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Summer literacy campaign aims to prevent 'summer slide'

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

The school year is coming to a close, which means for many students learning will be taking a back seat as they embrace the summer break.

Suzette Daley, an education assistant and local literacy advocate, has launched a summer literacy campaign through her company Mini-Intel with the goal of helping young students avoid the "summer slide".

"The summer slide is the loss of academic skills over the summer months due to lack of practice," explained Daley. "Once they return to school in September, a lot of students will have to relearn skills so if we can avoid that loss and remain consistent the student can return with a lack of pressure or stress."

Daley's campaign focuses on encouraging parents to read with their children and also provides tips on supporting summer literacy.

Here are some tips Daley is sharing to support summer literacy:

1. Utilize students report card
Daley suggests reading over the child's report card and referring to it to help as a guide.
"A lot of time the report card is tucked away for the summer, but everything you

need to know about your child is written in the report card based on how they operated throughout the year, areas of development and what will need to be practices throughout the summer," said Daley.

2. Read or tell stories to your child every day
Daley says a good way to continue summer literacy is to talk with or take part in the learning process with your child.

"Children love stories and there's different ways that parents can be creative – it's not just about books. Encourage your child to read newspapers, articles, picture books, comic books or even tell a story through drawings. If you read or tell stories to your child every day they will eventually read or tell stories to you."

3. Schedule learning time

"We don't want to create a summer learning burden. What I'm promoting is out of 24 hours, dedicated approximately 30 minutes to structured learning such as reading or workbooks where your child can have daily practice of numeracy or literacy skills," said Daley.

4. Use the local library

Daley says utilizing the local library is her most basic tip for families as an essential tool to help encourage summer literacy.
"The library has all the essentials that are

necessary to get you through the summer in terms of literacy. There are ample books and programs readily available and if parents can't make it to the library, they can access it digitally," she said.

Rose Dotten, CEO and Head Librarian at Shelburne Public Library, said the local library puts a focus on literacy for all ages in everything they do.

One way the local library is helping children with their summer literacy is through the annual TD Summer Reading Club.

"Children who read during the summer are so much further ahead when they go back to school, and those who don't do literacy activities are actually behind when they go to the next grade," said Dotten, who has a background in education and literacy.

Starting on Canada Day and running until August 19, the TD Summer Reading Club, through the Beanstalk app, awards participants with badges for reading books as well as taking part in programs at the library.

"Everything we do is literacy based and the only way we can give children this literacy gift is by getting them here," said Brittany Hooker, Shelburne Library children's programming.

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Headwaters presents Dr. David Scott and Chair's Award at AGM

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

Headwater's Health Care Centre (HHCC) honoured two award recipients for their commitment to service at the local hospital during their Annual General Meeting held on Tuesday (June 21).

HHCC Board of Directors vice chair, Shelley Scriver presented the 23rd annual Dr. David Scott Award to the laboratory team at Headwaters for their service during the pandemic processing swabs for COVID-19.

"This recognition means a lot to our department," said Walid Merhi, manager of HHCC's Laboratory Services. "My team is a group of talented people who are very committed. I'm so proud of them for always pulling together as a team."

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

The award is named after the late Dr. David Scott, who in 1962 became 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 2020.

Throughout the pandemic the Laboratory team at Headwaters, supported processing of all swabs completed at the COVID-19 Assessment Centre and for those completed in the Dufferin Cold &



HEALTH CARE AWARDS: Left photo, the laboratory team at Headwaters Health Care Centre received the 2022 Dr. David Scott Award on Tuesday. From left: Anmol, Karen, Colleen, Walid, Ruth, Wael, Stephanie, Janette, Carly and Janeane (middle). Right photo, Joe Karol, RPN was a member of the CARE4 Meditech Expanse training team at Headwaters.

Flu Clinic.

They supported the processing of all swabs from retirement home staff, long term care staff, first responders, homeless shelter staff, dental and optometrist staff, hospice, schools and school staff as well as hospital staff, physicians, and patients.

The Headwaters Laboratory team is made up of 33 full time, part time and temporary part time laboratory assistants, technologists and senior technologists.

HHCC said the team, since the beginning of the pandemic, has amounted a combined 117,000 tests approximately and internally has conducted about 8,600 swabs for those required to be tested in order to work their next shift.

"This team works around the clock seven days a week and had to step up during the pandemic in order to manage the increasing demand in service, a diminished service



PAULA BROWN PHOTOS

that continues to this day," said Scriver. "Like many other teams across the hospital, they are dedicated to their work and to one another even in challenging times."

Also handed out during the annual general meeting, was the Chair's Award of Recognition.

The 2022 Chair's Award was presented to Headwaters Health Care Centre's Meditech implementation team for the success in implementing Meditech EXPANSE, the hospital new electronic health care record.

Dr. Sanjeev Singwi, physician and chief medical information officer, and Cathy van Leipsig, vice president of corporate services, chief financial officer, and Meditech EXPANSE executive sponsor accepted the award on behalf of the implementation team.

