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Foul play suspected in woman's death

Linda Givetash, Record staff

KITCHENER—Police suspect foul play after the body of an unidentified woman was found in the Grand River near the Walter Bean trail Friday afternoon.

A group of teenagers swimming in the

river observed something suspicious in the water, said Sgt. Greg Garrison of the Waterloo Regional Police.

Police responded to the area off Riverbend Drive from the entrance to the Economical Insurance Trailway—a section of the Walter Bean Grand River Trail.

The body of a woman, approximately 20 to 50 years of age, was recovered from the river by police, Insp. Mark Bullock said late Friday evening.

The circumstances are deemed suspicious and the victim's identity has yet to be determined.

Bullock described the victim as having a "distinctive" tattoo on her torso.

It was of what appears to be a constellation of stars.

The victim also had a navel piercing.

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Regional councillors will vote next week on buying 14 Bombardier trains for the light rail transit system. Colours may differ from this image provided by the region.

Region to vote on \$92-million contract for Bombardier trains

Paige Desmond, Record staff

WATERLOO REGION—Regional councillors will vote Wednesday on spending about \$92.4 million to purchase 14 light rail trains from Bombardier.

That's about \$2.5 million under budget and is on par with several other cities.

If approved, a prototype will roll into town July 12 and be unveiled at a media event at regional headquarters on Frederick Street.

"I'm levitating about next Friday," said Coun. Jim Wideman. He'll push the button to open the vehicle's doors and start the tour.

"We have been talking about this now for seven or eight years," Wideman said.

"We've had mockups. We've had artist renderings of trains. Now we're going to see it first-hand."

If councillors OK the purchase, it will be the largest approved expenditure so far for the region's \$818-million rapid transit project.

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Eye-catching marriage proposal on Waterloo construction site



Katie Starr, Record staff

Kevin Nequest constructed the perfect proposal Friday when a crane hoisted his hand-painted sign, asking his girlfriend Lynn Eggert to marry him, high above the Waterloo construction site he's working on.

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Swimmer seeks redemption in return to Lake Ontario



PETER LEE, RECORD STAFF

Samantha Whiteside, in the pool at Western University in London, is part of a relay team planning to swim the length of Lake Ontario later this month.

Third time may be the charm for New Hamburg native participating in Because I Am a Girl fundraiser

Brent Davis, Record staff

For years, Samantha Whiteside wanted nothing to do with Lake Ontario.

She conquered its waters as a teen in 2006, swimming from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Toronto while raising thousands of dollars for juvenile arthritis research.

But she fell achingly short—just 71 seconds short—of the women's record she'd set out to beat, and vowed to try again.

That second swim the following year ended five hours in when the New Hamburg girl, who was then 17, aborted the attempt.

For years, Whiteside felt the lake had beaten her. But she doesn't give up that easily.

On July 23, she'll return to Lake Ontario's chilly waters, one of five Ontario women participating in a relay to swim the 305-kilometre length of the lake from Kingston to Burlington.

The Because Girls Can Swim is hoping to raise \$300,000 for Plan International's Because I am a Girl initiative.

"My main initial driving force was the chance to get back in the lake and try to redeem myself," said 23-year-old Whiteside from Lon-

don, where she is pursuing a doctorate in microbiology at Western University.

"This is definitely me getting back into open water."

But the charitable aspect was also key. The Plan International initiative aims to end gender inequality while empowering women and girls in the developing world.

An educated girl will share knowledge with her family and her community.

"It really is about creating foundations that communities can be built on," Whiteside said.

Growing up, Whiteside attended an all-girls' camp and was surrounded by female role models that she could aspire to be like.

She wants girls all around the world to look at their futures with the same ambition

and optimism.

All of the swimmers "have had a lot of success individually," she said. The idea of combining their talents to see what they could accomplish together was hard to resist.

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Perspectives

Augmented reality lab tinkers in Waterloo Region

Terry Pender, Record staff

ST. JACOBS—New ways of using interactive digital technology are being developed in an old building beside the Conestogo River in this quaint tourist village.

