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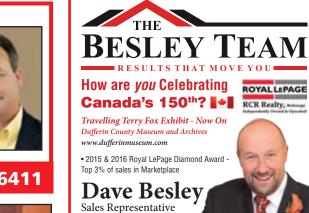




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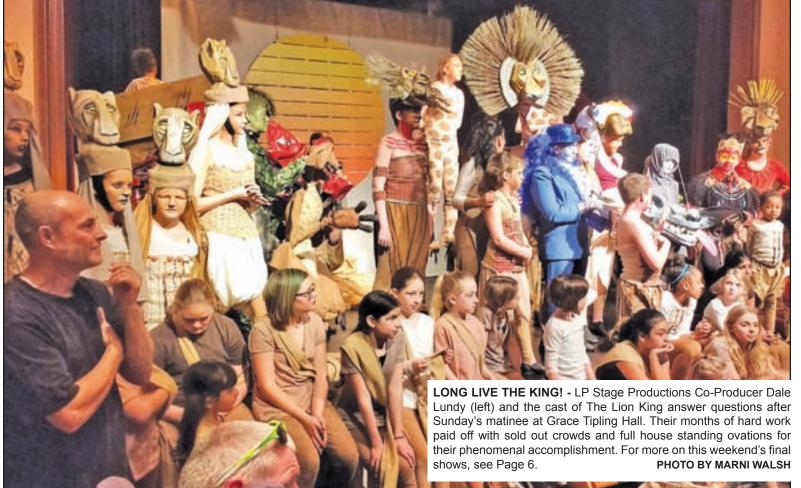
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## Shelburne on the Move: Where do we go from here?

BY MICHELLE JANZEN

The Economic Development Committee (EDC) of Shelburne held their annual breakfast last Wednesday at the Royal Canadian Legion, outlining "Shelburne on the Move, where do we go from here?"

This breakfast meeting started at 7 am sharp and began with brief updated from Michelle Harris, Director on the Dufferin Board of Trade (DBOT) who, along with others, works closely with partners at each municipality in Dufferin to promote the growth of an ecosystem designed to support businesses, individuals and the commu-

Students

carry flags to

Vimy graves

To commemorate 100 years since the Battle of Vimy Ridge and remember the sacrifices made there, a group of Dufferin high school students visited the nearby cemetery of Cabaret Rouge in the Vimy

Region of France earlier this month.

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**BY MARNI WALSH** 

As the Executive Director of Headwaters Tourism, Ms. Harris works extensively within the regional, municipal & provincial political framework to leverage activities and integrate strategies into creative and innovative partnerships.

With some background on the organizations and what they do, Ms. Harris advised that Dufferin County sees 876,000 visitors annually, translating into over \$3 million being spent in the area, letting those in attendance know that they are working towards building a strong, resilient and integrated local economy.

Ellen Sinclair from the Orangeville and Area Small Business Enterprise Centre (SBEC) spoke of how SBEC is there to provide guidance and support to start-up and existing small businesses during their initial years of operation.

She advised attendees they are there to help your business develop, grow and succeed and offer a wide variety of free support services to assist you in your business decisions, as well as offer a variety of business related workshops and events throughout the year that are geared to helping entrepreneurs develop the skills and knowledge they need to succeed and grow.

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Chef Julie Doner and Owner of Healthy Cravings Holistic Kitchen, Brenda Beattie-Gray

Brenda Beattie-Gray is the owner of Healthy Cravings Holistic Kitchen, and as a registered Holistic Nutritionist she wants to share her knowledge of how food can be used as medicine for the body.

With over 20+ years of working in the service industry, Brenda tell us she finally made the decision to create a totally new and unique cafe experience offering simple, healthy and delicious ways to fuel the mind, body & spirit.

"Holistic nutrition is healing with whole foods," Brenda tells us. "Whole foods are foods that are complete and perfect in their natural state. They are as nature intended. Picture an avocado, a sweet potato, a bunch of Swiss chard, or an egg, they contain balanced ratios of vitamins, minerals, fats, carbohydrates, sugars, and countless other vital nutrients. They are not altered, stripped or refined in any way and our bodies know how to break them down and utilize them for maximum energy and potential."

