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The Little Country Pre-School says goodbye



PHOTO BY ALEX SHER

The Little Country Pre-School closes its doors and owner Lori Bryan bids farewell in thanks and gratitude to Shelburne and surrounding area.

BY ALEX SHER

Quintessential by description, beloved and cherished by many children over the years, a safe and treasured school relied upon by parents, and a dream come true for owner Lori Bryan, The Little Country Pre-School of Primrose is saying goodbye to an era and closing its doors.

Bryan, a registered Early Childhood Educator for 29 years, has seen many changes over the years within her industry. When full day Kindergarten became implemented in 2012 in all area schools, many pre-school programs suffered a serious lack of enrollment and The Little Country Pre-School became one of the first casualties in the Shelburne area.

Though inevitable change can be heartfelt and difficult, owner and operator of The Little Country Pre-School,

Lori Bryan, couldn't venture on to the new chapter in her life without reaching out to the community of Shelburne and surrounding area in gratitude and thanks in her special message.

"I just want people to know I am so grateful to have had these 13 years together and The Little Country Pre-School was and is a dream come true. I got to live my dream, how many people can say that? I feel so blessed and I am so thankful to have been able to positively impact the futures of so many children. It's been a wonderful experience and everyone involved in the entire process has been so supportive over the years," commented Bryan. "I can't thank everyone enough!"

We've heard the expression when one door closes, a window opens and Bryan is looking for that window

as she begins her new journey, explaining, "Childcare is governed under the Ministry of Education and all licensed centres must adhere to the strict guidelines of the Day Nursery Act. As a result, as far as this building goes, it's a zoned institution, wheel chair outfitted, and completely adheres to the Day Nursery Act. We don't know what the future will hold but we will be looking for something to fill the building."

Perhaps another's dream lies in wait for this exact moment in time revealing another expression, 'Even Dreams Have Children'.

And for those children who will miss Bryan, they have only to wait until "big" school starts as Bryan will be working at Primrose Elementary School come this fall, a welcome addition to the Primrose Elementary School Staff.

Whatever bright future is in store for The Little Country Pre-School, Bryan can rest assured that there will always be wonderful memories in the hearts and minds of so many little children and as they grow there will always be The Little Country Pre-School, with the sound of its school bell ringing, echoing remembrance, bringing smiles to the faces fortunate enough to have entered its doors, becoming a part of a dream come true.

As grateful as Bryan is to the community of Shelburne and surrounding area, Bryan is also gratefully recognised by the parents and children who will miss her Little Country Pre-School and wish Bryan all the best in future endeavors.

Contact Lori Bryan regarding The Little Country Pre-School at 519-925-0854 for more information.

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Minister Raitt coming to Dufferin-Caledon Sept. 12th

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport, will soon be visiting Dufferin-Caledon. She will be the guest of honour at the Dufferin-Caledon Conservative Association's Falling into Fashion - Fashion Show and Dinner Fundraiser on Thursday, September 12th.

"We're delighted Minister Raitt will be joining us at our third fashion show fundraiser here in the riding," said David Tilson, Member of Parliament for Dufferin-Caledon. "She has been an outstanding member of our Conservative team in Ottawa in her various roles as Minister of Natural Resources, Minister of Labour, and currently as Minister of Transport. There is considerable interest throughout the riding in meeting this Minister who's been an integral player in providing strong, stable government for all Canadians."

The fundraiser, taking place at the Royal Ambassador Event Centre in Caledon East, will begin with a cocktail reception at 6 p.m. followed by a full-course dinner and fashion show, starting at 7 p.m.

Tickets are selling quickly and may be purchased through the Dufferin-Caledon Conservative Association by calling 519 940-3506.



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FEATURED ITEMS

Is DEEP development floating away?

BY WES KELLER

Is the U.S. military launching a campaign that could liberate Dufferin County from solid-waste disposal problems that will reappear when the Green for Life (GFL) contract expires in seven years?

That question arises from a recent New York Times story that said the military is investing in an Energy from Waste (EFW) gasifier no larger than an average shower stall but capable of processing at least 25 tons of garbage daily.

It comes at a time when Dufferin County Council is faced by difficult financial decisions about the future of its waste management.

Public Works Director Scott Burns told the Community Development Committee (CDC) that the county had spent \$765,000 since 2005 pursuing alternatives to land-filling. There would be significant costs in continuing with requests for expressions of interest, qualifications, and proposals, he said.

"Should Energy from Waste be desired, past County processes indicate that importation of waste is a crucial component of a sustainable and economically viable solution.

"Technology has likely not progressed to a point to make a facility small enough to ad-

dress Dufferin's waste needs viable from a cost perspective," Mr. Burns reported.

Meantime, provincial energy policies militate against purchasing electricity produced from garbage as, according to the province, garbage is not "a renewable resource."

The shower-stall-size gasifier reported by The Times might solve Dufferin's capacity problems but the test-model purchased by the U.S. military carries a price tag of \$8-million.

The cost wouldn't appear to be a deterrent for the army, which isn't so much interested in electricity generation as in the production of fuel needed by front-line combat units.

"The military is looking for ways to reduce its oil consumption, and to make it easier to supply the front lines with the fuel it uses in all its vehicles and generators. 'These days, the supply lines are in the battlefield,' said Sharon E. Burke, the assistant secretary of defense for operational efficiency plans and programs. 'And we consume a lot of fuel, which makes us a big target,'" The Times reported.

Grand Valley resident Peter Turrell, an environmental expert and constant observer of waste systems among other things, isn't convinced that the

small gasifier would be as efficient as it's touted to be.

"I have their brochure here. They have never answered a request sent a while ago about locations to visit. At this time we consider the brochure to be waste porn as the drawing is not to scale – look at the size of a container and divide by 25 tons per day – does not say how they get the heat to start the process, except it is not plasma arc, and big red flag comment of mixing together any and all waste -- remember I said you need a steady temperature so how can you burn diapers, needles and lumber all at the same temperature?"

"MSW (municipal solid waste) has a lot of water in it and it just does not burn as good as plastic," Mr. Turrell said in an emailed response.

He said in an interview that no one had proposed a smaller gasifier for Dufferin as it would not have been economically viable; that there has to be an economy of scale.

Still, says The Times, "Sierra Energy, has spent the last several years testing a waste-to-energy system called the FastOx Pathfinder. The centerpiece, a waste gasifier that's about the size of a shower stall, is essentially a modified blast furnace. A chemical reaction inside the

gasifier heats any kind of trash – whether banana peels, used syringes, old iPods, even raw sewage – to extreme temperatures without combustion. The output includes hydrogen and synthetic natural gas that can be burned to generate electricity or made into ethanol or diesel fuel."

Aside from gasifiers as large as the Alt Energy one proposed for Dufferin for which there were no investors and one as small as the FastOx, what are the alternatives for the DEEP?

On composting, the county is still in a partnership of sorts with York Region, and Mr. Burns said that consultants would be scheduling a visit to DEEP as part of York's Functional Servicing Report.

"Southern Ontario Processing Facilities may have merchant capacity for addressing Dufferin's waste beyond the County's current 7-year contract with GFL.

"Preliminary discussions with the Region of Peel, however, have clarified that the proposed EfW facility will be constructed with merchant capacity to address only waste produced from sources within the Region, and will accept no external feedstock," Mr. Burns reported.

The issues may be broached at the Sept. 12 meeting.

Shelburne Legion news

As of August 26th, our hours are changing. We will now be open until 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday. Every Wednesday morning our Veterans meet. September 6th is Wing Night in the Warriors Hall with DJ Rob Martine. September 7th will be our in house dart tournament, registration at 11 a.m. play begins at noon. Sunday September 15th we have a team euchre tournament registration at noon, play begins at 1 p.m. \$30 per 2 person team. All proceeds go to Kerry's Place Autism Awareness. Watch for all of our events Legion Week beginning September 16th.

Bugsy Malone Junior hits the big time in Shelburne

BY ANNE RITCHIE

When Fat Sam meets up with Dandy Dan, casting his eyes on Talulah and Blousey Brown, it'd be a crime to miss seeing the fun-filled show.

From November 14-24 in Shelburne's Grace Tipling Hall, splurge blasters shoot silly string and youngsters run rampant and charm and romance of the Roaring Twenties abounds in "Bugsy Malone Junior".

The event-filled program offers space for twenty young talents, auditions held September 5 and 6 at Hockley Senior Hall, Hockley Village. For further information, call 519-939-9038, or email apgreatscot@gmail.com. You can also check out the website of lpstageproductionsinc.com 6-9 p.m. for times.