What's happening inside 1440 King St. N. is at the cutting edge of the region's economy as it transitions from manufacturing to high technology.

A foundry operated out of the basement about 40 years ago. Molten metal was poured into moulds made of sand to create a variety of castings.

Workers combined metals into exotic alloys. Sand by the tonne was shovelled by hand, and the work was so strenuous the owners bailed men out of jail to work there.

Later, it was a felt factory.

Today, above the old foundry is the Felt Lab—a place where the public and private sectors came together to create a living laboratory for individuals and companies to learn about using interactive digital media.

The emphasis is on interactive.

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WEEKEND EDITION

Sainthood

Pope Francis clears path for John Paul II and John XXIII to become saints

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Enraged

Clashes erupt as Egyptian Islamists take to the streets in support of ousted president

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PETER LEE, RECORD STAFF

Samantha Whiteside is training at Western University in London for a Lake Ontario relay swim.

Whiteside, others to swim lake's 305-kilometre length

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The swim's fundraising target might seem ambitious, but Whiteside and her fellow swimmers are looking at it this way: "It's \$1,000 a kilometre," she said. "We're going to be out on boats for five days, swimming for hours and days on end.... I think we can do it."

The swim's participants have all proven themselves in distance challenges in the past.

Along with Whiteside, Colleen Shields, Nicole Mallette and Rebekah Boscariol successfully swam across Lake Ontario. Not to be outdone, the

fifth participant, Mona Sharri, successfully swam the English Channel. They range in age from 18 to 61.

All five will enter the lake and swim the first kilometre together in Kingston. Then the round-the-clock relay will begin, with each woman swimming for two hours and resting for eight. They hope to arrive in Burlington on July 27.

The format makes the challenge a little less daunting, Whiteside said.

"All my other swims have been about time," she said. "This one is about finishing."

Weather will be the biggest

variable. Cold temperatures, big waves, wind, rain and storms could all play a role.

To prepare, Whiteside—a varsity swimmer while at the University of Guelph—has been training in the pool for two-hour swims while also doing cardio, weights and yoga.

One downside to training in landlocked London? "I don't have a car," Whiteside laughed. "I can't drive out to a lake for a day."

The group is looking for donations and sponsorships. Visit becausegirlscan.ca.

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Autopsy scheduled for today

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"We're hoping that the public is going to be able to assist us in identifying the victim," Bullock said.

The walk-up to the trail and parking area were cordoned off by police Friday evening. Several forensic unit vans and police vehicles were at the scene.

Bullock said homicide detectives and several other branches of the police service are working on the case. The area under investigation lies between the Kitchener Waterloo Humane Society and a

business park. There are otherwise no residential or commercial buildings in the immediate area surrounding the trail entrance.

Police do not yet know when the woman died or how long the body was in the water. An autopsy has been scheduled to take place in Hamilton today.

Police are continuing the investigation and ask that anyone with information call Crime Stoppers 1-800-222-8477 or the police homicide branch at 519-650-8500, ext. 8642.

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Albert's Gas Station Maintenance Scholarship

Damon is entering his first year at Conestoga College in Human Services Foundations. His dream is to become a Social Worker

Budding Charitable Fund Scholarships

Jessica is starting her first year at Conestoga College in Human Services Foundations with hopes of entering the Social Work field

Julyn will begin Addiction Studies at Centennial College this year

Cambridge Pro Fab Scholarship

Alexis is starting her first year in Welding Techniques at Conestoga College with hopes of becoming a Welder

Dr Ronald Sax Memorial Scholarship

Isaac will be returning for his 2nd year at the University of Toronto, International Development Studies and Health Studies

Fostering Futures Scholarship

(provided by the Foster Parents Association of Waterloo Region)

Angela is starting her first year in Protection Security & Investigation at Conestoga College

Joseph B LeClerc Memorial Scholarships

Aleksander will start his first year of Political Science Studies at Brock University, his goal is to become a Lawyer

Kerensa will attend her first year at the Ontario Institute of Audio Recording Technology. Her passion is in audio engineering and is self-taught on the piano

