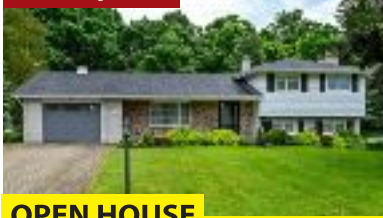


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MULTICULTURAL DAY DANCE: Morris Dancers showcase their old English folk dance performance during the 5th Annual Dufferin County Multicultural Day Event at the Museum of Dufferin (MoD) on Saturday (June 11). The dances come from various regions including: Cotswold, Northwest, Border, Molly, Long Sword, Rapper, and Clog.

Dufferin County Multicultural Day celebrated at MoD

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

From steel pan drumming to dancing, food and artwork, the Dufferin County Multicultural Day Event made a return with a bang this past weekend.

The Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation and the Museum of Dufferin (MoD) hosted the Fifth Annual Dufferin County Multicultural Day Event on June 11, celebrating the diversity within the community.

"It's incredibly humbling experience every time. As much as I host these events, when I actually attend and see how we come together it's honestly so exciting," said Althea Alli, founder and president of the Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation. "You can see everyone coming together and lifting each other up and how happy everyone is."

Before the Multicultural Day festivities began the celebration kicked off with a few words from local dignitaries and the raising of the Multicultural Day Flag.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

FLAG RAISING: Members of the Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation, alongside local dignitaries, raise the Multicultural Flag at the Museum of Dufferin (MoD) to kick off the day's celebrations.

"We have a lot to celebrate in Dufferin County," said Wade Mills, Warden for the County.

"We are, I think it's fair to say, one of the most successful multicultural communities within the province of Ontario, and we

became that fairly quickly. What we've been able to accomplish as a county community, I think is nothing short of remarkable."

The Dufferin County Multicultural Day Event was first organized 2018 and held in the Shelburne Public Library. Alli said the idea for the event came from her own experience moving to the community in 2013 and the gap she witnessed for diverse families.

"It started at my kitchen table with the idea of what can I do to help the community, how am I going to make Dufferin my home and a home for everyone else," said Alli.

The event quickly outgrew its original location, moving to the Centre Dufferin District (CDDHS) cafeteria in 2019. The event was recently established as a not-for-profit, known as the Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation (DCMF).

For two years the Dufferin County Multicultural Day Event has been held virtually in partnership with the MoD.

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SHARING KNOWLEDGE: Kristin Evensen, who is Anishinaabe and a member of the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle, teaches attendees about the Medicine Wheel during Multicultural Day.



STEEL DRUMMER: D'jango Pan Fyah, a Guyanese steel pan performer who has played all across the Caribbean, plays for attendees of Multicultural Day at the MoD on June 11.



STORY TIME: Odin, Astrid, and Roscoe Evensen take part in the Shelburne Library's Story Time event at the Dufferin County Multicultural Event on June 11.



CRICKET REPERSENTED: Founders, management, and players from the Shelburne Cricket Club attend the Dufferin County Multicultural Event for a game.



INDIAN DANCE: Kathak and Bharatanatyam dancers performed during the Dufferin County Multicultural Event at the Museum of Dufferin on June 11. Both forms of dance come from India.

Continued from FRONT

Dufferin County Multicultural Day celebrated at MoD

Nanci Malek, marketing and events co-ordinator at the MoD noted the work the museum is doing to become a stronger community hub for the diversifying community of Dufferin County.

"We are asking folks of diverse nature to come and share their history with us even if they're new to Dufferin. We want them to know this is their community hub," said Malek.

The County of Dufferin has spent the last few years focused on creating changes within the community in regards to diversity, equity and inclusion.

Rohan Thompson, the County's first director of people and equity, spoke with the Free Press about how events such as the Dufferin County Multicultural Event can aid in tangible policy change.

"I see a tremendous amount of con-

nection to this event from a knowledge, awareness and community building perspective and how it can relate to policy, procedure and initiative directly related to equity," said Thompson. "This event really normalizes the fact that we're changing and says 'we're here and we have cultures, and traditions to be celebrated', the same thing with the County in regards to the strategic work. It's more of how do we

bring those folks who have been marginalized, who have been decentered and begin to center them, and to put the correct supports in place."

With the Dufferin County Multicultural Day Event now part of a year-round foundation, Alli adds that a number of initiatives will be coming up in the near future to continue celebrating and recognizing the diverse community in Dufferin County.

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Winners announced for Multicultural Day Event Art Show

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

The Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation and Museum of Dufferin (MoD) announced the winners of the 2022 Multicultural Day Event Art Show on June 11.

This year marked the second time the juried art show has been a component of the Multicultural Day Event celebrations. Artists of all mediums were tasked with sharing works representing the theme of "Unity in Diversity".

"Art, music and entertainment is common throughout every culture – it unites us. [Art] is the one nonverbal communication that we all share that brings us all together and is so inclusive," said Althea Alli, founder of the Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation. "It's one thing we can all celebrate and that's the reasoning behind having this art show."

The Dufferin County Multicultural Art Show presented three awards: Juror's Choice, Student, and Best in Show.

Orangeville-based artist, Stephanie Casino Esquerra was presented with the Juror's Choice Award for her piece 'T'Boli Tribe Woman'.

The Multicultural Art Show marked Casino

Esquerra's first juried show and win.

