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HONOURING CATHI: Evelyn Sime and her family took part in the virtual Walk to End ALS in Shelburne on Sunday (June 20) in honour of her daughter Cathi Snider, who passed away from the disease in February 2020. Team Cathi has raised \$2,915, which will go towards research and community based support.

Annual Walk to End ALS honours late Cathi Snider

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

Clad in purple, Evelyn Sime and her family walked the streets around her apartment complex in Shelburne, taking part for a second year in the Walk to End ALS on Sunday (June 20) in honour of her daughter Cathi Snider.

"It's a good tradition," said Debra Bettio, one of Cathi's three sisters in a phone interview. "It's an opportunity to do something that will hopefully help other families, but also gives us the chance to reflect on what Cathi went through."

Cathi Snider was diagnosed with ALS in August of 2019 after experiencing a fall, undergoing physiotherapy and several tests in hospital. Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) or also known as Lou Gehrig's disease, is a terminal progressive nervous system disease that affects the nerves in the brain and spinal cord causing loss of muscle control.

After battling the disease for six months, Cathi passed away in February 2020.

"None of us knew anything about ALS

before Cathi got her diagnosis. We certainly didn't expect to lose her that quickly, it's a horrible disease and it can be very aggressive," said Cindy Sabo, another one of Cathi's sisters.

"What we had read was average two to five years (life span) and it took a very independent woman and changed everything in her life in a very short time," said Bettio. "It was probably the hardest thing that I ever had to go through, which was watching her have to face it. You can't forget, you have to do something to honour that."

While taking part in walk on Sunday, family members recalled memories of Cathi, describing her as a strong-willed, determined and independent person.

"Whatever she wanted she usually got," said Evelyn Sime about her daughter.

"She was the boss of the family," said Doug Snider, Cathi's husband. "She took care of her kids, the house, and the dog."

The Walk to End ALS is a Canada-wide volunteer-led fundraiser, the largest for ALS Societies in the country, which supports the 3,000 families living with ALS while honour-

ing those who have passed from it. For the second year in a row the walk was held virtual through Facebook, with those walking in honour of Cathi (Team Cathi) doing so in Toronto, Amaranth, Shelburne, and British Columbia.

Snider said the walk was something the family couldn't miss after the help they received from the ALS Society of Canada during Cathi's battle with the disease.

While the walk for Evelyn Sime and her family was a day to honour Cathi, it was also a day for them to celebrate the strength of the family's matriarch. Evelyn, who celebrated her 87th birthday in March, underwent back surgery in December of 2020, and also recovered from COVID-19 in April.

"This is special for us not only in memory of Cathi, but as a tribute to our mom who is quite a fighter in life and is here supporting her daughter," said Sheri Sime.

Team Cathi had a fundraising goal of \$2,500 and has so far raised \$2,915 with 40 per cent of the proceeds going towards the research of ALS and 60 per cent going towards community based support.

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Ontario passes Stage 3 threshold, local mayors call for early reopening

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Ontario in the last week has surpassed the vaccination threshold required to enter both Stage 2 and Stage 3 of the government's Roadmap to Reopen, leading Ontarians to wonder if an early move in economic reopening is coming sooner than expected.

The government's plan to reopen the economy, known as the Roadmap to Reopen, has been based on province-wide vaccination rates as well as key public health and health care indicators, including declining hospitalization, ICU occupancy and positivity rates.

To move to Stage 2, the province would need 70 per cent of adults to be vaccinated with one dose and 20 per cent fully vaccinated while to move to Stage 3, it would need 70 to 80 per cent with one dose and 25 per cent with two.

Ontario, as of Tuesday (June 22) had 76 percent of adults aged 18 and up with one dose and 25 per cent of the population fully vaccinated.

In the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public Health region cases have significantly dropped with the health unit reporting as of Wednesday (June 23), 48 active cases in the region, 8 in Dufferin, and a positivity rate of 1.8 percent. Headwaters Health Care Centre also reported on June 17 they had no COVID-19 positive inpatients at the hospital.

Despite this, WDG Public Health officials say we need to proceed with caution on a potential early reopening.

"We're encouraged by the progress of the local vaccination program. Our declining case rates point to the coming end of this third wave of COVID-19. However, we are only ten days into the Province's Roadmap to Reopen. With the growing presence of the Delta variant in both Waterloo and Peel Regions, as well as here in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph, we must proceed with caution," said Chris Beveridge, WDGPH director of health protection, in an email to the Free Press on June 21.

While the government has been vague on

"Our personal service businesses need to get back running again as soon as possible."

—Mayor Sandy Brown

whether reopening will be sped up, local mayors are expressing their support for an early move.

"It's time to make that move, it might be a little earlier than anticipated but that in large to the cooperation of residents. If COVID has taught us anything it's that we have to be fluid, we can't be rigid about certain plans that we have in place," said Mayor Wade Mills. "That need to be flexible works both ways. July 2 was earmarked as the date for a move to step two, we've reached those milestones early so that's why I'm advocating that we make an earlier move. On the flip side, if we hadn't reached those milestones by July 2, then it probably would have made sense to push that off until we did."

"Any increase in that timeline or improvement in that timeline I would be supportive of 200 per cent," said Orangeville Mayor Sandy Brown.

Brown also indicated his support for reopening to allow for personal services such as hairdressers to open their doors once again.

"All what we're hearing now is positive news. I think the province needs to accelerate the reopening for things like personal services," said Brown. "Our personal service businesses need to get back running again as soon as possible."

The move to Stage 2 is tentatively set for July 2.

When looking at other jurisdiction's Alberta is lifting all Public Health measures, including the mask mandate, on July 1 and Saskatchewan is lifting all measures except for the mask mandate and gathering capacity limits on July 11.

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PTSD Awareness Day recognized across Canada on June 27

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



After experiencing a traumatic event not everyone will develop post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), but many that do will suffer silently.

Organizations will be recognizing the mental health disorder nationally on June 27 as part of PTSD Awareness Day to educate the public, increase awareness, and support those affected.

“Recognizing PTSD is really recognizing it as a significant mental health diagnosis,” said Tim Smith, program manager at Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) Peel Dufferin. “It [PTSD] has a significant impact, for most individuals the impact is across their life. It impacts work, personal relationships, long-term planning and goal setting. Some folks diagnosed find ways of coping and managing quite effectively, but for those that don’t it can be pretty debilitating to deal with.”

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) is an anxiety disorder involving exposure to a traumatic event which could include crimes, natural disasters, accidents, war or conflict, or other threats to life. A person with PTSD could experience the event themselves or witness it happening to others.

“Trauma is a personal experience,” explained Smith. “You might have 10 people that are involved in a car accident and eight people walk away without any symptoms of trauma but two people do because it’s based on their personal experience.”

According to the Canadian Institute for Public Safety Research and Treatment (CIPSRT), in Canada it is estimated that up to 2.3 per cent of the population is dealing with PTSD at any given time.

Individuals working in occupations with increased exposure to traumatic events such

as first responders, armed forces personnel, and public safety personnel tend to see PTSD more prevalently. Women, refugees, and Indigenous peoples are also statistically at higher risk.