As such all the food used in Healthy Cravings Holistic Kitchen's menus is mostly organic, seasonal, and local whenever possible, which ensures that they are fresh, full of nutrients, and not contaminated with pesticides, chemicals or additives.

"The human body has evolved amazingly over millions of years to work in concert with the foods and environment of this planet. As human beings evolved, we ate what was present in the natural world around us: vegetation, fruits, nuts, seeds, wild animals, sea vegetables and fish. There were no cookie bushes, potato chip trees or soda wells," says Brenda.

"The problem lies in getting people to change the foods they eat. Processed foods and beverages have become so commonplace that people often don't see them for what they truly are. They think these artificial food substances are actually real foods."

With Chef Julie Doner in the kitchen, you can be sure that each dish is not only delicious but very pleasing to the eye as well. When asked where she went to school, Chef Doner tells us, "I was trained in France and have worked in many different capacities such as a personal chef to the manager of Pia's in Orangeville."

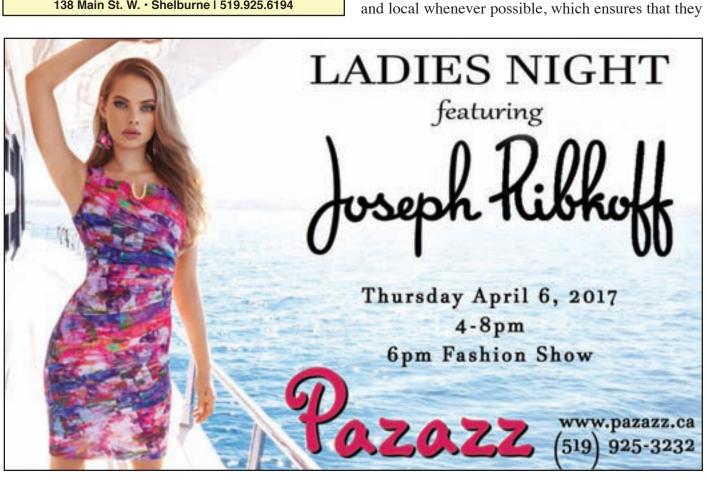
At Healthy Cravings Holistic Kitchen, you will find that the menu changes seasonally with farm-fresh local ingredients, and they offer an array of choices such as raw juices, fresh green and fruit smoothies, antibiotic free/organic meat, freshly roasted and sliced for sandwiches, made with fresh baked bread (wheat & gluten-free options), quinoa, lentil and green salads, Buddha Bowls as well as in-house baked desserts such as scones, muffins, butter tarts, cookies).

In the near future, you will find Healthy Cravings Holistic Kitchen at Shelburne's Farmers' Market two Thursdays each month and they are also planning on offering workshops and cooking classes.

Healthy Cravings Holistic Kitchen offers eat-in or take-out and are located at 155 Main St W, Shelburne. Their hours are Monday to Friday 8:30 am to 5 pm, Saturdays from 8 am to 4 pm and they are closed on Sundays. To contact them you can call them at 519-288-0246 or find them on Facebook.

As owner Brenda says "We're not JUST another cafe, we're a culinary experience!"

By Michelle Janzen



## Sewage odour continues to raise stink at Council

BY PETER RICHARDSON

This issue of the odour emanating from the Town's sewage lagoons once again reared its head at Monday night's Council meeting, with Councillor Wade Mills suggesting that perhaps a new "official statement" on the matter might be in order, as he and others were receiving numerous inquiries.

Mayor Ken Bennington noted that he had recently attempted to assuage fears on the Town's Facebook page as well.

CAO John Telfer responded to concerns, explaining that the Town was in constant contact with the system operators and was fully on top of the situation.

The Ministry of the Environment has officially declared that there was no health risk to the public with the odour. The problem has arisen solely due to the excessive run-off of ground water caused by the unusually wet spring.