This is a cast of youngsters, a "wild and wacky musical" that will star some bright new talents, brought to the spotlight by LP Stage Productions' Alison Port. Port merited applause with last season's "Blood Brothers" at Grace Tipling Hall. This time, the kids hold top billing. "Basically, we just want kids to be involved who love doing this," she said. The chorus can expand for as many performers as desired, and young tap dancers and actors fill the stage to the brim with their stage talent. Coupled with the music of Paul Williams, known best for the Muppet Movie score and backed by the experienced producer Dale Lundy and Kristen Gamache, the production already heralds success.

"We try to do a show with kids in the fall," said Alison. "Our spring shows are more adult oriented, but the reason for the all kids show is to make them the focus. It's their show". Port also throws her energy into giving the budding actors a taste of how to direct, produce, manage lights and costumes, set construction, painting: "If they want to try their hand at directing a scene or maybe teaching some dance steps to their peers, we give them the learning tools to do this. This way, not only do they get to perform, but aside from rehearsals, they learn to appreciate what goes on, and how much work goes into preparing for a full length musical."

The actors-turned-stage-crew commit to at least ten hours of volunteering with LP Stage Productions, choosing from a wide spectrum of tasks and participating from first call to opening night. If their own time is limited, they ask a relative to pitch in and help, and with family assistance, a star is born.

Within rehearsals, the play becomes an education, taught through the eyes of the writer as much the steps of choreographer or director. "We like to choose shows where we can explore the story behind it, the history, what happened in that time period," said Port. "With the musical 'Working', for example, we sat in a circle and we all talked about what work was like and if we liked it or not, what things were good about it or not. With this show, we can explore the Roaring Twenties, as they were called, with their gangsters and prohibition. The more the kids learn about that lifestyle and time period, the more they will get out of performing in it."

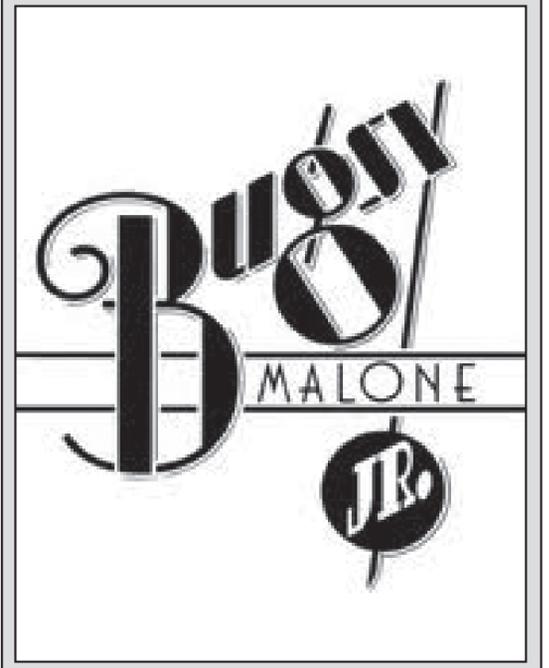
Her methods have met with success, and will no doubt do so with the November production, "Bugsy Malone Junior".

Be there to see it all at Grace Tipling Theatre November 14-24!



PHOTO BY WES KELLER

CARCASSE AUCTION FOR 2013 – Bob Severn calls for bids on some prize sheep carcasses at the 2010 Shelburne Fall Fair. The auction was a popular event but, more recently, has stirred up a little controversy. Nonetheless, the Fair Board says it's plowing ahead with this agricultural event again this year. The 2013 Shelburne Fall Fair takes place Sept. 13th – 15th. Look to the Free Press next week for our special 4-page Fall Fair pullout guide.





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This photo, from Bev Matthews' scrapbook, shows a couple riding the Ferris Wheel at the Shelburne Fall Fair. This picture was taken in the early 1950s.



History of the Fall Fair

The Shelburne District Agricultural Society is a community organization whose main purpose is to promote the importance of agriculture through education, displays and competition. The main event of the society is the Shelburne Fall Fair, which is

held annually on the second weekend in September. The Shelburne Agricultural Society was established in 1867 and is comprised of many members and volunteers. For more information visit www.shelburnefair.com



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This photo, from Bev Matthews' scrapbook, depicts the competitors in the Dairy Calf 4-H Show. The Dairy Show is still a huge draw for Fall Fair goers today.

Stanton road work to be delayed

BY WES KELLER

Snow plow operators in Mulmur will have one more winter to experience their reported concerns about the intersection of Airport Road and Sideroad 5, if county council accepts a recommendation of the Public Works Committee.

According to a report by Director Scott Burns to the committee, to tender the necessary improvements to the intersection following the yet-to-be-known date of the relocation of the Stanton Hotel would be folly.

He said there is a tendering period of three weeks prior to the award of a contract, and then there are preconstruction meetings, setting detour routes, and mobilization and co-ordination spanning another week or two.

And then, he said, the construction would involve another four to six weeks.

"Hypothetically, if the tendering process began today (Wednesday, August 28th) and followed the above noted anticipated schedule, asphalt resurfacing would commence between October 23rd and November 13st.

"Paving during this season is manageable, but becomes increasingly risky later in the year due to unpredictable weather conditions. Considering the former Stanton Hotel has yet to be relocated, it is unlikely the aforementioned schedule would be representative of a 2013 construction timeline," Mr. Burns said in his report to the committee.

He said if the project were pushed into a period of unpredictable weather, there would be a risk to the final quality of asphalt work and grass seeding.

On the other hand, postponing the work until 2014, after the hotel has been moved, "the anticipated intersection improvement schedule could commence early 2014. Tendering early in the 2014 year will ensure that the County receives optimal produce a quality end-product," he said.

Originally, the county purchased the hotel site and an adjoining property after Mulmur Township expressed safety concerns at the intersection because of the reduced sight lines caused by the proximity of the hotel to Airport Road.

The county's plan was to demolish the building, but the heritage value of the 1863 building was unknown at the time.

Now the county and Community Association to Save Stanton Hotel (CASSH) are working toward restoring it. CASSH is committed to continuing fundraising, and a Trillium grant is expected to be available for a chunk of the costs.

Meantime, it is reported that safety at the intersection has improved in any event by a lowering of the speed limit.

As well, the Olde Stanton Store on the opposite side of Airport Road has established a parking lot with the help of a neighbour to the north, which likely overcomes any safety concerns for the store's customers.

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NCVA board opens floodplain for development

BY SANDY AGNEW
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A recent decision by the Notawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) board to allow construction of a home in a floodplain goes against 60 years of careful conservation authority planning and has the potential to be used as justification for further floodplain development.

In this case, the homeowner stated a willingness to accept any risk. That is all very well but what about others who will assume that because construction has been allowed by a responsible agency, safety is assured? Visitors, heirs, purchasers, children? What about emergency responders who – as we saw in Calgary – are being asked to take on increasing risk from ever more extreme weather events? And, if this is used as a precedent by a developer who has floodplain property, what about the implications for unsuspecting homebuyers in the NVCA watershed?

First, a summary of what happened:

On Friday August 30, the NVCA board overruled a staff recommendation and authorized the construction of a new home on a property owned by Larry Smilsky at 1453 13th Line, New Tecumseth. Mr. Smilsky had applied for a permit to construct a house located in the flood plain and it had been denied by NVCA staff. Mr. Smilsky had excised his right under the Conservation Authorities Act to request a hearing before the NVCA board.

NVCA staff presented very strong evidence why they could not support for the following reasons:

- The location is within the floodway...the entire property is subject to flooding, with depth estimates of 2.4m
- The proposed development does not comply with NVCA's Planning and Regulation Guidelines (2009)
- The proposal is contrary to the Natural Hazard policies of the Provincial Policy Statement (2005)
- That the proposed development faces a high risk to life and high probability for property damage
- That there is no safe access and egress on the property or the municipal road, for emergency services
- The issuance of a permit sets a negative precedent
- That this development will have a negative effect on the control of flooding due to filling in the floodplain
- That there is no suitable building envelope on this property that is outside of the floodplain and provides safe access and egress.

Staff described the area of the property as a bathtub that will flood to a depth of up to 2.4 metres during a major rain event.

The appellants argued that they want to build a house for their son so he can continue in the family farm business, that there has been no significant flooding there in their lifetime and the house can be raised with fill above the flood level. They argued that irrigation ponds dug

increased the flood plain capacity and that this case did not set a precedent because every site is different. They also noted that they were willing to accept any risk presented by building a house in the floodplain on this property. They noted that they have high farm vehicles which would allow them to exit the property in times of a flood.

The Smilskys made a credible presentation, however their argument was based on their opinion and experience over the last 60 years of ownership, not on any scientific evidence.

When it came time for the recorded vote (required in a hearing) the final tally was 11-10 against the motion not to give a permit to build the house, which meant that another motion to allow a permit had to be introduced.

The second motion, read: That the Smilsky application be approved subject to a detailed site plan and permit application being submitted to the satisfaction of the NVCA, passed 12-8. Both recorded votes will be posted on <http://aware-simcoe.ca> when confirmed.

