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PAULA BROWN PHOTO

WE STAND WITH OUR LONDON FAMILY: A vigil for a Muslim family attacked in London Ont., was held at the Muslims of Shelburne Centre on June 10 with more than a dozen community members in attendance. Soha Soliman, 16, in a speech to the crowd spoke about the discrimination and Islamophobia faced by Muslims in Canada as well as the fear and trauma they're experiencing from the attack. Pictured is Soha Soliman, and Hana Soliman, 5.

Local mosque holds vigil following London attack

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

We Stand With Our London Family.

More than a dozen community members gathered outside the Muslims of Shelburne Centre last Thursday (June 10), in a vigil and prayer for the members of a Muslim family targeted in an attack in London, Ont.

Imam Yehya Soliman, leader of the Shelburne Mosque, led the prayer vigil and started by speaking about his thoughts and emotions after hearing of the attack.

"One person called me, and he asked how I felt about what happened in London, Ont.," recalled Soliman. "I said, 'what do you think'. If somebody were killing you because you're wearing a hijab, if somebody were killing you because you're wearing a turban, if somebody were killing you because you're wearing a hat or have no faith, what do you think. Of course I'm sad, I'm angry because it's not fair."

Salman Afzaal, 46, his wife Madiha Salman, 44, their daughter Yumna Afzaal, 15, and Salman's mother, Talat Afzaal, 74, were killed on June 6 after a truck rammed into the family as they were taking an evening walk. The family's nine-year-old son, Fayez, is the only survivor and remains in hospital.

Police said the attack was pre-mediated

and motivated by hate.

Nathaniel Veltman, 20, has been charged with four counts of first-degree murder, one count of attempted murder, and terrorism charges.

"Muslims in Canada have become all too familiar with the violence of Islamophobia, discrimination and racism with attacks on Muslim woman in Alberta, the IMO mosque killing, and the Quebec City mosque massacre," said Soha Soliman, 16, at the vigil.

"This loss of a family, the loss of a child in our community because of Islamophobia is a sorrow that will run deep for a long time – a trauma."

While speaking to the crowd, Soha recalled feeling numb after hearing about the attack, struggling to find the words to describe the impact, being traumatized, and having the fear she will one day be attacked because of her faith or hijab.

"I wear it not just to wear it. I wear this head covering because it's a beautiful piece, that I believe respects and protects my dignity and modesty," said Soha.

Prior to the prayer vigil, Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills and Dufferin-Caledon Conservative MP Kyle Seeback released statements speaking out against Islamophobia.

"The Town of Shelburne extends our sympathies to the Muslim community of

Shelburne and across Dufferin County," said Mills. "The Town embraces the diversity of our community, and we denounce this terrifying act of hate and Islamophobia. It is important for us to each bring attention to and speak out against issues of hate, violence, and discrimination whenever we see it. Each one of us has a right to live a safe life and one that is free of hate."

"My heart breaks for this family and the Muslims community. There are many questions that will need to be answered in the day and weeks ahead. Reports that the killing of the family was hate motivated because of their Muslim faith is appalling. Such despicable and extreme demonstrations of hatred must be condemned. An Islamophobic act of terror like this has no place in Canada," said Seeback.

A purple backdrop with the silhouettes of the four family members hung outside the Shelburne mosque during the vigil, and the colour green was worn. The purple represented 15-year-old Yumna's favourite colour and green, the colour of Islam, is worn to honour the victims of the Quebec City mosque massacre as well as represent peace.

A vigil was also held in Orangeville on June 11.

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FEATURED ITEMS

Local businesses excited to finally reopen under Stage One

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

It was the first step back to normalcy as local restaurants and businesses deemed non-essential reopened their doors for in-person customers once again.

Last Friday (June 11) the province made the move into the first stage of its three stage Road Map to Recovery, and local businesses say it's a relief.

"There was great relief with the shopkeepers that they were able to open again," said BIA chair Ed Crewson. "Businesses on Main Street are looking forward to being open, staying open, and having a good summer."

"It's a very positive step for downtown," he added.

Shannon's Tap and Grill, located on Main Street in Shelburne, is one of the local restaurants that has operated with take-out orders during the closure of indoor dining. Owner, Shannon Chahal, said her team immediately began preparing to reopen following the announcement of stage one, a process they've become accustomed to.

When the restaurant's small patio opened at noon on Friday, Chahal said they were already fully booked with reservations for the entire weekend, and a waitlist.

"The energy between the team as well as the customers was something that we haven't seen in a really long time," said Chahal. "The excitement and the adrenaline kept the team going all day."

Cobwebs and Caviar, a self-proclaimed 'multi-personality shop' which sells gifts, fabrics, and clothes has been deemed a non-essential business throughout the pandemic. AJ Grace-Cavey, owner of Cobwebs and Caviar recalled having to cancel six major events as well as bus tours due to the shutdowns – all of which had to be refunded.

"It was a pretty big hit," said Grace-Cavey. Under the Stage One restrictions as a non-essential business, the shop was able to open with 15 per cent capacity and Grace-Cavey said they saw a steady flow of customers.