The CIPSRT said with the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, symptoms of PTSD may soon be overwhelming for Public Safety Personnel.

“In terms of the impact of COVID-19 some folks are coping very well and they’ve not been impacted but for others the trauma of the pandemic has been a challenge,” said Smith. “It’s really important to recognize that people cope in different ways.”

In March, CMHA Ontario released polling data for a survey tracking trends in mental health during the pandemic. Data showed that only a third of Ontarians (35 per cent) consider their current state of mental health as “good” or “excellent” compared to 52 per cent in the first poll.

The survey also showed that almost 80 per cent of Ontarians believed we’d be in a serious mental health crisis post-pandemic, a sentiment that is also felt by CMHA.

“As we move into recovery people might realize for themselves that they have been struggling or are struggling,” said Sinthusha Panchalingam, clinical director for CMHA Peel Dufferin. “Sometimes when you’re in the motion of things or going through something, you don’t stop to reflect. As we talk about pandemic recovery, moving to a new normal these anxieties or worries might rise for people.”

Panchalingam added that the agency is planning for the recovery stage of the pandemic with a plan around mental health for the community and healthcare workers, which is focused closely on PTSD.

“We’re certainly making assumptions on what we suspect, given the increase needs for services that we saw through the pandemic. The lingering effects and the effects of recovery, we’re certainly thinking that it will be in line with what happening during the pandemic,” said Panchalingam.

With this year’s PTSD Awareness Month and Day, the Canadian Institute for Public Safety Research and Treatment (CIPSRT), is looking at the theme of getting “Stigma Out and Understanding In”.

The CIPSRT said public safety personnel may feel a stigma from co-workers, organizations or the public due to lack of understanding of PTSD leading to the idea that those struggling with the disorder are weak or unfit. CIPSRT added that it is this stigma that can stop those suffering from seeking help or asking for support.

“It’s not about strength versus weakness

or it’s not about capacity, it’s about different people working through issues differently and needing to respect that some people get through it ok and some people are struggling,” said Smith.

“Stigma around mental health is a barrier for some people to access resources in the community so it’s an important conversation for everybody. Statistics tell us that one in five Canadians will have a mental health concern at some point in their lifetime, we all know somebody who’s dealing with a mental health issue. I can’t be burdened with stigma, we need to be open and honest, and help people deal with their mental health issues exactly the same way we help people deal with their physical health issues.”

Resources for mental health services in Dufferin-Caledon can be found on the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative website. CMHA Peel Dufferin also has a general phone number as well as a crisis line, for community members seeking help.

“If you are struggling, reach out for help because you don’t have to struggle alone,” said Panchalingam



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

SUPPORTING HEADWATERS: Kendra Goss of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation met with 8-year-old Chase Donnell (centre) and his mom Judy Ward (left) to accept a \$1,312 cheque last Tuesday (June 15) in the hospital’s Friendship Gardens. The donation will assist the hospital in covering the cost of its annual equipment needs, which isn’t covered by the government.

Local youth donates bath bomb sales to Headwaters

Written By **SAM ODROWSKI**

A local 8-year-old boy, with the help of his family, is making a large impact on local not-for-profit organizations.

Chase Donnell and his 12-year-old sister, Aaliyah have spent the past few months making thousands of bath bombs, priced at \$2 each, and were able to donate nearly \$3,000 to Orangeville and District SPCA in April from their sale.

Since then, they moved their sights to Headwaters Health Care Foundation (HHCF) and fundraised a little over \$1,300, which will assist the hospital in covering the cost of annual equipment needs, which aren’t covered by the government.

“This is really going to go a long way for our hospital,” said Kendra Goss, corporate and community engagement coordinator at HHCF.

“During times like these it’s just been so hard and we’ve struggled with some fundraising. Our events have had to be cancelled or postponed, changed, so a donation like this is so beneficial to healthcare and our community.”

Goss also noted that Donnell donated a bunch of bath bombs to the nurses at Headwaters during National Nurses Week (May 10-16).

“The nurses here were so thrilled to get those,” she said. “Something like that during times like these just put huge smiles on their faces.”

When Donnell was asked why he wanted to support the local hospital, he said his grandpa receives care there and he saw that they needed help fundraising for the purchase and replacement of medical equipment.

He told the Citizen it feels good to raise the money and be able to help Headwaters.

For the rest of June, Donnell is going to be donating the revenue he generates from bath bomb sales to the Orangeville Food Bank and Family Transition Place.

Starting in July, he’ll shift gears to fundraising for Autism Speaks Canada.

Donations of bath bomb making supplies are welcomed by Donnell, as he notes a lot of money goes towards the supplies used when making them, which aren’t recuperated with the sales.

Healing Moon (23 Mill St) has been a consistent supporter, graciously providing bath bomb making ingredients and even buying the bath bombs to give to customers with their orders.

Anyone looking to purchase Donnell’s bath bombs can also find them at the Village Refillery (28 Mill St Unit 109B), Finders Keepers (60 Broadway Ave, Garage Unit), and Grassroots Eco Refills (110 Goldgate Crescent, Orangeville).

Looking ahead, Donnell is planning on having a booth setup at the next Orangeville Mom’s Market, which is being hosted at Hockley Valley Farm (307509 Hockley Rd, Mono) on June 26 from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m.

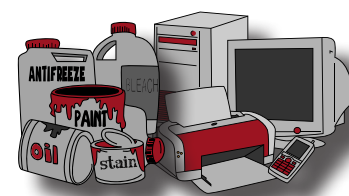
When asked why people should purchase a bath bomb, apart from their fantastic aroma, Donnell noted that you’re “donating to charities and helping people out.”

Donnell’s mom, Judy Ward, called it, “the gift that gives back.”

To inquire about purchasing bath bombs or donating ingredients, you can email: bombsbychase@gmail.com and visit facebook.com/bombsbychase/ or instagram.com/bombsbychase/ to learn more.

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Tear it down?

I read an interesting article a while back about a US college professor who provided details of two world leaders to his class.

The first person was a vegetarian, a decorated war hero, did not smoke and promoted an anti-smoking campaign, promoted animal rights and welfare, and never had illicit love affairs.

The second person associated with 'ward heelers' – a corrupt political operative, consulted with astrologists, was a womanizer and had a mistress, was a chain smoker, and drinks eight to ten martinis a day.

After presenting the personal characteristic of these people, the professor asked his class which type of person they would rather have leading the country.

The vote was all-in for the non-smoking dog lover, and against the functioning alcoholic.

They were surprised to learn they just raised their hands in favour of Adolf Hitler.

The candidate they turned down was Franklin Roosevelt.

How, they wondered could they choose the characteristics of the leader of the Third Reich and turn down the man that led the

country from the Great Depression with his New Deal policy?

It's interesting how you can skew an opinion about a person, institution, or ideology just by eliminating some facts and including others.

We seem to be in an era when revisionists of sorts have decided to take part of history and bring it to the forefront while ignoring other facts completely or burying them and accusing anyone who dares to bring them up to be 'anti' something.