It is this writer's opinion that this decision is a coup for the pro-development forces on the board who have been trying to undermine the jurisdiction of the NVCA ever since the last municipal election. It puts lives and property in danger in future flood events – not just the lives of those making the choice before the board last week, but others unknown, and unknown, who have the right to expect the board to act in their interest.

It also sets a precedent that will allow developers, not just farmers, to argue that they must

be allowed to develop their lands in the flood plain, setting the stage for future emergency

events such as recently witnessed in Calgary and Toronto and reminiscent of Hazel.

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BY DAVID TILSON, MP
 DUFFERIN-CALEDON

Our Government understands that in order for Canada to achieve prosperity, we need to ensure our children have access to high-quality education. At the same time, we also understand that we must do our best to help make sure this education is affordable and will help students land a quality job after their studies are completed.

One of the ways our Government is accomplishing these tasks is through sizable investments in financial assistance for students. Through numerous loan and grant programs, our Government is working hard to help ensure students and their families are able to afford post-secondary education and training.

For example, we recently took steps to increase the affordability of post-secondary education by adjusting the income thresholds for Canada Student Grants, allowing more students to qualify for the program and get money for their schooling. We're also providing enhanced support for part-time students by making it easier for students who work part-time while attending a post-secondary institution to qualify for financial

assistance.

These measures are just a few of the ways our Government is helping make education more affordable. Each year we invest over \$10 billion in grants and programs that assist students and their families in paying for their education or training.

While education is a good thing in itself, it's also important that it helps students land a job or career after their studies are completed. This is why our Government has made a series of investments to help promote internships, apprenticeships, and summer jobs for students.

As a part of our Economic Action Plan, our Government funds the highly-successful Graduate Enterprise Internship.

This program supports mentorships and internships to promising students studying science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. By developing relationships with businesses in the students chosen field, they are able to gain networking and job opportunities before graduation and stay on the right track for future success.

Our Government is also introducing and implementing measures which support

young Canadians going into apprenticeship programs. We're accomplishing this by offering a series of grants to students who enroll in these programs, by promoting the use of apprentices in federal construction projects, and by working with the provinces and territories to harmonize requirements for skilled trade apprentices.

Enrolling in an apprenticeship program is a good way to learn skills for in-demand jobs and will help put students on the right track for a rewarding career.

We're also helping students gain real world jobs experience through our Canada Summer Jobs initiative. In 2013, this program helped create almost 36,000 jobs for full-time students across the country. These summer jobs help students earn money for the upcoming school year and offer meaningful work experience.

Helping young Canadians get access to high-quality education and job opportunities will help grow our economy and help keep Canada a strong and prosperous nation. Our Government will continue to support initiatives that help educate and train young Canadians.

Will Hill set the record straight by going on the record?

Dear editor:

Re: Not an expert nor a NIMBY

I am responding to Melancthon Mayor Hill's response to my letter 'windmills good if they aren't in your backyard'.

First I need to clarify the remark of "in his backyard" did not refer to his personal backyard, but that the Dufferin Wind phase was in the half of the township where he resides.

Mayor Hill has stated he was

one of five members of council when the first two phases evolved. He did not object to the project or the quantity of windmills within the development. The council of five did not perform any due diligence

when approving the projects. No studies were requested.

A document titled "report To Council Township of Melancthon" dated June 1, 2006 identifies the following:

The nameplate of the project was changed from Melancthon Grey Wind Project to the Melancthon Wind Project. There are still 27 turbines within the Phase II project that still have not been developed.

The official Plan amendment #14 (OPA 14) inserted wind power related policies into the Official Plan. These amendments and policies were to apply to all current and future wind developments within the township. During Phase II the developer CHD noted that there would be at least two additional wind companies coming to Melancthon.

During Phase II the current council did not request any noise impact studies, visual impact analysis or shadow or light reflection affects. The developer did provide noise impact studies and a visual impact analysis as part of

their due diligence. During the phase II application council decided not to delay the decision making process for Phase II, while monitoring Phase I.

Mayor Hill is not on record as objecting to any of these studies not being done.

Mayor Hill has stated that he has drafted a letter to the premier and all of council and the township solicitors approved it. But it is not a matter of public record. Is he willing to have this letter on behalf of the residents publicly posted?

While sending in a letter asking the Premier to intervene in the so called "Wind War", Melancthon Township

has successfully negotiated a compensation package with Dufferin Wind in the amount of \$2,666 annually / megawatt. The nameplate is 91 megawatts that amounts to \$242,606 annually. Over 20 years \$4,852,120.

So the question remains, why does Mayor Hill have a double standard, to stop Dufferin Wind if the previous phases have all been good for the community?

Will Mayor Hill answer this question?

Bart & Nancy Malloy,
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Shelburne's Grade 3 students to take part in Agricultural Awareness Day

BY ALEX SHER

This year's Fall Fair is Shelburne's 146th and promises to be a family event of fun filled, prize winning, shopping festivities worth participating in.

As most school age children can tell you, they have been looking forward to the Fall Fair since school let out in June, and have already been thinking ahead to what they will enter in one of the many wonderful contests and are already dreaming of the prizes to be had.

As a precursor to the Agricultural Fair, Wednesday, Sept 11th will be a special day for Grade 3 students who will take part in the Agricultural Awareness Program held at the Fair Grounds each year in Shelburne. Junior Fair Coordinator, Marion Web, a retired school teacher, has taken part in the organizing of the Fair for nineteen years and looks forward to the Agricultural program each year.

"Grade three students from Primrose Elementary, Hyland

Heights Elementary, Glenbrook Elementary, and Centennial Hylands Elementary will all take part," explains Webb. "We have six stations set up for the children to experience, Dairy, Beef, Heavy Horse, Sheep, Alpaca, and Angora Bunny."

Farmers both locally and from the surrounding area will be able to explain the animal's use and purpose with regards to farming, the care the animal requires, what they eat and as Webb remembers the most popular question being, 'What is the animal's name?'. Each station will be visited by the children for approximately ten minutes, exposing them to an hour of farming experience and education.

And the reason this educational experience is imperative? Webb's explains, "Our kids know less and less about farming every year. They live in a farming community and know nothing about farming. We like to bring a little farming into their lives."

Webb goes on to say, "This year's theme is 'Preserving The Harvest.' The Fall Fair can be very exciting for the kids. Some have them planned ahead regarding what they would enter in the Fair. There is money and prizes to be won and the kids are so eager to run around and see how their entry placed."

Webb includes likely candidates in junior entries can range from three year olds to twenty one year olds and because the Fall Fair is so diverse in the nature of entries and there are so many categories, there is likely something for everyone to take part in.

"We get entries of carrots, beets, pumpkins and other vegetables, but also crafts, school projects, including poetry and other writing. Teachers even get involved. It's a lot of fun. Entries for the Fall Fair can start being delivered to the arena the evening of Thurs, Sept 12th, through to Friday Sept 13th around noon," informed Webb.

The Fall Fair is not just for kids. Adults looking to get some great Christmas presents early will be in the right place as there will be many crafters in attendance. Clothing, knitted products, beautiful quilts, are just a few of the delights to be had. According to Webb, there will also be a Demolition Derby, Fun Dog Show, Baby Contest and many more fun events to be enjoyed.

Webb encourages participation saying, "Everyone should come out and enjoy the Fair, pay a visit to 'The Big Red Barn' and see the animals, see the farmer's and get involved. It's so great to be a part of the community. There will be plenty of food vendors as well. Just a great time for the whole family."

Contact Junior Fair Coordinator, Marion Webb at 519-925-3648. Anyone interested in being a sponsor should contact Sue Peterson at 519-925-6791. Go to www.shelburnefair.com for a schedule of weekend events

Peace One Day in Alliston – Sept. 21st

BY EMILY WOOD

What began as one man's mission to establish a day of peace to the world on one day of the year has blossomed into a successful global effort to perpetuate Peace Day. Major activities and concerts are organized by the Peace One Day foundation, but individuals around the world are invited to organize celebrations of their own, including one right here in Alliston.

The 1st Annual New Tecumseth Peace One Day Festival is open to all ages, with lots of activities for everyone, including music, choirs, face painting, crafts, yoga, drum circles and Reiki. Speakers will also be addressing the crowd along with open mic opportunities for everyone to offer their thoughts, hopes and uplifting experiences about peace.

The event will be held on Saturday, September 21 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Riverdale Park Bandshell in Alliston. They will be one of hundreds of communities who will live-stream their smaller events to connect with the International Peace One Day Rally in Holland, which is the main event organized by the foundation.

It all began in the 1990s with Jeremy Gilley, a British filmmaker and former actor who made it his mission to establish an annual day of cease-fire and non-violence on a fixed calendar date. He documented his efforts on film, and titled it "Peace One Day". His idea and passion for the outcome grew, and in 1999 he founded the non-profit organization, Peace One Day. Finally, in 2001 the United Nations officially established September 21 as International Peace Day.