"It was delightful. People were grateful, and just happy to browse and check things out," said Grace-Cavey. "The thing about fabric is

that people want to touch it, they want to see it, and it's not a fun thing to buy online so people kept saying 'we're so glad you're open'."

While some local businesses have been able to open under limitations, others are still having to continue with adapted business models as they await their official reopening.

Local gym Towne Fitness, with the move to Stage One on June 11, was able to begin holding outdoor fitness classes for the second time. Despite fitness classes being a big part of the local gym, these classes have typically been held indoors.

"The majority of our classes have always been indoors and we've had a pretty steady, loyal following with our members," said Hannah Sine, owner and personal trainer. "When we were not allowed to do the classes indoors we knew we needed to look for where we could hold them and how we could run them."

Towne Fitness classes include Total Body

Boot Camp; Outside the Box, a boxing based workout; Yoga via Zoom; and new classes Fundamental Fitness, and Drills and Thrills.

With the numerous shutdowns and restrictions the gym has faced, Sine said their overall membership has seen a 50 per cent decline, which they're confident they can rebuild.

Speaking to being able to hold outdoor classes, Sine said, "It was exciting for us. I think it was more exciting for our members because they've really given us a lot of support, so they're the one that were most excited about reopening. Just being able to support them as much as we can through COVID makes us happy."

Towne Fitness will not be able to open the equipment side of the gym until at least July 25.

Stage Two of the Road Map to Reopening will tentatively begin on July 2.

Province declares WDG as area of concern for Delta variant

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The region of Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG), has been declared a hotspot in the province for the Delta (B.1.617) variant by the Province of Ontario.

Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public Health announced in a press release on June 10 that the province would be expanding the local vaccine supply to communities with higher rate of Delta variant transmission.

According to the press release the region is receiving 8,000 doses of the Moderna mRNA vaccine this week with both first and second doses.

"This additional support from the Province will help us continue to protect our community from COVID-19 – especially as we seek to reopen across the region," said Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health for WDG Public Health. "I am urging every resident of the region: do not wait. Book your first or second dose as soon as you can. Have the vaccine conversation with friends, family and co-workers and help ensure all of us are protected."

The Delta variant, is one of two in the B.1.617 family and was declared the fourth variant of global concern on May 10. Cases

of the B.1.617 variant have been reported in every province and in 74 countries.

A report by Public Health England, which looked at vaccine effectiveness against the Delta variant, found after one dose, Pfizer was 94 per cent effective while AstraZeneca was 71 per cent effective. After a second dose, Pfizer was 96 per cent and AstraZeneca was 92 per cent.

WDG Public Health on June 14, began booking for second doses, to continue the quick vaccine roll out. Individuals who receiving their first dose on or before May 9 will receive an email or text message with booking instructions.

"We want to make booking a second dose as easy as possible," said Dr. Kyle Wilson, director of information systems. "We know people are keen to get vaccinated as quickly as possible, so we are grateful for people doing what they can: being patient, continuing to check their SPAM and junk folders and using our online booking website to book their appointment."

Public Health said more than 60,000 invitations will be sent out to residents said should be expected between June 14 and 16. Those having trouble bookings online can call 1-844-780-0202 for support. To pre-register for a first dose go to www.wdg-publichealth.ca/register.

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The Town of Shelburne Accessibility Advisory Committee is seeking interested community members and volunteers to join their committee. Applicants should be interested in the promotion of Accessibility.

The Accessibility Advisory Committee meets quarterly on the third Tuesday. The next meetings are scheduled for August 24 and November 23, 2021. Meetings commence at 7:00 pm and are currently being held virtually using the zoom video conferencing platform. Interested community members can visit the Shelburne website at the following link and fill out an application: <https://www.shelburne.ca/en/town-hall/committees-and-boards.aspx#Accessibility-Advisory-Committee>



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MAYOR MILLS EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY

The Town of Shelburne lowered our flag at Town Hall On June 10th until June 11, 2021. Flags lowered in recognition of 215 Indigenous children whose bodies were found buried beneath a former residential school in B.C. Read the full articles on shelburne.ca

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Are you in arrears on your taxes, water or dog tag account? We understand that finding the money to pay your bill can sometimes be difficult. Please see a range of options the Town of Shelburne offers to help support as well as key resources on our website shelburne.ca. Dog tags were due April 1st, 2021. Water and Sewer billing were due May 28th, 2021. Property taxes Interim billing were due on May 20th, 2021.

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Re-opening - is it soon enough?

The province has moved into Step one of its 're-opening' plan.

This doesn't mean you can throw a wild party, or live like Hugh Hefner with martinis and hula skirts around your backyard pool. Far from it.

As the summer approaches, should the re-opening switch into high gear?

There was a news story out of New York this past week which was rather disheartening.

A young mother tossed her infant out of their apartment window, then followed up by tossing her three-year-old daughter out after her.

The woman then jumped out of the window as well.

Fortunately, the apartment was on the second floor so none of them were seriously injured.

The woman later said she could 'no longer take the isolation and loneliness' of being cooped up indoors due to the COVID situation.

Whether COVID was really the cause of this or whether the woman had other mental issues and being isolated just made the situation worse, is not known.