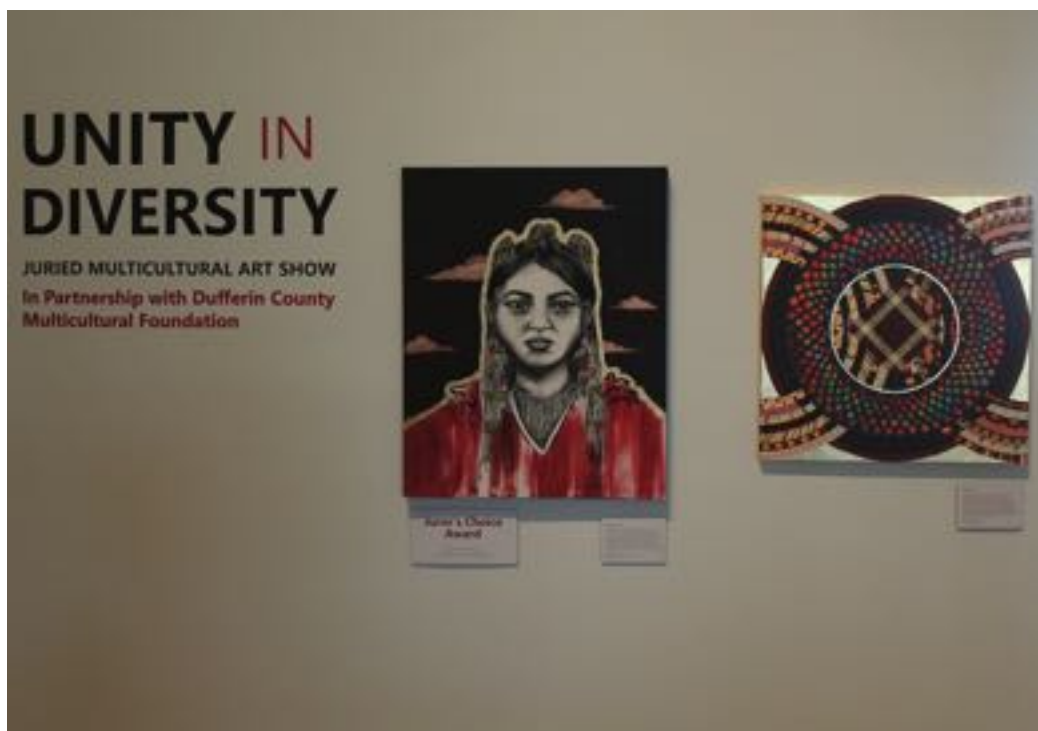
"It's honestly amazing and I love being part of the Dufferin community – there's such a rich arts and culture community here," said Casino Esquerra. "I just would like to share a little piece of Filipino history and this art show is amazing because it's highlighting the different diversity in the Dufferin area. My hope is that people learn a little bit while they're here."

Luise Cisneros, a Toronto-based artist, was the recipient of the Student Award for their piece 'Resiliente/Resilient'. 'Resiliente' is the narrative of their journey from being born in Mexico to immigrating to Canada.

"To me it was really important to not just show my culture but also the narrative of my story here into Canada as an immigrant and adapting to the culture," said Cisneros. "Having a platform where you can share part of who you are is really amazing."

The Best in Show Award went to Jeneile Greene of Scarborough for her piece 'The Prayer'.

The Dufferin County Multicultural Art Show features the works of over 40 visual artists from across Ontario. The art show will remain on display at MoD until August 13.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

LOCAL WINNER: Orangeville-based artist, Stephanie Casino Esquerra won the Juror's Choice Award for her piece "T'Boli Tribe Woman".



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

DOG PARK OPENING: Shelburne Town Councillors marked the grand opening of the new off-leash dog park, located at Fiddle Park, with a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 11.

First off-leash dog park opened in Shelburne

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

Dogs in Shelburne now have a space they're free to run around in off-leash.

The Town of Shelburne celebrated the official grand opening of the off-leash dog park, located at Fiddle Park, on June 11.

"As many of you know this has been under work for some time...it's nice to finally be here and make this official. This opening marks the first of what will be many new additions to our parks and recreation compliment within the Town of Shelburne," said Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills. "This will be an ongoing project, what you see here today is probably not going to be the final iteration of the dog park. This will grow and get better and improve overtime, but it's a great start."

The concept for an off-leash dog park in the community was initially brought forward by council in 2019, with staff directed to allocate funds for its production in the 2020 budget. The project was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic and was later re-introduced as a capital project in the 2022 budget.

According to a report from September 2021, the estimated cost of the dog park was around \$92,000.

Site preparation and clearing began at Fiddle Park in April and construction of the fencing was installed in May. Additional landscaping and seating were added in late May.

Coun. Lindsay Wegener was one of the driving forces behind the development of the local off-leash dog park and was in attendance for the grand opening, along with her dog, Gibson.

"We're seeing as the town grows and our

demographics change the requirement from the community for more amenities, and this was one of the first things we figured we could implement quickly," said Wegener. "For me it was a no brainer, being a vet tech by trade this was already a passion of mine. This is exciting for us but it's also exciting for the dogs as well, to be able to get out, run around, and interact with other dogs."

Amenities for the off-leash dog park includes a small dog section, a large dog section, picnic tables, garbage receptable, dog waste stations and 16 parking spaces.

A number of community members were out on Saturday (June 11) with Town council and staff to celebrate the opening of the new dog park.

Chris Graham attended the opening with his dog Cali, also known as California Love and spoke with the Free Press about the new park amenity.

"It's great, love it. We got our dog during COVID so she's never really played with other dogs and we need some socialization. You never really know what's going on at a regular park, but here we trust that there's responsible dog owners," said Graham.

Meagan Bruce was also out for the off-leash dog park with her English Springer Spaniel pup Ivy.

"We have been dying for a dog park. When the survey came out it was the number one thing my husband and I wanted because there's not really anywhere for her to go and run," said Bruce. "I think she loves it and it's nice that she can play around with all the other dogs here."

Further information, including rules and regulations to access the off-leash dog park can be found through the Town's Park Projects page.

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Royals Recognition Awards distributed to students at awards ceremony

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

Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) acknowledged the contributions and achievements of a number of students last week with their annual Royals Recognition Awards.

Recipients of the awards were presented with certificates in a small ceremony held at the local high school last Thursday (June 9).

Two CDDHS students, Gabrielle Spencer and Danielle-Nu Strat Collison, were awarded with the Tom Egan Community Service Award and the Stronger Together Award. Both awards are sponsored by the Town of Shelburne and are presented by a town representative.

The Stronger Together Award, donated by Shelburne Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson, is given to a student that works to build and establish connections between student groups, individuals, and the community as well as promoting collaborative events, diversity, and education.

Danielle-Nu Strat Collison, a grade 12 student, was awarded with the Stronger Together Award.