Since the first Peace Day in 2002 it's success around the world has been undeniable, growing each year. As a second documentary, Gilley traveled to Afghanistan for the first time in 2008 with actor Jude Law to document the lives being saved as a direct result of Peace Day.

Through negotiations they were able to get the Taliban to agree not to harm health workers on Peace Day, and 10,000 vaccinators were able to immunize millions of children against Polio in areas they couldn't otherwise visit without the risk of being kidnapped or killed. That year, the UN put out a press release that reported a record-breaking 70 per cent drop in violence in Afghanistan on Peace Day.

But Peace One Day isn't just about stopping wars, it's about putting an end to violence of all kind.

"By working together we can institutionalize peace day, making it a day that is self-sustaining" said Gilley on a video about this year's campaign, posted on the Peace One Day website. "A day when fewer children are bullied, fewer women are hit and fewer guns are fired."

Statistics collected after last year for the 2012 Peace One Day report identified approximately 280 million people in 198 countries who were aware of Peace Day. Further reported, 5.6 million people acted more peacefully because of this awareness. It was the best year to date for participation, and will grow still further with over 600 million people expected to be aware of Peace Day on September 21, 2013.

The theme this year is who will you make peace with? PeaceOneDay.org lists a few simple things people can do to create peace this year, including the following:



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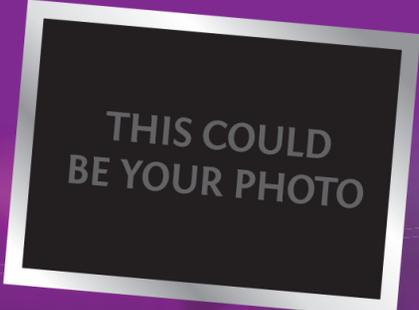
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SHELBURNE SPORTS

GMHL season underway – Red Wings on the road for first four games

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Greater Metro Hockey League has again expanded for the 2013 / 2014 season.

With the addition of new teams this year, including the nearby Alliston Coyotes, the League now has 20 teams in the line-up for this season.

The new squads include two new franchises out of Toronto – the Predators and the Blue Ice Jets.

In addition to the Coyotes, Seguin Township, Halton, and Meaford all have teams entering the League.

The Shelburne Redwings will be out for their fourth season since forming in 2010.

The Redwings had a decent season last year ending with a 19–23 record including two games that were lost in an overtime period.

That gave them a tenth place finish in the 14 team league of last season.

With the addition of the five new squads it's anyone's guess how things will go this year. Usually you have to get in to about 10 games before the league starts showing how things will shape up.

Redwings management have not yet announced the final roster for this year and are still recruiting.

Former captain, Owen Bennington, a three year veteran of the squad has joined the Val-d'O'r Foreurs in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League.

Bennington came to the Redwings from the Grey Bruce Highlanders AAA as a 15 year-old defenceman then moved to the forward line the next year.

The GMHL season will get

started on Thursday, September 5, with the first game between the Halton Ravens and the Bradford Rattlers.

The Rattlers are the defending GMHL champions having and undefeated regular season last year then going on to sweep the first three rounds of the playoffs.

They won the title – the Russell Cup – with a win over Temiscaming in six games in the final series.

On the bench for the Redwings will be returning head coach Igor Vasilyev and associate head coach Nikita Vasilyev.

The Redwings will be on the road for their first four games travelling to Powassan, Alliston, Temiscaming, and South Muskoka before returning to home ice at the Centre Duf-

ferin Recreation Complex in Shelburne.

Their home opener is slated for Friday, September 27.

The puck drop is schedule for 8:30 p.m.



PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

THE PATH LESS TRAVELLED – BMX enthusiast Jacob Chaney guides his bike through the trails at the Shelburne BMX park. With so many people away for the long weekend, Jacob had the trials all to himself.

Farming on the decline, farm prices on the upswing



The trend to cash-cropping had made many old-style barns and stables redundant.

BY WES KELLER

What do crumbling barns and boarded up farmsteads along with disappearing fencerows tell us?

Were it not for the luscious green fields, the mammoth tractors, the shiny new 4x4s and a growing number of virtual mansions throughout the countryside, one might be reminded of the poverty por-

trayed in The Grapes of Wrath.

But one must be careful of what conclusion to draw from the changing countryside. Fact is, there is no single answer. It might be useful to view some numbers.

Statistically, farm numbers are declining – and have been since 1941, according to Statistics Canada. “Between 2006 and 2011, the number fell in

every province except Nova Scotia, where it rose 2.9%. The number of operators was down everywhere in Canada except Nova Scotia, where it increased 2.5%, and British Columbia, where it was up marginally.”

StatsCan says the while the Canadian number of farms dropped by 10.3% between 1996 and 2011, the average

farm size grew by almost 7% – to 778 acres in 2011 from 728 in 1996.

At the same time, farmland prices soared drastically and there were significant changes to what was being done on the land: the share of oilseed and grain farms increased while the share of beef farms declined.

How much did prices rise? David Sparling the Ivey Business School at the University of Western Ontario is quoted as saying, “if you’re looking at (buying) a 100-acre farm, which is not a big farm, you’re looking at \$1 million to \$2 million – as a starting point.”

If, as reported by StatsCan, 83 cents of every dollar generated in farm sales goes to costs of production – not including depreciation – you can’t justify a business investment in a

small farm, if that’s the only acreage you’ll cultivate.

In fact, in 2011, Canada had 9,602 farms that reported \$1 million or more in gross farm receipts, a 31.2% increase from 2006. These farms accounted for 4.7% of all farms and 49.1% of receipts, up from 3.2% and 42.8% respectively five years earlier.

There’s what appears to be a 100-acre “farm” in the St. Catharines area advertised on the Internet at \$2.2-million. Here’s how the owner revealingly describes the acreage:

“A beautiful piece of rural property zoned agricultural conforming to existing uses. Includes 1,800 sqft apartment above business. 35 Acre forest with 2 cabins. 12 acre man-made lake. 53 acres of tile drained farmland, 1/5 asphalt oval go kart track. Site would make an ideal campground, re-zoning required. Suitable uses auto, marine, power-sports, industrial or farm equipment sales and service.”

In 2006-07, Boston-based hedge fund Baupost Group purchased something like 6,500 acres of farms in Dufferin County for \$8,000 an acre, which was reported as being at or above market at the time.

Baupost, operating as The Highland Companies, proceeded to consolidate and expand potato operations on the land but also sought to establish a mega-quarry to mine the estimated billions of dollars of limestone that lay beneath the soil to a depth equaling Niagara Falls.

When Highland abandoned its quarry plans under widespread public pressure, Ottawa-based Bonfield Investments purchased all of Highland’s interests for an undisclosed price believed to be in excess of \$12,000 an acre.

In the meantime, however, Highland had demolished at least 18 farmsteads along with

their barns and other outbuildings.

What’s driving prices upwards? You’ll get three answers, all of which might be correct: city folks are bidding on country property; disappearing land makes it a good long-term investment; and currently low interest rates make it easier to purchase.

While Highland was expanding the potato operations, Ontario’s potato acreage was declining. From about 40,000 acres in 2006, it dropped to 37,000 in 2011.

Ontario’s census farms (those that grow something for sale) are still smaller than the national average, but they are growing. From an average of 206 acres in 1996, they expanded to 244 in 2011. At the same time, the number of operators declined to 75,000 from 97,000, and the area under cultivation dropped to 12.7 million from 13.9 million, according to StatsCan.

On average, farmers are aging. “For the first time, operators in the 55 and over age group represented the largest share of total operators. They accounted for 48.3% in 2011 compared with 40.7% in 2006 and with 32.1% in 1991.

“Farm operators under 35 represented 8.2% of the total in 2011, a decrease from 9.1% in 2006 and less than half the proportion of 19.9% two decades earlier. Those aged 35 to 54 accounted for 43.5% in 2011, down from 50.2% in 2006,” StatsCan reports.

So, if you are a farm operator and labouring well beyond 40 hours a week while nearing retirement age, and if you can become an instant multi-millionaire by selling the farm, how tempted are you likely to be?

If you do sell, especially in some parts of southwestern Ontario, it might be to a hobby-farm aspirant from the city or to a neighbor expanding his farm; in either case, it’s likely that the barn you have so fondly maintained will become redundant and join the throngs of the demolished or crumbling.

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Name: JORDAN WILLIAMS
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Position: REFEREE

As an athlete, 15 year-old Jordan Williams is well rounded both as a player and as a referee.

He is the head ref on the executive committee at Shelburne Soccer and is charge of games with younger players and also coaches T-ball.