Natalie is entering her first year at the University of Waterloo in Social Development Studies. Natalie says she would like to be the Executive Director of F&CS someday

Lions Club of Kitchener Scholarship

Loretta has completed her RPN at Sheridan College and will be attending McMaster University in the fall to become an RN

Parkinson Family Scholarship

(sponsored by Cambridge & North Dumfries Community Foundation)

Sonya is entering her 4th year of Environment and Resource Studies at the University of Waterloo. She hopes to pursue a Master's Degree in the same area

Pave the Way Scholarship

Bjorn is attending his 4th year at Wilfrid Laurier University in Honours Languages

Peter G Ringrose Scholarship

Alicia will attend her first year in Human Services Foundations at Conestoga College and would like to pursue her dream of helping children and youth in need

Ross & Doris Dixon Scholarship

Chelsea will be attending the Personal Support Worker program at Conestoga College. She hopes to one day be a RN

Rotary Club of Cambridge North Scholarship

Tabitha is entering her 2nd year at Sheridan College in the Child & Youth program. Her goal is to work with children and youth

Rotary Club of Kitchener Westmount Scholarship

Jessica will be entering her Bachelor of Social Work at Renison College, the University of Waterloo

Family and Children's Services Foundation Scholarships

Anna will be attending her first year at Conestoga College studying General Arts

Autumn has dreamed of becoming a librarian since she was a little girl, she will be attending the University of Western Ontario in Arts & Humanities to fulfill that dream

Brandon is entering his 4th year of studies in Law at the University of Waterloo, he hopes to become a Police Officer

Brandon is entering his 1st year at Conestoga College in Business Admin with a focus in Accounting

Brandon is entering Public Relations at Conestoga College

Cody will be attending Conestoga College in first year Welding Techniques

Cory is starting his first year at St Lawrence College in Construction Techniques

Damien is returning to his second year at Conestoga College for Police Foundations. He hopes to be a Police Officer one day

Daniel is starting his first year at Mohawk College in Electrical Engineering

Dylan is entering his 2nd year in Truck & Coach ITEP at Conestoga College. His goal is to become a red seal truck and coach mechanic

Emeka is starting his first year at Conestoga College in Journalism

Broadcasting

Geordie will be attending Selkirk College in BC in Carpentry Apprenticeship

Janeka will attend Hospitality and Management at Conestoga College

Kaitlin will attend her first year at the University of Waterloo in Honors Science

Katrina will be attending her first year at Mohawk College in General Arts & Sciences with hopes of working in the social work field someday

Kayla is attending her first year at the University of Western Ontario in Media Design

Kelsey is returning to her second year at Brock University in Kinesiology. Her goal is to graduate and pursue a career in health and fitness

Melissa will be entering Interior Decorating at Conestoga College

Ryan is starting his first year at Conestoga College in Construction Techniques

Shianne is returning to Conestoga College for her second year of Recreation and Leisure

Tessa is headed off to the University of Ottawa for her first year in Theatre Studies. Her dream is to become a Drama Teacher

Will is attending his 2nd year at Fanshawe College in the Developmental Service Worker program

IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING 38 POST-SECONDARY EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS, THE AGENCY AND THE FOUNDATION WOULD ALSO LIKE TO CONGRATULATE OUR YOUTH WHO RECEIVED AWARDS TO HELP DEVELOP THEIR SKILLS AND TALENTS IN THE AREA OF ARTS, CULTURE AND SPORT!

Casarini Family Music Bursaries

Tyler To continue guitar lessons. Eventually attend the Musicians Institute in Los Angeles, California

Chris To continue with vocal lessons. Interested in guitar, vocals and song writing lessons.

CKM Better Futures Awards

Ashley To participate in horseback riding lessons

Deandra To continue cheerleading and tumbling

Emeka To attend the Canadian Track and Field Championships in Moncton, New Brunswick

Josh To play Ice Hockey

Tanner To attend hockey skills camp in August 2013

Tiffany To participate in horseback riding lessons



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