A founding member of the CDDHS Black Chapter, Collison was recognized for her leadership role in the Black Heritage Month Assembly and the Black Brilliance Conference. During the Black Brilliance Conference, she along with three other members ran the 'Hair Love Workshop', which was voted most popular by the student attendees. Collison continues to be a mentor for younger Black Chapter members.

"I'm very grateful that I was able to help out in my school during my final year. Hopefully when I leave, the grade 9s, 10s, and 11s



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

AWARD WINNERS: Several Centre Dufferin District High School students were recognized for their achievements over the year with the annual Royals Recognition Awards, which took place at the high school on June 9.

will be able to carry that through their high school career," said Collison.

The Tom Egan Community Service Award, donated by the Egan Family, is awarded in memory of long-time resident and late Shelburne councillor Tom Egan, who served with Shelburne Council for 19 years and was a devoted member of the Kinsmen Club. Egan passed away in 2017 at the age of 64.

Gabrielle Spencer was presented with the Tom Egan Award and was recognized for her work inside and outside of the classroom.

As a student, Spencer has engaged and challenged teaching practices to expand perspectives, and has been a vocal advocate for the 2SLGBTQIA+ and Black Community.

"Knowing this [award] is given to a person who helps better the community is an honour greater than I could ever explain," said Spencer. "I couldn't help better the community without the help of Black Chapter and Danielle."

The Royals Recognition Awards were created as a way to celebrate students that

make a difference in the school community, inside and outside the classroom. Students are considered from criteria that included inspiring and encouraging others, promoting a respectful atmosphere, overcoming an obstacle or struggle and contributing positively to the community.

"Every year we do these awards and we try to acknowledge and look for those students who fall under the wire or sometimes go unnoticed, but they're really positive contributors to our community. They're just kind people who are always ready to give," said Lela McKee, head of student success.

Three students from each grade are chosen to be recipients of the awards based on nominations from teacher. Over 75 students were nominated for awards this year.

Recipients of the 2022 Royals Recognition Awards:

Grade 9:
Aiden Drummon, Ishayu Kothandi, and Josh Hunt

Grade 10:
Jaylen Samuel-Stievenart, Ariel Kelly, and Kaeneil Powell

Grade 11:
Lance McAfee, Jaida Cohen, and Mason Ricci-Moran

Grade 12:
D'Andre (Elijah) Bryan, Ziearra Douglas-Cunningham, Riel Banton

Four graduating students – Trenten Cadden, Hailey Hewitt, Jade Vautour, and Heather Westcott – were also recognized for receiving awards from the Board. The Board awards are given to students who have overcome considerable obstacles on their way to earning their diploma and have plans for post-secondary.

Province lifts mask mandate for hospitals, Headwaters to keeping it in place

Headwaters Health Care Centre president and CEO, Kim Delahunt released the following statement last Friday (June 10) regarding the hospital's decision to maintain mask requirements after the mandate expired last Saturday (June 11).

"While masking requirements in other high-risk areas like public transit will expire on June 11, 2022, hospitals in Ontario Health's Central region have confirmed their commitment to keep patients, staff, visitors, volunteers and vendors safe through a continuation of the masking requirement within these facilities.



"Health experts have agreed that continued use of masking in hospital settings remains a simple and necessary safeguard. Masking helps prevent the most vulnerable patients from contracting COVID-19. It can also prevent transmission of COVID-19 to health-care providers, keeping people healthy and at work. Hospitals across the province are challenged with Health

Human Resources and all efforts must be made to prevent further transmission of COVID-19 within hospitals.

"This direction aligns with a statement provided June 8, 2022 by the Ontario Hospital Association that recommended that the Chief Medical Officer of Health (CMOH) Order regarding mandatory masking for patients, caregivers, visitors and other members of the public in hospital settings, issued under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, be maintained.

"At Headwaters, we will also be maintaining current active screening require-

ments and visitor restrictions until we plan for any other changes. We will continue to monitor and evaluate practices in place, in collaboration with our Central Region hospital partners.

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Municipal Law Enforcement Officers began a Clean Yards Enforcement Blitz on Monday May 2, 2022. Enforcement this month will concentrate on accumulations of debris, waste and discarded items and materials in front and side yards, as well as inoperable vehicles, including trailers, and recreational vehicles. Officers will be attending to residential, commercial, and industrial areas. To learn more about Councils directive and the Bylaw check out the Towns website and follow us on Facebook, Instagram and twitter to learn about the next Blitz.

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Nomination Day has moved to August 19, 2022, for the 2022 Municipal Election. Nominations open May 1, 2022.

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Masters of misinformation

The Trudeau government has taken #fakenews, #alternativefacts, #misinformation, and #disinformation to a whole new, breathtaking level.

Last week, the Liberals introduced legislation that will freeze the buying, importing, and selling of handguns and pretended gun owners won't be affected. You may agree or disagree with that approach, but what is clear is that if you own a handgun in Canada, you will now never be able to sell it or give it away to someone else. If you had a handgun collection that you thought you or your heirs might wish to sell at some point, that collection is now worthless. And you can never buy a new one.

Regardless, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau wasted no time in cautioning a reporter – chiding him really – to be "careful about spreading misinformation and disinformation about this."

The bill is "not targeted to law-abiding firearms owners. Those who currently own and operate handguns safely are not at all targeted by this legislation," Trudeau said – with a straight face – before going on to explain the freeze that will prevent law-abiding firearms owners from selling, buying, or transferring ownership of handguns.

The most generous interpretation of that statement can only be that the prime minister didn't intend for this bill to have any

impact on law-abiding gun owners. If that's the case, he either hasn't read his own legislation (possible) and should amend it (unlikely), or his aim isn't very good and the law-abiding gun owners are victims of a drive-by legislative shooting.

As noted above, you may think tighter gun control is a good thing or a bad thing. But what is definitely a very bad thing is this naked gaslighting of anyone (particularly someone who might actually have read the bill) who raises fact-based concerns about the impact of government legislation. It is, essentially, an attack on those seeking the truth.

This is particularly rich from a government developing legislation – working title: Online Harms – that would regulate what you can say on the internet in an effort to crack down on "misinformation and disinformation." One assumes the new Online Harms act will not apply to the government's own practice of characterizing the views of its critics as "disinformation" while insisting only its, at times, fantasy-laden interpretations of reality represent the correct information.