It could have been a lot worse. I don't know the truth about the woman's issues, but had she lived on tenth floor of this building the results could have been a lot different.

After 15 months of wearing masks, staying at home, and being afraid to stand too close, I think we all deserve a break.

There is talk of the 'new normal.' One high ranking doctor suggested that from now on, every-one should wear a mask in public, because the incidence of flu and other communicable dis-eases has gone way down since we started in living in this bubble wrap society.

Germs and bacteria have always been here and are swarming over your body right now.

I don't want to live in a society where people are scared to death of each other.

There is a woman that works as a cashier in my local grocery store. We are very friendly and have a nice chat every time I'm in there. She tells me what's going on in her life, and I do the same.

It occurred to me one day, that even though I've known her for about a year, I really have

no idea what she looks like. I know she has pretty eyes and nice hair, but I've never seen her with-out a mask.

I'm sure there are many people out there that have been suffering greatly due to this current situation.

Imagine being lonely, desperate, and already having mental health issues, then being told to stay home - alone - with no one to talk to.

I've tried to look into the statistics to see how the suicide rate in Ontario is reflecting difficult times. Apparently, it takes a couple of years for those stats to be compiled because of proce-dures in determining a cause of death. I'm pretty sure the figures will be alarming when they are finally released.

The provincial government recently announced they were going to allow professional athletes and elite amateurs resume playing their sports.

That's great, for someone who makes several million dollars a year, however what about the million or so youth that play sports for fun, exercise, and competition?

The warm weather is here - it's time to

throw off the shackles of restrictions and get on with life.

Unless you go around kissing strangers in public, the risk of transmission by standing next to someone in a grocery store is pretty small.

Yes, we may have to remain vigilant for a while and exercise a degree of caution, but trying to turn this current situation into a 'new normal' is just trying to tell people to go against their natural instinct of having personal relationships and social contact.

People are meant to be social.

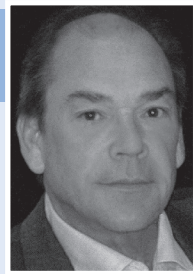
The good weather is here, and we've isolated for long enough.

You can't avoid the rest of society forever.

Other jurisdiction have already relaxed social distancing and mask rules and have not had a problem.

If we're going to 're-open' Ontario, lets get it done. There's a lot of business people who need to open their doors, make some money, and get our economy moving.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



Iran: Giving Up On JCPOA

"Lifting Trump's sanctions, @SecBlinken, is a legal and moral obligation, NOT negotiating leverage. Didn't work for Trump - won't work for you," tweeted Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif late last month. But what if US Secretary of State Antony Blinken (and President Joe Biden) have just decided that reviving the 2015 nuclear deal is a lost cause?

There are quite a few people in the Biden administration, and particularly in the State Department, who can count to 20 without even taking their shoes off. So they must have realized that there was going to be an election in Iran next Friday (18 June).

Many of them would even have known that this time the Iranian election has been rigged so that the 'hard-liners' are bound to win it.

Joe Biden therefore only had five months to reverse Donald Trump's deliberate wrecking of the 2015 treaty that prevented Iran from working on nuclear weapons. After the June election, the wreckers would be in power in Tehran, and they would sabotage the talks.

So why didn't Blinken's people move faster? It was the Trump administration that unilat-

erally pulled out of the JCPOA treaty (Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action) and slapped crippling economic sanctions on Iran in 2018. Since then, Iran has repeatedly said that if the US just cancelled Trump's sanctions and rejoined the treaty, all would be well. Now it's probably too late.

Iran did nothing for more than a year, waiting and hoping that the other signatories (Britain, France, Germany, Russia and China) would find ways to help Iran get around the American sanctions.

The other countries all agreed that Iran was not violating the terms of the treaty in any way, but none of them wanted to get into a show-down with Trump by breaking the US sanctions. So when Trump tightened the sanctions further in May 2019, crushing Iran's remaining oil exports, Tehran began to go beyond the treaty limits - a little bit.

It didn't leave the treaty, but it began to enrich its uranium a bit beyond the treaty limit of 3.67% (far below weapons-grade). It allowed inspections to continue, it kept nothing secret, but every three or six months it moved the enrichment up another notch to create

some counter-pressure on the other signatories to sort their American problem out.

Finally Trump lost the 2020 election, Biden replaced him in the White House last January, and it became possible to repair all the damage. However, the new secretary of state, Antony Blinken, then announced that Iran would have to roll back all its post-2019 increments to the enrichment process BEFORE the US lifted its sanctions.

The question of who goes first is fundamentally childish if there is trust, but America has forfeited the right to demand that Iran trust it. Biden and Blinken must know that demanding Iran go first dooms the negotiations, and that a rigged election in Iran will shortly close the door on the deal for good. So they must have decided that this is the least bad outcome (for them).

They can't say so publicly, of course: better to delay the negotiations and let a new Iranian government break them off. And it would break them off, because Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, has arranged for his faithful supporter Ebrahim Raisi to win the election by banning more open-minded can-

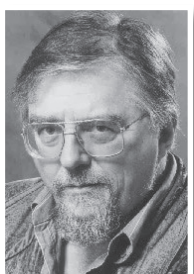
didates from running at all.