CAO Teller explained that, because the lagoons are full at the moment, there is little more that the Town can do. Normally at this time of year the lagoons are empty, but this year is an exception.

Addressing concerns that perhaps the system was too small to handle Shelburne's needs, he assured Council that this was not the case. Treatment facilities are gauged according to the out flow, or discharge levels, from the facility and not by the input levels. Shelburne's plant is beyond adequate for the town's needs.

Basically, there is a limit, as to how much the facility can draw down the lagoons daily and still process the other incoming effluent.

To provide an example of what is happening, Telfer explained that before the recent rainfall, the lagoons held 3,100 cubic metres of effluent. Following the rain, the level sat above 7,000 cubic metres!

Telfer went on to explain that once the lagoons are dry, the Town plans to clean out the accumulated sludge in the reservoirs and raise the level of the berms which encompass them. In addition, they will plant numerous trees on these new berms. This will facilitate stopping much of the wind that passes over the lagoons and hence disperses the odours. The trees would also serve to block potential odours from being distributed.

In the interim, the public should be aware that the plant, its filters, and all of its equipment, are functioning normally and are in no way compromised.

Meanwhile, it might be worth remembering, that Shelburne is a rural community and as such, can expect rural occurrences, such as odours.

BACKYARD FIRES
Council next revisited the subject of open air

containment for backyard fires.

Chief Lemaich was in attendance to reassess his recent draft regulations governing such fires, which he first presented to Council earlier in the

Questions primarily had been raised regarding

the size and types of containers acceptable and the times for allowed burning.

Councillor Dan Sample pointed out that, in his research, regarding commercially available fire containers, only one met the current suggested maximum of 24" x 24" and that perhaps the chief would consider enlarging that size.

The Chief responded that he saw no immediate problem with that suggestion, but that he did not want excessively large containers being used, as this raised a definite safety issue with travelling embers.

Larger containers lead to larger fires which, in turn, could produce more smoke and also embers and sparks, all of which could prove hazardous to surrounding property.

In the end, Council voted to accept the regulations as received, pending and amendment regarding the maximum size and to then incorporate them into the Town By-Law, in a subsequent amendment, in time for the next council meeting. In the interim, the regulations are to be used as a guideline for the general public.

#### **BOULEVARD CAFES**

Next up, was a request from Robert Costelloe of Fiddleheads Pub to have Council grant him permission to establish a Boulevard Cafe in front of his restaurant.

His proposal, is to utilize the now unused portion of the sidewalk boulevard to establish an outdoor seating area for approximately 18 patrons. The patio would be fenced and all furniture would be removed after closing each evening.

A wide swath of public sidewalk, would be unaffected, so as to provide normal pedestrian travel. Mr. Costelloe explained that such installations were increasingly popular with the public and that although called a "pub", Fiddleheads was not a tavern and that at present some 73 per cent of their revenues are derived from food sales exclusively.

He pointed out that, in other venues, it has been noted that such installations have proven to encourage more use of the downtown areas and have enhanced business in general, not simply that of the patio owner.

Council was unanimously in favour of such an enterprise coming to Shelburne, provided that, "all the ducks were in a row" in so far as regulations, by-laws and safety issues were concerned.

Since Shelburne has never had such an application, or patio, in the past, both Council and Mr. Costelloe see this as seeding new ground, for the town and both expect it to be a work in progress as time goes on. Both parties expect to see considerable give and take from both sides, as the issue progresses.

Robert would like to see the patio licensed under the LLBO and expects to work with Town staff to establish the rules for the venture. Council voted to accept the delegation and to forward it to Town staff to work out the details.

In other business, Fat Boy Fireworks was granted permission for a short term business licence to sell their wares, Troupe Adore was given permission to utilize Jack Downing Park free of charge and Council unanimously voted against allowing the OSPCA from holding it's Tag Days Fundraiser at the Shelburne LCBO. It was felt that since the OSPCA does not fully support Shelburne's needs for animal control, it was not prudent to allow them to raise money in the community, when none of that money stays in, nor benefits, Shelburne.