History is history – it's in the past and has already happened and cannot be changed. Tearing down statues won't change history or the outcome of what has already taken place.

Taken to the tenth degree, this type of thinking would pretty much eliminate every statue, every street name, and every park, ever named after a person. Taken to the tenth degree you could eliminate those streets signs with the red poppies that are named after veterans because someone remembered that war hero Jones kicked a dog when he was a kid or some other veteran flouted the law by getting a speeding

ticket. Where does it stop?

It is important to note, these statues and plaques were erected by other people. They were not erected by living dictators who sought to glorify themselves.

There is a statue of Louis Riel on the grounds of the Manitoba legislature.

If you went to school in Canada you should know the Riel was a politician, leader of the Metis, and a rebel.

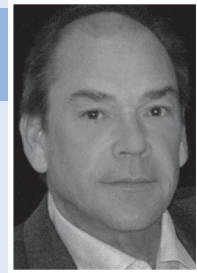
He is a revered figure in history to some, and a traitor to others. He was hanged in 1885. Some provinces were glad to see him swing at the end of a rope, others were vehemently opposed to the sentence.

He was a controversial figure in history. Manitobans have seen fit to erect a statue to honour him. Nothing wrong with that.

Was he a hero? Well, Thomas Scott's family probably doesn't think he was.

Riel ordered the execution of Scott to set an example – nothing more. Scott was opposed to Riel's provisional government and was arrested along with some of his cohorts. Apparently he was not an ideal prisoner and his guards insisted he be put on trial for insubordination.

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After a secret trail, Scott was shot by a firing squad of men who were so intoxicated most missed the target and Scott was only wounded. He was placed in a coffin while still alive.

Should Riel's statue be torn down by an angry mob because he was responsible for the murder of a man whose only crime was being a political opponent?

In 2001, two giant statues of Buddha that had been carved into the cliffs in a valley in Afghanistan were destroyed by the Taliban who declared them to be idols. The statues had stood for a millennium and a half. They were completely destroyed and many people across the world were outraged that these works of art that survived for 1500 years were reduced to a pile of rubble.

Were they angry because they were Buddhists? No, they were angry because something beautiful was destroyed for no other reason than someone didn't like it.

History cannot be changed.

How about celebrating the good people did rather than dwell on the negative?

Canada's housing crisis

Canadians know that our country's housing market continues to reach new and unprecedented highs. For example, in Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo and Windsor, home prices have jumped to more than double the national average. There's also the example of a house in Ottawa that went up 50 per cent in seven months. The average home price in cities such as Toronto, Brampton, and Vancouver has reached over \$1 million. Closer to home, the average cost to buy a detached home in Caledon increased significantly, according to a report by the Toronto Regional Real Estate Board released earlier this year. It also reported semi-detached units, which sold for an average of \$738,000 in December 2019, ended 2020 at \$840,667, which is a 13.9 per cent year-over-year increase. These patterns are also being witnessed in Dufferin and are deeply concerning, as it makes it nearly impossible for first-time homebuyers to enter the market.

The dream of home ownership remains out of reach for many Canadian families

and this housing crisis has been brewing for years. The Liberal government and Prime Minister Trudeau have had their heads in the sand. Their solutions have been a few ineffective, problematic programs that have done nothing to resolve this crisis. The dream of home ownership for young Canadians is dying and those who can buy are assuming massive debt burdens.

My Conservative colleagues and I introduced a motion to address the housing crisis in Canada. We asked for common sense solutions to address this problem, including examining a temporary freeze on home purchases by non-resident foreign buyers, replacing the government's failed First-Time Home Buyer Incentive, strengthening law enforcement tools to halt money laundering, implementing tax incentives focused on increasing the supply of purpose-built market rental housing units, and overhauling housing policy to substantively increase supply. Instead of supporting these practical solutions that experts have been calling for, the Trudeau government

instead chose to fail Canadians by voting against this motion and taking no action.

The Trudeau government refuses to acknowledge their First-Time Home Buyer Incentive and National Housing Strategy have failed Canadians. Their First-Time Home Buyer Incentive has failed to meet promised targets and is clearly not working. The program is so flawed that in Victoria, Vancouver, and Toronto, only 49 homebuyers received it since the program started two years ago. Industry experts say the program has 'little practical value' and that the Trudeau government is doing nothing to address the 'unbelievably unaffordable' housing situation in Canada. Sadly, the Trudeau government's National Housing Strategy has also failed to build enough homes to address Canada's supply issue, while at the same time, housing affordability has become worse under the plan. Despite this, they continue to dump billions of taxpayer dollars into it.

A few weeks ago, I raised the issue of Canada's housing crisis in the House of Commons and the impact on young

Canadians. I also called on the Trudeau government for a real plan. You can view the question I asked during Question Period, as well as Minister Hussen's response here: <https://www.facebook.com/kyleseeback/videos/849523942310472> His answer was extremely disappointing and was more of the same – touting their ineffectual First-Time Home Buyer Incentive.

Canadians need a real plan to help realize their dream of home ownership. The reality is we can't afford more of the same, which is what the Trudeau government continues to offer, as I recently witnessed in Question Period. They must fix the housing supply gap instead of doubling down on their failed First Time Home Buyer Incentive and National Housing Strategy. It's time for the common sense solutions my Conservative colleagues and I have presented to finally put home ownership back in the reach of Canadians.

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Council refers development proposal to heritage committee

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



Shelburne Town Council is referring an application for a proposed mixed-use commercial and residential development to the heritage committee before approval.

Council received the application for the site plan, proposing a three-storey mixed-use development at the vacant property of 121 Adeline Street in Shelburne's downtown area, during their meeting on June 14.

"This is one of the smallest properties in Town, and it's located on the east side of Adeline, on the north side of the existing public lane behind Main Street," explained Steve Wever, town planner.

The proposed three-storey development will consist of a commercial suite on the ground level, and three two-level residential apartments with dedicated stairwells and private garages. Floor area of the commercial unit would be about 50 square metres or close to 550 square feet while the residential units would be around 700 square feet (350 square feet per level).

"The first floor of these residential units, being the second floor of the building, would be for common space, so kitchen and living room space," said Wever. "In each unit the second story would be for

one bedroom each."

Based on the sleeping accommodations of one-bedroom units, the apartments will not be family-style but rather for one to two occupants. While the apartments have a private garage, each unit will only have space for one vehicle.

"There is no space for a second vehicle and that will be something that the tenant would have to bear in mind when leasing," said Wever. "However, it meets the zoning bylaw requirements. We didn't have a regulation that we could point to, to say you need to have two spaces per unit."

Wever noted that it is common in downtown areas, even those in smaller communities, to have a parking standard of one space per unit.

The limited parking accommodations for residence of apartments is a concern for councillors.

"We really have a parking issue with the

downtown currently in places for residence of apartments," said Coun. Walter Benotto. "There has to be something that we can be able to provide parking spaces for these apartments and for these residents in newer buildings coming in."

Prior to the proposed development application, the lot contained a two-storey commercial building which was removed by the previous owner in 2019. The previous property occupied nearly the entire property area and had no parking or landscape areas to service the building. The previous building also encroached slightly on the Town's right-of-way on Adeline Street.