"Over the last few years as we move from paper to digital workflows, I've seen each and every department at Headwaters

rethink and upgrade the way they deliver service to our patients and our community. This is just the beginning of the future of healthcare at Headwaters and I really want to give a special congratulations to our Meditech Team," said Dr. Singwi.

"The project was a huge undertaking. It required an unbelievable amount of coordination, engagement, and change management among all of the Headwaters teams and across all four partners," said Leipsig. "Having such a successful go-live in the midst of a pandemic and two deferrals as a result of that pandemic is nothing short of inspirational to me, and it's a true testament to the teamwork and passion demonstrated at our hospital and with our partners."

The Chair's Award of Recognition was created in 2014 by the governance committee of the board of directors to honour those affiliated with the health care centre who have made outstanding contributions to the hospital.

The launch of the Meditech EXPANSE, was the largest clinical information system upgrade Headwaters has ever undertaken and was implemented in September 2021, with three other partner hospitals; Collingwood General and Marine Hospital; Georgian Bay General Hospital; and Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre. Meditech EXPANSE provides patients, families, and caregivers with easy access to medical records, lab results, and appointments history.

The implementation of Meditech EXPANSE touched all areas and departments at the hospital with all staff and physicians involved in the project.

Several activities planned for Canada Day celebrations in Shelburne

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

The Town of Shelburne will be celebrating Canada Day (July 1) this year with a number of festivities planned for residents, including a car show, music, vendors, and evening fireworks.

Hosted by the Town of Shelburne's Canada Day Festival Committee, the fun filled family event will be held at Fiddle Park in Shelburne from 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. next Friday (July 1).

"We're all excited about being able to get out in the public, out in the fresh air, and meeting face-to-face again," said Coun. Kyle Fegan, chair of the Canada Day Festival Committee. "Canada Day has always been

one of the largest celebrations that we have in Shelburne. This year will still be a little bit laid back compared to what we normally have, but we are excited to have the community come out."

The Canada Day celebrations will kick off at Fiddle Park at 4 p.m. with a car show in collaboration with Orangeville based group North Rides.

A new edition to the Shelburne Canada Day celebrations, the car show will feature much more than just classics including trucks, tuners, muscle cars, and off-road vehicles.

Those interested in participating in the car show must register prior to the event through the Town of Shelburne website.

Entertainment for the night will see a

return performance from country/rock band Settler's Creek, who will be playing from 7 p.m. until 10 p.m.

"They're a phenomenal band. They performed for us at the last street festival we held and were a great crowd pleaser; everyone seemed to have a great time," said Fegan.

To wrap the evening up, the Town will be putting on fireworks show.

"We have a great fireworks display, that was our main focus," said Fegan. "Prices have skyrocketed quite a bit so the display might not be over the top as compared to the last one we had, but we're going to try to be as close to it as possible."

The Town of Shelburne Canada Day event will run from 4 p.m. until 11 p.m. on July 1.



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Site plan authority moved from Council to Town staff

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



Shelburne Town Council will no longer have authority to approve site plan applications as of July 1.

Town planner, Steve Wever, presented a report to council during their June 13 meeting about delegating site plan approval authority to town staff members due to the introduction of the More Homes for Everyone Act by the province.

“As of July 1, municipal councils in Ontario will no longer have the ability to approve site plans. If you want to continue to have the ability as a municipality to approve site plans you have to appoint staff to undertake that” said Wever.

The provincial government introduced the More Homes for Everyone Act, also known as Bill 109, on March 30 and

received royal assent on April 14. The intent of the legislation is to reduce the timelines for planning processes and make it easier and faster to build different types of homes.

“What it will mean for council is rather than me coming to you with a report of the overall site plan, a summary of what the site plan involves and a draft agreement; all of the approval of the drawings, all of the execution of the agreement and review of the agreement terms would occur through staff. The mayor would still need to be called in to sign the final site plan agree-

ment when it’s ready,” explained Wever. “There won’t be that step in between of going to report to council to seek authority to have that agreement on a case-by-case basis.”

Council has delegated site plan approval authority to the director of development and operations for the approval of plans and drawings as well as imposing conditions such as road widening.

“It’s kind of the way it’s being done already. It’s formally council that has been approving those, but it’s really on the basis of staff review of those plans,” said Wever.

Council also appointed the director of legislative services/clerk to approve site plan agreements. The mayor and clerk are authorized to sign site plan agreements and any documents required to implement conditions of approval.

The key requirement of a site plan is to

make sure the site will be developed in accordance with the municipal standards such as zoning and in accordance with any upper tier governments.

Wever said cases where the site plan does not comply with the standards will still need to go before council for approval.

All other application types including rezoning, minor variance, consent application and subdivisions applications will continue to go before council.

The report notes that council will continue to have access to site plan applications and will be able to provide comments, but will not be part of the decision-making process.

Site plan applications submitted on or after July 1 will go through the town staff approval process. Remaining applications currently in process with the Town will go before council on June 27.

Headwaters COVID-19 Assessment Centre moving to new location

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

The COVID-19 Assessment Centre operated by Headwater’s Health Care Centre (HHCC) will be moving to a new location at the start of July.