### Over 300 quilt blocks collected for Ronald McDonald House



#### PHOTO AND STORY BY MICHELLE JANZEN

Cobwebs and Caviar owner AJ Cavey is standing amongst the 300 plus quilt blocks that were made by local quilters that will be going to go to the Canadian Quilters Associations (CQA) Big Quilt Bee.

Celebrating Canada's 150th birthday the CQA was looking for 12 ½" blocks to be made into quilts for kids at Ronald McDonald Houses across Canada, with their goal being enough blocks to make 1,000 quilts.

"Last year we held our own quilting bee for Quilts of Valor and received 114 blocks which were made into quilt," says Cavey. "I am very thrilled to announce that we blew away the number we collected last year, and cannot thank all of those who made each and every one of the blocks we received that will be donated to this year's CQA Big Quilt Bee."

Coming up next at Cobwebs and Caviar is LADIES' NIGHT on Friday, April 28, from 6 pm to 9-ish. Check out all the fabulous spring fashions! Greet the sun with a few fun new things! Find the latest and newest in jewelry,

scarves & awesome clothes! Refreshments, specials, door prizes...and giggles.

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#### Ottawa Journal: NAFTA

BY DAVID TILSON, MP **DUFFERIN-CALEDON** 

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The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) came into effect on January 1, 1994. It built on the Canada-US Free Trade Agreement of a few years earlier. It has been the single most beneficial economic and trade agreement Canada has ever negotiated.

Despite predictions of doom and gloom by the Liberals of the day, Canada and Canadians have benefitted enormously from NAFTA's provisions.

Most Canadians understand that our economy relies heavily on trade and that over 70 per cent of our exports go south of the border. Roughly \$2.5 billion worth of goods is transacted between our two countries every single day - the largest and most robust trading relationship anywhere in the world.

Our supply chains are so tightly integrated that an automobile and its parts cross the border six or seven times before the final product rolls off the assembly line.

This past week, President Donald Trump revived his attacks on NAFTA, citing our dairy producers as well as our softwood lumber industry and calling out both for perceived unfair trading practices.

Both of these sectors have been long-time irritants in an otherwise generally healthy cross-border relationship. The US subsidizes both its lumber and dairy sectors, despite the President's rhetoric, and both sectors have strong lobbying efforts behind them in Con-

To suggest that Canada alone is the problem would be disingenuous.

The President has signaled on numerous oc-

casions his intention to re-negotiate NAFTA.

That's fine - agreements can always be improved. There have been over a dozen amendments to the agreement since its coming into force 23 years ago. However, the President's tough talk is belied by his inaction to date.

He has yet to trigger the 90-day notice required to signal his intention to re-negotiate the agreement.

He has yet to get his Trade Representative confirmed by the Senate. The signals coming from various corners in Washington are mixed at best, so it is somewhat puzzling as to just where the Trump administration intends to go on this issue.

The Trudeau government has wisely turned to former Prime Minister Brian Mulroney for advice and counsel on this file. Mr. Mulroney is uniquely placed to be of assistance given that he is not only the architect of Canada's original NAFTA positions, but he also counts President Trump among his list of personal

The Prime Minister would do well to heed Mr. Mulroney's advice on this file.

Canada is a trading nation. Our economy relies heavily on our trading relationship with the United States. However, the United States also relies heavily on its trading relationship with Canada - 35 US states have Canada as their top export market. If NAFTA is to be re-negotiated, in whole or in part, it will quickly become clear to the Trump administration just how important NAFTA really is to the US economy.

It is incumbent on the Trudeau government to remind President Trump and Congress of this fact at every opportunity.

## Shelburne Legion News

**BY LESA PEAT** 

Well, it's official - spring has finally

We have put the salt and shovels away and are bringing out the paint brushes. We have color samples posted on our members board. Please come in and vote on a color for which you think would look great for the outside of our building. We will be putting volunteer sheets up for this project, so if you are interested in helping please come in and sign up Our intentions will be to paint on a weekend and the branch will provide a BBQ for all of those that help.

