne Vets Minor lacrosse have not taken to the arena floor this season.

The 2020 Minor Box Lacrosse was officially cancelled on June 11, over concerns regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Provincial sports association on the lookout for 'outstanding' coaches

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Coaches Association of Ontario is looking for nominations for a new award to honour coaches.

The 2020 Coaching Excellence Awards will recognize outstanding coaches as determined by players and others in baseball.

The Ontario Coaching Excellence Awards are handed out annually to ten exemplary coaches across Ontario to celebrate and recognize coaches for the integral role they play with their teams, sport, and community.

Selected coaches are recognized during National Coaches Week on September 19-27, 2020.

This year, the Coaches Association has partnered with Hydro One to award one coach with the Hydro One Safe Play Award.

Hydro One is committed to giving back to the communities where their employees live and work. Their community investment program builds safe communities across Ontario by focusing on safe play.

Hydro One recognizes that coaches play a big part in teaching kids how to play the

game safely.

The Safe Play Award recognizes one outstanding coach committed to promoting safety with their teams and community.

This award will recognize a coach who practices positive, inclusive, physically and emotionally safe sporting activities through their leadership role.

Nominations are currently being accepted for this award.

Committee members are looking to recognize a coach who has included safety as part of their practice when working with a team.

That could be a coach who leads safety workshops, positively reinforces concussion protocols, or implemented new safety programs to keep their team safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

The nominations are open for coaches in any sport in Ontario.

You can nominate a coach on-line by visiting the Coaches Association website at: www.coachesontario.ca and clicking on Safe Play Awards.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

EMMA ORR

"Every time it's like a new experience when you play," said junior golfer, Emma Orr, of why she likes the sport. "I like the motions of hitting the ball."

She is currently with the junior golfer program at the Shelburne Golf & Country Club.

Emma said her dad suggested she take up the sport.

"He said it would be good for me because gymnastics you can't do for your whole life, but you can golf for as long as you want."

In addition to being a talented golfer, Emma is an experienced gymnast with the Alliston Nikolettes.

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Local United Way chapter grants \$120,000 to community groups

Written By MIKE BAKER

United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin is providing \$120,000 in grants to help support four vital community services and programs during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Announced on Tuesday, the money will provide some much-needed assistance to the Orangeville Food Bank, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin, Shelburne's Shepherd's Cupboard Foodbank and Canadian Mental Health Association Peel Dufferin.

"We are extremely pleased to be able to support the Dufferin community in this way," said Rick McCombie, interim executive director at the local United Way. "These funds have allowed our community partners to think of new ways to support those who need our help right now and address new and emerging issues head-on over the coming months, and that is a wonderful thing for our community."

United Way GWD announced it would be granting money to vulnerable members of our community through its Emergency Community Support Fund back on May 19. Over the past six weeks, a volunteer-led grants committee reviewed applications and

make recommendations regarding where, and to whom, the emergency funds should be distributed.

"The team worked closely with the Dufferin Community Foundation to ensure a coordinated approach was taken to distribute funds fairly, and ensure maximum impact," a press release distributed by United Way states.

Top of the list donation-wise was the Orangeville Food Bank, who received \$75,000 to help with its emergency food and perishable food program. Operating in Orangeville and Grand Valley, the Dufferin Food Share provides non-perishable and perishable foods twice a month, through either a drive-thru or walk-thru model, to those in need in the local community.

The Orangeville Food Bank recently moved to a new home on Centennial Road in Orangeville. Since the COVID-19 pandemic started back in March, more people than ever are relying on the local food bank to ensure they can feed themselves and their families. Back in May, Orangeville Food Bank Executive Director Heather Hayes told media there had been a 70 percent increase in the amount of new individuals accessing

food bank services in April 2020 when compared to April 2019.

Big Brothers Bis Sisters of Dufferin will be using the \$15,000 they received to fund a virtual mentoring program. The organization has long offered one-to-one mentoring to local youth, which pairs boys and girls under the age of 18 with an older role model that they can talk to and socialize with.