“With the older age groups its nice to know that throughout the years reffing, you’ve taught the kids while you’re reffing. If they don’t know what to do at a certain point in the game and the coach is at the other side of the field, you can tell them what to do and how to do it.”

As a player, he finds base-

ball and basketball to be his sport of choice. “I’ll play any position,” he says of baseball. “My favourite position is rover.”

He hopes to make the high school basketball team for this coming season.

In the winter, Jordan goes indoors and enjoys curling. He curls at the Shelburne Curling club and is on the curling team at Centre Dufferin District High School where he is a grade ten student.

Jordan’s involvement as both a player and a referee shows his dedication to local sports.

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Jelly Craft Bakery celebrates its 12th Anniversary – everyone’s invited!



PHOTOS BY ALEX SHER

Cutline: Front staff and Barista, Anne Gabriel enjoys the atmosphere of the Jelly Craft Bakery and can make any specialty cappuccino required.

BY ALEX SHER

Owner of the Jelly Craft Bakery Ewa Kotwas and staff are pleased to invite one and all to a delicious sample of baking and to take advantage of special discounts during their 12th Anniversary Celebration running from September 11th – September 14th.

A Polish immigrant, Kotwas has been in Canada for 24 years, absolutely loves Shelburne, and after twelve years of support from her community, welcomes the chance to give back and offer thanks.

“This community has always been so welcoming, so helpful, and so supportive of my business,” Kotwas acknowledged reminiscently as she continued, “When we first opened, the local golf club lent us chairs just to help out while we were getting started.”

As a once very welcomed new resident to Shelburne herself, Kotwas wants to reach out to all new residents encouraging and inviting them to come to her bakery and enjoy.

Kotwas, a family oriented mother of two is also grateful for the love and family support over the years and mentions, “My son’s have both helped out in bakery over the years and my husband is very understanding as his own mother owned a restaurant on Bloor and Jane called The Stanley Restaurant.

We have strong family values and believe Sunday is a family day and that is why we are closed Sundays.”

Kotwas originally learned to bake from her Father. With business flowing through this family’s blood, the bakery seemed an obvious choice when Kotwas was thinking about opening a bakery, and chuckling said, “Even living in Toronto, I couldn’t find good cake. In Europe, we find cake in most shops.” Though a lot of work is required to run a business, this labor of love for Kotwas is clear as she regards her staff as extended family. “I really trust my staff. We have 10 employees. Five of them

are students and I teach them so many skills that will help them later on in life,” commented Kotwas with pride in contributing to a student’s future.

From supreme customer service to the excellent variety of Organic, Fair Trade Coffee which is locally roasted, absolutely real fruit smoothies, Kotwas offers the pallet delectable choices and more.

“Our bread is very in low salt, our baking is very light in sugar and even our icing is creamy and buttery, no sugar. Our products are baked fresh every day,” Kotwas commented adding, “We have developed our own recipes as well.” So committed to her community, Kotwas often donates to the youth centre.

Essential to Kotwas is the wonderful, comfortable atmosphere Jelly Craft Bakery offers including the warm and inviting wooden flooring, the aroma of freshly baked bread, the antique and preserved cabinetry from what was once a

hardware store’s shelving, and the warm, personable friendly staff. Appealing to families, affordable healthy choices are an important factor but there’s more.

This store also offers shopping. A quick browse around the store will reveal Chutney’s by Harvest Goodies, Hot Mom’s Spiced Apple Jelly, beautiful and ornate dishes from Poland, and even locally sewn aprons. Coming soon will be the arrival of Chocolate Brittle and specialty Popcorn.

For those of us who plan on visiting the Jelly Craft Bakery during the anniversary, Kotwas encourages customers to relinquish the tried and true favorites and be sure to try something new. Perhaps the unveiling of the newest product will provide that opportunity!

For more information, contact the Jelly Craft Bakery located at 120 Main Street East at 519-925-1824, visit www.JellyCraft.com or e-mail jellycraftbakery@gmail.com



Proud owner of the Jelly Craft Bakery, Ewa Kotwas proudly stands in front of a treasured enlarged photograph of her father, not only a baker himself, but the inspiration responsible for a legacy in the Jelly Craft Bakery. Though he died in the Second World War, his inspiration lives on in his proud, hard working daughter as she shares her craft with Shelburne residents welcoming all to the 12th Anniversary Celebration Sept. 11th – Sept.14th.



Lori-Ann Gardiner has been a staff member for three years. “I love Shelburne. Since I started working here, I shop locally, I know my neighbors, and people genuinely want to know how you are. Shelburne’s a great place,” Gardiner commented.

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This week in police news...

Shelburne Police Service responded to 76 calls for service between August 25th and September 1st 2013.

Suspicious activity in alley results in drug charge

Some suspicious activity in a dark alley between 147 and 151 Main Street East sparked a police investigation during the very early hours of Wednesday August 23rd. As a result of the investigation a quantity of marijuana was seized and 19 year old Brad Kelly of Shelburne was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance. Kelly was released on an appearance notice with a court date in late September.

Back to School Safety Tips for kids, parents, drivers and cyclists

Tips for Kids and Parents: Traveling to and from School

1. Choose the most direct route with the fewest street crossings and, if possible, with intersections that have crossing guards.

2. Walk the route with your child beforehand.

3. Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers.

4. If possible have children walk to and from school with a sibling, friend, or neighbor.

5. Remind your kids to obey all traffic signals, signs and traffic officers whether walking, biking or taking a bus.

6. When driving kids, drop them off and pick them up as close to the school as possible. Don't leave until they are in the schoolyard or building

7. When biking to school make sure to wear a helmet that meets one of the safety standards (U.S. CPSC, Snell, ANSI, ASTM, or Canadian).

8. Be sure that your child knows his or her home phone number and address, your work number, the number of another trusted adult and how to call 911 for emergencies.

Fall safe driving tips

1. Don't drink and drive! Although over the past few

decades drinking and driving has gone down, it is still much too common.

2. Don't drive drowsy! Take a break and pull off somewhere safe and have a nap or make alternate arrangements. Some studies indicate that drowsy driving may be as dangerous as drinking and driving.

3. Avoid distractions! Cell-phones are the main distractor that come to mind, but doing make up, adjusting a GPS or even eating food distract drivers for putting safety first.

4. Don't speed! Speeding not only increases the odds of being in a collision, but also the severity of a collision.

5. Wear your seatbelt! Studies have proven that seatbelts save lives and decrease the level of injury in most collisions.

6. Drive according to conditions! Avoid driving in inclement weather conditions if possible. Slow down to adjust for reduced visibility and slippery conditions.

7. Don't follow too close!

Many collisions can be avoided by simply leaving more room between moving vehicles. Also backing off the vehicle in front of you gives you a bigger picture of potential hazards.

8. Keep your vehicle maintained! Be sure to maintain brakes, suspension, steering, lighting, drivetrain and tires.

14-year-old struck by car

On Sunday September 1st, at 1 p.m. a 14 year old boy was crossing the road on the third Concession of Osprey, The Municipality of Grey Highlands, when he was struck by a west bound motor vehicle.

The Grey County OPP is investigating the incident with assistance from the OPP Technical Traffic Collision Investigator (TTCI).

The youth was air-lifted to Hospital in Toronto with life-threatening injuries.

The OPP is continuing their investigation.

OPP recover stolen property in Grand Valley

On August 26, while conducting an investigation into several residential break and enters and thefts from vehicles Dufferin OPP recovered a quantity of stolen property.

Police are urging residents to check their vehicles and homes to determine if they are missing video games, cell-phones, iPods, compact disc players, digital cameras or car satellite radios.

Several of these items have not been claimed and police would like to see them returned to their owners.

Anyone who like to make inquiries is asked to contact the Investigating Officer Provincial Constable Tara Clark at 519-925-3838.

Steady decline in Labour Day traffic deaths

With a busy 2013 Labour Day Long Weekend behind them, the OPP reported three fatalities in OPP jurisdiction over the weekend, but they are relieved to see a steady decline in the number of Labour Day weekend traffic deaths.

As part of their ongoing efforts to save lives, the OPP stepped up enforcement on highways, waterways and trails over the weekend and particular attention was being cast on motorists who were caught driving distracted.

Sadly, a 16 year-old male died after being struck by a motor vehicle while he was skateboarding. A 41 year-old woman died in a motor vehicle collision after being ejected from the vehicle and another man (age unconfirmed) died when he lost control of his off-road vehicle (ORV).

"Despite the tragic loss of three lives this past weekend, when we look at the last five years, I am encouraged to see a 23 per cent decline in Labour Day weekend fatal road crashes in OPP jurisdiction and a 100 per cent drop in marine fatalities on OPP policed waterways," said Chief Superintendent Don, Bell, Commander, OPP Highway Safety Division. "In contrast, Labour Day weekend ORV fatalities are up 25 per cent over the same five-year period and I encourage the ORV community to work with the OPP to reduce these numbers," added Bell.

