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**CEREMONIAL SWING:** Shelburne mayor, Wade Mills, takes a swing at a bowled ball to start a cricket match between the Shelburne Gladiators and the Mississauga Ramblers at KTH Park in Shelburne on Saturday, August 29. The exhibition game was the first in Shelburne. The Gladiators plan to become part of a regular league. For more, see Page 6.

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## Grey County launching new bus route, will have two stops in Shelburne

Written By PAULA BROWN

"Everyone needs access to reliable, affordable transportation, and a lack of transit services creates a huge barrier for those who don't own a vehicle or can't drive. GRT can be used to get to work, medical appointments or shopping. It's also a great service for anyone looking to get out and explore another community with a safe and reliable ride home," said Grey County Warden Paul McQueen in a recent press release, promoting the region's new transit service.

The new bus service will have four routes, which will include Hwy. 10 from Owen Sound to Orangeville, Hwy. 26 between Owen Sound and Town of Blue Mountains, Hwy. 6 between Owen Sound and Warton and Grey Road 4 between Flesherton and Walkerton. GTR will have 10 passenger vehicles.

"We did research through consultations and through different consultants and we learned from our residents, business owners, and stakeholders that there were a lot of individuals who lived along Hwy. 10, who would like to access employment, medical appointments, and further education and

they aren't able to because they don't have access to a vehicle," said Stephanie Stewart Grey County Manager of Community Transportation.

The Hwy. 10 route will run directly through Shelburne, with two stops that will be confirmed by Council. The route, Shelburne Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson says is "everything" to the community, after hearing the need from locals during his campaign for Council.

"I was hearing from our seniors, mothers, fathers, and young people who were emphasizing the need to have such transportation," said Deputy Mayor Anderson. "When you hear the stories first hand of how transit can improve their lives, for this it's everything."

He also added, "This is such a great victory for the town."

Ride service on the buses will be free from Sept. 14 to Oct. 31. Starting November 1, fares for the Hwy. 10, Hwy. 26, and Grey Road 4 will be \$5.00 for adults (18+), \$4.50 for adults (55+) and students (6-17) with children five and under riding for free. The Hwy. 6 route will have different fares with \$3.00 for adults (18+), \$2.50 for adults (55+) and students (6-17) and children 5 and under

free.

"Our pay structure is set based on the terms of our grant, but we are definitely open to suggestions and improvements for the future," said Stewart. "We're also open to, similar to GO Transit, staggering pricing depending on where you get on."

Grey County received a grant of \$1.85 million under the Ontario Community Transportation Program that funded the transit project, and will support local and intercommunity projects.

GTR will have a staggered launch for each of its routes with the first route, Hwy. 10, to start on September 14. Hwy. 26 will start service on Sept. 23, followed by Hwy. 6 on Sept. 29 and finally Grey Road 4 on Oct. 5.

Each route will also have its own schedule with Hwy. 10 and Hwy 26 available Monday to Friday, Hwy. 6 running on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Grey Road 4 servicing on Mondays and Fridays.

"We're asking people to book seats in advance so that way they know that they have a seat and it helps with contact tracing as well," said Stewart.

All schedule details can be found at www.grey.ca/gtr.

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**FEATURED ITEMS**

# County Council decides to decrease speed limit along portion of Hockley Road

Written By PAULA BROWN

Dufferin County councillors addressed a reduction to the speed limit on Hockley Road (Dufferin Road 7) last week after Mono Deputy Mayor John Creelman brought up several concerns during County Council on Thursday, Aug. 27.

The Hockley Road stretch consists of multiple blind curves, residential driveways that exit onto the roadway, as well as a private road access. The speed limit for the stretch of road currently sits at 70 km/h.

"I get calls almost every other week from people who have near misses on that stretch of road and they fear for their safety pulling out of their own driveways," said Coun. Creelman. "That is what prompted me to bring this to the attention of public works."

Houses located on Hockley Road near the river tend to have driveways that slope down, which Creelman says makes it difficult to safely drive up onto the roadway.

The motion, by Creelman, was first presented to Council on Aug. 13, but was deferred to allow for a staff report to be presented on the matter. The motion looks to reduce the speed limit at Dufferin Road 7 (Hockley Road) and Dufferin Road 18 (Airport Road) from 70 km/h to 50 km/h.

The report from staff, which was seen during the Thursday meeting, did not recommend any changes in the area. The recommendation to keep the set speed of 70km/h is because "this is what 85 percent of drivers obey on the road", staff says.

"Although speeding and other forms of negligent driving are of great concern, they are the resulting impact of a small minority group of motorists. Drastic or localized changes to the regulatory approach of roadway management in response to this small group is often not the most effective solution, nor is it typically advisable," said Scott Burns, the County's director of public works, in the report to council.

Staff gave three options in the report that included reconfiguring the existing signage, implementing the changes west of Dufferin Road 18 or proceeding with the changes from Creelman's motion.

"Tinkering with the signs, swapping the cautionary sign for the sign that indicates the actual speed limit that's not going to solve the problem here," said Creelman. "The only think that's going to solve the problem is to reduce the speed limit and increase the enforcement."

Councillors spoke of concerns that reducing the speed limit on Hockley Road could lead to more residents going to Council to change speed limits.

"We put ourselves in a position of people coming to Council to suggest that they need a speed limit reduction or additional road measures," said County Warden Darren White.

Orangeville Deputy Mayor Andy Macintosh said he was supporting Creelman's

motion, despite not being a "big proponent" of decreasing speeds. Macintosh cited previous serious and fatal accidents at the intersection as part of his support of the motion.

Coun. Creelman also brought up feedback that he has received from Mono residents. He says he has had more than 100 positive responses on possible speed reduction on the road.

Concern of going against County staff recommendations was also brought up in the meeting.

"It came to the point where I have to step up and represent my constituents," said Creelman.