The local hospital announced in a press release on June 20 that the COVID-19 Assessment Centre would be combining with the Dufferin Cold & Flu Clinic and would be relocating to Orangeville Pharmacy.

“Since the first half of 2022, there has been a decline in testing at the COVID-19 Assessment Centre as a result of changes in criteria from the province and an increase in vaccination rates,” said the press release from Kim Delahunt, HHCC president and CEO, and Lianne Barbour, executive director of Dufferin Area Family Health Team. “To best serve our patients, families, and caregivers the decision has been made to amalgamate the COVID-19 Assessment Centre and the Dufferin Cold & Flu Clinic.”

Orangeville Pharmacy, located at Unit 5-50 Rolling Hills Drive, will begin scheduling appointments for COVID-19 testing as of July 4.

Appointment will be available Monday to Thursday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and can be made by calling 1-888-530-1319. The phone lines to book an appointment will open at 8:30 a.m. and will close once all appointments are filled for the evening. Patients are encouraged to contact their family doctor first for an appointment.

Headwaters said they anticipate a reduction in hours of operation over the summer months as fewer people have cold and flu symptoms.

The hospital also noted that most of

the community remains ineligible for COVID-19 testing with testing being prioritized for those at increased risk of a severe outcome and those living or working in high-risk settings.

Headwaters still requires patients going in for surgery to complete pre-operative COVID-19 testing at the hospital.

Headwaters Hospital said instructions will be provided to the patient by their surgeon’s office when arrangements are being made for surgery.

The COVID-19 Assessment Centre opened at Headwaters Health Care Centre more than two years ago and has seen a number of adaptations and changes including an original outdoor location in the hospital’s parking lot, moving inside to the Ambulatory Care wing, setting up a booking system and call centre, and testing guidelines.

Dufferin Area Family Health Team, in cooperation with the Hills of Headwaters Collaborative Ontario Health Team partners, opened the Dufferin Cold & Flu Clinic in October of 2020. The clinic provided assessments for symptomatic patients and assessed over 5,000 patients in three different locations.

“We greatly appreciate the heroic and dedicated efforts of the many staff who have been involved with setting up, relocating, managing and operating both the COVID-19 Assessment Centre and the Dufferin Cold & Flu Clinic over the past two years to ensure our community has received the best care possible,” said Delahunt and Barbour. “We will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 both in the community and hospital and will be ready to mobilize and ramp up our collective response if needed at any point.”

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Summer literacy campaign aims to prevent ‘summer slide’

Hooker said the programming aspect in the reading challenges hosted by the library is a significant part in supporting literacy.

“Something we found in the past is when you have a literacy challenge where the focus is to read then those maybe more reluctant readers get discouraged right away. Giving them another opportunity to come to these programs such as the science

club, they might not think their doing literacy activities, but they’re having to read and follow steps.”

At the end of the TD Summer Reading Club the Shelburne Library gives out three prizes – most books read, most programs attended, and most book and programs attended.

As part of her summer literacy campaign, Daley will be hosting a Summer Literacy Day event on August 12 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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That roaring waste of money was one of the heavyweight contenders for the Canadian Taxpayers' Federation's 24th annual Teddy Waste Awards.

The Teddy, a pig-shaped golden trophy the CTF annually awards to governments' worst waste offenders, is named after Ted Weatherill, a former federal appointee fired in 1999 for submitting a raft of dubious expense claims, including a \$700 lunch for two.

When one can laugh or cry, it's better to laugh and mock the pigs at the trough.

This year, the CTF handed out the trophies during a spoof black-tie galacceremony held in Calgary and in a parody news report posted online.

A former bureaucrat in Kamloops, B.C., owned the podium in the municipal category for living the bureaucratic version of a rock-star lifestyle.

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The provincial champion this year is the Government of Quebec for spending \$380 million on the Airbus A220.

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The NCC's runaway reno bill includes about \$2.5 million for a backup cottage the prime minister can use while work is happening on the main mansion cottage at Harrington Lake.

Finally, the Lifetime Achievement Award is for the Top Gun class of government waste. We use the big golden pig statue for that one, and it weighs about 10 pounds.

This year, Canada's Climate Delegation won the lifetime achievement award for sending 276 people to the COP26 summit in Glasgow, Scotland, spending more than \$1 million.

In contrast, the Americans sent 133 and the Germans sent 120. Germany has double the population of Canada, yet the Trudeau

government sent double the delegation. Finance Minister Chrystia Freeland stayed in Edinburgh instead of the host city and opted for a chauffeur service to get to the conference every day instead of the high-speed train that links the two cities. The car and driver service cost taxpayers \$3,000.

This followed the pattern set during the 2015 Paris summit, where the Trudeau government sent more than 300 delegates – double the American contingent – and blew more than \$1 million.

While the Teddy Waste Awards are meant to be funny, it's a way of smiling through the pain.

Canada is more than \$1 trillion in debt. Maybe it's time to stop spending taxpayers' money to make sure a polar bear sleeps soundly.

Franco Terrazzano is the Federal Director and Kris Sims is the Alberta Director for the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.

Seventy years on the throne

"Poor you."