Although the property does not have any existing driveways, it can be accessed from

Adeline Street or the existing lane along the south boundary of the property. Adjoining properties to the north and east contain existing commercial, mixed-use buildings.

The application for the three-storey building is proposing to use a similar footprint as the previous existing building, to the limits of the lot.

Despite a proposed 1.2 m setback of the main floor to accommodate the private garages along the lane, Coun. Lynda Buffet brought up concerns of visibility when backing cars out.

"The 1.2 meters was identified because that's what the zoning bylaw says is required along municipal lanes. If one of these garage doors were facing Adeline the requirement would be six meters," said Wever.

Convex mirrors were suggested by the applicant to improve sight line along the lane.

The next heritage committee meeting will be on July 7, with the next council meeting succeeding it on July 12.

Trial date and venue to be set in Hanson case on Aug. 23

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

Michelle Hanson, an Amaranth mother facing charges in relation to the 2018 death of her three-year-old-son Kaden Young will see a date and venue set for her trial in late August.

Hanson made a brief appearance in Orangeville court by phone on Monday (June 21), to provide information on obtaining a new lawyer. At her last court appearance on June 8 Hanson's former lawyer, Marco Forte, brought forward an application to remove himself as her counsel, which was not opposed by Hanson.

Hanson told Justice Giselle Miller at the court appearance that she has a new lawyer in mind, but is waiting for approval from Legal Aid.

"I've spoken with Legal Aid and they've sent the application in to change my lawyer, but it takes up to four-to-six weeks," said Hanson.

Justice Miller remanded Hanson to appear in court again on Aug. 23 at 10 a.m. where a trial date and venue will be set.

Hanson's trial was originally scheduled to begin in a Guelph courtroom on March 8, but was put on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions on jury trials in Ontario. Hanson's trial was relocated to Guelph from Orangeville in September 2020 following a request from her former lawyer that the trial be held outside of the Dufferin County jurisdiction.

Hanson's minivan was pulled into the Grand River on the early morning hours

of Feb. 21, 2018 following heavy flooding, which saw river water rise up onto the roadway. Police said Hanson drove around a 'road closed' sign at the 10th Line of Amaranth and the car was pulled into the river.

Both Hanson and Kaden, who was in the vehicle with his mother, managed to escape, but Kaden was pulled out of his mother's arms. Kaden's body was later recovered under a bridge in Belwood Lake on April 21, two months to the day of the incident.

Hanson is being tried on charges of impaired driving causing death and criminal negligence causing death.



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FLAG RAISING: The Multicultural flag was raised at Shelburne Town Hall on June 15, ahead of Multiculturalism Day in Canada. A virtual Multicultural Day event, spearheaded by Shelburne local Althea Alli will be held on June 27 (Canadian Multiculturalism Day) to celebrate the cultural diversity in the community.

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- 27. Refined
- 29. Aromatic herb
- 30. Corpsman
- 31. Creative creation
- 32. Nasty mutt
- 33. Flightless avian
- 36. Perfect number
- 37. Sooner than, in poetry
- 38. Insect egg
- 40. Jotted reminder
- 42. Dish up
- 43. Driving force
- 48. Chromosome component
- 50. Major vessel
- 51. Scornful look
- 52. Clumsy
- 53. High toss
- 54. Leatherworking tool
- 55. African animal
- 58. Militarize
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Farm based learning program teaching children food literacy

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

Jeanette McFarlane is hoping to help grow better people.

The former outdoor education instructor for the Mansfield Outdoor Centre has created a real-life experience program called Dufferin Sustainable Educational Experiential Development School (SEEDS) Learning Farm, which looks to teach local children about the environment, food, and agriculture.

"I really wanted to do something for my community, where I live. I want a community of great people and that means positively affecting children's lives and wanting them to grow up to make good decisions for the place they live and for the people they care about," said McFarlane. "Dufferin SEEDS connects kids to the earth. A learning farm that strives to help grown better people."

In early spring, McFarlane was approached by Joan VanDuzen, owner of the 100-acre Mansfield Heritage Farm, about creating an on-farm experiential agricultural program for children.

"As an educator, I'm always looking for ways to continue learning and getting kids outside. In this day and age, we are spending way too much time indoors, and it's time to get kids back outdoors," said McFarlane. "So here was this opportunity where someone wants to give kids the chance to come to a farm, and give access that perhaps they won't [have] with school, and the changing landscape of education."

McFarlane noted the programs opportunity to reintroduce hands-on experience



POTATO PLANTING: Two students of the Dufferin Sustainable Educational Experiential Development School (SEEDS) Learning Farm got their hands dirty with some potato planting during one of the lessons.

with food literacy ahead of Bill 126, if passed. Bill 126, Food Literacy for Students Act is currently in the Ontario Legislature and would require all school boards to provide curriculum in experiential food liter-

acy and healthy eating for grades 1 through grade 12.

After further research, McFarlane developed a proposal for a pilot of the program which she said was to see if the commu-

nity and parents were wanting agricultural experiences for their children.

The SEEDS pilot program had 25 children from ages four to twelve participate and saw them plant potatoes, make butter and ice cream, learn about soil health, and the value of land.

"We focus on food, where your food comes from, the value of food and land because a lot of times people just think to go to the grocery store, but they don't realize what that does from an environmental standpoint. Appreciating how much work goes into getting a dozen eggs, into growing potatoes, beans, lettuce, carrots and all that stuff builds a better or healthier relationship for kids and their food," said McFarlane.

Speaking to the community response to the pilot program, McFarlane noted, "The response was tremendous. People definitely want this experience for their kids and these experiences really make an impact at a young age, on a person's life. We want them to be positive experiences so that they go in turn and grow into better people."

While the pilot program was held earlier this month, Dufferin SEEDS Learning Farm will be officially launching the on-farm program come September.

McFarlane said the specific curriculum for the program is still in the works but will likely be tied to the season.

"There is a time period in September and October which is great for harvesting, storage of food and preparation, and looking at that in tandem with animals, the wildlife and the fall migration/hibernation."

The Dufferin SEEDS Learning Farm will primarily be focused for elementary age children between the ages of five to 12.

Brain injury Awareness month highlights importance of safety

Written By **Sam Odrowski**

Whether you slip and fall, find yourself in a motor vehicle collision or knocked unconscious while playing hockey, in a split second everything can change because of a brain injury.

Dufferin resident, Wendy Cook knows this well, as her 26-year-old son Keaton suffered a traumatic brain injury at one year of age and she has been his primary caregiver ever since.

With June being Brain Injury Awareness Month, a time when information is widely circulated about the invisible injury and how it can be prevented, Cook noted the

importance of putting safety first.

"Protecting your brain is a lifelong activity. You only get one, and it's so important, it's central control, like a computer, it controls everything in your body, your emotions, your breathing, how your mind works or doesn't, your sleep status – everything is controlled by your brain, so it's important to protect it," she said.