Council voted in favour of the motion with councillors Creelman, Currie, Gerrits, Brown, Macintosh, Ryan, Mills, and Anderson voting "yes" and councillors Horner, Garhouse, Rentsch, Soloman, Warden White voting "no, Hawkins was absent from the meeting.



### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION AND PUBLIC MEETING UNDER SECTION 34 OF THE PLANNING ACT

Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne has received a complete application for a Zoning By-law Amendment (File No. Z20/01) and will hold a public meeting on:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in an online virtual meeting format, as outlined below.

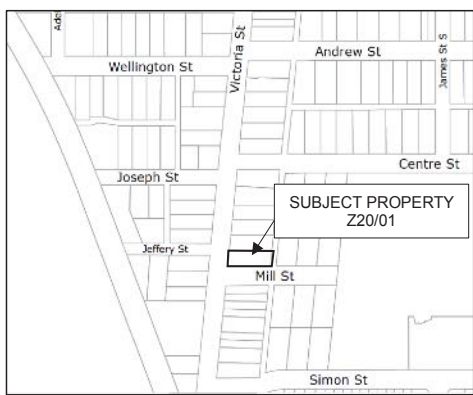
The purpose of the meeting is to consider an Amendment to the Town of Shelburne Zoning By-law No. 38-2007. Take notice that the application has been deemed complete so that it can be circulated and reviewed.

The property subject to the proposed Amendment is municipally known as 331 Victoria Street. The property is designated as Residential in the Official Plan and zoned Residential Type Two (R2) in the Zoning By-law. The accompanying map illustrates the location of the land subject to the proposed Amendment.

The purpose and effect of the Amendment is to rezone the property from Residential Type Two (R2) Zone to Residential Type Four Exception (R4-#) Zone. The applicant has also submitted a Consent application (B20/03) for the purpose of creating a new residential lot to be severed from the existing property. The proposed Amendment applies to both the severed and retained land. The application is proposing site-specific provisions for the retained lot to recognize the existing front yard (2.8 metres) and reduced exterior side yard (2.9 metres). Site-specific provisions requested for the proposed severed lot include a reduced front yard of 3.8 metres whereas 6.0 metres is required, and a reduced rear yard of 3.6 metres whereas 7.5 metres is required.

Further to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Provincial Orders that limit public gatherings, the public meeting will be held electronically through Zoom video conferencing and will be livestreamed. To participate in the meeting electronically through Zoom video conferencing, please contact the Clerk at [jwilloughby@shelburne.ca](mailto:jwilloughby@shelburne.ca) to register in order to have access to the public meeting, no later than Thursday September 17, 2020. Should you wish to view the proceedings, you will have the opportunity to view a live stream of the meeting on the Town of Shelburne's YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsar-MwF8CXrqPbe2EVxh-w>.

For more information about this matter, including information about appeal rights, email [planning@shelburne.ca](mailto:planning@shelburne.ca) or visit the Town's website at [www.shelburne.ca](http://www.shelburne.ca).



### THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING UNDER SECTION 53 OF THE PLANNING ACT

Take notice that the Committee of Adjustment of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne will hold a public meeting on:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020**

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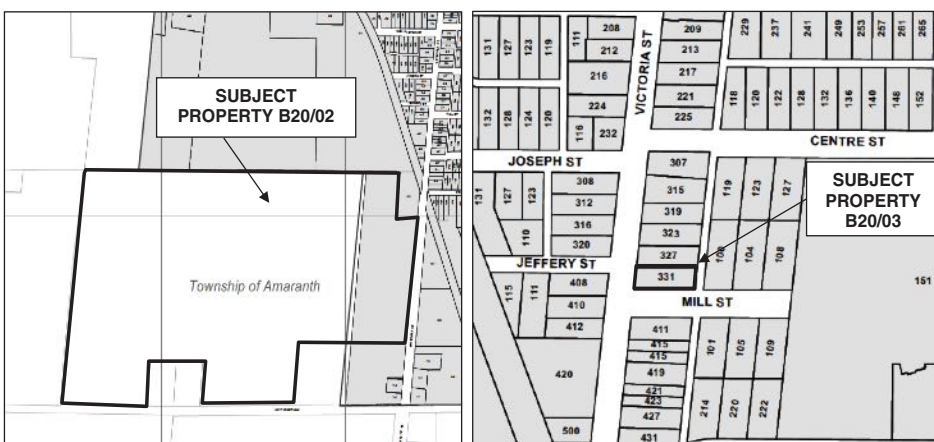
#### COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

- Application for Consent B20/02** – GSAI Inc., on behalf of the owner of the property located at Part of Lot 31, Concession 3, Amaranth designated as Parts 1 & 3, 7R-6410, Town of Shelburne has submitted an application for Consent. The subject property has a total area of approximately 62 hectares (150.73 acres) with 370.80 metres of frontage onto Victoria Street. The purpose and effect of the application is to sever a portion of the property to have a land area of approximately 1.38 hectares (3.41 acres) to merge with adjoining property at 201 Wellington Street. The retained lands will have an area of approximately 59.62 hectares (147.32 acres). The retained lands will maintain 370.80 metres of frontage onto Victoria Street. The subject lands are currently used for agricultural and rural uses.
- Application for Consent B20/03** – Sandy Brown has submitted an application for Consent for a property located at 331 Victoria Street. The subject property is legally described as All of Lot 6, Block 18, Registered Plan 8A. The property has an existing total area of approximately 726 square metres with 16.1 metres of frontage onto Victoria Street. The purpose and effect of the application is to sever a portion of the property to have a land area of 363 square metres to create a new residential lot on the subject land. The retained land will have an area of 363 square metres with 22.7 metres of frontage on Mill Street. The subject lands currently contain a single detached dwelling and accessory shed. The applicant has also submitted an application for Zoning By-law Amendment (Z20/01) concurrent with this application.

A map showing the location of the subject properties is provided below.

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**BACK-TO-SCHOOL DELAYED:** Upper Grand District School Board has announced new changes to its back-to-school protocols for students at both the elementary and secondary school level.