"It was disappointing to see distracted drivers continue to pose a risk to road users this past weekend, with our officers laying 397 distracted driving charges compared to 107 impaired driving charges," said Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey, Provincial Commander, Traffic Safety and Operational Support.

According to Beechey, aggressive driving continues to be a significant problem on long weekends and the Labour Day weekend was no exception with 6,078 speeding charges and 64 street racing charges being laid (for driving 50 km/h or more over the posted speed limit).

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Friday, September 6 – 7 p.m. Exhibit Hall open to public; 8 p.m. Official opening of the fair followed by crowning of the 2012 Dundalk Fair Sr. & Jr. Ambassadors.

Saturday, September 7 – Canadian Open Square Dancing, Step Dancing & Clogging Competition, Saddle &, draft horse show, harness races, 4-H & Jr. Calf shows, Open beef show, goat show, Homecraft exhibits, pet show, magic show, Paradise4 Exotics Show, Helicopter rides & amusement rides, antique tractor pull.

Sunday, September 8 – Community Church Service, Homecraft exhibits, 4-H invitational calf show, Dolly show, baby show, Paradise4 Exotics Show, antique & classic car show, garden tractor races & demolition derby. Helicopter rides & Amusement Rides. Admission: \$5 Friday evening, \$6 Saturday, \$6 Dundalk.

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As summer winds down and kids are preparing to go back to school we thought it would be a great opportunity to delight in sandaas on "Son" day. Pictured left to right are Thomas, Angelyn and Dillon.

Happy Labor Day! Last week's notes were a response to Pastor Don's teaching on the effects worry has on our daily lives, here are the brief notes of his teaching, enjoy!

What a lovely morning, one to delight in as we gathered to worship the Son of God. Pastor Don greeted us with a warm smile, shared announcements and prayer requests. We pray for those in our midst who are suffering with different health issues interfering with regular daily activities, we pray for God's healing hand to hold them up and restore them in Jesus name.

Pastor Don gave an inspired message; "Do we find it difficult to let go of worry?" Here are loving words from Jesus himself, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. John 14:27. Most of us think peace is simply the absence of conflict, as followers of Jesus we should believe it is much more. Peace with Jesus is having confidence that God cares for us and will always be there to help us in our hour of need. Life is full of unexpected situations that can cause anyone to worry but worry should be turned into prayer, when we wallow in worry as life progresses it becomes crippling anxiety ruled by fear. Instead when we feel worry sprouting it's ugly head it should be an indicator to quickly turn to God in prayer, (Philippians 4:6, Matthew 6:27). When we give in to

worry we show our lack of trust in God which may be a result of not putting Him first. He has our every need at heart and is more than able to provide for them, (Matthew 6:31-33).

When Jesus and His mother were guests at a wedding in Cana, they ran out of wine, it could have been food too and He would have still provided what was needed, all that was required of the servants was trust and obedience; when we do our part of trusting and obeying even during difficult unexplainable times. Worry and anxiety are detrimental to our health, not only in medical statistics even God knows; (Proverbs 12:25). Worry doesn't empty our tomorrow of sorrow; it empties us of today's strength. Worries of tomorrow only rob us of today's joy and peace. It also tarnishes our witness for Jesus. How can we claim to trust and believe in Jesus if we give in to fear, worry and anxiety? When we truly trust in Him it will make a difference in the way we approach life and others will be attracted to the peace we exhibit, that doesn't mean we will not face difficult times, it means that we have the calm assurance that his love and power will get us through it all, (Joshua 1:5). We have peace for we rely on His ever present power in us to work things out, (Ephesians 3:20).

In today's world news causes us to worry because events are presented in a negative manner. Bad things draw more attention than the good, for example the

weather; we always see the predictions and aftermaths of disastrous weather activity, rarely do they linger on the sun shiny days. Another cause of stress for most people is busyness, we never seem to have enough time to do all that we set out to do therefore man has created a plethora of gadgets in hopes to enable us to achieve more in the short 24 hours a day we are all equally given, but does it really relieve stress and worry? Unfortunately the opposite seems to occur, we experience burnouts either because we are now much too busy or we are striving to get more gadgets, what an ever ending cycle, have you stopped to take a breath yet? The saddest side effect of busyness is it impedes our healthy growing relationship with God. So we need to re-prioritize but how? Put God first, realize that He is our all in all, as the infamous Psalm 23 says, The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Jesus tells us again and again to not worry, to trust in Him and not to fear when fearful things come, we can choose to trust in Jesus and live at peace, (Matthew 6:34). What can make a big difference

is keeping our focus on our God given purpose, this will help us prioritize well and make healthier choices that will affect our spiritual, emotional and physical health. Our most important and common purpose is to love God and glorify Him, (Matthew 22:37-38). When we allow ourselves to get too busy our family relationships definitely suffer and worse yet our relationship with God seems to be the first to slide, (1 Timothy 5:8). When we choose to Keep God at the centre of our lives, everything else will fall back into balance.

Beloved many aspects of our lives deserve our attention and dedication, and they deserve to be planned and well balanced, in which order do you think the following aspects of your life fall into right now; God, Family, Church, serving others, work, pleasure and Sabbath? Won't you spend time in prayer and examine your life this week? Ask God in which aspect you may need to shift your time to receive his peace and joy, He is faithful to help and guide, Proverbs 3:5, 6. Asherey Shalom! To read more visit <http://www.shelburnecrossroadschurch.ca>

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Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, if my brother keeps on sinning against me, how many times do I have to forgive him? Seven times?" "No, not seven times," answered Jesus, "but seventy times seven."
Matthew 18:21-22

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The family announces with sadness and great love his peaceful passing at the Timmins and District Hospital on Monday, September 2, 2013 at the age of 96. Loving husband and soul mate to Alma (Danis) who passed away December 28, 2011 and loving father and "best bud" to his son Dane who passed away December 12, 2012. By God's grace their reunion is joyous. Dad was an extraordinary father and proud Papa and will be sadly missed by his son John (Sandy), his daughter Lea Luxton (Allen), his grandchildren Tracie Bradnam (Greg), John James (Kathleen), Alisha McKinnon (Shawn), Kelsey Rose (Kyle), Carlea (Joshua), Brandy, Robert and Jamie and his great grandchildren Emma, Jack, Marley and Ava. Papa leaves behind his legacy; one which his grandchildren idolize and aspire to be in their own lives. Papa was proud and generous in sharing the ambitions and accomplishments of his grandchildren whenever the opportunity arose. The family would like to invite friends and relatives to St. Anthony's Cathedral on Friday, September 6, 2013 with mass beginning at 11:30 am to celebrate Dad's life. A reception will follow in the church hall. Remembrance donations to the charity of choice would be greatly appreciated. Funeral arrangements are entrusted with:

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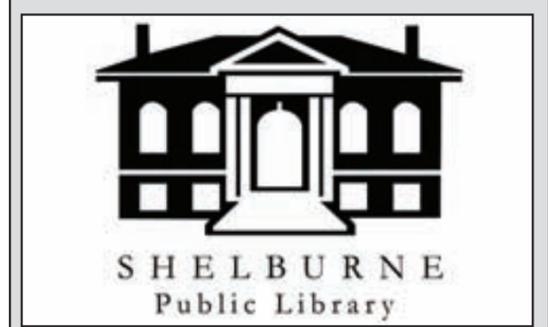
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It is back to school for everyone this week and although a few of our youngsters won't be starting till next week, they did drop in already to pick up new books and talk about school days ahead.

Children's Programs: We will be starting our Storytime on Friday, September 20th at 10:30 a.m. for our 2-6 year olds. This is a great time with stories, songs, crafts, and other activities. Please sign up at the library or call us at 519 925-2168. It really helps so we can plan our craft supplies. We do make extras so no one will ever be left out.

We would like to start our Toddler program for the 6 to 18 month old children again in October but would really appreciate knowing how many parents are able to attend with their little ones and what day would work best. Please give us a call and we will record the information and get back to interested families.

Computer Classes: We will be continuing our one-on-one computer sessions this fall. We will provide assistance with e-mail, Internet, Facebook, MS Office, e-Readers and more! Call in advance or book an appointment at the library.

Summer Student Assistants: This week, we are saying goodbye to the last of our summer students, Adam Ferguson. We have had an amazing team of students helping us enhance our programs and enabling us to create and implement several new initiatives. We know you will all join in wishing them well. We have had great feedback from you on how friendly and helpful these young University students have been.

Our adult programs and our Teen Book Club are continuing and we recommend you check out our website for updates.

Silent Auction and Book Sale - November 30, 2013: We have had several calls about our Holiday Home Tour and Silent Auction so thought we had better get the word out. The Holiday Home Tour is planned for every two years. This will enable the committee to present really spectacular homes as in other years. We will be holding our Silent Auction and Book Sale so keep that date open, the last Saturday of November. It is never too early to start gathering treasures to donate for this fundraiser.