Both men are fiercely anti-Western ultra-conservatives, but they wouldn't have got away with rigging the election like this four years ago, when the treaty was new and popular hopes were still high in Iran. The despair created by Trump's renewed sanctions killed those hopes.

Biden may be wrong to let the JCPOA treaty die. An immediate end to US sanctions and a quick roll-back of Iran's deviations from strict adherence to the treaty's terms might have been done the trick. Even a new hard-line government in Iran would have found it hard to unpick that sort of done deal.

But it would have been a gamble, and Biden seems to have decided that he couldn't afford to risk his political capital that way. It will be years before we know if this was a fatal mistake (and who it was fatal for).

GWYNNE DYER OUR WORLD TODAY



Our Readers Write

Letter re: Indigenous grave site

Sir:

It is said that politics is a dirty word, but I suggest that the definition be applied to its adherents instead, including national media.

Witness the reaction to "discovery" of 215 suspected burial sites in a BC residential school area. Every politician, both federal and provincial, and journalist is shocked and appalled at this discovery of a "mass grave site."

First, it is not a "mass grave;" radar survey indicates 215 things, probably small human bodies, were buried in separate graves, not a common one.

Secondly, as far as has been reported, not one "grave" has been opened yet to ascertain exactly what was buried. And why.

However, the "discovery" was well known throughout the past century. A 1922 official report stated that native children were buried in unmarked graves; some survivors of the residential school system have come forward to report that they helped bury the bodies; most affected native tribes were well aware of this terrible practice. But the parents were kept in ignorance of causes of death and were denied the bodies of their children.

So we really do know that the 215 sites "discovered" in BC's residential school system are

dead native children, and the authorities have known for many decades. There has been no "discovery" except by the public. This reminds me of the "discovery" of the American continents.

The hypocrisy is thus revealed of all politicians and national media - the breathless, excited young reporters, the "saddened" writers of both news and opinion columns (which are indistinguishable these days), the MPs and MPPs of all political parties washing their hands and wondering what to do.

And we are expected to believe everything they say? I'm disgusted. What other "discoveries" have been force-fed to us consumers of news? Ah, yes, the climate thing. Hmmm.

Charles Hooker East Garafraxa

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County calling on feds/church for release of documents, investigation

Written By Sam Odrowski

At the regular meeting of the County of Dufferin Council held on June 10, 2021 Council unanimously adopted a motion that recognizes that the residential school system perpetrated a genocide on indigenous children and the Government of Canada as well as the church were complicit in this national tragedy.

The motion goes on to say that many churches except the Roman Catholic Church have apologized for their role in the residential school system and it calls on the Catholic Church to be petitioned and/or legally compelled to provide the truth about their involvement.

The approved motion also asks that the Government of Canada demand "in the strongest possible terms" the release of all church documents in Canada and at the Vatican that pertain to actions taken at Canadian residential schools. In addition, the motion requests that Pope Francis apologize to indigenous Canadians for the Church's actions.

Another key component of the motion states that the County of Dufferin demand that the Government of Canada in conjunction with Canada's indigenous people determine a plan to investigate all residential school sites as needed to find any lost or missing children.

Lastly, the motion requests that the Government of Canada take all necessary steps to provide for equitable access to clean water, safe housing, health care, education and safety and security for all of the country's Indigenous population.

The following statement was issued by Dufferin County Warden Darren White and members of County Council on Thursday, June 10, following the motion's approval.

"Today, right now, this period in time is a crossroads for us. It's time for us to determine our direction for the future. Do we let hate take hold, or do we stand for something better? What type of country do we want to live in? One of hate, or one of peace?"

"Leadership starts with us. We have the ability to set a course to a better way through our actions. It's not an easy task, but it is a necessary one, and one we can do.

"We must continually strive to re-commit ourselves to the tenants of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in all that we do. Whether we



are talking about issues of a planning nature, for example the Cayuga Snipe Chief's announcement of a moratorium on development in the Haldimand deed lands, or about the 215 innocent children who were found at a residential school site in Kamloops. There is no room for contradiction in our policy or our direction. We cannot demand righteousness on one hand while stonewalling on the other.

"There is a learning curve here. A steep one in some respects and one that some will struggle with more than others. I know there has been much to learn from my perspective and I know that there is still so much that is still to come. I suspect many of you feel the same. While the onus is on us to actively participate in that learning, it's so important that we realize what we really need to do more of is listen.

"If we as leaders cannot commit at the very least to this, perhaps we should consider if we deserve to hold the seats we have at all.

"To our Muslim Brothers and Sisters, we offer this:

We were all so very saddened to learn of the terrorist attack in London, ON that took the life of four members of a family and left a nine-year-old boy injured.

We mourn with you and share in your grief, and can only hope that we can help soothe some of your pain.

"Please know that for every one person who would strike out in anger and hate, those who stand with you in peace and love and understanding number in the hundreds.

Please don't despair, together we are better than the hatred of one.

"It's time for us to speak up, so that ignorance is not the loudest voice of all," the statement concluded.