Public Safety Minister Marco Mendicino provided another example last week when he declared that new legislation regarding searches of people's mobile devices, texts, photos, and emails would "institute clear and stringent standards

that must be met before a traveller's device can be searched."

It turns out there's nothing clear and stringent at all about giving border agents the power to search people's phones on the basis of something as bizarrely vague as "reasonable and general concern." The phrase itself appears to be something the architects of the legislation more or less just made up.

"The very low (and legally novel) threshold of 'reasonable general concern' for border officials to conduct a search of a traveller's personal electronic device does not adequately protect travellers' privacy," wrote the Canadian Civil Liberties Association.

Or, as the Globe and Mail editorial board put it, "We think the proposed legal standard sounds a lot like asking CBSA officer Peter Parker if his Spidey senses are tingling." Not to be outdone, Innovation, Science and Economic Development Minister Francois-Philippe Champagne announced a "historic step" toward a more consumer-focused policy on telecommunications, while the cabinet he is a part of upheld a regulatory decision that handcuffs efforts by small operators to offer consumers lower-cost internet service.

But the creme de la creme on the week went to Heritage Minister Pablo Rodriguez, who continues to insist that his Bill C-11,

which gives the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) sweeping powers to regulate speech and other content on the internet, doesn't do things it actually does.

Despite waves of expert analyses and confirmation from CRTC Chair Ian Scott that the legislation does indeed grant the regulator the power to deal with social media posts, Rodriguez stood up in the House of Commons and once again declared it does not.

Either Rodriguez never read his own legislation – the power to regulate social media posts is right there in black and white – or he is intentionally saying things that aren't true.

If disinformation and misinformation are undermining Canadians' faith in their institutions, the cause appears to be the people who insist they are seeking a solution to a problem – misinformation – they themselves compound daily.

When it comes to the lust for power, the first victim is always the truth. The next one is you.

Peter Menzies is a senior fellow with the Macdonald-Laurier Institute, an award-winning journalist, and former CRTC vice-chair.

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An eye for an eye

"An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth." That is pretty much a standard old saying that many people use as an example of how to apply justice when someone is wronged.

It shouldn't be taken literally – it means the punishment should fit the crime.

A society can be judged and rated on how well its justice system operates. This includes the entire procedure including individual rights, the court system, and punishment given to offenders who are found guilty.

The western notion of 'innocent until proven guilty' is designed to eliminate the old way of hanging a witch based on an accusation from someone who claims they saw their neighbour flying on a broomstick on a moonlit night.

This system has generally been adopted in western society, but not entirely.

There was a case in British Columbia several years ago where police from a European country arrived to question a prisoner who had been arrested and detained in B.C., but also had warrant for a murder committed in Europe.

The European police demanded the prisoner be questioned and made to talk.

The RCMP told the Europeans they can't

force a prisoner to talk, and that he had the right to remain silent.

The Europeans then claimed he was guilty because he refused to speak and defend himself. The mindset of the two police agencies was entirely opposite when it came to procedures and the way they conducted an investigation.

The death penalty is of course the ultimate penalty that can be applied to a convicted person. Generally speaking, it is applied as a punishment to only the worst crimes – usually murder – but not always. In some countries you can be hanged or beheaded for fairly low level offences on the whim of the court or judge.

Currently there are 93 countries that still have the death penalty as an option in their criminal justice system. Of those countries, 27 have not executed anyone in at least ten years. Eight of those countries still have it in the books but only for extreme cases like war crimes.

Almost all western democracies have abolished the death penalty.

Outside of China, which routinely executes its citizens by the thousands every year, but

does so secretly, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Egypt accounted for 88 per cent of all known executions worldwide in 2020.

In the U.S. the death penalty is a matter of justice according to state law – not federal law. That means a person can end up being strapped to a gurney and given a lethal cocktail of drugs in one place, but two miles down the road across the state line, that same person might someday receive parole for the same crime.

Some people are in favour of the death penalty for terrible crimes, others are opposed to it for any reason.

In 1959, mass murderer Charles Starkweather killed ten people in Nebraska and Wyoming in a crazy seven-day murder spree with his girlfriend, as well as an 11th person he murdered days earlier.

Thirteen months after being convicted of murder and sentenced to death, Starkweather met his fate while seated in the Nebraska State Penitentiary's electric chair. That seems to be a reasonable time for a sentence to be carried out, and was a normal time frame for those events at the time.

Currently there are 25 states that have the death penalty with various levels of enthusiasm.

The U.S. reinstated the opportunity for states to have the death penalty in 1977

after several years of a halt to all executions. With that, came a new system whereby the appeals process can last for years or decades.

This past week, the State of Arizona executed a man for a crime he committed in 1984. The previous week that same state executed a man for a crime committed in 1978 – 44 years after he was convicted.

How can killing a person so many years after the crime be justified, since that person has been in prison serving which amounts to a life sentence, that in many places would place them on parole and ready for integration back into society? The thinking is these executions will open the path to clearing out Arizona's death row in a hurry.

Neither of the two men who were executed were Boy Scouts. The both deserved a severe punishment for their crimes.

However, executing a person so many decades after their crime is a miscarriage of justice. Those sentences should have been commuted to a prison term. Both prisoners have now served double sentences – a life behind bars as well as an early death.