"Sometimes when I watch parents teaching their kids to bicycle, it's interesting that the kids have on their helmets but the parents don't, and I think that to have a real appreciation for safety the parent needs to have a helmet on too."

When looking at contact sports, Cook says

there should be more conversations around protecting one's head, avoiding concussion and how to deal with one when it happens.

"A couple of years ago I met a young man out of high school who was working part time here in Orangeville at one of the stores I was in and he said he'd had eight concussions because of contact sports," she recalled. "His brain was just so rattled."

"What most people don't know is that if you do get a concussion, the issues can be for life," Cook added.

Once every three minutes, someone in Canada suffers a traumatic brain injury, with roughly 150,000 Canadians experiencing a brain injury each year and over 1.5 million currently living with one.

While so many Canadians are impacted by brain injuries, Barbara Gilchrist of Mind Forward Brain Injury Services, which provides programming in Orangeville, notes that there's a gap between the need and demand for supports.

"There are many, many survivors and there's just not enough provision of health care or community services to people with brain injuries," said Gilchrist.

Mind Forward currently provides assistance and support to roughly 100 people in Dufferin and over 400 in Peel and Halton.

A day program in Orangeville ran for nine years but had to be put on pause when the pandemic started, with everything changing over to a video call format, using Zoom.

"We offer all sorts of social engagement, we work on rehabilitation, social skills,

social interaction, increasing self-esteem, and building friendships," said Gilchrist. "Our mission is to help create the highest quality of life for all of our clients and we certainly have extensive caregiver support's also."

As well, Mind Forward helps some of their clients access the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP), secure housing, assist with food security, and any other social determinants of health.

"Our agency, we have a number of homes where people do live with 24/7 care and rehabilitation, and then we have clients that are extremely independent and just need a little bit of extra support in the community to live successfully," Gilchrist noted.

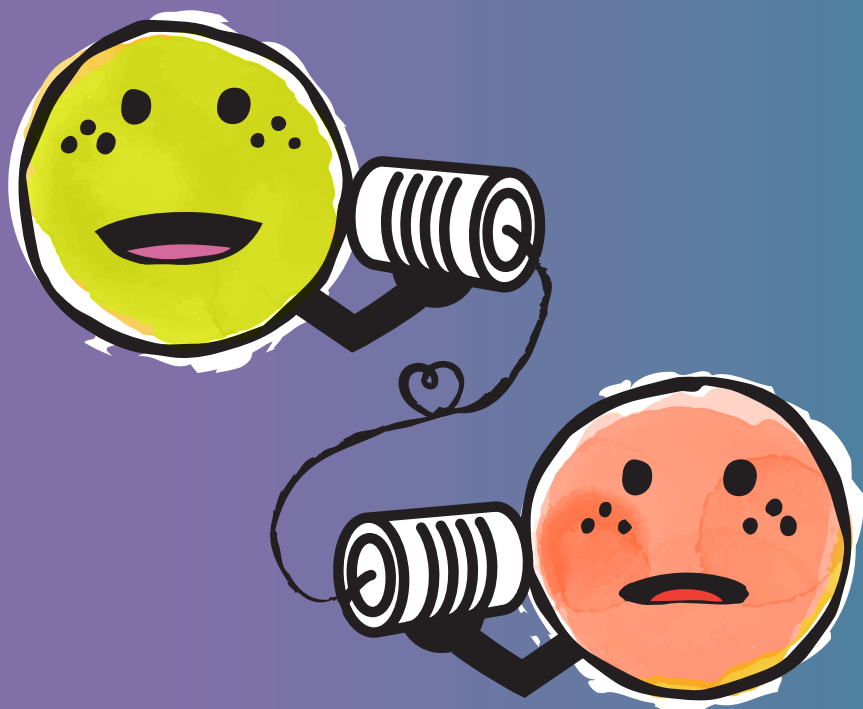
One of Mind Forward's independent clients, Vito Loschiavo was in a car accident 16 years ago and airlifted to Sunnybrook Hospital in Toronto where he went into a coma for about a week. Once he came out of the coma, he spent three months in rehabilitation before heading back home in Orangeville.

Loschiavo says the brain injury forced him to relearn many things and left him with memory issues but noted that his support team has been fantastic in assisting him along with the way.

He told the Citizen that Mind Forward played a critical role in helping him reintegrate into society in the years following his brain injury.

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Pfizer delay will impact local vaccine rollout

Remaining Pfizer supplies will be prioritized for youth aged 12 to 17 years old.

For all residents of the region who received either Moderna or Pfizer for their first dose, evidence indicates that receiving either vaccine as a second dose provides strong

protection against COVID-19. Both mRNA vaccines are authorized for use in Canada, use similar technology, and are safe to mix.

For more information on the COVID-19 vaccines, please visit wdgpublichealth.ca/vaccine.

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Headwaters presents Dr. David Scott award to WDG Public Health

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

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) held its annual general meeting on Tuesday (June 23), where the latest recipients of the Dr. David Scott Award were honoured.

HHCC Board Chair, Lori Ker presented the award to Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and Dr. Matthew Tenenbaum, Associate Medical Officer of Health as well as the Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public Health team.

"I wish to extend my deepest thanks to Headwaters Health Care Centre for this award which I accept on behalf of all members of the WDG Public Health Team," said Dr. Mercer. "The award isn't something we would have sought but the recognition means a great deal to us. The work of Public Health throughout the pandemic would not have been possible without the incredible partners like Headwaters."

The Dr. David Scott Award is given to individuals or groups who have gone above and beyond to improve overall health and wellness for residents in the Dufferin-Caledon area, and promoting link-age between the local hospital and the community.

Dr. David Scott first came to Orangeville in 1962 as the town's first specialist in general surgery. He practiced as a general surgeon between the years of 1962 to 1997, and was Chief of staff at the local hospital from 1983 to 1989.

He passed away in April 2020, at the age of 88.

The late doctor's son, Dr. Hugh Scott provided a video paying homage to his father and his contributions to Orangeville and surrounding communities.

"It is the essence of the award that matters...presenting this award every year creates an opportunity to speak again about why we have to say involved. It provides a forum for discussing new ideas to improve our community's health through positive leadership," said Dr. Scott.

Headwaters Health Care Centre in a press release said WDG Public Health emulates the true essences of the award with the teams work on making a positive impact on the health of the community.

"Our working relationship has been strengthened significantly through the course of the pandemic. In the early days there was a lot of concern and fear in the community about the unknown," wrote HHCC in the press release. "WDG Public Health helped to quell those fears and provide the public and us, as health care providers, with clear and timely information based on facts and reliable data. WDG Public Health team members were right there with us in our work within the community, providing public health support and expertise for long-term care and hospital break-outs."

HHCC at the general meeting also recognized the effect the pandemic has had on the hospital and celebrated the past years achievements.



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DR. SCOTT AWARD: The Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health team received the Dr. David Scott Award. From left to right, the team consists of Chris Beveridge, Director of Health Protection, Rita Isley, Director of Community Health and Chief Nursing Officer, Dr. Kyle Wilson, Director of Information Systems and Chief Privacy Officer, Dr. Nicola Mercer, Medical Officer of Health and CEO, David Kingma, Director of Administrative Services and Chief Administrative Officer, and Dr. Matthew Tenenbaum, Associate Medical Officer of Health.