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Local Bike Month scavenger hunt looks to help lower GHGs

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



The month of June marks the start of Bike Month and to encourage climate awareness, Climate Action in Dufferin has partnered with Sustainable Orangeville, and Cycling Elements for a county-wide scavenger hunt initiative.

The month-long initiative is looking to help reduce greenhouse gas emission in the community while also encouraging Dufferin residents to get outdoors and be active.

“We didn’t come up with Bike Month, a lot of groups have picked up on it over the years because it’s a great way to get people out on their bikes, and reminding them that bikes are a great option for transportation” said Sara Wicks, manager of climate and energy for Dufferin County.

Dufferin County residents are able to participate in the local initiative by going out to explore bicycle-friendly spaces and locating a number of items on the scavenger hunt list. Items on the scavenger hunt list include a piece of public art or history; bicycle trail or bike sharrow; tree/flower/plant discovered; a trip by bike instead of vehicle; a favourite place to bike; bike rake or lock; local or repair stand; wildlife seen while biking; public bench or picnic table; and entrance sign to public trail. Participants can take a photo or give a brief description if they don’t have a camera and submit it to the Bike Month Scavenger Hunt page on the Join in Dufferin website: <https://joinindufferin.com/>

“We wanted to try to make this something that was really easily accessible to as many people as possible, like wildlife you saw or a picture of your bike. We tried to make it as applicable to our rural residents as well, understanding that it’s a little bit harder for them,” said Wicks. “Of course, you don’t have to get all 10 of those, it just means you get 10 entries in the draw.”

Dufferin County Council adopted a Climate Action Plan in March, which outlined ways to achieve net-zero greenhouse gas emissions (GHG) in the community by 2050 while also building resiliency to the impact of climate change. One of the priority actions in the plan was based on low-carbon transportation, including biking.

“In Dufferin County almost 50% of our emissions come from transportation, and the majority of personal trips under five kilometers contribute to the most vehicle kilometers travelled,” said Wicks. “If you can replace a car trip with a bike trip that can have a really big impact and five kilometers is a very reasonable amount of distance for people to either walk or take their bikes. It’s a very simple and easy thing that resident can actually do to help support our emission reduction goals.”

To support low-carbon transportation emissions, Climate Action in Dufferin will be installing a 24-hour electric vehicle charging station network across the county

in the future.

“We understand that you can’t bike everywhere so we’re really trying to encourage people, if they can, to adopt electric vehicles, and the county is helping to support that,” noted Wicks.

Since starting the initiative, Wicks said there has been great community response

especially with bike groups promoting similar messaging.

“We really hope to make this an annual thing,” said Wicks.

At the end of the month, one winner will be selected from a draw to receive a bike prize, which includes bells, lights and a \$50 gift card for Cycling Elements.



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BIG WIN: Robert Hawkins of Mulmur won big on LOTTO MAX late last month with a \$712,820 win. The winning ticket was purchased right here in Shelburne at the Town Milk Variety on Main Street East.

Mulmur man overjoyed by \$700,000 win on LOTTO MAX

Robert Hawkins of Mulmur has \$712,820.70 to put toward his dreams after winning a LOTTO MAX second prize in the May 28, 2021 draw. Robert also won \$20 on another one of his LOTTO MAX selections, bringing his total winnings to \$712,840.70!

Robert says he plays the lottery regularly with his favourite games being LOTTO MAX and LOTTO 6/49 because the jackpots get so big. “This is my first big win and it happened on my 45th birthday,” he shared.

The automotive industry worker says he was celebrating his birthday when he checked his ticket using the OLG Lottery App and discovered his big win. “It’s a birth-

day I won’t forget!”

Robert plans to invest and build property on his farm with his windfall.

“This win makes life easier now,” he concluded.

LOTTO MAX players in Ontario have won over \$6 billion since 2009, including 84 jackpot wins and 644 MAXMILLIONS prizes, right across the province. LOTTO MAX is \$5 per play and draws take place on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The winning ticket was purchased at Town Milk Variety on Main Street East in Shelburne.



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FIRST OF MANY: The first Shelburne Farmers' Market of the 2021 was held last Thursday (June 10), at Owen Sound Street and First Ave., and community members lined up for their chance to shop at the local vendors. More than 20 vendors will be part of the market, which had been cancelled for more than a year. The market takes place every three weeks, on a Thursday from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m., and will be held next on June 24.



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FARM FRESH GOODS: Jeannette French from local family-owned Lennox Farms, along with her children, sold fresh produce and baked goods at the first Shelburne Farmers' Market on June 10. Produce included fresh chopped rhubarb, pies, rhubarb juice as well as lettuce greens and asparagus.

Shelburne Farmers' Market officially opens for season

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The sun was shining as community members lined up for their chance to shop at the first Shelburne Farmers Market in over a year. "We're having a great day, it's been super positive," said Alexandra Georgie, a volunteer organizer for the market. "We're really excited to be back this year for the 2021 Farmers' Mar-

ket, giving everyone an opportunity to get out and support local. Everyone is happy that the market is back."

The Shelburne Farmers' Market kick started the 2021 season last Thursday (June 10), at Owen Sound Street and First Ave., with 20 vendors from across Dufferin County including local farm-ers and artisans.