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

Unfortunately, one-to-one mentoring program participants have not been able to meet up since March. While restrictions enacted by the provincial government have been loosened in recent weeks, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin is taking a careful approach when it comes to relaunching its in-person programs. As such, the development of the virtual mentoring program is pivotal to ensure local youth can continue to connect with their mentors.

Elsewhere, the Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank in Shelburne will receive \$10,000 to bolster its food stock, and help ensure it can continue to meet the needs of the local community, while Canadian Mental Health Association Peel Dufferin will receive \$20,000 to improve infection prevention and control measures across its facilities.

Mr. McCombie said he was pleased to see the successful applications will address a number of issues across our community, including food insecurity, mental health and addictions, housing, domestic violence, and isolation.

"These are issues that our community faced before, and COVID-19 has only exacerbated," Mr. McCombie said. "We know many are struggling right now, and even as we move into more things reopening, we know vulnerable populations in our community will continue to need support moving forward."

He added, "We are pleased to have been able to award some of this funding to projects that will not only assist in the short-term, but set up services for the long-term."

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Teen Scene

Our Teen Take & Make of the week is a DIY stress ball, and you can find the how-to video on our YouTube channel if you want to make it alongside us!

This week Teens are also challenged to find a new author to love using Novelist, so we are really looking forward to seeing the authors discovered by our Teens!

New Books

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- The ultimate betrayal by Kat Martin
- 1st case by James Patterson
- The shadows by Alex North
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- The two Mrs. Carlyles by Suzanne Rindell
- The geometry of holding hands by Alexander McCall Smith

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- Truth be told by Beverley McLachlin
- Blue collar ca\$h by Ken Rusk
- The best rotisserie chicken cookbook by Toby Amidor
- Your brain on food by Uma Naidoo
- Clean: the new science of skin by James Hamblin

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Provincial government launches new commission into long-term care homes

Ford said, "As Premier, I made a commitment to our long-term care residents and their families that there would be accountability and justice in the broken system we inherited," said Ford in the commission press release. "Today, we are delivering on that promise by moving forward with a transparent, independent review of our long-term care system."

Both long-term care homes in Shelburne, Dufferin Oaks and Shelburne Residence Retirement, experienced outbreaks of COVID-19 among residents and staff workers.

Shelburne Residence Retirement and Nursing Home in May recorded 55 residences and 23 staff testing positive for the virus, and 15 deaths, in the facility that houses approximately 60 residents. Dufferin Oaks had confirmed four positives cases that resulted

in 2 deaths. Both long-term care homes told the Shelburne FreePress that they welcome the commission into the Ontario homes, and have not been requested by the commission to provide information.

"It's no secret that the COVID-19 pandemic highlighted serious gaps in the long-term care sector. Southbridge wasn't immune to these challenges. This commission is an excellent opportunity for everyone, including us, to come together and learn from the past several months with a focus on the care we provide and the redevelopment of homes to better provide that care," said Candace Chartier, Chief Seniors' Advocate and Strategic Partnerships Officer at Southbridge.

The commission will take place over the next year, with the final reported expected to be delivered in April 2021.

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Tractors: NH T4.75 4x4 tractor, 655TL loader, cab, 780hrs, 75hp, dual hyd; Ford 1310 4x4 tractor, diesel, 794hrs, 3pth, pto, no hydr; JD Z520A zero turn lawn mower, 548hrs, 54" mower, 25hp

Side-by-Side/Dirt bike/ATV's/Snowmobiles/Boats: JD RSX 850i side-by-side, 2015, front winch, 928km, 4x4, man dump box; Honda CRF 125F dirt bike, 2018, like new; Can-Am 570 V-twin XT Outlander ATV, 895km, 2018, 4x4, front & back racks, front winch, windshield, like new; Can-Am 400 Outlander ATV, 4x4, front winch 2709km, 2007, front & back racks; Phazer II Yamaha 540 snowmobile(no ownership); Bravo transporter Yamaha snowmobile(no ownership); Tracker 10 Topper flat bottom boat; Springbok Resorter boat with Johnson 30, 16', with trailer