New Books that have arrived include the following. I just finished reading Death Angel by Linda Fairstein and found it quite gripping. There is some violence but usually as is the case with this type of murder mystery novel, it has happened by the time the book starts. There are just enough twists and turns to keep you guessing.

Fiction:
About a girl by Lindsey Kelk
Emancipation day by Wayne Grady
Hunting Eve by Iris Johansen
Death angel by Linda Fairstein
Forward slash by Louise Voss & Mark Edwards
The Last of days by Paul Doherty
Mistress by James Patterson
The Highway by C.J. Box
Under a Texas sky by Dorothy Garlock
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Dipping into the past...

150 YEARS AGO
Thursday, September 3, 1863
• From The Sun, Orangeville:
Dr. James Henry, whose card appears in another part of this issue, has just commenced the practice of medicine and surgery at Mono Mills. He is a graduate of Toronto University and having recently passed very credible examinations before the Medical Board for Upper Canada, we can heartily recommend him to the confidence of our readers in the practice of his profession.

THE GRAND TRUNK BRIBE – On Thursday last Mr. J.A. Macdonald gave notice in the Assembly that he would on an early day, move for a committee to investigate the alleged attempt on the part of the Government to purchase the influence of the Grand Trunk

company in the elections with a bribe of \$50,000. As ministers cannot well resist the motion, a committee will doubtless be granted and one of the most flagrant attempts to corrupt on record against any Administration, will be fully ventilated. A clearer case, or one more damning to the Ministers implicated than that which has now been exposed, there never was; and we shall be surprised if the Parliament allows them to go unscathed. We await the report of the committee with considerable interest.

THE SEAT OF GOVERNMENT – From the Parliamentary reports of last week, it appears that “a grave misunderstanding” exists between the Premier and Mr. Brown on the Seat of Government question which may yet result in embar-

assing the Government. Mr. J.S. Macdonald almost accused Mr. Brown of “double-dealing” in the matter and the latter retorted in language implying that he had been misled by the Premier on the subject. Mr. Brown moved for a committee to ascertain when the Ottawa buildings would be completed and thereby virtually impugned the Premier’s declaration that they would be ready for the session of 1865. An angry debate arose on the motion...(whether) the Government intended to leave the removal to Toronto an open question pending the erection of the Parliament Buildings, instead of declaring to remain in Quebec.

PROGRESS OF THE WAR – The news from the seat of war continues to be very meagre. There are at present no signs the Federals intend prosecuting their late success with vigor. No movements of importance have taken place in the army of Gen. Meade and the operations so far as we have learned have been confined to reconnoissances, cavalry movements and chasing guerrillas. The siege of Charleston progresses slowly. Although the walls of Sumter are stated to be crumbling to ruins under the fire of the besiegers and the Confederate flag reported to have repeatedly been shot away, it has in every instance been replaced, and still flies defiantly above the shattered fort.

Among those who were drafted last week was John Morrisey of pugilistic fame. Upon learning of it, he being at Saratoga, wrote to his banker to furnish a substitute for him who must be 5 feet 11 inches high, weigh 183 pounds and be a courageous man in every sense of the word. To such a one he would pay \$6,000.

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125 YEARS AGO
Thursday, September 6, 1888
• The following account of the death of Thomas Campbell was given by the Charleston correspondent of the Orangeville Post:

On Thursday last, Mr. William Tandy came to Charleston and gave the Warden notice to go to his barn and take away a man who was lying there and likely to die. Wardens Wilson and Leslie went and took a doctor with them and brought the poor man to Charleston. Mr. W. L. Wilson identified him as Thomas Campbell, better known as “Yankee Tom.” They brought him up in a democrat wagon and placed him in what is called the jockey’s room of the outbuildings in the Dwier House. Mr. Dwier ordered the wardens to place him in a bedroom upstairs in the hotel, but they, considering the convenience of attending the poor man, decided to place him in the room above-mentioned. All that could be done to resuscitate him was done, but he remained in a semi-conscious state and grew worse until Saturday about 10 o’clock when death put an end to his sufferings. He was buried on Sunday afternoon in the Charleston burying ground. Rev. James Thompson attended the funeral and conducted the burial services.

The deceased was brought up in Mono on Lot 5, Con. 8, better known as Pinkney’s Corner. He was well known as one of the principal men who attended White’s Fair some 40 years ago. He was very inoffensive and had an independent disposition. He would neither give nor take insult and when he would get into trouble he generally came out one ahead. He believed in the Scriptural statement, “They that marry not do better,” consequently no widow or orphans mourn his death. He

also followed the advice “take no thought of tomorrow” and did not provide for old age, nor did he sponge on his friends. He always moved among strangers. Of late years he was somewhat demented, and should have been placed in some home for safe-keeping, but he was allowed to wander and lately came to Caledon, where he was a comparative stranger. We have heard that he was roughly treated on the 3rd Line East towards the south end by a gang of roughs such as that place can produce, but he has now crossed the river which separates the living from the dead. He has now faced his last enemy, and passed into that land of deepest shade unpierced by human thoughts, the dreary regions of the dead, where all things are forgot.

The Shelburne Free Press says the deceased resided in Shelburne for the past eight years and only left a short time ago.

• Honeywood: The look of comparative satisfaction which irradiates the faces of the farmers generally is a good indicator as to the state of the harvest affairs in this neighbourhood. Grain of all kinds have the showing of a good yield, particularly wheat, which is a most excellent sample. Mr. Ralph Foster and Robert Copeland chanted the “Harvest Home” and the bulk of the harvesting will be easily completed this week.

• On Wednesday evening, detectives Burrows and Cuddy, of Toronto, arrested Mack Howes at Union Station on a charge of obtaining money by false pretenses at Ingersoll. The Toronto papers say that Mr. Howes was at one time a Winnipeg hotel-keeper and that in his pocket had been found a card of the Star Mercantile Company of St. Paul, Minnesota, of which he appeared to be president. Mack was well known in Shelburne, having at one time held the position of bailiff of the Shelburne Division Court. When taken to Ingersoll he was honourably acquitted of the charge.

• Shelburne Council met on Monday evening to make final arrangements with the Ontario Pump Co., through their representative, Mr. Peck. They discussed the matter up to a late hour but no agreement was signed. The sticking point appeared to be the guarantee asked by council which Mr. Peck refused to give. Says the Shelburne Free Press: “From all

appearances it is unlikely that anything will be done this fall. It is generally believed that it will take council another year to let the contract.”

100 YEARS AGO
Thursday, September 4, 1913
• Says the Orangeville Sun: “The electric light property at the corner is not going to be the site for the Dodds knitting mill after all. The deal for that property fell through but the factory will be on the opposite corner, which is at present occupied as a lumber yard by James A. Matthews, who in lieu of these premises acquires the skating rink property and will use it for a yard. Unless another rink is built it looks very much as if there will be no skating this winter. The site secured by the Dodds Knitting Co. is the very best obtainable. It is central and a railway siding can be laid without much trouble. The site will be cleared at once and arrangements have been made to commence building right away.

• Mr. and Mrs. George Swain, of the Grand Central, left on Monday of last week for the west for an indefinite visit. The Grand Valley hotel is closed until their return and the village’s other hostleries will have to assume the burden of catering to the needs of the village’s patrons.

• The Mansfield correspondent of the Alliston Herald says: “We understand that nets are being used in the Pine River of late for the purpose of gathering in of larger quantities of speckled trout than can be caught with hook and bait. Autos come from a great distance with fishing parties. The authorities should endeavour to land the guilty parties.”

• Dr. McFadzen, Messrs. William Dermott Sr. and J. H. Alpaugh, of Fergus, narrowly escaped deaths in an automobile accident last week. The three gentlemen had motored to Orangeville and from there had started out for Grand Valley. At a point on the road near Grand Valley where the banks above the Grand River are about 15 feet high, they turned out to pass a rig and lost control of the auto, which dashed down the bank into the river below. Dr. McFadzen, who stuck to the wheel, was injured internally, while Mr. Dermott received a gash in the head that required eight stitches and Mr. Alpaugh strained his ankle.

The wind game

BY WES KELLER

The Energy Review Board tribunal hearing into the Renewable Energy Approval (REA) for Dufferin Wind Power (DWP) is progressing into what observers say will be protracted arguments about health issues, and a war of words is continuing in Melancthon apart from the hearings.

Threats to human, animal and plant life are among the issues the ERB is mandated to rule on. Recently, a tribunal revoked an REA in Prince Edward County on the basis of possible serious and irreversible harm by Gilead Power’s Ostrander Point wind turbine project on the habitat of the endangered Blanding’s turtle.