Our next wing night will be May 5 with entertainment by Wasted Measures. We will keep the big screen up so that we can all cheer for the NHL or NBA.

Our next monthly breakfast is on Mother's Day. Take that special Mother out for breakfast and stroll around our garage/craft sale on May 14. There are still a few tables left so don't delay and come in and book your spot.

Our Ladies Auxiliary will be having their monthly Luncheon on May 18. If you would

like to become a member of our great organization, come in and speak to our bartender or Executive and they will help you with your application. If you would like to join the Ladies Auxiliary, please contact Denyse Chopee at 519-925-3800.

Planning is underway for the Shelburne Street Festival on June 17 and Heritage Music Festival on August 10 - 13. Both events require volunteers. Please contact me if you would like to help out with either one of these

The Banner Committee has started the 2017/2018 project. Applications are available at the branch; if you have a family member you would like to sponsor or you would simply like to sponsor a Veteran in our area please let us know. Our deadline for print production will be late August. If you have not had the opportunity to see the Banners that are displayed in our Warriors Hall, just stop in and we would be happy to give you a tour.

Good luck to all who are running for an executive position at our Branch Elections tonight.



Dufferin students travelled to Vimy Ridge in France earlier this month to commemorate the 100th anniversary of a battle that saw 3,598 Canadian soldiers killed and 7,000 wounded when their four divisions stormed the ridge on April 9, 1917. Facing a barrage of machine gun fire against horrible odds, the strategy and valour of the Canadian soldiers captured the ridge and established Canada as a young nation to be respected on the international stage. Centre Dufferin students are seen PHOTO COURTESY OF CDDHS here at the Vimy Ridge Ceremony April 9.

#### Students honoured to "be a part of history"

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The students each researched Canadian soldiers buried there and completed a biography on their soldier.

They honoured their soldiers by placing a Canadian flag at each of their grave sites.

"Some of our students definitely got emotional when finally reaching the gravesite of the soldier who they had been researching," said Erik Zeidler, Dept. Head of Social Science at Centre Dufferin District High School in Shelburne. "This is the type of historical connection we are trying to make."

Mr. Zeidler reported the group left for England on April 3, spending a couple days in London and attending a ceremony commemorating the Canadian military's contributions to the First World War at Canada Gate across from Buckingham Palace.

They then ferried across the English channel to France visiting Arromanches (Gold Beach) and then the Juno Beach Centre where the D-Day landings are commemorated.

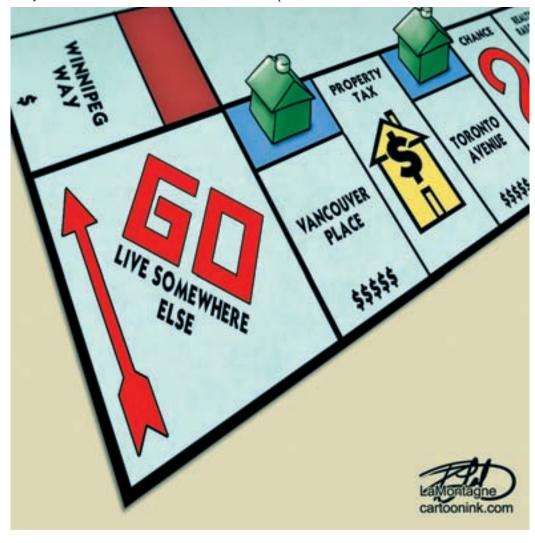
"Centre Dufferin has donated many bricks over the years to the Juno Beach Centre," said Mr. Zeidler, "the students were given a special reception by the Centre for being repeat visitors many times over."

The students then proceeded to the Vimy region, visiting Arras and Valenciennes with this portion of the trip culminating in the 100th Commemoration of the Battle of Vimy Ridge.

"The opportunity to be at an event of such magnitude, honouring such an important point of Canadian history was not lost on the students," said the teacher. "Hearing the speeches of Justin Trudeau, Prince Charles and Francois Hollande was a definitely a highlight."