Justice is supposed to be blind. In these cases, the eyes are wide open and the state has failed in carrying out justice.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



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Police move from proactive to reactive approach in schools: Dufferin OPP

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin OPP Insp. Terry Ward says police are facing an “uphill swing” as fights between students break out at Centre Dufferin District High School, two of which have been deemed “racially motivated”.
During their meeting on Monday (June 13), Shelburne Town Council received a presentation from Dufferin OPP Insp. Ward. When questioned by Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson on the reoccurring incidents at the local high school, Ward informed Council of two incidents that

had occurred that day (June 13), and added there is little police can do unless a call to service is given.
“There were two occurrences today. I hate to say it both appear to be racially motivated,” Ward said to Council. “I wish I had the answer for you on what the fix is to that – I don’t. Our hands, as police, are tied. As you know, the school board and elected trustees voted not to have us in the school or property unless it is a call for service.”
In 2020, the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) established a taskforce to review police presence in schools within the board. The UGDSB board of trust-

ees approved seven recommendations from the taskforce’s review including discontinuing the School Resource Officer (SRO) program.
Ward said that Dufferin OPP is now in a place of being reactive to incidents at the schools rather than proactive. He added the police have to work with community partners to build trust.
Deputy Mayor Anderson also questioned if Dufferin OPP was seeing any trends or concerns.
“As we all know, kids can be mean. It’s appearing to be happening especially at the high school, where it’s dividing into

different groups and they’re getting into scraps amongst themselves,” said Ward. “It becomes a community problem that we have to be able to unite everybody.”
“We’re here, we’re willing to get engaged, but there’s a couple road blocks that hinder us from doing anything,” concluded Ward.
Anderson acknowledged the honesty surrounding police involvement within the current school incidents.
“It’s doesn’t stop us as elected officials to reach out to the school and see how we can work together, combined with other community partners to try to bring some resolution,” said Anderson.

Dufferin OPP apprehend suspect for multiple thefts from vehicles in Shelburne

Suspect apprehended for thefts from vehicles in Shelburne
Dufferin OPP have charged a person in relation to multiple thefts from motor vehicles in Shelburne.
Over the last several weeks, Dufferin OPP has responded to several reports of thefts from motor vehicles in Shelburne. Officers have been investigating the matter, identifying the suspect and ultimately charging a

38-year-old male from Shelburne with the following offences:
• Theft
• Mischief
• Breach of a release order
“Thieves look for vulnerabilities and crimes of opportunity. The Dufferin OPP encourages everyone to lock their vehicles and ensure that valuables are stored out of sight,” said the Dufferin OPP in a recent

press release.
Anyone with information or video surveillance footage in relation to the theft from vehicles, is asked to call the Dufferin OPP Detachment at 1-888-310-1122.

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Two drivers charged for impaired driving

Dufferin OPP charged two drivers with impaired operation in two separate incidents over the weekend.

On Friday (June 10) at approximately 2:30 p.m., Dufferin OPP received a traffic complaint on Highway 10 near Caledon Village. An officer intercepted the suspected vehicle and initiated a traffic stop near Highway 10 and Rolling Hills Drive in Orangeville. As the officer investigated the traffic complaint, they were led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Christopher STADNISKY, 38-year-old, from the Town of Blue Mountains has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - alcohol and drugs

On Saturday (June 11), at approximately 11:15 p.m., Dufferin OPP officers were conducting a RIDE program at the intersection of Greenwood Street and Robert Street in Shelburne. A vehicle entered the RIDE spot check and the officers commenced an impaired operation investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Jordan VARLEY, 22-year-old, from Shelburne has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)

The accused are scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, in August of 2022, to answer to the charges. The accused driver’s licences were suspended for 90 days and their vehicles impounded for seven days. These charges have not been proven in court.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Junior Mansfield Cubs make a comeback to tie with Royals

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Mansfield Junior Cubs made a comeback from a 3-0 deficit to tie up in their Thursday (June 9) night game against the Orillia Royals on the diamond in Mansfield.

The Royal were leading 3-0 after four innings with not a lot of hits from either team.

It was the fourth inning where the Cubs got the bats moving and they started scoring.

The inning started with Braden Doiron getting on base after getting beamed with an errant pitch.

Jake Armstrong hit a single to put two Cubs on base.

The Cubs were on the scoreboard when Connor Wiley hit to deep right field and brought in two runs.

That was followed up from Brodie Hunter that brought in the tying run.

The Royals went ahead again in the fifth inning when a line drive landed shallow in the outfield and bought a runner enough time to cross the plate to make it a 4-3 game. The Royals went ahead by two on a bunt that

bought some time for the base runner.

Mansfield's Jake Armstrong had a huge hit in the fifth inning when he hit deep to left field for a double and brought in another run to make it a 5-4 game.

The game was tied in the sixth inning after Aiden Pain advanced the runners with double to centre field. That was followed up with a hit from Bryce Cameron that put men on first and third.

An errant throw to third base by the Royals cost them the lead when a Cubs runner took advantage and crossed the plate to tie the game.

With light fading, the decision was made to call the game after the sixth inning to avoid a situation where a long inning could cause the game to be called because of darkness without both teams getting final at-bat.

The final was a 5-5 tie.

The Cubs will be back on their home diamond in Mansfield on Sunday, June 19, when they will host Creemore Padres.

Game time is 5:30 p.m.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

ROUNDING BASE: The Mansfield Junior Cubs host the Orillia Royals on the diamond in Mansfield on Thursday, June 9. The Cubs were trailing in the early innings but got the bats moving in the fourth inning and were able to tie the game. The final was 5-5.

Shelburne Cricket Club holds exhibition at Museum of Dufferin

The Shelburne Cricket Club was present at the multicultural event sponsored by the Dufferin County Multicultural Foundation at the Museum of Dufferin (MoD) on Saturday, June 11.

The club was honored to have its exhibition at the MoD. Cricket's history in Dufferin County and its future was perfectly displayed by the Museum of Dufferin.

For all Cricket lovers interested, the exhibition is up at the MoD for two months. The club participated in the multicultural event by having an exhibition game at the museum teaching local people the rules and pleasures of playing Cricket.

On a side note, this Sunday (June 12), Shelburne Gladiators had a game with Shelburne Warriors.



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It was the highest scoring game so far in the league with the Shelburne Warriors scoring 178 runs on the board.

We had the season's first half century (50 runs by a player in a single innings) by Warriors captain Samir Patel. The Gladiators tried hard to chase the score but could not in the end handing the victory to the Warriors.

Dufferin Cricket Club match report

The Dufferin Cricket Club's (DCC) Boys in Brown, led by Abdul Raqueeb, won the toss and batted first.

Abdul opened the innings with Rohan who was the first to go being bowled by a shooter from Affan. Zain Ali was next and stayed around for a bit with his captain but was then run out for ten.