Those are the words a young Princess Margaret reportedly said to her older sister Elizabeth when it was announced her uncle, King Edward VIII had abdicated his role as King and their father, George VI, had ascended to the throne.

The abdication placed Elizabeth as the 'heir presumptive' in direct line to become the future Queen.

Even at her young age, Princess Margaret realized her older sister's life was now written for her and she would be duty bound to follow the protocols of royal tradition and be under the scrutiny of the public for just about everything she did once she assumed the role of Queen, and for the rest of her life.

Elizabeth was versed in royal protocol from a young age. When her father returned home from a small ceremony declaring him king, before his official coronation, Elizabeth curtsied, and called him "Your Majesty."

The Royal Family is approaching a change in its history. The Queen, Elizabeth II, is nearing the end of her reign, and some day presumably within the next ten years, if the Queen sets a new royal record, you will be seeing newly minted coins and paper money with the image of a King for the first time in

over 70 years.

The Queen has been on the throne for longer than most of her subjects have even been alive.

The monarchy in modern times has always been somewhat controversial. Late last year, Barbados removed the Queen as head of state and is gearing up toward becoming a republic. Several other Caribbean countries have done so in the past and a couple more are considering it.

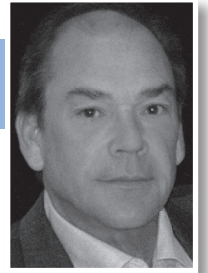
They feel it is necessary to cut ties with their colonial past.

Even in the United Kingdom there is a considerable percentage of the population that would like to see the monarchy abolished, considering them freeloaders who live off the public and don't have real jobs.

There's no doubt the Royal family have a disconnect when it comes to the common man.

There have been many stories about Prince Charles and others in the royal family, who have absolutely no idea of the value of a dollar, or in the UK, a pound, because they don't carry money, and never have to reach in their pocket to pay for anything. They always have a staff member who takes care of that for them.

BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW



However, the working Royals, do work. They just aren't in the trades or hold down an office job.

Many of the working Royals do have a rather gruelling schedule of constantly being on the move and going to different places. On top of that, they can't show up in public wearing ripped jeans and a hoodie. Image is everything when you are a member of 'the firm.'

Prince Charles, is currently heir apparent. He's not the most popular member of the Royal Family and many people have suggested he pass it up and allow his more popular son William take the throne.

However, it's not a popularity contest, it is a position for life that is passed to the next generation by a set of royal protocols.

Much of Prince Charles' less than perfect image comes from his first marriage, and his apparent poor treatment and lack of affection for his wife, Diana, who herself was wildly popular.

That could have all been avoided if Charles had been allowed to be with the woman he loved, rather than being forced to find a bride that fit all the strict Royal standards of the time.

Elizabeth II, has become the much loved and respected head of the Monarchy and the Commonwealth.

She has reigned with dignity and gained the respect of her loyal subjects. She has not endured any scandals, and has spent her entire life on the throne completing her royal duties in a proper fashion, without complaint, while maintaining the pageantry and international status that she represents around the world.

The Royal Family in the UK these days are largely a tourist attraction, on many levels and can draw crowds of thousands of people whenever there is an event which will have the family standing on the balcony at Buckingham palace, waiving to the crowd.

The Monarchy, for the most part, is a dated institution based on a time when a King or Queen actually ruled a nation or a kingdom. In modern times, few people would accept a Monarch as leader of a government that made the decisions that determined the course of a nation.

However, the Monarchy as it is, represents stability in unstable times.

While governments fall and change, the Monarchy endures and has become a symbol of endurance and that stability that many people appreciate.

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Two impaired drivers recently charged by Dufferin OPP in Shelburne

Dufferin OPP charged two people with impaired driving in two separate traffic stops on Tuesday (June 21) in Shelburne.

At approximately 7:30 p.m., a Dufferin OPP officer conducted a traffic stop in a parking lot at Highway 89 and County Road 124. During that traffic stop, the officer was led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Rodriguez ABRAHAM, 54-year-old, from Mono Township has been charged with:

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

Later on Tuesday, at approximately 9:45 p.m., Dufferin OPP officers responded to a traffic complaint on County Road 11. A Dufferin OPP officer intercepted the vehi-

cle on County Road 11 as it was entering the Town of Shelburne and conducted a traffic stop. As the officer was investigating the traffic complaint, they were led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Ankitkumar PATEL, 35-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's driver's licences were suspended for 90 days, and their vehicles impounded for seven days. The charges have not been proven in court.

Impaired driver nabbed by Dufferin OPP Sunday morning

Dufferin OPP charged a person with impaired operation following a traffic complaint on Sunday morning.

At approximately 7:10 a.m. on June 19, Dufferin OPP received a traffic complaint on Porterfield Road, just south of Dufferin County Road 109, in the Town of Caledon. The responding officers found the vehicle that was the subject of the complaint and commenced an investigation. During that investigation, the officer was led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Mark BARBEAU, 56-year-old, from Malahide Township has been charged with:

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

- Possess unmarked cigarettes
- Having care or control of a motor vehicle with open container of liquor
- Have care or control of vehicle or boat with cannabis readily available

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville, in August of 2022, to answer to the charges. The accused's driver's licence was suspended for 90 days, and their vehicle impounded for seven days. The charges have not been proven in court.

