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Burlington's Ryerson Public School will be renamed before the end of November.

With less than a month left in the current school year and the

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Graham Paine/Metroland

Indigenous artist Amber Jane Ruthart of the White Bear First Nations surveys the nearly finished temporary art installation 'A Hope for Healing' on the west lawn of Spencer Smith Park. The 2D moveable piece incorporates donated shoes and dresses and is shaped in a giant strawberry, a symbol of healing.

# A HOPE FOR HEALING

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## MASKING HER CREATIVITY



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Christina Piazza of Teresa's Garden Centre and Farm, who pivoted to making reusable masks when the pandemic started, sorts through her countless designs at the Farmers' Market over the Labour Day long weekend.



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## COMPLAINTS SPARK FIREWORKS BYLAW REVIEW

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Mariane Santo braces herself whenever she hears fireworks being illegally set off around her Milton neighbourhood at night, as loud booms and fizzes fill the streets.

Her 11-year-old son, who has attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), can't fall asleep when the startling explosions start.

"Sometimes it's days of it," she said in an email interview, painting an unpleasant picture of the effects that also trigger anxiety in

the family's standard poodle.

"My dog is pacing the house panting, shaking, and hiding behind or under stuff, or he's attached to my side scared out of his mind, and he is a (75-pound) dog. And this all happens even when he's medicated."

The veterinary technician

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## WORKPLACE COVID-19 VACCINE POLICIES NEEDED: MOH

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With the COVID-19 Delta variant continuing to spread, the region's top doctor is calling on local employers to put workplace vaccine rules in place to protect staff and the public.

Halton Medical Officer of Health Dr. Hamidah Meghani announced her latest advice Aug. 26, when she issued a guidance document for businesses that also includes suggested provisions for workers who decline vaccinations for medical or other reasons protected by Ontario's Human Rights Code.

"We are facing a critical time in our combined efforts against COVID-19 in Ontario," she said. "The rapid and continuing spread of the Delta variant of concern — with increased transmissibility and disease severity —

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# ROCK ON!

Neil Osborne, lead vocalist/guitarist of 54-40, performs during the Sound of Music Return to Live outdoor concert series this past weekend at the Burlington Centre. See more photos on page 18.

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# COMMUNITY RALLIES AROUND FAMILY AFTER BOY DROWNS

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The community has come together in support of a Milton family following the tragic loss of an 11-year-old boy who drowned in a storm water management pond after falling through the ice.

A mother whose son survived the Dec. 19 incident at the Tremaine and Derry roads pond has started a GoFundMe page that has already raised thousands of dollars for the child's family.

Ayse Ugec said on her GoFundMe page that on the afternoon of Dec. 19 her son and his close friend, who she identifies only as Ayuub, were playing in the area of Reece Court where they decided to venture out onto the ice of a storm water management pond, believing it was thick enough to play on.

"When his friend fell through the ice, he jumped in to try to save



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A storm management pond in the area of Derry and Tremaine roads was a tragic scene after a boy fell through the ice.

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