The trip finished with three days in Paris, taking in all the sites including the Eiffel Tower, Les Invalides, Sacre Couer, the Louvre and Notre Dame. The Battlefield Tours were initiated by CDDHS teacher Neil Orford who is retiring at the end of the year and will lead his final European tour with CDDHS students in June to mark the 73rd anniversary of D-Day with 22 students and parents from all three Dufferin schools

"This type of experiential learning for our history students has brought a whole new perspective and understanding for them," said Zeidler. "By bringing history to life we hope they gain a greater understanding of the events which shape our current world and give them a picture of different cultures around the world."





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## Rapid growth posing challenges to local leaders

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Next was a panel discussion with the following members: Ken Bennington, Mayor of Shelburne, Wade Mills, Chair of the EDC and Town Councillor, Kim Phillip of Canopy Development Corporation, Lucy Stocco of Tribute Communities, Mara Samardzic of Fieldgate Homes, Neil Prichard from the Shelburne BIA, Marg McCarthy of Royal LePage Reality, Sharon Grant of Royal LePage Reality and EDC member and Steve Wever the Town Planner for Shelburne.

With growth in Shelburne at a whopping 39 per cent as of 2016, the population was 8,126 compared to 2011 when population was at 5,846. An estimated 500 plus homes set to start construction this fall, Shelburne is the fastest growing town in Ontario and the second fastest growing town in Canada.

"This growth is hot to handle, and Council can't respond fast enough, however we are defiantly giving it our best," stated Mayor Bennington. "Council has been working to upgrade infrastructure and are aware that such things as recreational, library and policing needs also need to be addressed going forward."

Mr. Mills told attendees, "The EDC strategic plan that was put into place has provided framework going forward for the next five years, giving us road markers to see if we are meeting the challenges and dealing with them

"Sustainable growth is what we want but fast growth is what we are dealing with, so we need to put plans into place and deal with it."

Neil Prichard of the BIA spoke to the parking issues in the downtown core, which are currently being addressed by the new by-law officer with changes in the works.

"The BIA are looking to expand their area, and are hopeful that with Tribute Homes being built within walking distance to the downtown core it is just what they need to get what they are calling, feet on the street," Prichard said.

Both Marg McCarthy and Sharon Grant spoke to the residential and industrial sales in Shelburne, with Ms. Grant advising last year for the first quarter of the year houses were selling on average at 99 per cent of their asking price compared to this year at 104 per

She also advises that the new homes are the ones that most people are looking for and that are going higher then asking price.

Ms. McCarthy said that most of the industrial lots in Shelburne should be sold by the end of this year with strip plazas slated to be going in that already have several tenants already lined up by Lakeview Homes and Vandyke subdivisions.

Both Grant and McCarthy agreed that housing prices in Shelburne should start to level out once the new homes are constructed. filling the need where there is a gap, which



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has generated bidding wars, like never before seen in Shelburne.

Stocco and Samardzic spoke to the price increase of homes at almost 30 per cent compared to last year. In 2016 a home on a 40' lot was selling for \$471,000 and this year is now selling for \$613,000.

With that in mind, both companies do not know what price points their new homes will start at but say they are targeting first time home buyers and will be providing a range of townhomes and semi-detached homes as well some detached homes in their subdivisions.

While Phillip says "The Official Plan is helping keep with public policy and helping development to move forward, some flexibility from the municipality is what is nice when developing a community," he finished by saying "working with Shelburne Planning and Council has been a treat."

Next on the EDC's list is their Golf Tournament, which is being held May 25 at Shelburne Golf and Country Club.

This is a 3 p.m. start with nine holes and a

Cost is \$75 and the first 18 teams will be accepted. For more information or tickets please contact the Town of Shelburne at 519-925-2600.





Recipients of the Economic Development Committee (EDC) Award were recognized at the Annual EDC Breakfast that was held on Wednesday, April 19, at the Shelburne Legion. Awards went to Dean Allen, Murray Fines and Brian Horner for their past contributions while serving on the EDC. Pictured here is Brian Horner receiving his award and Councillor Wade Mills, current EDC Chair.