On the DWP hearing, the tribunal was meeting in Toronto rather than Shelburne earlier this week. Part of the time was devoted to procedural issues, according to observers, and some to arguments over light flicker, one of the concerns of the CORE group. At some point next week, health evidence will be admitted via a video conference with an Australian specialist.

In the meantime, Melancthon Mayor Bill Hill has received a response from the Ontario government to his letter of Green Energy Act criticism to Premier Kathleen Wynne.

The response from Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli is essentially a reiteration of the premier’s position as stated in the Throne Speech and also of the minister’s stated position that “the Ontario government’s priority is to develop renewable energy in a way that both engages and protects local communities.”

Mayor Hill’s response to the minister is that, “we are well aware of the changes that have been announced and feel that ‘in reality’ they will make very little difference.

“Your response is another indication, in my opinion, of how out of touch your Government is with the results and impacts your flawed legislation has on people and Municipalities that have to live with the results of it.”

He goes on to invite the minister “and anyone else” to visit the township to discuss the situation.

On the other hand Wayne Hannon, who has spoken out in favour of DWP on more than one occasion, denies there’s any kind of war going on as, he says in an Aug. 15 letter to county council, “Melancthon Township signed a ‘treaty’ with (DWP) in the form of a mutually binding and fully executed Road Use and Amenities Agreement.”

Mr. Hannon says he doesn’t feel that the mayor “represents all of council and definitely not the majority of people in my township.” He says the issue has “become personal.”

The oddity in the DWP situation is the ownership – a majority held by Longyuan and a minority by the farmers who have also leased property and easements to the wind company.

It is not unusual that foreign money is involved in the developments. When Canadian Hydro Developers was seeking funding for its Phase 2 Melancthon wind farm, the prospective lenders included bankers from New York City, among others.

In the CHD case, however, the lenders did not become owners. The shares were traded publicly on both TSE and NYSE. Later, TransAlta acquired ownership in what began as a hostile takeover.



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Geography the mother of invention for local brewer

BY LINDSEY PAPP

Mid-June marked the release of a new addition to the Hockley Valley Brewing Co.

The Hockley 100 has hit shelves, introducing beer drinkers to a recipe of locally sourced materials and ancient grains. On the heels of the success of this latest release if you thought a well-deserved break in the chaos of production is in order, you would be wrong.

If the term 'relaxed atmosphere' ever crossed your mind when thinking of a brewery you would throw that thought out the window after five minutes watching founder Tom Smellie work.

He ruffles through mountains of paperwork, jumping from task to task, filling orders and making arrangements to make sure Hockley's products make it from the brewery to the demanding customers, thirsting for a taste of their newest products.

In a sharp turn away from the dark beers that put Hockley Valley Brewing Co. on the map, they are now offering customers some lighter options that are sure to hit on the beer drinkers taste buds.

Hockley 100 is one of four new additions to the product line offered this year. To give you an idea of the magnitude of that statement, Mr. Smellie explains that normally a brewing company will introduce one new product a year.

"We're going to keep doing Hockley Dark, which is our claim to fame," he explains.

Second on the list was the redesign of the Georgian Bay beer can, the whole product having taken about four years to develop properly, achieving the right can and product mix. Next comes Hockley 100, a product the company spent the better part of a year working on.

According to Mr. Smellie it started out with the company Brewmaster Andrew Kohnen

deciding on building a light beer. Then came the introduction to ancient grain.

When they first pitched the idea to the people at the Liquor Control Board of Ontario (LCBO) head office they were offering a certified organic beer. The response was, 'Everyone is doing that, what else you got?'

Thus the idea for the 100-mile beer was born.

"So I came back all full of myself, great we're doing a 100-mile beer and we started to investigate doing it and where we can get all the materials," he said. "Turns out it's impossible to do 100-mile beer, there's not enough raw material grown within 100 miles of here. It's getting there, though."

By that time the process of creating can art had already begun, so the company decided to push through with that idea, starting out by replacing whatever ingredients they could find with local.

As it turned out, a gentleman by the name of Mike O'Hara who has been picking up the mash from the Hockley Brewery since they've been in business, is a certified organic farmer who grows spelt, an ancient grain that Mr. Kohnen had singled out for a role in the production of Hockley 100.

The resulting cycle makes the Hockley Brewery one of two breweries in the country that has a full-cycle system on the go. The mash collected by Mr. O'Hara get taken to his farm where they feed his cows. Sticking with the cycle, the waste from the cows fertilizes fields where he grows the grains that go into brewing Hockley beer.

"People are going on and on about organic. We actually know the guy who grows our product. To me you can't qualify your product any better than that," said Mr. Smellie. "We know the farmer, we

know where the field is and we watch this stuff grow. You can't get any closer to home than that."

They have a line on a farm in the Nottawa area that will be producing 13 acres of hops.

"Over the course of a year we're going to have a 100% 100-mile beer," said Mr. Smellie. "It's very light beer. Using spelt in it has really lightened it up to meet demand."

The whole process from inception to distribution took 10 months. A typical release takes six months but he says the result was worth waiting for. The delay in the release of the product resulted in finding the perfect colors and design for the can, giving customers the ability to feel the idea behind the 100-mile product.

"It's the homey 'our neighborhood to your neighborhood'," said Mr. Smellie. "To find the right colour, to find what we wanted to do was tough. We went through three or four different colour changes in the can to find a gold and green that goes together well."

Although he's really busy, and the brewery has been undergoing some big changes and additions this year, there is no stop in sight for Mr. Smellie. He whispers tales of expansion and increasing production, and if the product demand is anything to go by, these things are not far off.

"The target this year is to grown 50% from last year and next year the target is to double in size and we'll accomplish that easily," he said. "The right product, the right people, and the right marketplace."

The third addition is a taster pack consisting of three tall cans of different flavors. And lastly is the introduction of the final product, Hockley Classic, which will be making its debut in just over a week from today.

By comparison to Hockley

100 the design for the Classic was easy.

"Because of the name there are very specific classic colours in the European beer industry that have been used for years; red, black, white, and gold," said Mr. Smellie.

The Hockley Classic will epitomize the classic brew, with none of the bells and whistles the 100-mile beer is wearing.

Hockley Valley Brewery ships their products across Canada, and while they're playing with blondes for the foreseeable future they haven't forgotten the dark side where they came from.

"Our big success and still is our big success with Hockley Dark. Most people look at it and think it's an English beer, and that's Andrew's recipe," said Mr. Smellie. "You have

to have a good beer in the can and you have to have a good can to attract the attention."

He added that Hockley Dark is the largest selling Ontario craft dark beer in the LCBO system.

"That's what we would call our work horse," says Mr. Kohnen. "Are we changing, to a certain degree, but we will never stop making the dark. It allows us to play around."



PHOTO BY LINDSEY PAPP

NEW BREWS – Founder and president Tom Smellie (right) with brewmaster Andrew Kohnen and Operations Manager (aka Den Mother) Deborah Whiteley show where the magic happens at the Hockley Valley Brewing Co. in Orangeville by showing off some of their new products.

Government to expand trapping program

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) and the Ontario Fur Managers Federation (OFMF) congratulate the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) for introducing a youth trapping program in the province. The announcement was made at the OFMF annual general meeting held in Napanee over the weekend.

"Trapping is a heritage activity and by providing an opportunity for youth to be involved, it will enhance their appreciation for the outdoors and instill a lifelong dedication to conservation," said OFAH Executive Director Angelo Lombardo. "The OFAH is pleased that the MNR recognizes that a youth trapping program will not only provide recreational and outdoor benefits, but also pass along knowledge of an activity that is part of the cultural fabric of Canada."

Beginning this fall, youth between the ages of 12 to 15 will be eligible to obtain a

trapping license. The license will permit youth to possess, prepare and sell pelts commercially. To qualify, youth must successfully complete the Fur Harvest, Fur Management and Conservation Course (FHFMCC) and be accompanied by a licensed trapper 18 years of age or older. The FHFMCC provides training with an emphasis on safety, humane trapping techniques and sustainable wildlife management practices.

"The Ontario Fur Managers Federation has worked closely with the MNR to make this program a reality, and we are delighted that the government has agreed to move forward on this vital and timely initiative. The introduction of a youth trapping program will allow us to teach young people about the rich history associated with trapping in Ontario, and ensure that future generations understand the key role that trapping and trappers play in terms of conservation, sustainability,

wildlife management, protection of crops and livestock and public safety," said OFMF President Karl Lindstrom.

"Trapping is considered an activity of significant historical, social, cultural and economic value in Ontario for centuries, and one that results in economic benefits to the communities and individuals. Ontario trappers have worked tirelessly for many years towards a program like this which will guide youth to be safe and responsible trappers," said Minister of Natural Resources David Orazietti.

For more information, including how to apply, visit www.mnr.gov.on.ca or www.furmanagers.com

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