## Upper Grand DSB changes back-to-school protocols for students

Written By PAULA BROWN

The Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) announced on Friday (Aug. 28) that they have implemented changes to their schedule for students returning to school – staggering the dates that students will start.

UGDSB said that the staggered re-entry into the school is to ensure the safety of students and provide additional time for staffing the schools. This additional time required is due to the school board's extension period for student pre-registration. The extension of pre-registration pushed back staffing timelines and also impacted appropriate timetables and scheduling.

The now planned staggered entry will take place over a two-week period, with elementary and secondary students starting on different days based on an alphabetical model.

The new re-entry format will begin for elementary schools next Thursday (Sept. 10). For students enrolled in the elementary remote school the semester will begin on Sept. 14 or 15.

With secondary schools, the reorganization will take place on Sept. 8 and 9. Grade 9

students will have orientation sessions held on Sept. 10 and 11. Students in all grades will begin school instruction on Monday Sept. 14, including those enrolled in the secondary remote school.

All students that are in UGDSB self-contained developmental programs will still start school full-time on Tuesday, Sept. 8.

Back in early August, UGDSB released a report highlighting their plan for reopening the schools and the models for both elementary and secondary school. The original plan was to bring back students for a normal full-time week, on Sept. 8. A pre-registration was given to parents with a deadline of Aug. 14.

On Aug. 19 the UGDSB announced that masks would be made mandatory for all student, in all grades with the exception of medical exemptions. A new deadline for pre-registration for students was set for Aug. 23.

The school board is also encouraging families to review the new schedules for their child with the now implemented changes. To find more information on the return to school go to [www.ugdsb.ca/fall2020entry](http://www.ugdsb.ca/fall2020entry).

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# Local group looking to raise awareness about FASD

Written By PAULA BROWN

It's an invisible injury.

If you looked directly at someone who has Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD), you may never know they have it. Some have discreet facial markers but it often presents itself in behaviour.

"For the most part people with FASD do not have anything about them that one would look at and know they may need extra support," said Tara Leskey, FASD Coordinator for Dufferin-Wellington.

Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder, or FASD, is a disability that is caused by being exposed to alcohol prenatally. FASD as a disability affects both the brain and the body.

"People with FASD typically have a challenging time understanding action and consequences, and may present as simply poorly behaved instead of as someone with atypical neurological development," said Leskey. "This means that people may not have as much patience and understanding in responding to them in a way that meets their needs."

Dufferin Wellington FASD will be dedicat-

ing the entire month of September to raise awareness and address the misinformation and stigma associated with FASD. FASD International Awareness Day will also be taking place on Sept. 9 – a day that has been held since 1999 to bring global awareness.

A 2016 census profile indicated that over 11,378 individuals in Dufferin and Wellington are living with FASD with 2,761 children and youth under the age of 19.

"It is estimated that FASD affects 4 percent of the Canadian population, higher than Autism Spectrum Disorder, Cerebral Palsy and Down syndrome combined," said Leskey.

One aspect of FASD Awareness Day is to address the stigmas that both those who have FASD and parents deal with. Jennifer Moore, Executive Director at Dufferin Child and Family Services says that mothers may deal with judgement for others, self-guilt and shame about exposing their baby to alcohol while pregnant.

"It is very important to bear in mind that often people do not know they are pregnant until a few weeks into the pregnancy. If someone uses alcohol on a regular basis – even

one glass of wine with dinner, for example – it is easy for them to have exposed their baby to alcohol unknowingly," said Moore.

The event is also working to change misinformation surrounding FASD.

"One misunderstanding is the prevalence of FASD and assumptions about who may be affected," said Moore. "Behavioural symptoms are often misunderstood as the challenge to be supported, when in fact there are structural changes to the brain that result in challenges with memory, learning, attention, reasoning, and judgement."

As part of showing support for the awareness day is wearing a t-shirt or shoes that are red. Dufferin Wellington FASD are asking people to leave a painted red rock along the Island Lake Trail or Riverside Park and Royal City Park in Guelph as part of spreading awareness.

FASD International Awareness Day will

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Tara Leskey

FASD Coordinator Wellington-Dufferin

happen on Sept. 9. To find out more information on services and support available go to [www.dufferinwellingtonfasd.com](http://www.dufferinwellingtonfasd.com).

## Dufferin County to adapt a 'climate lens' to key decisions moving forward

Written By PAULA BROWN

Dufferin County will be adapting a "climate lens" moving forward with County decisions following a report from public works during its council meeting on Thursday (Aug. 27).

"It's basically the importance of considering the climate when we make decisions that we do make here at County Council," said Grand Valley Mayor Steve Soloman, who is also chair of the Infrastructure and Environmental Services Committee, on the report.

The purpose of adapting a "climate lens" in the county is to consider the climate impacts of new projects during the planning process such as greenhouse gases (GHG) emission and whether or not they can be reduced.

"We just focus on the consequences of what we do in regards to the climate and climate change," said Soloman.

Soloman also noted during the Council meeting that this could be as "simple" as restrictions on idling cars, in the case of County infrastructure.

The implementing of a "climate lens" will also help assess if a project creates potential danger for people or property such as severe downpours from increased precipitation or

high temperatures.

"Incorporating a Climate Lens into all municipal decision will mainstream climate change as a municipal priority into programming and decisions, facilitate interdepartmental engagement, and increase transparency of municipal decision-making, all while helping the County meet its climate action goals in reducing GHGs and increasing resiliency," wrote Sara Wicks, climate change coordinator for Dufferin, in the report.

On June 6, 2018 Dufferin County committed to acting on climate change and transitioning the community towards a low-carbon future – which was done through joining the Partners for Climate Protection Program.

Dufferin County is among many other municipalities in Ontario that are consulting with Clean Air Partnership in the development of a Climate Lens tool free to municipalities.

The Climate Lens tool is intended to be used by staff within the municipality and according to the report is to help analyze the relationship between municipal decisions and climate change.