Upper Grand District School Board June meeting highlights

The June meeting of the Upper Grand District School Board was held on June 22, 2021. The following provides highlights from the meeting.

Equity Plan Progress Report

Staff presented the Board of Trustees with a year-end Progress Report of the UGDSB Three-Year Equity Plan. The report provides information on the scope of work completed in the UGDSB in the 2020-2021 school year.

The Equity Plan is divided into four main

sections of focus:

- Identify and Name Bias, Oppression and Racism through reflection, evidence, voice/feedback and data
- Build collaborative relationships to foster community and align
- Address and educate with accountable policies and practices
- Eliminate Bias, Oppression and Racism through disruption and action

The Progress Report highlights progress made to date in each of these four areas, as

well as next steps planned.

To review the Progress Report, please visit <https://www.ugdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-06-01-Progress-Report-Equity-Plan-UGDSB.pdf>.

For more information on Equity, Diversity and Inclusion in the UGDSB, please visit www.ugdsb.ca/equity.

Summer Programming and Supports

Staff provided updates on summer programming and transitional supports that will be available to UGDSB students this summer.

Staff from various departments outlined the different programs and supports that will be offered in the areas of:

- Curriculum Supports (e.g. in-school supports, summer programs for elementary students, as well as secondary credit courses, upgrading credits, Co-Op and Dual Credit programming)
- English as a Second Language (ESL)
- Special Education summer learning
- Transition Supports in the spring, summer and fall

• Mental Health programs and supports

To view the presentation on Summer Programming and Supports, visit <https://www.ugdsb.ca/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/2021-06-01-Summer-Funding2021.pdf>.

Long Term Accommodation Plan Annual Review Report

Staff presented the Long Term Accommodation Plan (LTAP) Annual Review Report.

The LTAP is a comprehensive planning document outlining the strategic review of the Upper Grand District School Board's facilities, population projections and enrolment forecasts. It is an important step in ensuring alignment of school facilities with the needs of the Board and the communities it serves.

The 2021 LTAP Annual Review Report contains information on the UGDSB's updated 5-year work plan priorities, updated enrolment projections, school utilization rates and more.

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Brain injury Awareness month highlights importance of safety

"When I learned about them I was a little bit hesitant at first, but I went there and it was very helpful because they gave me the opportunity to meet others who have also experienced brain injury," Loschiavo shared.

"They had occasional social outings, that was very helpful, and they also occasionally did seminars on issues that easily affects brain injured people, like memory strategies, improving moods, anger management, and things like that."

Loschiavo noted that the COVID-19 restrictions and rolling lockdowns must be especially difficult for newly brain injured people. He says getting back out into the real world, with the help of supports, was key in his recovery journey, so those who don't have that option must be struggling.

Loschiavo added that for himself, in-person programming is great but he doesn't do well with Zoom and can't wait until the current COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

One thing that he says really helped him through his recovery is playing classical guitar.

A few years after Loschiavo's brain injury in 2005, he began performing live at nursing homes, which he and the seniors enjoyed very much up until the COVID-19 pandemic

struck last March and it had to be paused.

He says one of biggest challenges he's faced is the sadness and depression associated with his brain injury. Loschiavo notes that while he was never suicidal, he understands how that could be an issue for some people, which is why it is critical to reach out for support as needed.

Anyone who has a brain injury or supports someone with a brain injury is encouraged to visit Mind Forward's website: <https://mindforward.org/> and reach out to them directly by email at info@mindforward.org or by phone at (905) 949-4411.

Looking ahead to September, Mind Forward has a memorandum of understanding with Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church to use their space to offer programs again when COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

Those in need of support are also encouraged to reach out to the Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury (HABI) Group, which is a community group of survivors and loved ones that meets once per month. The group also hosts educational information sessions.

To get in contact email normanphilips74@gmail.com or call 519-215-1519.



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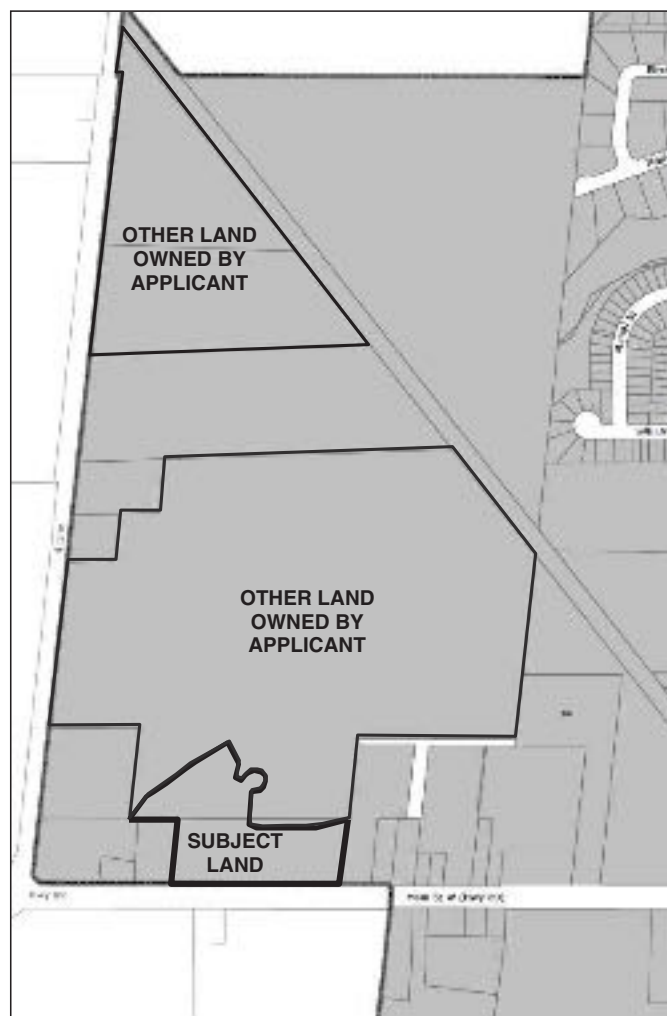
Take notice that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne has received complete applications for a Draft Plan of Subdivision, Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment. The Town will be processing the applications in accordance with the Planning Act, and the applications are being circulated to Town departments and public agencies for technical review. Town Council may not make a decision for approval of the applications until a Public Meeting is held in accordance with the Planning Act. Notice of a Public Meeting will be given and a Public Meeting will be held to receive comments on the application at a future date (to be determined), in accordance with the Planning Act.

The land subject to the proposed Draft Plan of Subdivision, Official Plan Amendment and Zoning By-law Amendment is comprised of parts of two (2) properties having a combined land area of approximately 2.96 hectares (7.3 acres) located along the north side of Main Street West east of 4th Line. The southerly property has a municipal address of 500 Main Street West and the northerly property has no municipal address. The subject land is vacant and is legally described as Part of Lots 1 and 2, Concession 3; Part of Lots 11-17, 26-30, 36, 37 and 60; All of Lots 31-35; Part of Queen Street and Part of Prince Street (all closed by the court order registered by inst. No. MF62334) of Registered Plan 28A (formerly in the Township of Melancthon), Town of Shelburne, County of Dufferin.