"The Dufferin OPP would like to thank members of the public for communicating traffic complaints such as this," said the Dufferin OPP. "You contribute to saving lives by removing impaired drivers from our roads."

Orangeville resident charged with impaired driving by Dufferin OPP

Dufferin OPP charged a person in Orangeville with impaired operation following an unrelated complaint.

Last Tuesday (June 14) at approximately 9:55 p.m., Dufferin OPP received a call for service in Orangeville. The responding officer commenced an investigation with the complainant. During the course of the original investigation the officer was led into an impaired operation investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Tara SHAND, 39-year-old, from Orangeville has been charged with:

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

The accused is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in

Orangeville, in August of 2022, to answer to the charge. The charge has not been proven in court.

The accused's driver's licence was suspended for 90 days and their vehicle impounded for seven days.

"The Dufferin OPP reminds motorists to plan ahead when consuming alcohol or drugs. Use a designated driver, cab, rideshare, public transit or stay overnight," said the Dufferin OPP in a press release. "Any amount of alcohol or drugs can impair your ability to make sound judgements. One bad decision could destroy or end your life, destroy or end the life of another person and leave countless people heartbroken."

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Wellington–Dufferin–Guelph Public Health announces first monkeypox case

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER



Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public Health has reported the first case of monkeypox in the region.

In a press release issued on June 16, the local health unit said they had received confirmation of the first local case of the virus, and that the affected individual is a male aged 20 to 30 who lives in Guelph.

Dr. Matthew Tenenbaum, associate medical officer of health for WDG Public Health, said in the June 16 press release that there is

no increased risk of monkeypox to the general public stemming from the case.

“The virus is primarily transmitted through contact with fluid from the virus’ lesions, so it is important to be aware and take necessary precautions if you are in intimate contact with someone who has monkeypox lesions,” said Tenenbaum.

Public Health said they are completing follow-up treatment with the individual and will contact anyone else who might be at risk from the case.

The health unit defines close contact with a positive monkeypox case as “someone who has had intimate, skin-to-skin contact with the monkeypox rash or contact with the case’s infectious droplets”.

With no increased risk to the general public, WDG Public Health said no action is required by members of the public.

“Most people recover on their own without treatment, and close contacts of a positive

case can be effectively treated with a vaccine,” said the local health unit.

Public Health is encouraging residents to be aware of the symptoms of monkeypox and to contact their primary care provider immediately if they have any concerns.

Human monkeypox is caused by the monkeypox virus, which is related to the smallpox virus. It presents with similar, but less severe, symptoms of smallpox.

Symptoms can include: fever, headache, fatigue, and a rash/lesions (which may appear on the face or genitals and then spread to other areas).

‘Potential general threat’ moved CDDHS students to remote learning for final day

Written By PAULA BROWN
LOCAL JOURNALISM INITIATIVE REPORTER

Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) shifted students to remote learning for their final day of instruction last Friday (June 17) due to threats made against the local high school.

On June 16, the high school issued a notice to parents informing them that the school had

received information of a “potential general threat” and indication it would be carried out on Friday.

The information sparked an investigation by police and the school, however they did not substantiate any potential threat.

Heather Loney, communications manager for the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) said the decision to switch to remote learning for the final day of instruc-

tion was made to help ease some of the stress experienced by students.

Tension has been bubbling over at the local high in the face of escalating incidents over the past week. On June 13, a fight broke out on school property amongst students following the use of anti-black language and anti-black slurs.

CDDHS Principal Adam Rowden, issued a statement following the fight saying he and the vice-principal had been in contact with families directly involved and impacted by the incident.

“I want to assure you that there is no place for hate and racism at CDDHS,” reads the notice. “CDDHS and the UGDSB know and understand that hateful language constitutes violence and causes harm.”

He noted the school was addressing the issue immediately and the individuals in question would be held accountable.

In response to the reported potential threat at the high school, Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills issued a public statement to residents on Friday as well, expressing council’s distress at the reports coming out of the high school.

“We know that parents and students are

anxious and upset and we want to assure the community that we are monitoring developments as close as possible, given the information that is available,” said Mills. “At this point, the situation is being handled as an internal school matter. Few specific details have been released and we understand that the school administration is conducting ongoing investigations.”

He added, “Regardless of what the investigations concluded, let us state unequivocally that there is no place for racism or violence of any kind in our schools. These institutions must be safe, including and positive places for all students and staff and we all have a part to play in ensuring that.”

Students at CDDHS have since returned to the local high school to take part in a week of exams.

With students set to go on summer break, eyes are looking forward to how the incidents and emotional toll will play out come a return in the Fall.

Loney said CDDHS is committed to support restorative practices and training in the fall to allow spaces for all student to understand and safely work through conflict.