"We've got a good lineup of vendors," said Georgie.

"Some were unable to show up, but we have a few more that are going to be coming."

Tonya Kobayashi, a fiber artist in Amaranth and owner of The Knot and Needle, was one of the local artisans selling at the market. Kobayashi has been selling her work at the Shelburne Farmers' Market since 2018.

"I do macramé as well as weaving," said Kobayashi. "I have woven wall hangings, macramé wall hangings, plant hangers, and accessories like earrings, purse charms and hairclips."

The first market she's been a part of in a while, Kobayashi said the Shelburne Farmers' Market is a special place for her.

"This is actually where I started, when we moved to the Shelburne area a few years ago, this was my first market I did – that was the beginning of my business," said Kobayashi. "I'm really happy to be back here."

Lennox Farms, a family-owned rhubarb farm in Melancthon, were also one of the many local farms selling produce.

"We have everything rhubarb, from juice to pie, chopped up rhubarb, and baked goods. We're also growing asparagus and lettuce

green," said Jeannette French.

Lennox Farm has been part of the Shelburne Farmers' Market in the past, but has missed the last few years with running their own farm market.

"We just got so busy at home, but this year is just a few days for the year which is good for us, it's not too busy," said French.

The Shelburne Farmers' Market was originally cancelled in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and was not planned to return this year until a small group of local volunteers banded together in the hopes of making the markets return. On May 10, the group announced their plan to revitalize the annual event and launch the market by mid-June.

This year the market is being held once every three weeks, on a Thursday, rather than on a weekly basis.

The next Shelburne Farmers' Market is scheduled for June 24 from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

"Come out and support local businesses, we have a lot of great locals farms, local bakers, and artisans, it's a great opportunity to support Shelburne and our community," said Georgie. "Everyone is welcome."

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CCDHS Co-op Corner: Twin Construction

Written By Luke Dresar

This week Luke Dresar from Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) shares a little bit about his experience and how Twin Construction is contributing to our community's future.

Twin Construction has been in business for 28 years, and they started in 1993. Their work focuses on carpentry and building/renovation of custom homes, but they also do all aspects of constructing a home, from top to bottom. They also help manage properties for clients. Daniel Dresar and Jonathan Dresar are the owners of Twin Construction.

For my time working here, I have had the job title of Carpenter's Assistant. I have been helping with installing hardwood floors and making sure everything is organized and clean. I will be soon learning how to lay down tile and the process of installing it. The equipment I have used is Mitre saw, table saw, finishing saw, nail guns, and jackhammer.

I have learned about all the safety equipment needed to operate the tools and the proper way to use them, as well as the PPE needed to work safely (knee pads, safety goggles, ear plugs and gloves).

There are some careers that I have noticed are related to carpentry. One of these careers is Drywallers.

They come in and install all the drywall and I have been made aware of how much work goes into installing the drywall properly. Another career is Electrician, and I noticed there is a lot of wiring that runs



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CO-OP CORNER Jonathan Dresar (left) and Daniel Dresar have been helping to train CDDHS Co-op student, Luke Dresar (centre) in the trade of carpentry.

through homes. Another career is Tile Installers, who have had to do a bathroom that had tile on floors and the walls. The last career I noticed was the Cabinet Installers, and how much work goes into making them and all the cuts they have to make. It is cool seeing the progress from start to finish of the cabinets.

While working with Twin Construction, I have noticed how much work goes into carpentry and the other careers associated with it.

I look forward to continuing to work with them.

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF SHELBURNE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

UNDER SECTION 45(5) 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, JUNE 28th, 2021

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 the following planning applications:

COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT

1) **Application for Minor Variance A21/05** – A representative for 2477838 Ontario Inc., owner of the property located at 301 Colonel Phillips Dr, has submitted an application for a Minor Variance to request relief from Section 3.15.9. of Zoning By-law 38-2007 for parking requirements for a previously approved Site Plan application (SPA 17/02) for a commercial shopping centre / plaza development. The application is seeking relief from the parking regulations to permit a parking standard of 1 space per 19.1 square metres of floor area, whereas the Zoning By-law requires 1 space per 17 square metres of floor area for a shopping centre.

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

Further to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Provincial Orders that limit public gatherings, the Committee of Adjustment 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 Secretary-Treasurer at wjwilloughby@shelburne.ca to register in order to have access to the public meeting, no later than June 24th, 2021. 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 or visit the Town's website at www.shelburne.ca.

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ACHIEVING BY BELIEVING: Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) handed out the Achieving By Believing award – a school board wide honour – to three student recipients in a small ceremony on Wednesday (June 16). Standing outside the local high school, the students received the award which acknowledges the perseverance and resiliency by students during their time in school. Award recipients from left to right are Makayla Sillars, Brayden Shaw, and Tyler Faries.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

AWARD WINNERS: Gabbie Spencer and Annie Cameron were the recipients of the 2021 Stronger Together Award and Tom Egan Community Service Award. The students received the awards from Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson in a small ceremony outside of Centre Dufferin District High School on June 16.