Vinay Sai was next in and together with his captain sought to revive the innings before he was caught off Sandeep for a well-played 21. Two balls later, Sandeep struck again this time getting the very dangerous looking Abdul trapped LBW for a top score of 32 with two - fours, and two -sixes.

Surya and Faraz then came together and put on a nice little partnership before Surya was run out for 14 leaving Faraz not out on 16 with one four and one six.

DCC Boys in Blue therefore set a target of 116 to win in 15 overs and got there with four balls to spare for the loss of one wicket.

Captain Hemanth, who was nursing a groin injury and hobbling between the wickets opened with Vijay Birdar and the pair put on a partnership of 50 before Vijay was out for an attacking 29 containing three fours and two sixes.

Blue's VC Prashant then joined in his skipper and took the attack to the opposition scoring an attacking 43 N.O. studded with four sixes and one four.

Hemanth batted beautifully given the fact he was injured and remained not out on 39 with five fours and one six.

It was a close game despite the score, and underlined the talent that DCC already has.

Good defence and solid pitching make for low scoring senior game

Written By Brian Lockhart

Good pitching and excellent defensive posturing created a low scoring game when the Mansfield Senior Cubs hosted the Ivy Rangers at the diamond in Mansfield on Wednesday, June 8.

Devon Caldwell started out on the mound for the Cubs.

Ivy got the opening run in the first inning on a single run home run.

The Rangers were ahead by two in the top of the fourth when a hit to deep centre field brought in a run.

Alex Attenborough started off the Cubs in the fourth with a hit to centre field for a double. The Cubs managed to get two players on base but couldn't finish.

In the fifth, Cubs right fielder, Tyler Greer made a huge catch right at the fence for the out.

Jordan Metz started it off in the fifth with a single, but no more men got on base and the inning ended with an out on a throw to first base.

Good defensive work in the sixth inning by the Cubs stopped the Rangers including another great grab by right fielder Greer when he reached over the fence to catch a fly ball.

The seventh inning saw both teams shut-down when they couldn't get men on base.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

BATTLE FOR THE BALL: A Mansfield Senior Cubs player slides into second base during the Cubs home game against the Ivy Rangers on Wednesday, June 8.

The game ended with a tight 2-0 win for the Rangers.

"It was a real pitchers battle," summed up Cub's Devon Caldwell after the game, adding, "Defensively it was all there for us tonight. They hit that one home run, but we couldn't do anything about that."

Caldwell said that good defensive play kept the score low for the night's game.

The Rangers are in first place in the North Dufferin Baseball League's senior division. They are followed by the Lisle Astros and the New Lowell Knights.

The Cubs will be back on the diamond in Mansfield on Wednesday, June 22, when they will host the Lisle Astros.

Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Dufferin Cricket Club hosts inaugural event to start the season

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Dufferin Cricket Club opened their 2022 season with some fanfare and opening ceremonies before settling down and getting a game going on the pitch at KTH Park in Shelburne on Saturday, June 11.

The Club is hoping to attract players from around the region to sign up and play.

Currently they have two teams in the lineup that have already been on the pitch practicing prior to Saturday's official launch.

Several local dignitaries turned out for the opening ceremonies and to congratulate the Club for getting things underway in the region.

Newly elected MPP for Simcoe-Grey, Brian Saunderson, Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills, Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson, Orangeville Mayor Sandy Brown, and Alliston Deputy Mayor Richard Norcross all attended.

The Club has players from Orangeville and Alliston among its members and is hoping to expand its operations to those towns.

The Club served refreshments to guests prior to the game.

The game had an enthusiastic response from those in the crowd and players on the sidelines as the action got underway with a 9:30 a.m. start.

"We have a game going between the DCC Boys in Blue and the DCC Boys in Brown," said Club president, Anand Jagdeo. "DCC Brown won the toss, and made 115 runs and 15 overs," he said of the start of the game. We have a commitment from Orangeville and New Tecumseth to expand the game to those towns. We'll be expanding to those towns very soon. This park (KTH) will soon be the permanent cricket facility in Shelburne."

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Shelburne Town Pharmacy hosts 9th annual fundraiser for SickKids Hospital

Written By Brian Lockhart

Shelburne Town Pharmacy welcomed visitors to its 9th Annual SickKids Fundraiser, held on the street in front of the pharmacy on Sunday, June 12.

The pharmacy held the fundraiser for the past two years but it had to be a limited indoor event due to the pandemic. This year, pharmacy owner Sanjay Lekhi, and Brenda Haines brought the full event back to the street with a full lineup of fun activities.

There was food, music, a visit from emergency service personnel, games, and even dog grooming available on site.

The event was well attended with many people having fun while contributing to a good cause.

Sanjay chose SickKids to be the beneficiary of the annual event because "kids aren't born making bad decisions, they are just born."

He said his family is lucky in that no has ever needed to go to or be hospitalized at SickKids, however, he recognizes the importance of helping other children who are there.

"We do this every year - we started in 2014," Sanjay explained. "Adults make bad decisions, like doing drugs, but kids don't. If any child has some kind of disease or injury, it's our responsibility," he said of everyone in society needing to pitch in to help a sick

or injured child. "Nobody in my family or friends have been to SickKids, but being in a pharmacy we see the prescriptions some kids need - this can happen to anybody. They may go to other hospitals, but when they have to go to SickKids we know it means they will be taken care of."

The activities on site featured a variety of different things to keep people busy and entertained. The kids enjoyed games and a bouncy castle supplied by volunteers.

"We have Lindsay, she's a dog groomer, her husband Jeff has set up a lot of games," Sanjay said. "All the proceeds will be going to SickKids. We have face painting, Trainer Games has a booth, Ice River Springs is supplying all the water bottles. We have a local resident serving food, a barbecue with hamburgers and hotdogs, Giant Tiger donated all the buns. There's raffle tickets and a lot of prizes."

Along with Sanjay, Brenda Haines is a local resident and business owner at Shelburne Transporter, who helps plan and organize the event.

The event got off to a good start with an early \$1,000 donation.

SickKids, like every hospital in Ontario, relies heavily on donations.

Shelburne Town Pharmacy's event will help them continue their mission with caring for children.



