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‘She really did live her life like that’

Fundraising, social campaigns continue to grow in memory of Heidi Schlumpf

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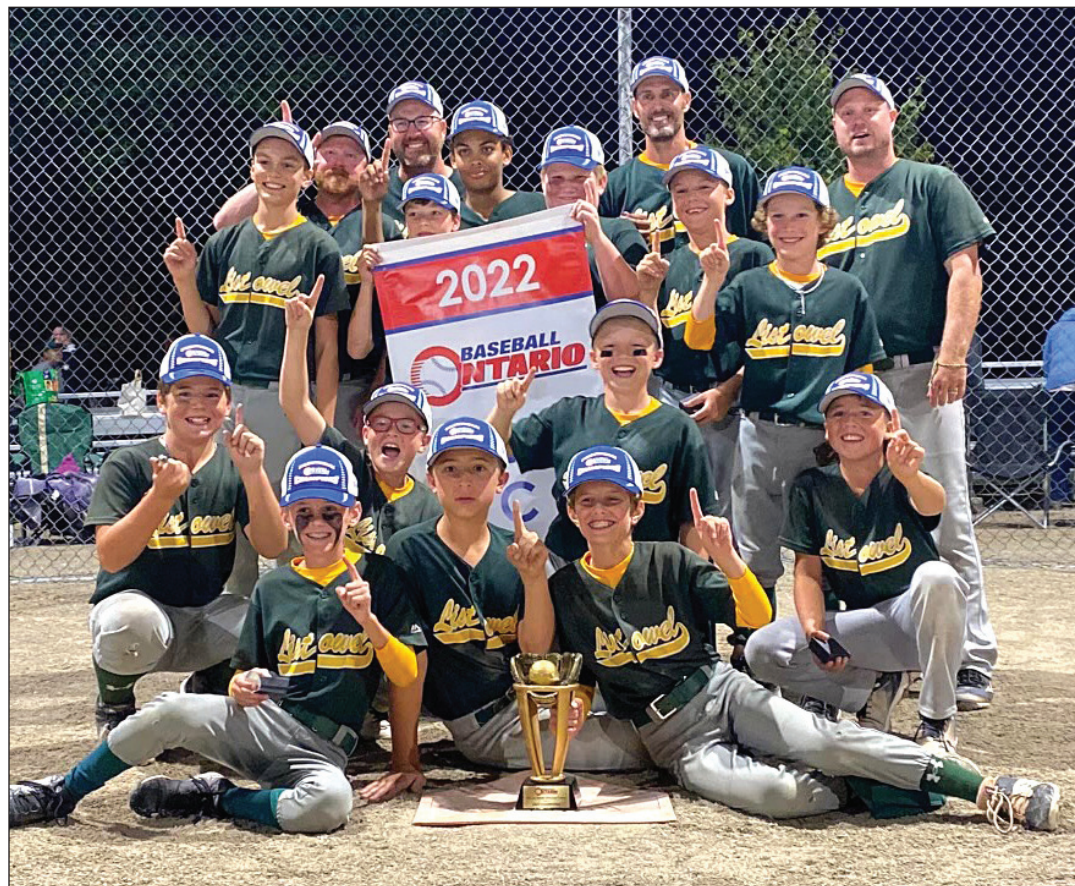
HURON EAST – While the tragic passing of Heidi Schlumpf only one month ago is still very raw and emotional for all who knew and loved her, there is solace knowing that her greatest attribute will live on indefinitely as an endearing legacy of genuine, selfless caring for others.

Only months after Heidi was first diagnosed with triple negative metastatic breast cancer (TNMBC) in April 2021, the Huron East mother of four launched two campaigns that defined that selfless and unwavering caring that she displayed every day. ‘Heidi’s Hope’ is an online fundraiser designed to raise money specifically for London Health Sciences Foundation’s ongoing TNMBC research. In only one year’s time, Heidi’s Hope eclipsed its initial goal of \$100,000, currently sitting at \$122,435 as of press time.

“It’s extremely heart warming to see so much overwhelming support coming in,” said Heidi’s husband, Remo Schlumpf, in a recent interview with the *Banner*. “Not just from the money going to the fundraiser, but just the community as a whole with the help with the service and the visitations, with meals being brought out and friends of the kids, their families offering to take them to help out. “For the most part, it’s still kind of a shock to everybody. Her diagnosis was terrible, and we always knew there wasn’t going to be five or 10 years left. But we certainly two months ago didn’t think that we’d be here today, and how rapidly it progressed.”

Heidi passed away on Aug. 10, less than one month from her 35th birthday on Sept. 8. That will be a date marked in both remembrance and celebration, as the second initiative she created, the social media-based ‘#putakindeed-inyourfeed,’ will be launched for its second annual running. Essentially, on Sept. 8 people are asked to commit a random act of kindness and share it with others online in an effort to spur them to do the same.