Mach & Equip/Trailer: Taylor-Way pull type fert spreader; 11" Landpride AFM 4011 pull type mower, hydr wings; meteor 5' snowblower, elec chute; Big Tex 22GN 5th wheel trailer, 48" spread axle, 2013, tandem duals, 5' beaver tail, ramps, 20 ton, 20" deck (as is); Land Pride RCR 1872 rotary mower, 72" cut, 3pth, pto; Buhler/Farm King 450R finishing mower, 48", 3pth, pto; 3furrow plow; Supertilt-Weberlane WLATS off-road dump trailer, single axle; Wal-lenstein BX52R 5" chopper, 3pth, pto; Agro-Trend 3078 snowblower, hydr chute, single auger, 6', 3pth, pto. **Farm Rel/Shop:** Hit & Miss motor Fairbanks 3hp; Champion log splitter 224cc motor, trailer; wood lathe, 220V & tools; meteor 5' snowblower, elec chute; Big Tex 22GN 5th wheel trailer, 48" spread axle, 2013, tandem duals, 5' beaver tail, ramps, 20 ton, 20" deck (as is); Land Pride RCR 1872 rotary mower, 72" cut, 3pth, pto; Buhler/Farm King 450R finishing mower, 48", 3pth, pto; 3furrow plow; Supertilt-Weberlane WLATS off-road dump trailer, single axle; 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Human trafficking a continuous problem in Dufferin County

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Human trafficking has consistently been an issue not only in the nation's biggest cities, but also in semi-rural regions like Caledon and Dufferin County.

The thought of vulnerable girls being lured into the arms of predators, and pimps is sickening to the mind of most people, yet the reality is that it happens all too often here in our own backyard.

The average age of human trafficking victims is 13-years-old, with most of the victims known to come from homes of child abuse, homelessness or foster care. However, even the most stable of youth, with a comfortable background, can find themselves dragged into the disgusting underworld of human trafficking. Caledon Dufferin Victim Services (CDVS) tells the Citizen this is an issue that doesn't discriminate, with predators always on the lookout for young girls, regardless of where they come from.

CDVS has been helping, and supporting human trafficking victims since 2016, while constantly raising awareness on a growing issue in the Caledon and Dufferin community.

"Human Trafficking is considered a form of slavery that has existed throughout history. There is no reason to believe that our communities have been exempt from this dehumanizing crime," explained Executive Director Dorothy Davis and Programs Manager at CDVS Pina Marino. "However, due to the increased awareness of the issue in recent times, many service providers believe that what they had previously classified as intimate partner violence, sexual violence or runaway teens, may have, in fact been cases of human trafficking."

World Day Against Human Trafficking took place last Thursday (July 30). The annual event is held to raise awareness about human trafficking around the world.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the theme for this year's event was to honour the first responders who work on the frontlines to end human trafficking.

"Over the past several months, those working on the frontlines have faced unprecedented challenges responding to the ongoing threat of human trafficking and providing continued supports to victims during the COVID-19 outbreak. We deeply appreciate their unwavering dedication," said Dufferin-Caledon MPP, and Ontario's Solicitor General Sylvia Jones. "As we mark this important day, our government is proud to recognize the many service providers, community partners and police forces across Ontario doing critical work to prevent this crime, help survivors, and bring traffickers to justice."

CDVS describes the day to be an awareness event that often brings change, stating "The more we know about it, talk about it, recognize it-the closer we will get to decreasing the incidents. Initiatives such as World Against Human Trafficking Day increases awareness of the issue and hopefully gets people interested and motivated to learn more about HT and help."

Ontario, alongside Nova Scotia, are the two provinces with the highest rates of human trafficking in the country, according to Statistics Canada.

Ontario has accounted for roughly 68 per cent of all police-reported human trafficking reports since 2009, until 2018. There was a total of just under 1,400 human trafficking victims in Canada between 2009 to 2018.

Between 2018 and 2019, CDVS has helped 14 adult girls, one adult man and seven youths directly with its programming, while offering varying levels of assistance to a further 11 adult girls, four adult men and one youth in the area. The organization has also helped three female witnesses to come forward and share their stories around human trafficking.