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SUPPORTING A GOOD CAUSE: Shelburne Town Pharmacy held its 9th annual fundraiser for Sick-Kids Hospital on Sunday, June 12. Pharmacist Sanjay Lekhi and Brenda Haines, organized the event which featured games, music, food, vendors, and emergency services who brought their vehicles. There was a good turnout of people who wanted to have a little fun while supporting a good cause.

Lack of understanding and disrespect impacting people with brain injuries

Written By Sam Odrowski

June is Brain Injury Awareness month in Canada and this year's theme is "Shine a Light on Brain Injury", designed to show the prevalence and impact of the injury that impacts more than 500,000 Ontarians.

For most who are impacted, it's an invisible injury, one that can lead to stigmatization and discrimination when interacting in the community.

Depending on the type of brain injury someone has, they can have trouble with balance or communicating and become easily angry, confused or sad. The injury can also lead to poor mental health and facing barriers when out in the community trying to live their lives.

Barbara Gilchrist, day services program coordinator at Mind Forward, a government funded organization that supports adults with brain injuries, said its common that when clients go into stores they're misunderstood and can receive disrespect from other customers or employees.

"There can be misdirected comments from the customer service staff," she said. "That's something that is always being worked on, how to be allies, how to be aware."

If someone appears to be acting in an unusual or difficult way but look normal it could be that they're suffering from the impacts of a brain injury, Gilchrist explained.

Shelburne resident, Katie Lang, 35, who was born deaf and with learning difficulties, had an Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) in 2018 when she was walking across Main Street and struck by pickup truck, forcing her 25 feet into the air. Katie told the Free Press, people sometimes behave harshly towards her because of her brain injury.

"I think people needs to be much more understanding and patient with people. If they're struggling to understand something you just have to think, well why?" said Katie's mother and caretaker Karen Lang.

In addition to increasing one's awareness that anyone can have a brain injury and it may present itself in a variety of ways, it's also important to make people who have brain injuries feel included in society, Karen noted.

"The main thing that I see is a lack of inclusion and lack of understanding," said Karen. "Just because my daughter's deaf and has some learning disabilities, I've watched it my whole life, and I've seen how people treat her."

She added, "That's my message, include them, don't leave them out thinking that they have no feelings, don't ignore them, don't think that they don't matter."

Talking about the issue and speaking up when witnessing discrimination are two important things people can do to help fight the stigma, said Karen.

Meanwhile, an ongoing problem for those impacted by brain injuries is a lack of fund-



SAM ODROWSKI PHOTO

WEEKLY WALK: Participants of Mind Forward's weekly walk at Island Lake stopped at the boardwalk to soak in the beautiful views of the conservation area. The walk takes place every Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. From left, Tim Petersen, Kathy Dickie, Katie Lang, Karen Lang and Barbara Gilchrist.

ing for organizations like Mind Forward, according to Gilchrist. She added that Ontario Works and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) isn't enough to cover rental costs for a lot of the people who have a brain injury and the wait list for rent geared to income is around seven years in Orangeville.

Gilchrist noted that with a lack of monthly funding for individuals who are unable to work because of their brain injury and the array of impacts serious brain damage can cause, a lot of individuals without strong familial support systems can find themselves living on the streets.

Of the 235,000 people who are homeless in Canada each year, approximately 50 per cent of them have a brain injury, according to Brain Injury Canada, a national advocacy group.

Another area where people with brain injuries are disproportionately impacted is the prison system. People who suffered a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) are roughly 2.5 times more likely to be incarcerated in a Canadian federal correctional facility than those have not, according to a study published in the Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences (ICES).

In the early stages of a brain injury, impacting an area of the brain that controls disinhibition or self-monitoring, a person can become violent or aggressive, Gilchrist said. This makes it important to seek help and become rehabilitated as soon as they can.

When looking at success stories for Mind Forward, which offers support services in Dufferin, Peel and Halton, Gilchrist says she's seen many over the years.

Katie Lang is among the Dufferin County residents who the organizations supports and said they have helped greatly with her energy, emotions, and making new friends.

"Mind Forward is a very good place, they helped me a lot," Katie said. "It's helped me meet new people and making new friends. Get out of the house."

Karen told the Free Press accessing Mind Forward has been a "lifesaving experience".

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Recipients selected for 2022 Bill Hill Scholarships

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

Six local students have been awarded a scholarship for post-secondary education from the County of Dufferin.

Dufferin County Council announced and honoured the six recipients of the 2022 Bill Hill Scholarship during their meeting on June 9.

“Congratulations on behalf of Bill Hill’s family and on behalf of council and staff. We wish you all the best of luck in your future endeavors,” said Mills. “If the showcase we saw here tonight is any indication of what we have to look forward to, I think we can say with some confidence that Dufferin County is in good hands.”

The scholarship program was introduced by the County in 2015, and recognizes students who pursue post-secondary education and training in the areas of science and technology, business and social sciences, agriculture and environmental studies, arts, and skilled trades. Two scholarships also recognize student who identify as Black, Indigenous, First Nations,

Metis, Inuit, or Person of Colour.

Originally known as the Dufferin County Scholarship, it was renamed in 2019 in honour of former council member and Warden Bill Hill, who is regarded as the driving force behind the development of the annual scholarship program.

“Anybody who was fortunate to know Bill knows that investing in the future of Dufferin County was certainly a consistent theme through his working both politically and otherwise,” said Dufferin County Warden, Wade Mills. “It’s for that reason that council has named these scholarships in his honour.”

This year, the Bill Hill Scholarship program received 22 applications from six schools and awarded the one-time \$2,500 scholarship to six students. Since 2015, the Bill Hill Scholarship program has recognized 33 students and awarded a total of \$82,500.

The 2022 Bill Hill Scholarship recipients are: **Madelyn Crane – Agricultural and Environmental Studies – Fleming College**

“I’m very grateful to be receiving the Bill Hill Award,” said Crane. “I hope to one day

take the skills I learned at college and apply them to the County.”

Mars Gagawchuk – Arts – McGill University

“This award is about students using their education to give back to their local community. My motto has always been we have three homes – our mind, our body, and our earth – so it’s imperative that we take action and use our education to move forward with our knowledge and help strengthen our community so that other students and other people regardless of their background have the same opportunities to thrive,” said Gagawchuk.

