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Lydia Herrle recovering and optimistic a year after crash



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Lydia Herrle shows her enthusiasm for a track and field event at Baden Public School on Thursday.

Team of therapists, sheer drive help schoolgirl struck by truck progress faster than expected

Linda Givetash, Record staff

BADEN — Lydia Herrle ran and laughed with friends on the field at Baden Public School Thursday, giving no hint that a year ago she was airlifted to hospital with terrible, life-threatening injuries.

Herrle, 14, was hit by a truck while stepping off a school bus outside her St. Agatha home a year ago today. The collision left her in a coma for months with a brain injury and many broken bones.

But her road to recovery has exceeded expectations — Lydia herself has called it a miracle.

"We're thankful and it's hopeful," said Michelle Herrle, Lydia's mother.

"She continues to progress but even if that stopped right now, we have this beautiful daughter that we can have a relationship with."

With the help of a team of therapists — and sheer drive — Lydia has regained

the basic skills of feeding herself, walking and talking. Her expertise with each skill varies, but regular practice is showing improvement.

Lydia has regained her independence. She is able to walk, get up from a sitting position and climb stairs, often without any assistance. She's also practising to run but has some work ahead with co-ordination, balance and knowing how to slow down and stop once momentum sets in.

Lydia has grown a bit taller, too.

Academics and all the skills required to be a student such as focus, writing and reading are being remastered as well.

Lydia's math skills have caught up to about a Grade 5 level and — having always been articulate — her reading comprehension and vocabulary are even further ahead.

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Liberals fire OLG chair Paul Godfrey

Robert Benzie and Richard Brennan

TORONTO — Ontario's gambling expansion, which is crucial to the Liberal government balancing the books without raising taxes, is in disarray after Paul Godfrey's removal from the helm of the province's gaming agency.

Godfrey, president and



Paul Godfrey

CEO of Postmedia newspapers, was let go as chair of the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corp. by Premier Kathleen Wynne's government late Thursday.

That triggered the mass resignation of the lottery corporation's "shocked" board of directors.

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Police scour fields by hangar in Bosma homicide

Incinerator found on suspect's farm: police

Record staff and news services

WATERLOO REGION — Hamilton Police were scouring the fields around the hangar owned by the chief suspect in the Tim Bosma homicide Thursday.

More than a dozen investigators, some wearing neon green police vests and others in orange and yellow safety vests, performed a slow grid search of the tall grass in an area multiple football fields in size.

Walking in a line several metres apart and using bladeless hockey sticks to part the grass, they also slowly scoured a drainage ditch near a runway at the Region of Waterloo International Airport. Two officers at either end of the line used small yellow flags to mark their progress.

The entrance to the large, red-roofed hangar owned by Dellen Millard, the 27-year-old charged with first-degree murder in Bosma's death, remains closed off with yellow police tape.

Bosma was last seen May 6 when he left on a test drive with two men who had contacted him about the pickup truck he had posted for sale online.

Hamilton Police believe he was killed that night. At some point his body was burned.

The homicide detective in charge of the investigation confirmed Thursday an incinerator has been found at a farm owned by Millard on Roseville Road in North Dumfries.

Hamilton Police Det. Sgt. Matt Kavanagh said forensic officers are trying to determine if the incinerator was used in connection with Bosma's death or the disposal of his body.

He added that police have still not determined where Bosma was killed.

Officers continue to scour the property but will likely finish there today, Kavanagh said.

The search for Bosma led to the farm on Monday — a week to the day the Ancaster man went missing.

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LCBO reaches deal in time for long weekend

Katie Starr, Record staff

KITCHENER — The stockpiling may have been premature: late Thursday, the LCBO announced that it had reached a tentative agreement with its 6,700 unionized workers, averting the possibility of a strike at its stores and warehouses.

Consumers and businesses in Waterloo Region had been stocking up on supplies before the Victoria Day weekend, in fear that a midnight strike might limit supplies.

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On the web



Highway 401 crash

Three people received minor injuries after a garbage truck and four cars crashed on Highway 401 west of Hespeler Road on Thursday. Go to Videos.

Today's question (posted until noon)
Do you think CBC Radio should release its business plan for setting up a station in this region?

Thursday's results

The United Nations is advocating eating edible insects as good for nutrition and the environment. Would you eat insects? Responses: 413

Ugh. Never: 305 (74 per cent)
I have; they're delicious: 8 (2 per cent)
I would if they were more readily available locally: 26 (6 per cent)
Sure, I'll try anything. Once: 74 (18 per cent)

Quote of the day

"Silence is golden when you can't think of a good answer."

Muhammad Ali

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How to play

The object is to place the numbers 1 through 9 in empty squares so that each column, row and 3x3 box contains each number only once. The difficulty level of Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.



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Lydia Herrle does a practice run at Baden Public School while being cheered on by friends (from left) Mallory Silverthorn, Shayna Dramnitzke, Caity Usher, Rebecca Wheeler, Alex Hallman and Jordan Vaudry.

Goal is to be a physiotherapist

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"Her language skills are her strongest. At home with her speech language pathologist and another tutor, she's been doing some Grade 8 curriculum," Michelle explained. "Her use of words is strengthening."

With all the progress she has made, Lydia still has many challenges to overcome. Problems with her vision have made reading a challenge and she still struggles with fine motor skills necessary for writing. Since her brain works hard to process all she learns, she can't always turn her mind off to get a full night's sleep and is left tired the next day.

"She still needs 24-hour surveillance, that someone needs to be with her because we still battle with impulsivity, that she might suddenly get an idea in her mind and not know the dangers associated with it," Michelle said, adding that Lydia will try to climb a tree like her brothers or drive their golf cart without realizing she doesn't yet have the abilities to do so safely.