Five CDDHS students recognized in award ceremony

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) held their annual Royal Recognition Awards on Wednesday (June 16), celebrating recipients of the Stronger Together Award and Tom Egan Community Service Award as well as recipients of the Achieving By Believing Award.

"I'm really excited for them because I know the skills that they developed in getting these awards, they're going to take forward in their life," said CDDHS Principal Wendy McIntosh-Clodd. "I'm always very proud of our students and super proud when students work hard behind the scenes about things they're passionate about, connecting our work in the school to the community."

Gabbie Spencer, recipient of the Stronger Together Award and Annie Cameron, recipient of the Tom Egan Community Service Award were recognized in a small ceremony outside of the local high school. Both awards were presented by Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson.

The first award presented at the small ceremony was the Stronger Together Award, donated by Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson, and is given to a student that works to build connections between student groups, individuals and the community.

Gabbie Spencer, a grade 9 student, was recognized for her work as a member of

the CDDHS Black Chapter. Throughout the school year Spencer worked in creating a social media presences for the Black Chapter, organizing events for Black Brilliance Month in February, and creating video such as 'Hair Love' and 'How to Be a Better Ally'.

Speaking about being a recipient of the award, Spencer said, "It was a shock because I didn't even know it was a thing, let alone that I made the criteria to get it. It's an honour to receive an award, to get validated for things that you've done...you get reassurance that you've done well and it's motivation to keep going."

Annie Cameron, a grade 12 student, was the recipient of the Tom Egan Community Service Award, donated by the Egan Family. The award honours late Shelburne Coun. Tom Egan, who passed away in 2012 at the age of 64, and was known for his community service. Cameron was recognized for her advocacy in bringing a student mental health organization, Jack Chapter, to CDDHS and her work in environmental awareness and community climate strikes.

"I was really honoured to receive the award," said Cameron. "I didn't realize what I was making was being noticed in the community sense and it's really cool to hear that people are actually watching and really recognizing student for what they've been doing."

Deputy Mayor Anderson also applauded the students for achieving excellence while

facing the impacts of the pandemic.

"It's a true testament to a person's character, their will and drive to succeed," he lauded.

CDDHS also handed out awards to three recipients of the Student Success: Achieving By Believing Award, which is sponsored by the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington. Each year a ceremony is held for

recipients who span across the Upper Grand District School Board.

Student Success: Achieving By Believing is an award that recognizes the resilience and perseverance that students have demonstrating in their time as a student.

CDDHS 2021 recipients of the Achieving By Believing Award are Makayla Sillars, Tyler Faries and Brayden Shaw.

Enjoy the beauty of Grand River at the Rainbow Ridge Resort

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

One of four LGBTQ+ friendly campgrounds in Ontario – Rainbow Ridge Resort – is located right here in Dufferin County.

With COVID-19 restrictions being lifted and camping again permitted, there's no better time to get out and enjoy all of the nature that the Ridge has to offer, especially during Pride month.

"We're a fabulous little campground nestled into the ridge of the Grand River and we provide a safe space. People here are so happy that they can walk around hand in hand," said Peter Cirelli, part owner of the Ridge.

Originally founded by four women in 1997, it was since purchased by Cirelli and his partner in 2000 and massively expanded to the 72-acre, 350-person capacity campground it is today.

The vision for the campgrounds has always been to provide a non-judgemental and comfortable space for people of all sexual orientations and gender identities, so they can truly enjoy the outdoors.

"It was created to create a safe space for the LGBT community because there wasn't really much in the ways of campgrounds or outdoor activities for the gay community," Cirelli explained.

While they see a lot of locals from Dufferin County, people also travel to the Ridge from Barrie, Windsor and other parts of Ontario.

The Ridge is an adult community but they also host family weekends where people can bring their kids for a picnic or day at the pool.

Apart from fantastic hiking trails, one of the things that keeps people coming back is the community at the campgrounds, according to Cirelli. He says it's very welcoming and people quickly feel at ease.

While COVID-19 has put a strain on the Ridge, Cirelli noted that they're still doing some Pride celebrations. On the weekends they've had campers decorate their campsite or room rental in a Pride theme. There's also a socially distanced walk about for Pride month where people get out and enjoy nature.

"Normally there's a big pool party and dance party afterwards, and a barbecue," said Cirelli. "We're always a part of Celebrate You're Awesome as well. We always have a booth for that celebration, but due to COVID, we've kind of had to scale back a lot and make sure that everyone is kept safe at this time."

Cirelli told the Citizen, he would encourage

anyone who's never been to the Ridge to book a stay and enjoy everything it has to offer.

"Our pool is wonderful and people really enjoy that. We also have a pond here that people like to waterboard or kayak or go fishing on as well," he said. "It's just really about enjoying an outdoor space where it is safe and comfortable."