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## Farmers' Market theme days bring community together

BY MARNI WALSH

The theme for the 2017 Shelburne Market is "bringing community together" says Market Co-Chair Jennifer Crewson.

To do this, the committee has established three initiatives they feel are important for a happy, healthy community: 1) Community Kids 2) Community Cooks, and 3) Community Spirit.

The Farmer's Market will return for its third season at First and Owen Sound Streets in Shelburne, when it opens next month on Thursday, May 25 at 2 p.m. The Farmer's Market will run every Thursday afternoon throughout the growing season from 2-7

The Market Committee consists of Jennifer

Crewson and Rebecca Landman as Co-Chairs; Joey Lemieux as Market Manager; Brian Besley as Treasurer; Advertising and Promotions led by Alexandra Georgakopoulos; Rebecca Landman is also the Secretary for the Farmer's Market; and Brenda Beatty-Gray is the Community Cooks Co-ordinator.

"Many great people are coming forward who want to see the market succeed – it is the committee's responsibility to deliver a fantastic event," says Ms. Crewson.

The first Thursday of every month is Community Kids' Day overseen by craft vendor Jade McCabe. The committee has created craft activities for the kids, attending the market with their families that involve nature, such as bird feeders and colourful garden sticks.

Thanks to Brian and Debbie Besley of Besley's Country Market, there will be picnic tables for the enjoyment of patrons, further west on First Avenue. Games will be setup at the tables for children, and customers can visit and "sit a spell" while listening to the Market's live music.

The second and fourth Thursdays of each month during the Market season will be Community Cooks Days, a paid event that patrons will need to book in advance. Brenda Beatty-Gray, a registered holistic nutritionist, and Chef de Cuisine will select in-season food to create a simple meal or food activity such as jam, pickles or soups and lead interactive instructional classes.

She will conduct a walkabout with clients at the market and then the group will cook together in the basement of Trinity United Church right next to the

Brenda, who is the owner and chef at the newly opened Healthy Cravings Holistic Kitchen on Main Street, is very excited about her engagement teaching at the Market.

"I've been dreaming about it," she says.

The third Thursday of each month is Community Spirit Day led by Reverend Candice Bist, the interim minister at Trinity United Church, 200 Owen Sound Street.

Four wellness professionals will focus on inner health in the sanctuary of the church during market hours: Tiffany McCabe with Art Therapy; Jill McPherson with Mindfulness; Rebecca Tomlinson with Intuitive Psychotherapy; and Louise Phillips as

On the months that have a fifth Thursday, the



Jennifer Crewson, Co-Chair of the Shelburne Farmers' Market, left, with Brenda Beatty-Gray, who will lead "Community Cooks Days" at the Market, opening May 25. The two shared all the Market news at Brenda's Healthy Cravings Holistic Kitchen, on Main Street in Shelburne.

PHOTO BY MARNI WALSH

Market will host special event days, still to be announced. There will be a "Welcoming Tent" manned by volunteers offering lemonade and helping to keep patrons informed on all the upcoming

The Co-Chair says patrons can expect their favourite vendors from previous years to return plus a few new vendors including: Prim Pickin's decorative signs and two additional vegetable farmers.

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#### Standing ovations from sold-out crowds at Lion King

BY MARNI WALSH

Last weekend, sold out crowds stood in enthusiastic ovation for the cast and crew of LP Stage Productions' The Lion King at Grace Tipling

Those who have not seen this theatrical feat need to get tickets fast for their final performances April 29 and 30 – the costumes alone are more than worth the price of admission.

LP Stage Production director Alison Port did not miss the opportunity to capitalize on the two major strengths of the popular Broadway Musical, the stunning artistry of the costumes/puppets and the beauty of the African inspired choral mu-

She gathered a strong team of willing local artists, led by Dale Lundy and Jason Riedel, and a music director worthy of the task, Noni Thomas, to bring the challenging show to life.