An Official Plan Amendment is proposed to add the land to the urban area and to redesignate the land from 'Non-Urban' to 'Residential' and 'Commercial' and to revise the extent of the 'Natural Environment' designation on Schedule 'A', and to designate the subject land as 'High Density Residential' and 'Community Commercial' on Schedules 'A1' and 'B2' of the Official Plan. A related

Zoning By-law Amendment is proposed to re-zone the subject land from Development (D) and Natural Environment (NE) to Residential Type Five Exception X (R5-X) Zone, Service Commercial Type Three (C3) Zone, and Open Space Recreation (OSR) Zone and to revise the limits of the NE Zone applicable to the subject land. The subject land is proposed for development by Plan of Subdivision consisting of high density residential uses including 93 senior's residential apartments and commercial uses and related roads (Streets A and B). There is a related application for an amendment to the County of Dufferin Official Plan to amend the Shelburne urban area boundary.

For more information about this matter, please contact Jennifer Willoughby, Clerk, at the Town of Shelburne Municipal Office at 203 Main Street East, by email to planning@shelburne.ca, or by telephone at 519-925-2600, or visit the Town's website at www.shelburne.ca



TOWNSHIP OF MULMUR NOTICE OF VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT CHARGE UPDATE

On Wednesday, August 4, 2021 the Township of Mulmur will hold a public meeting, pursuant to section 12 of the Development Charges Act, 1997, as amended, to present and obtain public input on the municipality's proposed development charges (D.C.) by-law and underlying background study. All interested parties are invited to attend the virtual Public Meeting of Council and make representations relating to the proposed D.C. by-law and background study. Interested persons may also express their comments at the public meeting or in writing, addressed to the municipal Clerk, at the above address prior to July 28, 2021.

The meeting is to be held via video and/or audio conferencing: Wednesday August 4, 2021 – 9:20AM.

Meeting links/phone numbers will be available at the Municipal Office and www.mulmur.ca no later than August 2, 2021.

The background study and proposed D.C. by-law are available online at www.mulmur.ca as well as through the Municipal Office at:

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Canadian UFO sightings up in 2020, group reports

Written By Mark Pavilons

The number of unusual sightings continues to grow across Canada.

Ufology Research released its 2020 Canadian UFO Survey recently, noting numbers have risen noticeably.

Last year was “exceptional” for UFOs, noted data collectors.

Some highlights include a total of 1,243 UFO sightings recorded in Canada in 2020, an increase of 46 per cent over 2019. Despite the pandemic and lockdowns, this was one of the highest total numbers of UFO reports recorded in a single year since the annual

Canadian UFO Survey began in 1989.

Data showed that during the early stages of the pandemic, during the first quarter of 2020, UFO report numbers surged significantly from 151 in 2019 to 259 in 2020. As the pandemic took hold in Canada in the second quarter of 2020, UFO report numbers surged to 354 cases, up from only 222 in 2019. This trend continued throughout 2020.

There are now more than 22,000 Canadian UFO reports in the Ufology Research database, just from 1989-2020. The group says a project is under way to document Canadian UFO reports previous to 1989.

In 2020, roughly 13 per cent of all UFO

reports were classified as unexplained, but more than 26 per cent had definite explanations. The remaining cases had either possible explanations or insufficient information for evaluation.

In 2020, Ontario led all Canadian provinces with 30 per cent of all Canadian UFO reports, up from 20 per cent in 2019, followed by Quebec (24 per cent, down from 2019) and BC (17 per cent, unchanged from 2019).

Maritime provinces had a dramatic increase in reported UFO sightings, rising from 39 reports in 2019 to 130 in 2020.

Since 1989, Ufology Research (formerly Ufology Research of Manitoba) has solicited UFO case data from known and active investigators and researchers in Canada. The goal has been to provide data for use by researchers trying to understand this controversial phenomenon.

Last year marked the 32nd year of collecting and analysing Canadian UFO report data by Ufology Research. With some gaps in data, tables of most Canadian UFO reports included in the annual surveys from 1989 to

the present are available online.

The most obvious indication of something being unusual in 2020 UFO data is the distribution of cases over the year. The double peak in April and August is particularly striking.

Was this because of COVID? Or was it because of several factors such as Starlink satellite launches combined with the lockdowns? One suggestion, that it was because of media attention to the “Tic Tac” UFO story and the impending U.S. intelligence report on UFOs, would be reasonable, but that would not explain the sharp drop in June reports. Besides, it is known that current UFO reports are not necessarily linked to current media, but often precipitate reporting of older experiences, the report says.

It’s also interesting to compare Ufology Research data analyses with other studies. American ufologist Cheryl Costa, for example, has been doing fine work by crunching UFO data as well.

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LIVE ON SET: Filming commenced at Greta and Titch baseball diamond in Grand Valley on Tuesday (June 15). The fun-loving kids show, “Ruby and the Well” produced by Shaftesbury is coming soon to a T.V. near you. The show is about the adventures of 12-year-old Ruby and her father who inherits an apple orchard.

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Upper Grand District School Board June meeting highlights

Trustees approved the updated short-term work plan priorities, with the understanding that work plan priorities may change as a result of future annual and 5-year LTAP review cycles, and approved the LTAP communication plan. Trustees also approved an additional motion put forward, that directs staff to complete the Secondary Program Review prior to the completion of the New Guelph Secondary School Boundary Review.

To review the full report, visit the board website.

West Guelph Consolidated JK-8 French Immersion Feasibility Study

Trustees approved a recommendation that directs staff to undertake a study examining the feasibility of the consolidation of at JK-8 French Immersion (FI) program in West Guelph schools.

In 2018/19, the FI program started at Gateway Drive PS as JK/SK and has been growing by a grade each year. In 2020/21, Gateway Drive PS has JK-2 FI. According to the Board motions from the Boundary Review process, the first year that FI students will leave Gateway Drive PS and feed to Willow Road PS is 2023/24 (Grades 4 & 5). A study needs to be conducted to determine the feasibility of creating a consolidated FI program in West Guelph.

The feasibility study will not result in a change to any existing West Guelph programs but will inform Trustees of the options for future processes. Staff will report back to the Board of Trustees on the outcomes of the feasibility study in October 2021.

Special Education Report and Special Education Plan

Staff presented the Special Education Report (2020-21) and the Special Education Plan.

(2021-22). The Special Education Report provides information on the past school year’s Special Education goals to support students with special needs. It was received by the board and will be posted on the UGDSB website.

The Special Education Plan is a document that outlines the structures, supports and programs the UGDSB has in place that are designed to support the diverse needs of students. It also provides a guide to the board’s beliefs, services and goals for how it plans on supporting students’ moving into

the next school year. The Special Education Plan is written for both the communities the board serves and the Ministry of Education. Yearly, the plan is reviewed, amended and submitted to the Ministry of Education according to Regulation 306. During this process, staff reflect and consider the growth that has been experienced as a board, the feedback received and work collaboratively achieved with various board and community partners. The Special Education Plan was approved by trustees and will be posted on the UGDSB website.