"Traffickers target vulnerable people and vulnerable people are found everywhere. Our areas may have been considered 'untapped markets' by traffickers who have found the bigger cities more competitive," said Davis. "Smaller towns are particularly attractive to traffickers because removing young boys and girls from their small towns provides instant isolation, which is one of the main ingredients of exploitation."

But how has the COVID-19 pandemic impacted the ongoing issue?

"The consensus seems to be that the most vulnerable remain at the highest risk when employment is precarious and financial security unsure, along with closing of shelters and public spaces. Certainly, all agree that technology is playing a huge role in recruiting and distributing sexual services and grooming individuals for sexual exploitation," said Marino. "At CDVS, we have not seen an increase in human trafficking numbers, but it is a very under reported crime."

Davis and Marino described the factor that impacts them the most when supporting human trafficking victims.

"All the cases I have supported have been women between the ages of 14 and 33 and they have all impacted me in many ways. It is a complicated, devastating experience for families of the victims who struggle to understand the hold that traffickers have over



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A JOB WELL DONE: Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones applauded the work carried out by frontline workers to help and protect victims of human trafficking during the COVID-19 pandemic.

their daughters," they said. "Sadly, many women return to their pimp over and over again, even after intensive treatment. The saddest cases are from victims without family or safe supports who come to believe that being sold for sex has become their life."

They added, "Visit our website; call our 24-hour crisis line; CDVS will present to your group. Articles such as these are very helpful to raise awareness. Many great online resources exist that shed light on the issue and provide information about the prevalence and what is being done."

For more information, visit cdvs.ca.

Open Air Summer Vendors Market coming to Shelburne this Saturday

Written By PAULA BROWN

After months of being postponed the Open Air Summer Vendors Market, an event organized and hosted by REACH 25:40 will happen on Saturday (Aug. 8).

"This event was actually supposed to take place in April and the day just kept getting pushed back because of all the changes," said Victoria Hoyte-Gaynor, the organizer of the event. "Now we're finally able to have it and we're going to do it outdoors so that it's safe for everybody."

The open air market, located in the parking lot of Trainer Games in Shelburne, has helped raise funds for cooling towels and reusable water bottles to hand out to the homeless. The event is organized by REACH 25:40, a local community initiative started

two years ago by Shelburne resident Victoria Hoyte-Gaynor and her husband Clive. The program looks to help those facing homelessness and poverty.

Hoyte-Gaynor says the initiative started when she noticed the need for winter gear amongst the local homeless population following the holiday season, when donations typically begin to die off. She began knitting hats and mittens to hand out, and this slowly grew into providing snack packages and coffee cards.

The open air vendor market is part of an initiative to help the homeless during the extreme heat of the summer. The \$40 vendor fee has helped fund the purchase of cooling towels and reusable water bottles that have been given out over the summer.

"I came up with the idea that we could hand

out cooling towels and reusable water bottles for the summer because it's extremely hot and homeless people don't have anywhere to get out of the heat or get relief from it," said Hoyte-Gaynor.

At the event a snack bar with prepackaged snacks, selling for a 1\$, will go towards the summer initiative, and help to fund future outreach programs by REACH 25:40.

The market is expecting to have around 20 vendors, mainly highlighting local businesses, artists, and artisans with a few direct sales representatives such as Tupperware. Hoyte-Gaynor says she was careful in selecting the vendors for the market, to ensure a variety at the event.

"There's everything from homemade dog treats to quilts, homemade jewelry, and different skincare lines," said Hoyte-Gaynor.

"I really wanted local artisans to be able to showcase their products."

With the Shelburne Farmer's Market cancelled earlier in the year, the open air market is one of few outdoor events that have been able to happen in the community.

"A lot of small business, I think, have been feeling the effects of not being able to do vendor markets and craft shows that they really depend on to be able to get their business out there," said Hoyte-Gaynor. "I think it's really important for these small business owners that they're able to have, if it's even one market, some awareness about their business, meet some new customers, and just connect with people."

The vendor market will be located at 735 Industrial Rd. (Trainer Games), in Shelburne and runs from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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