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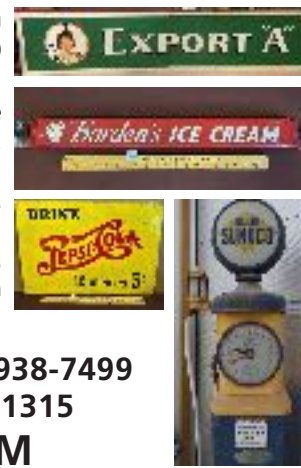
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GALLINGER, KENNETH LYLE

OCTOBER 2, 1933 - JUNE 7, 2021

Ken Gallinger went home to be with his Saviour Jesus at Headwaters Health Care Centre, Orangeville on Monday, June 7, 2021, at the age of 87. He was a loving and devoted husband to his wife of 63 years, Kal, and a wonderful father to his son Tom and daughter Diane (Tom Klubi). Our family life was full of faith, love and laughter and we were always there for one another to listen, pray, help and encourage, no matter what came our way. We are so thankful for all the great years we had together. We love you. Thank you for everything you did and all you gave. You succeeded in life in the best way possible and are missed more deeply than we can say.



Ken was born in 1933 in Bell Falls, Quebec, to Cecil and Vera Gallinger. Ken was raised in Ontario in Cornwall and Fort William (now Thunder Bay). He was predeceased by his dear brother Ralph, but is survived by his sisters Bettie and Shirley. Ken loved his surviving extended family: Don and Sandy Sinfield of Thunder Bay (brother and sister-in-law) Margery Gallinger of Ottawa (sister-in-law), Joy Matis, and his nieces and nephews Tom, Jennifer, Jessica, Jim, Bill, Scott, Diane, Brad, Jacquie, Cindy, Peter and Kathy and their spouses and children.

Ken attended College Militaire Royale in St. Jean, Quebec, and Royal Military College in Kingston. After graduating with the Class of '57, he served in the Royal Canadian Air Force as a navigator on CF-100 jets. After leaving the military in 1960, Ken excelled when he went into the business world, first in sales with RL Crane in Montreal and then serving as President of Anthes Business Forms in Brampton. Ken later worked with Data Business Forms in Toronto. He founded his own company, Tristar Business Forms, with his wife Kal in 1987. Ken was always an outgoing person with a ready sense of humour. His deep personal integrity and honesty, combined with his commitment to serving others with excellence, were keys to his success. Ken never fully retired from Tristar. His commitment to the people he served and his loyalty to his suppliers stayed with him right to the end of his life.

All through his life, Ken was passionate about sports. Ken was a serious athlete who played Junior A hockey with the Fort William Hurricanes. At RMC, he played college hockey and football and joined the boxing team. Ken was also an avid golfer. Tickets to see the Leafs or the Jays were prized possessions, but he never failed to share them for others to enjoy as well. We miss seeing him in his blue chair at home, popcorn in hand, watching all kinds of sports as a favourite pastime.

Ken lived his faith. He was a man who loved and trusted Christ, which was reflected in his positive attitude to life and love of encouraging others. Ken lived a life of unselfish sacrificial giving of time, money and help. Many times the family home became a place of healing, provision and refuge for others. Tristar became a platform of opportunity for young people or clients needing a helping hand to build a better life. Ken had the courage of his convictions. He never compromised what he knew was morally right to gain the approval of others.

Ken was also a community builder. He served faithfully in service roles in his church. Much of his volunteer work was focused on helping young people. He was a founder of the Applewood Hills Soccer League, formed with the goal of giving children equal time on the field regardless of ability in an atmosphere of good sportsmanship. Ken was also a devoted board member for many years of Highland Youth for Christ in Orangeville. He was a long-time volunteer with HYFC's satellite youth mission, The Door, in Shelburne. He and Kal spent many cold winter nights parked in a modified cube truck, providing hot chocolate and a caring meeting place for Shelburne's young people when few such opportunities existed in the town.

We wish to thank all those who have supported and loved us through this difficult time. Our deepest thanks and respect go to Pastor Carol McLean and our church family at Jehovah Jireh Christian Ministries in Caledon. We also thank all our dear family and friends who have demonstrated such exceptional faithfulness and love. Thanks also go to the compassionate nurses and doctors of F-Wing at Headwaters Hospital. Thank you, Dr. Ken Derksen, for being an exceptional family doctor over the years.

A Memorial Service will take place at a date to be announced. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmclair.com.

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memories of you, I will always keep.*

*Forever and always
your loving wife,
Margaret*



HENNESSY, KEENAN

Passed away peacefully at home surrounded by his family on Wednesday, June 9, 2021 at the age of 63. Devoted husband of the late Debbie. Loving father of Jennifer (Ryan), Jeff and Josh. Proud papa of Hannah and Hudson. He will be lovingly remembered by his many siblings and extended family. A Celebration of Life will be announced at a later date. If desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com



SMITH, HOWARD HENRY

Peacefully at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Sunday, June 13, 2021 in his 91st year. Beloved husband of 62 years to Ione. Loving father of Larry (Heather). Proud grandfather of Craig (Priscilla), Kelsey (Eric) and Kendall and great-grandfather of Simone and Sierra. He will be lovingly remembered by his extended family and friends. Due to the current restrictions, a private funeral service will be held. Interment at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to Headwaters Health Care Centre or a charity of your choice would be appreciated. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

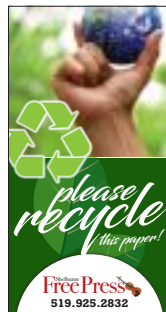


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