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RODEO CONTESTS: There was a variety of competitions for the Headwaters-Orangeville stop on the 2022 Ram Rodeo Tour that took over the Orangeville Fairgrounds on June 18 and 19. Some of the events that entertained audiences included bull riding, bronc riding, barrel racing, bucking horse, and steer riding.

Ram Rodeo returned to region over weekend

Written By SAM ODROWSKI

Thousands of people filled out the stands at the Orangeville Fairgrounds over the weekend for the return of Headwaters Ram Rodeo.

Last Saturday and Sunday (June 18-19), roughly 3,000 to 4,000 attendees enjoyed a variety of competitions, including bull riding, barrel racing, bucking horse, steer riding and pole bending.

“The rodeo went very well and we’re thrilled that we’re back from COVID,” said Ross Millar, Ram Rodeo Tour president. “People really supported it.”

But the two-day rodeo wasn’t just for entertainment, the event also generated around \$10,000, split between Tuff Therapeutic Riding in Mono and the 85 Tornado Squadron Air Cadets of Grand Valley.

“Thank you everybody for coming out, supporting our sport and supporting the charities that we’re involved with,” said Millar.

There were some tight races at the rodeo, with the winners of women’s barrel

racing being separated by a few thousandths of a second.

Yasmeen Irvani won first place with a clear lead and time of 14.910 seconds, followed by Mackenzie Murdoch at 15.410, Amanda Crzven at 15.440, while Jordyn Riehl and Cayla Mursall tied fourth place, both having the same time of 15.500.

When looking at bull riding, Austin Illman won first place with 73 points, followed by O’Rourke Jack with 71 points, while the rest of the competitors didn’t qualify.

Top pole bender was Mackenzie Finney with a time of 21.250, followed by Deirde Smullen at 21.520 seconds, and Jazmine Kreische at 21.600.

First place for Saddlebronc was Kirkland Reaney with a score of 71, followed by Lester Bowman at 69 points and Trevor Cowley at 66.

The rodeo will return to the Orangeville Fairgrounds for round two on August 20-21. The Ram Rodeo tour has a total of 14 stops.

The championship finals will be held at a to be determined location October 14-16.

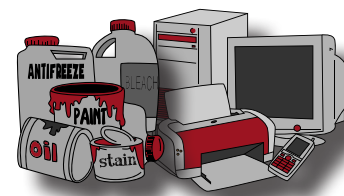
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ENTERTAINING THE CROWD: A drag performer gives it their all during Pride and Diversity Day on Mill Street last Saturday.



CHOIR PERFORMANCE: A choir sings together during Celebrate Your Awesome's Pride and Diversity Day on Mill Street last Saturday. In addition to the choir, the event featured dance groups, bands and soloists for musical entertainment.



PETER RICHARDSON PHOTOS

DRAG SHOW: Troy Caplan of TroyBoy entertainment puts on a spirited performance for attendees of Celebrate Your Awesome's annual Pride and Diversity Day event at Mill Street on Saturday.

Celebrate Your Awesome sees record support at annual event

Written By Sam Odrowski

An in-person celebration of all backgrounds, ages, religions, and sexual orientations returned to Orangeville's Mill Street on Saturday (June 18) for Celebrate Your Awesome's annual Pride and Diversity Day.

It's the first time in two years a celebration's been held at Mill Street, with the annual event being marked virtually in 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

This year's turnout was fantastic, surpassing attendance numbers from 2018 and 2019. Celebrate Your Awesome founder and committee member Jim Waddington said the event has grown leaps and bounds.

Fellow committee member, Ricky Schaede called the event a "smashing success."

"We weren't quite sure what to expect, just because the last in person event had been so long ago," he said. "But I think that it was like way more people than we've ever had before, and it was such a positive response."

From early afternoon to late at night on Saturday, Mill Street was filled with live entertainment, featuring bands, soloists, dance groups, choirs, and drag queens.

"I think people really enjoyed the daytime drag performance, the street was absolutely packed," Schaede said. "The crowd really seemed energized and really into it."

For the first time ever, Celebrate Your Awesome held the "Queerly Here" art market at Mill Square Park.

Schaede said there was lots of talented artists set up with booths showing off their work.

"That was an interesting new element of the event this year... a highlight for sure," Schaede noted.

The celebration also featured "Community

Zones", which had booths from an array of social services and not-for-profit organizations providing information to attendees.

The need is strong for an event like Pride and Diversity Day for members of the 2SLB-GTQIA+ community in Dufferin County, according to Schaede.

"I think really, with this event, we want people to know that no matter where you're from, or what your age or gender identity or sexual orientation is, that you're welcome in this community, in Orangeville, and in Dufferin County. That there's a place for you here and that there's other people like you here, just to create that feeling of sort of inclusion and belonging in this town," Schaede told the Free Press. "It's important because for a lot of young, gay and queer people growing up here, they feel like they don't belong and then they leave town."

He continued, "That's kind of a sad thing to grow up somewhere where you feel you don't belong, and I know for myself growing up what that was like, and I decided not to leave this town."

Schaede said, through the event, he hopes it shows people they can feel a sense of belonging right here in Dufferin County.

"There's a place for you here," he said. "You don't have to be ashamed to be who you are here, and I think that's sort of the main reason why we do it."