The motion to adapt a "climate lens" in decisions made by Dufferin County was moved by Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills and seconded East Garafraxa Mayor Guy Gardhouse.

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Sometimes it actually worked to some degree, although no one was really sure why.

It wasn't until 1798 that English physician and scientist, Edward Jenner, figured it out and decided to test his theory.

During the late 18th century, smallpox killed around 10 per cent of the population where Jenner lived, with that number as high as 20 per cent in cities where the infection was more easily spread.

Inoculation was already a standard practice but carried with it some risks, notably the fear that those inoculated would then infect other people as they were now carriers of the disease.

There was a lot of research going on at the time by noted scientists trying to figure out how all this worked. They had already figured out that a prior infection with cowpox rendered a person immune to smallpox.

Jenner observed that 'milkmaids' were generally immune to smallpox. His theory was that since milkmaids had already contracted cowpox, a similar disease but

much less virulent, there must be a connection that protected them.

He chose an eight year-old boy named James Phipp, in which to test his theory. There's no word on whether James knew he was being used as a human guinea pig and volunteered, or whether he was volunteered by someone else under the premise he would get a treat for helping the doctor.

Jenner took a sample of the cowpox and inoculated the boy with it. The boy produced a fever and some uneasiness but no full-blown infection. Jenner's theory proved correct, and the modern vaccination was born.

In 1979, the World Health Organization declared smallpox an eradicated disease.

Currently there are vaccines to prevent more than 20 life-threatening diseases. There are vaccines to prevent cholera, human papillomavirus and cervical cancer, influenza, malaria, measles, pliomyelitis, rubella, and yellow fever. You've probably had a tetanus shot, and something to prevent diphtheria.

Your dog would thank you, if they understood, for getting him a rabies shot. That's something that could also come in handy for you if you happened to be bit by a bat while on vacation.

You can get vaccines to protect you

from foreign type diseases like malaria, if you plan on visiting a different country.

With all the success vaccines have produced, you would think it would be common sense to get your child vaccinated, and yet there are still groups of people out there who oppose vaccinations.

The anti-vaxxer groups have all sorts of literature with lists of reasons why you shouldn't get your child vaccinated.

However, the medical and scientific community – the people who earn their living in, and have the knowledge in this field – can prove point by point, why most of this information is false.

As part of my on-going historical research, I came across a very interesting grave marker in an old pioneer type cemetery. The cemetery is well kept, but hasn't been active for years. The stone seems to be a lot newer than would have been typically placed there at the time of burial in 1889.

The headstone lists parents, and the names of their children. All five children, ages 8 months, to 14 years old, died within a month and five days of each other. The father died around two months prior to the first child's death due to 'an illness' according to his obituary.

There seems to be no records, at least that I could find, about what caused the

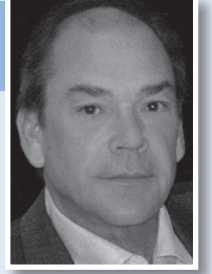
death of five children in the same family in such a short period of time. Perhaps descendants of the family in the area have been told the story, but I would guess some kind of disease ran rampant through that household killing all those children over 130 years ago. There are few newspaper resources currently available previous to 1900, at least online.

If a vaccine for the disease that killed those children was available at the time, those kids would probably have lived to grow up and have families of their own rather than be relegated to a name etched in granite before their lives even got started.

A search through newspaper archives reveals epidemics did occur fairly regularly at the turn of the 20th century and people had to be quarantined to avoid an even bigger outbreak.

While the current situation we are currently going through is new to us all, you can still protect your children from known diseases by a simple, maybe several, vaccinations to keep them healthy.

**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



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# Holding Trudeau accountable

For weeks now, ethical questions have swirled around the current Liberal government's decision to bestow a sole-sourced \$912 million contract to WE Charity. Canadians now know that Prime Minister Trudeau and his family have attended over 50 WE Charity events (the Prime Minister has spoken at more than eight of these events). Furthermore, WE Charity has paid more than half a million dollars in speaking fees and total expenses to members of the Trudeau family (including his wife, Sophie Trudeau, who was paid \$26,726; his brother, Alexandre Trudeau, who was paid \$59,576; and his mother, Margaret Trudeau, who was paid \$479,944).

more troubling questions, including how WE would've been so confident they were going to be approved to receive the contract and why the organization was advised they could begin charging expenses before the program was even approved.

Canadians can only conclude the CSSG was never about helping students. It was about the Prime Minister helping his friends and political allies. Since becoming Prime Minister, Justin Trudeau's government has given WE millions of taxpayer dollars and acted as a proud promoter of the organization. In 2013, Craig



**KYLE SEEBACK**  
OTTAWA REPORT

The Prime Minister has claimed that only WE could run the Canada Student Service Grant (CSSG) program. However, this is simply not true. WE has zero experience running this kind of program. Moreover, both public servants and other charities have indicated that they could have run this program. Multiple charities including the YMCA, the Boys and Girls Club, 4H and Chantiers Jeunesse have confirmed that they were never asked by the Liberal government to run the program. Several charities have since indicated that they could have run the program. It has also now been revealed that WE could not offer the program in French. Bilingualism is a requirement for federal programs. Media are reporting WE contracted with a firm in Quebec to offer the program there and that this G.R. firm asked Liberal MPs in Quebec to provide volunteers. Does this remind anyone of the Liberal sponsorship scandal?

Kielburger donated the maximum to Justin Trudeau's leadership campaign and Marc Kielburger has also donated to the Liberal Party. In 2017, WE created a video to promote Justin Trudeau and the Liberal Party. The Finance Committee also recently heard from a researcher that WE might share data with the Liberal Party to help with their election efforts.

Prime Minister Trudeau isn't alone with deep connections to the WE co-founders. Finance Minister, Bill Morneau, has his own close ties to the organization. He has two daughters involved with WE. One works directly for WE and the other has spoken at WE days about her book, which has been endorsed by the organization. Moreover, in 2017, Minister Morneau accepted \$41,000 in illegal travel expenses from WE for two trips, which he repaid the same day he testified at the Finance Committee. He should've recused himself from the cabinet decision to award the organization almost a \$1 billion contract, but he didn't.