Policy Update

Trustees approved the following board policy:

- Policy 419 – Teacher Hiring Practices
- Policy 205 – School Volunteers
- Policy 508 – Educational Field Trips and Off-Site Activities

Both of these policies are important to students, parents, staff, school councils, and community members; Policy 205 because school volunteers play an important role in maintaining a positive school climate by allowing many aspects of a school’s programming, both curricular and extra-curricular, to continue operating efficiently; Policy 508 because many aspects of a school’s programming involve field trips. The deadline to provide input for both draft policies is Oct. 14, 2021, at 4pm.

To view all UGDSB policies and procedures, and to provide feedback on draft policies, visit www.ugdsb.ca/policy.

The next regular monthly meeting will be held on Tuesday August 31, 2021. Meeting details will be posted online at <https://www.ugdsb.ca/board/board-meetings/>.

About the Upper Grand District School Board

The Upper Grand District School Board serves more than 35,000 students through 65 elementary schools and 11 secondary schools in the City of Guelph, County of Wellington and County of Dufferin. The UGDSB covers the ancestral and traditional territories of the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Six Nations of the Grand River, and Sauguen Ojibway Nation Territories. Student success is the goal of over 4,000 dedicated teaching and support staff who are aided by the contributions of caring volunteers and community partners.

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Her last day at Headwaters will be July 23rd.

On behalf of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation Staff Team and Board of Directors, Tim Peters (Chair) and Sarah Mailhot (Vice-Chair) wish to thank Dora for her incredible contributions to the Foundation, Hospital and Community by raising our revenue and presence across Dufferin and Caledon, as well as across the industry as a whole.

Dora and her team have had unprecedented success, despite these challenging times, and thanks to the support of our incredibly generous Headwaters commu-



nity, the 20/21 fiscal year saw over \$5 million in revenue come through the door to benefit our hospital.

We are unanimous in our agreement that we will miss her!

The Foundation is pleased to announce that Danielle Gibb (currently the Director of Leadership & Planned Giving at the Foundation) will become our Acting Executive Director in July. We are very pleased to have Danielle assume this role and look forward to the continued success of our Foundation.

A transition plan, hiring plan and assemblance of a Search Committee is in the works, and we hope to have a new head of our Foundation in place by the end of the calendar year, if not sooner.



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTO

MOM MARKET: The Orangeville chapter of the Mom Market Collective saw great success on Saturday (June 19) during their market at Avalon Lavender Farm, titled "A Midsummer Night's Dream," with all 55 vendor booth spaces selling out. A total of \$945 was raised at the market that's being donated to Family Transition Place. Over 1,000 people filtered through the farm throughout the day on Saturday.

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What's curious is that her graph of monthly UFO report numbers is very different:

Specifically, while the April peak is in the U.S. data, the second August peak that is in Canadian data is absent. Costa notes that the March/April American peak is due to: "the result of COVID lockdown giving people more leisure time, a known driver of sighting reports."

Of all the 1,243 reports recorded in 2020, while about 13 per cent were classed as Unexplained, when looking only at Higher-Quality cases with high Reliability, the field was narrowed considerably.

In York, Aurora seemed to be the hotspot, with four reports.

April 25 in Aurora, someone reported three lights forming a triangle in the sky.

In Aurora on May 4 at 10 p.m. a light just appeared out of nowhere.

Sept. 20 in Aurora, a light was observed moving around, not following a straight path. The report included a photo.

April 2 in Vaughan, white cigar-shaped object streaked across the sky and disappeared. 21:45.

In Orangeville on Aug. 29 at 6:15 p.m., a slow moving light in the sky was reported.

In nearby Palgrave last Nov. 3, someone reported on Facebook a single sphere, seemingly flying around the moon.

In nearby Tottenham last May 26 at 10:15 p.m., a star-like light was seen moving in an erratic way, with multi-coloured lights flashing.

Last December 5 in King Township, at 6:30 p.m., more than 15 star-like objects were reported moving across the sky.

The following are some of the "best of the bunch," mostly in the witnesses' own words. Some might have simple explanations despite their classifications.

"I was shoveling snow on my balcony when I saw something in my peripheral vision. When I looked up it was about four or five feet away from me, levitating above a roof. It was about 7 feet long, silver on both sides with two black (not sure how to describe them) at each end. Almost like camera shutters. It had no noise at all. I stood there staring at it and the one side kind of folded. I went to the end of the balcony to get a better look and it was gone, or I couldn't see it."

From Innisfil April 18: "I was driving west, not far from home and on a side street that has farmland all around, so it's very dark. From behind the trees came this white light in the centre and reddish lights in a triangular formation pulsating back and forth and then pulsating from the centre light. The direction it was headed was south. It was flying low and the reddish orange lights seemed fixated to the center light, but didn't appear attached. It disappeared behind the trees on the south side of the road, but I was curious to see more, so I drove past my street to where there's an elevated bridge. I stopped at the bridge and the lights continued to fly low in the south direction. It disappeared over a distant hill and that was the last I saw it."

In Barrie: "At first I was looking into the sky towards the West from my backyard patio and saw a bright object moving SW with pulsating a bright white light. Then it disappeared and reappeared travelling in the opposite direction NE and it moved upward vertically and disappeared while pulsating. I was very excited and asked it to show itself for my wife to see, but my wife left. I then re-entered the house and just a moment later I went out on the backward patio again and there it was again showing up pulsating light like never before. I waved and got more response by light pulsation."

From Tottenham May 26: "Star sized flashing red and green object with no specific pattern. Could be for 1 min then flash green and red then be green for 1 min. Saw it at about 45 deg over the horizon

due south. Then moved straight north to then veer southeast to a full stop for a few minutes. Then it started to go north to disappear and reappear going north and then started to go S. It stopped in the North at about 45 deg above the horizon. I tried to take a picture with my phone but was way too small to be captured. I tried to zoom but was just a big blur."

Results of this study show that many people continue to report unusual objects in the sky, and some of these objects do not have obvious explanations.

Many of the witnesses are pilots, police and other individuals with reasonably good observing capabilities and good judgement.

Numbers of reported UFO sightings remain high. Several theories for this can be suggested: more UFOs are present and physically observable by witnesses; more secret or classified military exercises and overflights are occurring over populated areas; more people are unaware of the nature of conventional or natural objects in the sky; more people are taking the time to observe their surroundings; more people are able to report their sightings with easier access to the Internet and portable technology; or even that the downturn in the economy is leading to an increased desire by some people to look skyward for assistance.

Although the largest percentage of reported UFOs is simply lights in the night sky, a small number are objects with definite shapes observed within the witnesses' frame of reference.

Popular opinion to the contrary, there is no incontrovertible evidence that some

UFO cases involve extraterrestrial contact. The continued reporting of UFOs by the public and the yearly increase in numbers

of UFO reports suggests a need for further examination of the phenomenon by social, medical and/or physical scientists.



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