Schaede added that he noticed for a lot of young people, Celebrate Your Awesome's celebration last Saturday was their first Pride event and they got a lot out of it.

"I think it was pretty mind opening for a lot of young people. I talked to young person - they're a queer person - it was their first Pride event, and they really enjoyed seeing all the

other like queer people out there. It kind of made them feel a bit more normal, I guess," he noted. "It makes them feel like safer in the town, and more comfortable expressing themselves authentically."

Looking ahead to next year's Pride and Diversity Day event, organizers plan on holding fundraisers in between to help offset the

costs of putting it on. They're also looking at hosting pop-up social events.

Schaede said to watch Celebrate Your Awesome's Facebook page for updates and to send a message there if you're interested in joining the committee or getting more involved.

"We're always looking for young, energetic people who are looking to contribute," he said.

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Blue Ribbons for Special Olympics Charity Golf Tournament successful

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

It was a good day for golf, and it was a good day to raise money for a worthy charity when the Blue Ribbons for Special Olympics Charity Golf Tournament got underway at the Shelburne Golf & Country Club on Saturday, June 4.

The golf tournament replaced the annual Police Torch Run this year when organizers were uncertain if a Torch Run would be able to go ahead. The annual Torch Run has not taken place for the past two years due to the pandemic.

The golf tournament proved to be a real success many people signing up to take part and play a round of golf.

Constable, Jeff McClean, of the Dufferin Detachment of the O.P.P., who usually organizes the Torch Run co-organized the event with local resident Deanna Avison.

Flato Developments was the lead sponsor of the tournament.

“We had 68 golfers,” Jeff explained. “Everyone started at the first tee so it made for a bit of a long day. All the proceeds are donated to the Special Olympics. With the way COVID was when we started planning, I didn’t want to get partially organized then get locked down,” he explained of why it was decided to do a golf tournament.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

GOLFING FOR CHARITY: The Blue Ribbons for Special Olympics Charity Golf Tournament got underway at the Shelburne Golf & Country Club on Saturday, June 4. The tournament replaced the annual Police Torch Run, to raise funds for the Special Olympics. It was a full day of activity with golfing and special

In addition to the tournament there were special activities on the course including challenges like closest drive, and closest to the pin for both men and woman players. There was also a putting challenge on the putting green.

Co-organizer Deanna Avison, has run Hearts Wide Open for Autism – a special program in local schools, that raised funds

through a mystery dinner theatre. When the pandemic put a hold on the organization’s operations, Deanna reached out to Jeff and offered to help do a golf tournament.

“We could no longer do the mystery dinner theatre, because it was inside, and Jeff had to put his polar plunge on hold as well,” Deanna explained. “I had my sponsors which had been with me for five or six years, and

Jeff had his sponsors, so we could combine the two. There is a Special Olympics Dufferin, so much of the money stays here in the community. Having the tournament in Shelburne was nice because we had a lot of local people come out.”

At the end of the day, the tournament raised around \$30,000 that will be donated to the Special Olympics.

Trouble in fourth inning costs Mansfield Senior Cubs a game in Bolton

Written By **Brian Lockhart**

The Mansfield Senior Cubs travelled to Bolton to take on the Brewers on Thursday, June 16, on a perfect game day weather-wise.

The Cubs got off to a good start with some great hitting in the early going.

Logan Wallace led off for the Cubs as first batter, hitting to deep centre field for a double. That was followed by a nice hit from Jordan Metz to put two men on base, but the inning ended with no scoring.

On defence the Cubs did well taking out three batters in a row to end the first inning.

The second inning saw the Brewers make a double play for two outs followed by a tag at first to retire the side.

The Brewers had a man on base on a ground rule double when the ball bounced over the fence and out of bounds. They

scored on the next at-bat on a short hit that brought in a run.

Neither team could do much in the third. It was the fourth inning that saw the Cubs in trouble, when the Brewers managed to get three home runs to put them in the lead.

The Brewers followed up with more runs in the bottom of the fifth inning to really open the scoring.

The game was called on the mercy rule going into the sixth inning and the Brewers took the game 10-0. The Ivy Rangers have moved into first place in the senior division with a 10-2 record so far for the season.

They are followed by the Creemore Padres, the Bolton Brewers, and the Clearview Orioles.

The Cubs will be back on their home diamond in Mansfield on Sunday, June 26, when they will host the Bolton Dodgers.



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BIG SLIDE: Mansfield’s Logan Wallace, slides into second base during the third inning of the Cub’s game against the Bolton Brewers in Bolton on Thursday, June 16. The game was scoreless until the fourth inning when Bolton got the bats moving and started scoring. The Cubs settled for a 10-0 loss.

Gladiators win over Knights in Shelburne Cricket Club action

The Shelburne Gladiators took on the Shelburne Knights on the pitch at KTH Park in Shelburne during cricket action on Saturday, June 18.

It was the second highest game score for the Shelburne Cricket Club league with the Gladiators scoring 161 runs on the board, and Onkar Sharan scoring 64 runs to secure the team for a solid victory.