The Prime Minister's account of the events doesn't pass the smell test. The CSSG was announced on April 22nd. A member of the Prime Minister's Office spoke with the WE Charity about their proposal on May 5th, which is the same day that WE was allowed to begin charging expenses for administering the program; however, cabinet didn't approve the proposal until two-and-a-half weeks later on May 22nd. The Prime Minister claims that he pushed back and had questions when he learned about the proposal on May 08, at which time the contract was to go before the full cabinet. However, for two weeks, between May 8 and May 22, WE continued to incur eligible expenses. Therefore, it doesn't make sense that if the Prime Minister pushed back, why WE continued to proceed forward in its plans to administer the program during that period. This raises

Prime Minister Trudeau's recent appearance at the Finance Committee failed to answer the many questions Canadians have about his decision to award a \$912 million contract to a political ally. If anything, his testimony only raised more disturbing questions which need to be addressed by him alone. It also confirmed that the entire scandal reeks of political corruption at the highest levels of government, leaving Canadians extremely disappointed; however, not surprised, given he's already been found guilty of breaking ethics laws twice before. An apology won't suffice this time. Conservatives will continue to hold him and his government accountable while also continuing to fight for the answers Canadians want and deserve.



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# Dufferin-Caledon MP 'surprised' by Conservative leadership results

Written By MIKE BAKER

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback admitted he was surprised by the results of last week's Conservative leadership nomination, but vowed to work alongside the Party's newest figurehead Erin O'Toole.

Mr. Seeback was one of the first sitting MPs to throw his support behind Peter MacKay, when the former deputy leader of the Party declared he would be running for leadership on Jan. 15. Following a month-long campaign, it was Durham MP Mr. O'Toole who emerged victorious on Aug. 23 in a shock result that saw him take 57 percent of the approximately 175,000 votes on the third and final ballot, compared to 43 percent for second-place Mr. MacKay.

The race was decided using a ranked ballot system, which saw voters rank their preferred candidate from one to four. Toronto lawyer Leslyn Lewis and one-term MP Derek Sloan were the other leadership contenders.

"I knew Peter had to be over 40 percent on the first ballot to have a good chance of winning. I, personally, thought he had to be at around 42 percent after the first count, so when we came in way below that (34 percent), I was quite sure he wasn't going to be able to win," Mr. Seeback said.

When asked what, he felt, propelled Mr. O'Toole to a seemingly unlikely victory, Mr. Seeback pointed towards his impressive performance in two traditional Conservative strongholds.

"Erin did very well in Quebec and Alberta," Mr. Seeback said. "We knew Peter had to do well in Quebec, and unfortunately the exact opposite happened. Erin did very well in Quebec, and that was able to propel him to such strong numbers on that first ballot."

Mr. Seeback has already been in touch with the Conservative Party's new leader, and hopes to discuss many of the issues important to him, and his constituents, when the Tory caucus gathers for its first meeting under new leadership next week. Somewhere near the top of the bill will be talks about improving high-speed internet options for rural residents, not only in Duf-



PHOTO: MIKE BAKER

**SHOCK RESULT:** Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback (right) was a vocal supporter of Peter MacKay (left) in the recent Conservative leadership race.

ferin County and Caledon, but across the country.

Having worked hard on that particular file since assuming office last year, Mr. Seeback is hopeful the Conservatives, under Mr. O'Toole, will make bolstering internet services nationwide a priority moving forward.

The most important thing for the Conservatives though, Mr. Seeback says, will be putting together a plan to defeat Liberal Prime Minister Justin Trudeau during the next federal election, which many experts believe will be called before the pre-set date of Oct. 16, 2023. With that in mind, our local MP is eager to see how Mr. O'Toole intends to unite a fractured Conservative Party over the coming months.

"Erin has to define himself outside the confines of the Conservative leadership race. I think he took a great step forward on that with his acceptance speech, which was magnanimous, and very welcoming to Canadians who want to take a look at the Conservative Party," Mr. Seeback said. "I think that was a great first step, and now Erin has to define his version of Conservatism – one

that will speak broadly to Canadians from coast, to coast, to coast."

Parliament will resume from a summer-long shutdown on Sept. 23, and Mr. Seeback feels there are some benefits to having a leader who will be amongst the Conservative caucus. Although he was the favourite heading into the leadership vote, Peter MacKay is not a sitting MP. He stepped away from the federal political arena in 2015.

Locally, Mr. Seeback has been busy over the past few weeks discussing a variety of issues with local residents. He held a virtual town hall meeting for residents in the Mayfield West area of Caledon last week, where he talked about the Canada Emergency Response Benefit (CERB), the summer prorogation of government, and the ongoing We charity scandal involving Prime Minister Trudeau. He also spent time discussing wider federal topics, such as immigration and the temporary foreign worker program.

Mr. Seeback hosted another town hall meeting on Wednesday (Sept. 2) for Orangeville residents.

"Generally, how I try and do my town halls, is allow my residents to take the agenda. I don't have a long speech to give – generally I welcome people, and go from there," Mr. Seeback said. "One thing I have done is try to get some of our municipal leaders involved. Sandy Brown (joined) me for (last night's meeting). For last week's virtual meeting for Mayfield West residents, I had Caledon Ward 2 Coun. Christina Early on the call. Caledon Mayor Allan Thompson joined me at my town hall in Bolton earlier this year."

He added, "This is a great way for residents to get information on their different levels of government, and let me know about the issues and things that are important to them that I can take to Ottawa (and advocate) for."