Islam Aljah-Ahed – Black or Person of Colour – Athabasca University

“I really want to thank you all for giving me this opportunity. I’m really looking forward to supporting Dufferin County with my skills that I’ve learned and giving back to my community. Coming from Mississauga it was a pretty big culture shock, but I think it’s a great community and I’m really looking forward to helping it the way you’ve helped me,” said Aljah-Ahed.

Emily Smith – Business & Social Sciences – Guelph University

“I just wanted to say thank you for this opportunity and I’m looking forward to using it in the fall at the University of Guelph for a sociology major. When I’m done school, I will probably stay local and haven’t really decided what I’m going to do with it yet, but likely more schooling afterwards,” said Smith.

Julia Miller – Science & Technology – Queen’s University

“I just want to say thank you so much for the scholarship and the support for education,” said Miller. “I’m really looking forward to coming back to Dufferin County and hopefully working in a hospital.”

Paige Ethier – Skilled Trades & Training Program – Georgian College

“I just wanted to say thank you for selecting me for the scholarship. My plans are to go to Georgian College next year for dental hygiene, and after that I plan to stay local and give back to the County like it’s given to me for the past 18 years. Thank you so much for that,” said Ethier.

CDDHS Co-op Corner: New Tecumseth Animal Clinic

Written By **Abbigale Hanley**

This week Abbigale Hanley from Centre Dufferin District High School shares a little bit about their experience and how New Tecumseth Animal Clinic is contributing to our community’s future. The team at New Tecumseth Animal Clinic consists of Dr. Thanauja Dassanayake (Dr.T) who is the main Veterinarian and owner of the clinic, Samantha Pryse is a Veterinary Assistant and Manager at the clinic, and Adriana Frappa who is also a Veterinary Assistant.

New Tecumseth Animal Clinic has been in business for 6 years, opening in August of 2016. Some of the services they provide at the clinic are animal dentistry, euthanasia’s, diagnostic lab testing, sprays and neuters, and medication for patients that need it. My

experience with the New Tecumseth Animal Clinic has been amazing.

My job title at the clinic is a Veterinary Assistant. Some of my daily tasks as a vet assistant are to comfort the pets, restrain pets during examinations and care, cleaning and sterilizing, and maintaining kennels and examination rooms as well as other equipment.

Some other tasks I will get to learn while being at the New Tecumseth Animal Clinic is to take blood from patients, assist during x-rays and learning to set up the machine. Some special equipment we have at the clinic is an autoclave which sterilizes equipment and surgery packs. We also use a centrifuge to separate blood components and make pathogens easier to detect.

Some other careers that are associated with my placement are Ultrasound Technicians

who use imaging equipment to create images that they study and examine, and they may also conduct tests based on the need of the patient. A Veterinary Dentist cleans, adjusts, files, extracts, and repair of animals’ teeth and all other aspects of oral health care in animals. A Veterinary Technician performs laboratory tests, fills prescriptions, prepare animals for surgery, monitor anesthesia, assists in surgical operations, and monitors and evaluates clinical symptoms. An Orthopedic Surgeon focuses on the diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and prevention of diseases of the bones, joints, ligament, muscles, tendons and nerves.

New Tecumseth Animal Clinic supports the Co-op programs of local high schools by offering incredible learning experiences for their students.

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Dufferin Cricket Club hosts inaugural event to start the season

The Club also plays at the Lions Sports Park in Orangeville.

It was a good day for outdoor sports with a lot of sun and good temperatures so the players appreciated being able to play their sport.

If you are interested in joining up or want to learn the sport, the Dufferin Cricket Club is happy to bring new members on board with hopes of getting more teams in the League over the coming years.

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Lack of understanding and disrespect impacting people with brain injuries

In terms of other success stories, Gilchrist said she’s seen a client who was extremely violent due to his brain injury, receive counselling and support through Mind Forward that led him to living a non-aggressive, independent life.

“Now he lives in his own apartment in Mississauga. He’s got lots of friends and he’s just one person that’s just been amazing to watch him thrive,” she noted.

A woman who received support attended Mind Forward’s writing groups and became

an author, with 12 children’s books and three novels published to date.

The psychosocial, anger management, and men’s and women’s groups at Mind Forward have helped a lot of others as well, said Gilchrist.

“Friendships develop between the people there who realize they’re not alone, because we’re there to facilitate their talking and sense of community,” she told the Free Press.

Without supportive resources, a lot of peo-

ple who struggle with a brain injury can feel isolated, excluded, and alone.

In Orangeville one of the main types of support Mind Forward provides is case management, which helps clients find a place to live, deal with court cases, get the right medications, and ensure there not facing barriers to living a healthy life.

“With every single individual we work with, they all have their own needs their own service plan, we cater to every individual and what they need for their rehabilitation. Then we’ll

find those extra resources,” said Gilchrist.

To apply for services from Mind Forward visit: mindforward.org/apply-for-services or call 519-942-0111.

Another resource for people with brain injuries in Dufferin County is the Headwaters Acquired Brain Injury (HABI) support group, which Karen said has been an incredible help since Katie’s suffered her brain injury four years ago.

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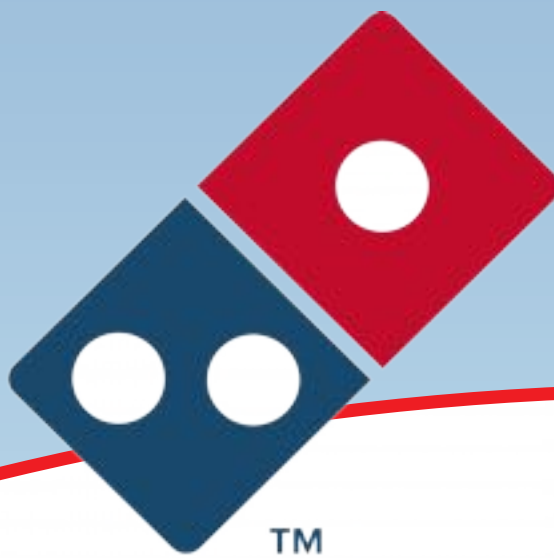
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