There was a new SCC record made with Ahsen Siddiqui from the Gladiators hitting five boundaries on five consecutive balls.

The Knights tried to chase the score but were short 26 runs giving the win to the Gladiators.

It was a double game week for the Knights. They played their second match with the Warriors on Sunday, June 29.

It was a low scoring game with the Knights

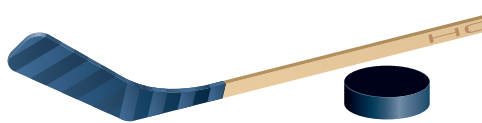


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putting only 116 runs to defend. Following their previous loss they went on full attack mode. They defended their low score with some awesome bowling and won the match with 38 runs.

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Jay Kipps Band performing at Island Lake for Canada Day

Written By Sam Odrowski

A blend of classic rockabilly and bluegrass surf on “spaghetti western waves”, the Jay Kipps Band want to get Orangeville residents “rocking and grooving,” this Canada Day.

A staple performer at the Orangeville Blues and Jazz Festival since 2014, Jason Kipps is the lead vocalist of his self-titled group, the Jay Kipps Band. Playing with a different ensemble for their performance on July 1 at Island Lake Conservation Area, Kipps will be accompanied by Morgan Smith on lead guitar and Frank Pesci on bass, with the show running from 6:30-9 p.m.

“It’s such a great venue and we’re thankful to Orangeville for thinking of us,” said Kipps, who’s band was the first to play the Island Lake Conservation stage when “it was still a concept.” He was hired to test the sound quality and how the music may travel over the water.

“We’re an original act and while it’s easy to book wedding bands and play all those classic favourites, this is an original music act from Orangeville and Mono, this is how our community sounds and it’s nice to see that we’re supporting original local artists,” said Kipps.

While music was something that he always wanted to pursue, when his child was stillborn, it pushed him back to his roots. An avid traveller, Kips often relied on his harmonica and harp during his world travels and just as his instruments had always “taken him to safe harbours in remote wilderness,” they guided him towards a new path.

“I’ve been shy for most of my adult life, never really played publicly,” said Kipps. “And then I subbed in for a band and people really liked it. Their reaction was more than I could have ever imagined and so I just started doing more.”

Whereas the dirty grit of the bass brings the band’s sound to alternative classic rock, Kipps’ vocals are woven with the



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JAY KIPPS BAND: Jay Kipps will be accompanied by Morgan Smith on lead guitar and Frank Pesci on bass for his performance at the Island Lake Conservation Area Amphitheatre on July 1 from 6:30 to 9 p.m.

harmonica adding country warmth and the home he loves. Originally an outlet for grief, the music of Jay Kipps Band digests the “pain of five generations of Canadian roots” and develops it into inspiring endings of “authenticity and love.”

Playing a mixture of covers and originals, Kipps’ prides himself on playing “different covers,” leaning towards the B-sides of popular artists and making them his own. He knows he’s been successful if the audience mistakes the piece for a Jay Kipps Band original.

“What makes up (our) originals is they’re heartfelt from the beginning. I’ve chosen every word to reflect a specific circumstance so we try to choose covers that reflect that as well,” said Kipps. “When I choose our covers, they’re the ones that have impacted me or represent a place in my life. I find it really hard to cover any song that doesn’t have that meaning so we try to select songs that almost feel original.”

The pandemic challenged the band’s momentum, cancelling all 30 shows in their

lineup. The band had thought 2020 was their year, following a successful album release but while they performed nationally at festivals like the East Coast Music Festival, the events came with additional legwork and less creative release.

“To perform virtually, you’ve got to set up cameras, video and essentially you’re putting together a music video, which is a whole other layer of editing and work in addition to just putting on the show,” said Kipps. “You’re also playing for a computer rather than an audience so you just didn’t get the vibe and the energy from the audience and that’s why I do it.”

But with the pandemic sparking a “new appreciation for live music,” the group has high hopes for the future.

“It’s a lot of legwork to book shows and so to have to start again from scratch has been daunting,” said Kipps. “But the fans keep us going, you know, there’s no better feeling than when somebody in the audience knows your songs.”

To see the Jay Kipps Band Live, visit Island Lake Conservation Area’s Amphitheatre from 6:30 to 9 p.m. on July 1.



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REWARDING HARD WORK: Kacineil Powell was presented with a certificate from the Town of Shelburne and a \$100 Johnny’s Pizza gift card last Friday (June 17) for her contributions in helping design the Town’s new Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee’s logo. Picture (left to right): Sam Pecorella, owner of Johnny’s Pizza, Kacineil Powell, and Coun. Kyle Fegan

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Alan lived his life on his own terms. In his younger years he was active in hockey, baseball and Junior Farmers in Shelburne. In 1991, he started Shelburne Feed Service. Alan was the happiest standing behind the counter at Shelburne Feed Service chatting with his customers. For most of his customers it was not just going to the store to pick up feed or bird seed, it was a stop for a friendly visit. We will miss his many conversations about local agriculture, sports, town gossip and just catching up with each other, but above all we will miss his laughter and quick wit. Rest easy Alan!

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