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10. Doctors' group
11. It's just a number
12. Type of bread
13. Lively ballroom dance
15. Charles S. Dutton TV series
16. A way to use up
19. Singular event
21. Home of Disney World
23. Minerals
24. Most insightful
25. Consult

26. In addition
27. Agents of downfall
30. Organizations
34. Supervises flying
35. Bar bill
36. Alfalfa
41. Dish soap
45. Witnesses
46. Ancient Greek City
47. Newspaper bigwigs
50. Discuss again
54. Small group with shared interests
55. Support
56. Popular sportcoat fabric
57. Take hold of
59. Pre-Mayan civilization

60. Woman (French)
61. Wheeled vehicle
62. Georgia rockers
63. Cold War player (abbr.)
64. Pitching stat
65. Attempt

**DOWN**

1. Czech monetary unit
2. Arousing intense feeling
3. Elks
4. Muscular weaknesses
5. Before the present
6. Figures out
7. Infinite
8. A low wall

9. Silly
13. Political organization
14. Used of a number or amount not specified
17. Divisions of the psyche
18. Denial
20. Ancient Iranian person
22. Count on
27. Popular sports league
28. Water (French)
29. Partner to cheese
31. When you hope to get there
32. Angry
33. One point east of due south
37. Respects
38. Organize anew
39. French wine grape
40. Intrinsic nature of something
41. Neural structures
42. Brews
43. Where ships take on cargo
44. Holiday season singer
47. Shock treatment
48. Popular average
49. Products
51. A type of bear
52. Utilize
53. Old world, new
58. Swiss river

# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Shelburne Gladiators excited to bring cricket to the community

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Gladiators faced the Mississauga Ramblers in an exhibition cricket match, billed as the first cricket match in Shelburne, on Saturday, August 29.

The match took place at KTH Park, in the outfield of the existing baseball diamond at the park. The cricket pitch was laid out with markers indicating the boundaries of play.

The Gladiators are a new team in town.

They had hoped to get into league play this summer but the COVID-19 pandemic put most sports on hold this year, cricket included.

"We started the Club four weeks ago," explained Gladiators club president and treasurer, Anand "Raj" Jagdeo. "We have wanted to do this for a while. We were out on the grounds last August, however, we had to put everything in place like the constitution and bylaws and things like that, so we couldn't start anything last year. We were supposed to start in May but because of COVID we were only able to start up when they opened phase three."

Mr. Jagdeo has a history in the sport having played the game when he lived in Brampton. He had a connection to the Mississauga team and suggested they play the exhibition game.

"I've known the president of the Ramblers for many years having lived and played in Brampton," Mr. Jagdeo said. "I was able, very easily, to convince him to bring his team up here for a game. We have future plans providing the Town will accommodate us. This is not really the right place to play. The game should be played on a proper cricket pitch. This is just an exhibition game to raise awareness of and promote the game in Shelburne."

Cricket is played with two teams of eleven players each. The field is circular or oval in shape with the boundary marked in several different ways depending on the field.

The batting area is a rectangular pitch with targets called wickets, placed 22 yards apart.

Cricket is traditionally not played if it is raining. The exhibition game was delayed when a drizzle started and players left the field. It was not a long delay and the game



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

**FIRST MATCH:** The Shelburne Gladiators took on the Mississauga Ramblers in an exhibition cricket match at KTH Park on Saturday (Aug. 29). The Gladiators are hoping to establish a team and join an Ontario league next year.


got underway about 20 minutes late.

There won't be enough time this season to get league play underway, but the Gladi-

ators are looking forward to the challenge next spring.

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## Shelburne Minor Hockey announces return to play with some restrictions

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Minor hockey in Shelburne will be getting a late start this year and current restrictions will change how the game will be played.

The Shelburne Minor Hockey Association has announced they are looking at a start date of October 12.

"Due to COVID the 2020/21 season will be modified in format to adhere to all restrictions and protocols as outlined by Hockey Canada and our public health unit," the Association said in a statement. "Hockey this season, and the format by which it will run, will be dependent upon what stage of reopening we are in and the Hockey Guidelines."

The current plan is to play a three-on-three format in house league in all age groups and during skill development.

Due to current restrictions there will be no five-on-five hockey.

There will be no rep league this season and team travel will be limited to centres within the public health unit area if travel is at all permitted.

The Association warned that the current plans are based on the existing guidelines and that could change if Hockey Canada or public health units deem there is a risk and things are pushed back to an earlier stage of reopening.

The Association stressed that they, as an organization, have no control over the progression or regression of opening stages, however they are working on a plan that can run the organization in all stages depending on what happens over the next few months.

The plan to get underway is also dependent on the ability to get proper insurance coverage as well as the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex plan to provide ice this season.

To help them better understand player and family concerns, the Association has created a survey for the membership that can assess the level of interest in participating in the 2020 / 21 hockey season under the current conditions.

The survey can be found on-line at the Shelburne Minor Hockey Association website.

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# ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



## EDWARD SINE

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# Local settlers chose an odd place to lay roots with Ruskview

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

As far as towns go, the former village of Ruskview is in a very odd place.

Unlike almost every other town settled in Ontario, Ruskview had neither running water to power a mill, nor a crossroads that would see passersby travelling through the area.

Ruskview is located on hilly terrain on County Road 21, in Mulmur about 8 km, east of Honeywood.

The area was first settled in 1848 when a man name Joseph Lennox arrived and decided to stay.

The town began to grow, at least in terms of attracting handful of new people, when a post office was opened to serve the surrounding area.

Originally the community was known as Black Bank, for another odd reason.

When they completed the application for a post office, the man who filled in the application wrote in the name Black Bank, a town he had known in his native Ireland, as the town at the time didn't have an official name.

In 1870, John Newell took over as postmaster. His teenage son Semour had the task of carrying the mail between Black Bank and Honeywood either by foot or by horseback.

This is where history gets a little tricky.

When a new postmaster took over the

post office, he decided to move the post office to his store in a nearby town named Britannia. As there already was a post office named Britannia in the County, he decide to take the name Black Bank with him. That left the town formerly known as Black Bank without either a post office or a name.

Residents in the now nameless town, were not pleased about being known as the town with no name, and even less pleased about the new quality of mail service.