The setbacks don't stop Lydia from dreaming big. "She really is longing and determined to recover," Michelle said. "What's in her mind right now is the awareness of the deficits that she has and how hard she wants to work to get stronger, to recover."

Driven to learn as much as possible, Lydia asked her tutors for homework — and once she received it, she asked for even more challenging homework. "It was too easy, the stuff that I was learning," she said.

For the past two weeks, she's returned to Baden Public School for her tutoring lessons. The change from tutoring at home has tested her ability to focus in an environment full of loud students, music and other distractions. Adapting to the school setting will help Lydia get ready for full reintegration in the classroom. "Septem-

Timeline

- May 17, 2012: Lydia Herrle is hit by an eastbound recycling truck on Erb's Road after exiting a school bus. She was airlifted to SickKids Hospital in Toronto in stable but critical condition.
- May 18: The outpouring of community support could be seen online, particularly on Twitter with messages using the hash tag PrayForLydia.
- May 21: Lydia was reported to be undergoing surgery for her injuries. Her parents — Michelle and James — begin a blog to provide updates on her condition. Friends and family begin hanging green ribbons around the community with the message for Lydia to "Stay Strong."
- June 15: The driver of the truck — Jason Arndt, 37, of Kitchener — who hit Lydia was charged with failing to stop for a school bus, careless driving, dangerous operation of a motor vehicle causing bodily harm and criminal negligence causing bodily harm.
- July 12: Lydia is transferred from SickKids to the Holland Bloorview Kids Rehabilitation Hospital in Toronto. She was reported to still be in a coma.
- Aug. 11: Lydia is allowed to return home for a weekend visit for the first time. She remains at Holland Bloorview for treatment throughout the week. Although out of the coma and in a responsive state, she is unable to speak and has limited mobility.
- Aug. 21: Lydia begins saying her first words since the crash.
- Aug. 22: Lydia says her first full statement: "Happy Birthday, Dad" to James.
- Oct. 9: The Herrle family says goodbye to Holland Bloorview; Lydia is discharged to continue treatment at home.
- Nov. 1: More than 100 community members came together at Herrle's Market, waving green ribbons and cheering on Lydia for her official homecoming.
- Apr. 3, 2013: Arndt pleads guilty to careless driving charges and received a \$2,000 fine. He also pays \$500 as a victim surcharge and donated \$2,000 to a local brain injury association.
- May 17: The Herrle family plan to mark the one-year anniversary of the accident by spending time with loved ones and having a sleepover at their cabin.

ber just looms as this big question mark for us. We're looking at possibilities of high school," Michelle said, adding that changes in Lydia's abilities through the summer will ultimately determine what they decide on for the fall.

Like any teen, Lydia's mostly happy to be around her friends — that life is seemingly back to normal.

"I was thrilled," she said about returning to school and taking part in nutrition breaks and assemblies.

She's even set herself a new career goal: to one day become a physiotherapist. "I like going to physiotherapy, that's probably my favourite therapy," Lydia said. She added that she wants to help "people like me, who have been in a car crash."

The long-term outlook for Lydia is still uncertain. She physically and mentally continues to heal. However, with any brain injury, it's difficult to judge what level her recovery will reach or when recovery will taper off.

Even with that uncertainty, the Herrle family remains grateful for the progress she has made and the overall positive attitude she's maintained despite the hardships she faces.

"As we look ahead, not knowing if she will ever be able to attend school full time, will she be able to move out, all of those things, it's just that. We don't know, so we just live in today and we trust that it will work out," Michelle said.

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Stores were busy for past few days



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People flocked to LCBOs in anticipation of a strike, but a tentative agreement was reached late Thursday.

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Details of the tentative agreement were not disclosed, pending ratification by the union members. The agreement must also be approved by members of the Liquor Control Board of Ontario board of directors and the province.

In a written statement, LCBO President and chief executive Bob Peter said, "LCBO thanks the public for its patience during negotiations. We believe this agreement is fair to employees, is in the best interest of taxpayers and will enable LCBO to continue to provide responsible, quality service to customers and licensees across the province."

Thursday, prior to the announcement, it was busy at local LCBO stores: "It's crazy in there," Nora Barbosa, 46, warned another woman in the parking lot of an LCBO store at King Street and Northfield Drive in Waterloo.

Inside, all five checkouts were open with lines of seven people or more. Many chose to forego holding their bottles of wine, beer and spirits, using baskets and shopping carts instead.

Nicole Barrett, 23, was picking up some vodka after her dad called to tell her about the potential strike.

"I'm a student, I have lots at home already so I'm just getting an extra bottle," Barrett said.

The scramble for spirits was reflected in LCBO sales numbers for this week.

At the close of business on Tuesday, provincewide sales at the liquor store were up 73 per cent from last week, said LCBO spokesperson Heather MacGregor.

"This shows that customers are thinking ahead," MacGregor said.

But some people thirsting for a drink might just take their business elsewhere.

Adam Laforet, 36, stopped by the LCBO because it was on his way home from work.

"I normally buy my beer at different places," Laforet said. "I'll just go to The Beer Store."

Ray Soucy, 55, agreed.

"I don't want to take the chance if they go on strike, but if it happens, I'll go to The Wine Rack," he said, a bottle of wine tucked firmly under his arm.

Over at The Wine Rack on King Street, employee Alexander Wolf said the store received its biggest load of wine on Thursday morning.

"We got 400 cases of wine, and usually we only get 150 to 200," Wolf said. "Just in case the strike happens, we want to be prepared and make sure our customers know we're ready."

The Beer Store also geared up for an increase in customers due to the strike. The company had increased beer orders, added additional staff at retail locations and modified store hours to meet demand if necessary, said spokesperson Jeff Newton.

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