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FLAIR FOR THE DRAMATIC – The Listowel 11U OBA Legionnaires captured the 2022 Ontario Baseball Association ‘C’ championship on Sunday night, Sept. 4, in a thrilling 12-9 extra-innings affair at John Bell North versus the Kincardine Cardinals. The team is pictured, back row from left: Coaches Nathan Morwood, Rob Martin, Austin McCourt, Brendan Magee, Kyle Hollinger. Back/middle row: Marshall Walls, Deklyn Cressman, Jack Magee, Carter Williams, Patrick Heenan. Front row: Tyse Hayter, Rory Magee, Koen Martin, Zack Brooks, Patrick Magee, Oliver Morwood, and Tucker Froom.

Listowel captures 11U OBA crown

Legionnaires outlast Kincardine in tourney finale to claim ‘C’ title

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LISTOWEL – The championship game against your biggest rival. Extra innings. Home diamond and a big crowd on hand. It doesn’t get much better than that with a provincial baseball title on the line.

The Listowel 11U OBA Legionnaires got the chance to experience that drama

firsthand over the weekend, capturing the Ontario Baseball Association (OBA) ‘C’ championship on home turf. Listowel held on for a 12-9 victory over the Kincardine Cardinals Sunday night, Sept. 4, capping an impressive tournament showing that began Friday afternoon.

After being handed a 6-5 tournament-opening loss to the Woodslee Orioles on Sept.

2 at Jackson Park, Listowel would book its ticket to the OBA final with four consecutive victories over Dresden (11-1), Lakeshore (12-8), Pelham (15-0), and a rain-delayed Sunday semifinal win over the Caledonia Bears by an 8-3 margin. Undefeated Kincardine guaranteed Listowel a berth in the finals following a semifinal loss to Woodslee, but the Cardinals rallied in the rematch against the Orioles to set up the championship tilt.

“For the ninth time this year, Listowel faced off against their league rivals in Kincardine, but this time rings and banners were up for grabs,” wrote Listowel Head Coach Kyle Hollinger in an online posting following the game.

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Truck crashes into downtown Atwood building

Cause of incident still unknown as Main Street closed for extended period Monday

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ATWOOD – Residents planning on sleeping in the holiday Monday received an early wake-up call of a different sort in Atwood the morning of Sept. 5.

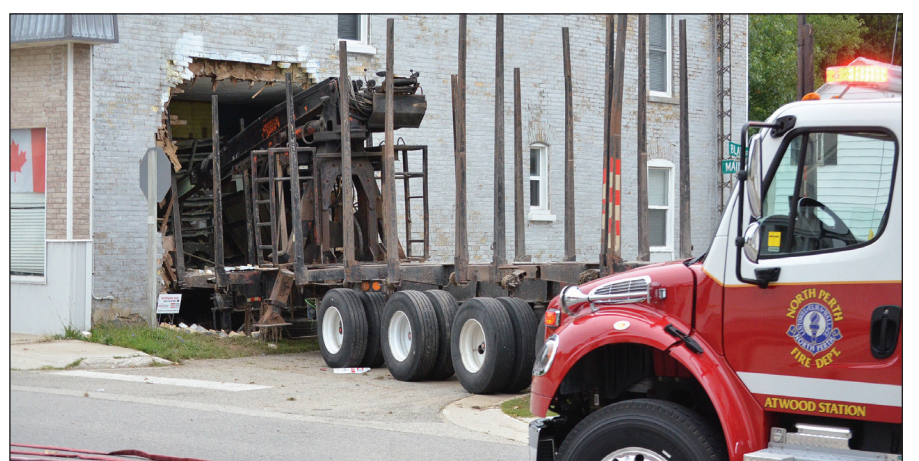
Perth County OPP are yet to clarify as of press time the cause or any potential charges being laid after a tractor-trailer crashed through the side of a downtown Atwood building around 6:30 a.m. that morning. The building, located at the corner of Main Street and Blair Street, has been

owned by local resident Sanel Hadziavdic for 10 years, who was currently in the process of renovating its four apartments and street-front commercial space.

The OPP confirmed that the building was vacant at the time of the crash.

“Somebody woke me up this morning, actually one of my tenants from the next building,” said Hadziavdic at the scene, approximately three hours after the incident took place. “Around 7 o’clock... he said there was something wrong and that something had happened. I didn’t expect this.”

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DRIVE-THROUGH – A tractor-trailer took an unexpected detour on Labour Day morning, Sept. 5, when it collided with a parked vehicle and crashed through the side of an empty building under renovation at the intersection of Main and Blair streets in downtown Atwood. It’s still not known what caused the crash, or if charges are pending against the driver.

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