They eventually petitioned for a new post office, which they got, and renamed the town Ruskville in honour of William Rusk, an early settler who owned the farm directly across from the post office and general store.

The town never really got off the ground and only managed to have a population of around 25 people although there were many more in the surrounding rural area.

A school was built around 1875, however the exact location remains unknown. A new brick school house was built several years later.

Several other business opened including a blacksmith, a lumberyard, and a sawmill.

The town never managed to build a church. They held Sunday services in the school house.

Ruskville never really took off as a thriving enterprise.

The post office last until 1916 when it was replaced by rural mail delivery. The school



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

**LAST PROPERTY STANDING:** The town of Ruskview never really managed to grow into much of a thriving enterprise. It was built in an odd location and got its name in a round-about way. But for a short period in history, early settlers called it home and tried to build a town. The only remnant of the village is the general store on County Road 21, which is still standing but is now a private residence.

house had classes until the mid 1960's when it was closed due to centralization of the school system.

All that remains of the town today is Robert Reid's general store which is now a private residence, and a small sign that gives a

brief history of the village.

Even though Ruskview was an odd place for a village, it's possible they chose it for the fantastic views of the Mulmur hills that surround it.

That alone is worth the drive to the area.

## Police remind residents to lock their vehicles after multiple thefts occur last week

Written By PAULA BROWN

Shelburne Police Services (SPS) are warning local residents to lock their vehicles after receiving more than 15 reports of thefts from vehicles.

"Lock your vehicles, and keep valuables out of sight," said SPS Sgt. Paul Neumann in a press release from Shelburne Police.

SPS, who have are now investigating the incidents, said that the thefts occurred over-

night on Thursday (Aug. 27) and Friday (Aug. 28). The numerous incidents took place in the residential areas on the central west end of Shelburne. Police say that all vehicles that were entered were unlocked and had a variety of items stolen from them.

"It is quite rare that a suspect will enter a locked vehicles. Locking your vehicles is your best defence. Hiding or even better remove purses, wallets, cellphones, GPS units and other valuables," stated Sgt. Neumann.

Shelburne Police are canvassing for witnesses and home security videos and ask for anyone who witness or captured someone pulling on car door on home video to contact the Shelburne Police.

"Anyone on the west end of town who has home security video, please check your foot-

age between midnight and 5 a.m. on Friday morning," requested Sgt. Neumann.

If anyone as information in relation to this case they are encouraged to contact Shelburne Police Service at 519-925-3312 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.crimestoppersdm.com

## Shelburne Public Library news

Written By ROSE DOTTE

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### New Books

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#### Fiction

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- No offense by Meg Cabot
- Eighty days to elsewhere by K.C. Dyer
- The wild one by Nick Petrie
- Coconut layer cake murder by Joanna Fluke
- Camino winds by John Grisham
- Choppy water by Stuart Woods
- Obsidian by Thomas King
- Rodham by Curtis Sittenfeld
- The boy in the field by Margot Livesey

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- Too much and never enough by Mary L. Trump
- Children of ash and elm: a history of the Vikings by Neil Price
- Olive the Lionheart by Brad Ricca



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Visitation was held at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home on Thursday, August 27, 2020 from 6-9 p.m. and on Friday, August 28, 2020 from 5-9 p.m. The funeral service was held in the funeral home chapel on Saturday, August 29, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Interment followed at Laurel Cemetery. Online condolences may be placed at [www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com)

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# Investigators still working to crack Varaschin murder a decade later

Written By PAULA BROWN

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Det. Insp. Shawn Glassford is walking down Dairy Lane, a back laneway in Orangeville, in the late August heat. The alleyway, which runs parallel to main street Broadway, is the same road that Sonia Varaschin's 2010 white Toyota Corolla was found abandoned a decade ago.

He's explaining the angle that the car was found, and how it might tell the direction her killer came to park the vehicle in plain sight. Did her killer come from Broadway, making multiple 3 point turns to park? Did they come from Third St. and make a wide turn to park or do they come down Dairy Lane and pull in like common sense, Glassford said, would suggest?

"Down here, where we are, is to me important. They obviously know that this little laneway's here and then you can park a car. To leave her car in an area that the public has access to, this car could have been sitting here for days you wouldn't notice it, whereas a car parked in the middle of nowhere is going to stand out to people," said Glassford. "Maybe there's been some thought there or maybe not, maybe they had to get the car back into town and from their takeoff, who knows."

The "who knows" or unknowns are as much a part of the case as the evidence these days, with the 10 year anniversary of Sonia Varaschin's disappearance and murder approaching.

Sonia Varaschin was 42 when she was murdered. She was a pediatric nurse that had just made a change in her career to work with a pharmaceutical company. Over the years Sonia Varaschin's family has noted her outdoor athletic love of hiking, skiing, and biking, and they say, before she was murdered, she appeared to be happy.

OPS Det. Jodee Hobor has worked the Varaschin case since 2014, and in recent years worked as the victim liaison to the Varaschin family, creating a connection that,



FILE PHOTO

**CAN THE CASE BE SOLVED?:** It's now been 10 years since Orangeville nurse Sonia Varaschin was killed, likely inside her Spring Street home. The nurse was an avid hiker, and loved the outdoors according to her family.

sometimes she says, has been too close to heart.

"I think she was a really good person, I believe she was very smart, I think she was a happy person, she seemed to love her work and she was eager to learn," said Hobor.

In 2010, on the Sunday of her disappearance, Sonia had spent time with her family at their home in Bolton. She had also spent time with her boyfriend. She was at her Spring Street home studying for her new job, and she went to bed – that was the last time investigators say she was heard from.

Sonia was first reported missing on Aug. 30, and her blood stained car was later found abandoned in the alleyway off of Broadway, by Orangeville Police Service. Blood evidence was found in her home, leading police to believe that's where she had been

murdered.

"Why Sonia? She didn't lead a high risk lifestyle, she wasn't involved in drugs, she wasn't hanging out with the wrong people," said Glassford. "She's your typical young woman who is just trying to lead her life, right, so why was she selected? Why was she murdered? That's the big question"

On Sept. 5, 2010 a body was discovered in a ditch along Beechgrove Sideroad and Mountainview Road in Caledon, and on Sept. 7, following an autopsy, the remains were confirmed to be those of Sonia. The bed sheets and comforter removed from her home had been used to conceal her body.

A size 10 or 11 boot print from a pair of WindRiver or Dakota boots, sold at Mark's Work Warehouse, was thought to be the key to solving her murder. DNA evidence also

collected from the multiple crime scenes became law enforcement's promise of "we'll catch you", yet yielded no match, which Glassford says could be due to not having their DNA tested before or even being deceased.

Months after the homicide case began, investigators brought out a profile of a "cold blooded killer".

Since then investigators have remained tight lipped on releasing too much information and evidence to the public. The answer of how Sonia was killed has even been kept from her family. This evidence is what is known as holdback information.

"There's only certain people who know about that information," said Glassford. "There's us and then there's the killer."

Looking through the evidence and locations of her car and body, Glassford says that it tells them something about the killer. The possibility of familiarity of the county, a targeting of Sonia, and even their willingness to take a risk.

"When you think about the chain of events, where the risk of being caught is very high, to me that is a huge risk and its like, why go to that extent? Those are huge questions," Glassford said.

Now, 10 years later, many questions remain regarding the killing of Sonia Varaschin. The most important one, perhaps, is whether or not her murder can be solved, and the killer brought to justice.

The simple answer to that from Glassford is "yes", because the case he says is very solvable.

"Just because its 10 years doesn't mean it'll never be solved. Cases have been solved that are 10, 20, and 30 years old," he said. "We're not going to give up on this case."

With tips from the public still coming in - Glassford says police have received over 1,500 in the past decade, there is a belief that public information is one of the keys to solving the murder of Sonia Varaschin.

"Someone knows something," Glassford concluded.

# Alec Lavictoire publishes debut young adult novel The Black Cup

Written By PAULA BROWN

Orphaned heroes, witches, and kings – they're some of the classic foundations of a lasting fairy tale.

They are also part of the foundations for Orangeville resident Alec Lavictoire's debut young adult novel, The Black Cup.

Set in the common fairy tale era of the Middle Ages, The Black Cup tells the story of 12-year old Max, a boy who was born with his heart outside of his ribcage. Abandoned by his father, the King, at birth, Max is raised by a kind witch, who has also known a life of being different from others, and does all she can to protect him from the outside world. Max's father, after abandoning his son is gifted the Black Cup, which possesses evil powers. Learning his son is still alive and could challenge his ruling as King, Max's father orders for his death, and Max sets out on

a journey to prevent further destruction of the Kingdom and its people – an adventure that will change the world and lives Max, the witch, and the King have known.

Lavictoire began writing The Black Cup five years ago, writing part-time during evenings and weekends, with the initial idea of creating a memorable book that would encourage kids to read.

"My ultimate goal was to get kids into reading and from my personal experience you need to find that one book that will trigger you to want to find that reading experience over and over again," said Lavictoire. "If this book can serve that purpose, that's great, I wanted to put it out there as something that could get a kid hooked on reading"

To find that hook Lavictoire said he began thinking of classic fairy tales like Hansel and Gretel, and why they resonate with some readers centuries after they have been

written. Coming across the book The Uses of Enchantment, written by Bruno Bettelhiem, that studies the psychology of fairy tales, Lavictoire started using it as a resource in creating his own fairy tale.

"I was seeing things that would work in my story, just make it that much more vivid and have that staying power with the reader," said Lavictoire.

In touching on the classic story lines of witches, kings, dark forests, and heroes that save kingdoms that are found in fairy tales, Lavictoire's novel also explores topics such as alcoholism, freewill and abandonment through metaphors.

"The reason I went into [writing] fairy tales is more around the metaphors that they present," said Lavictoire. "For younger readers they see the adventure, the mystery but for older readers it's more about the metaphors for what these different elements stand for."

While Lavictoire has written to create a fairy tale tome that sticks with readers, the inspiration for the main character of Max, comes from his two sons that he dedicates the novel to.

"As I was writing it, my boys were around that age," said Lavictoire. "I could look at them and see how they looked at the world, how they reacted to certain things and how they moved."

Having written previous stories, Lavictoire said that none of them felt the way The Black Cup did and the one thing he wants young readers to take away for the story and Max?

"The story is about showing readers that it doesn't matter who you are, you do have an impact on the world and life around you."

The Black Cup, published through Intense Publications, can be purchased at Booklore in Orangeville as well as through Lavictoire's website [www.aleclavictoire.com](http://www.aleclavictoire.com).

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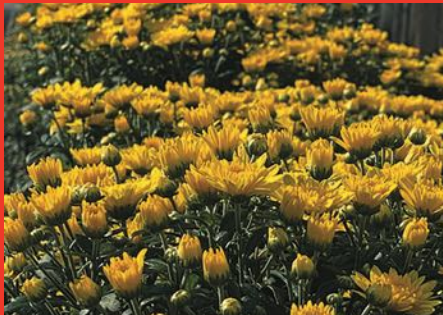
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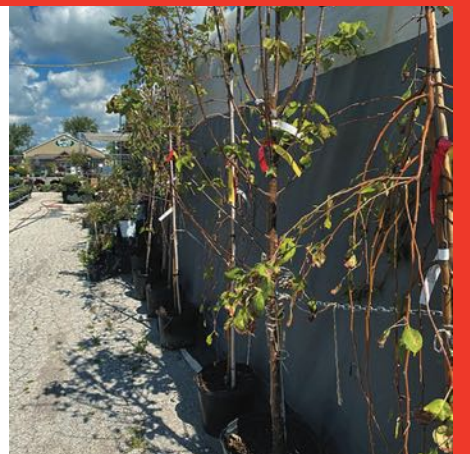


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