The talented, young cast and crew rose to that challenge, working through long hours of rehearsal since January to bring a theatrical spectacle to Shelburne.

The audience on Sunday broke into spontaneous applause every time a new African character/animal walked onto the stage – the costumes are simply that good.

With The Lion King finally bringing soldout public performance crowds to the company, which has long deserved them for their many excellent shows over the years, including Blood Brothers, Gypsy, Into the Woods, and Spamalot to name but a very few, it is hoped that audiences will continue to attend shows and support the excellent work this community theatre company is doing with local talent and child performers.

Ms. Port says she is glad the show, which had to have been a phenomenal amount of work for all involved, is up and running, and that the community is enjoying it.

"I hope they keep coming to support the kids," she said, "because they are doing a great job."

Highlights of the show, outside of the amazing artistry of the costumes and life sized puppets, include Kristen Gamache's beautiful choreography, always a focal point of LP shows. Tori Sodoma's dance performance in Sarabi's ballet of sorrow following the death of Mufasa and disappearance of Simba is especially moving, and the choreographed stampede of the wildebeests is clever in its simplicity.

Ms. Gamache's many creative conceptions, combined with LP's strong rehearsal ethics, are reflected in the confidence of even the youngest dancer, in this case, four-year-old Essence Henry.

The beautiful music of the 21 member choir, also very poignant, shows the children's voices at

However, the inaudibility of some of the solo vocals, without amplification, continues to be a bit of a problem for LP shows - mostly because the kids are so good, you want to hear every word.

The music in this show is phonetically and rhythmically very challenging and it was amazing to watch how well the whole cast had worked to embrace it. Special mention for the strong vocals of Lillie Mainprize-Toms, who performed some of the show's most difficult music as Rafiki - a mandrill who serves as the pride's shaman and

Next week, the role will be played by another amazing young performer, Jazmin Henry.

All the leads were strong youth performers, including Cameron Glenday as Simba, Willow Cherewaty as Nala and Caleb Welsh as Mufasa. Bryce Hull, as the evil Scar, continues his long tradition of presenting great characters for LP Stage Productions, and his brother Ryan, who has proven himself more than once as an amazing mimic, gave a stand-out performance as Timon, and was a great partner for a perfect Pumba played by Brody Ireton.

Savannah Da Silva was the brilliant blue, feathery glue that tied the scenes together as the Hornbill Zazu, and Lainey Schyven and Wyatt Goheen as young Nala and Simba won the audience with youthful energy and adorable roars.

Compliments to the graceful, stilt walking giraffes who spent months training, and the hilarious, green-eyed laughing hyenas: Benzai – Sarah Bannon, Shenzi - Morgan Acker and Ed - Anna Main. Bravo to the entire cast and crew of The Lion King.

See The Lion King this weekend on stage at Grace Tipling Hall, 203 Main Street in Shelburne: 8 pm evening show April 29 with 2 pm matinee shows April 29 and 30. Tickets: Adults \$15/ Students and Seniors \$12 - on sale through Eventbrite or call the Shelburne Town Hall @ 519-925-2600 Ext. O.

## **NOTICE**

**Hunting in the Dufferin County Forest** 

All users of the Dufferin County Forest are hereby advised that April 25-May 31 is the shotgun/ archery season for wild turkey in 2017. Wild turkey hunting may occur only from ½ hour before sunrise to 7:00 p.m. During this time there will be a number of hunters using the Dufferin County Forest properties. Please use caution in the forest and wear bright-coloured clothing. Suspected violations of the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act should be reported to the Ministry of Natural **Resources and Forestry at 877-847-7667 (877-**TIPS-MNR). Other inquiries should be directed to the County Forest Manager at 877-941-7787.

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## Dufferin Firewood Shop helping raise funds for Baby Madden



Diamond Cut Fire Ring being raffled off in support of baby Madden.

#### PHOTO BY DUFFERIN FIREWOOD SHOP

#### BY MICHELLE JANZEN

Holly and Jason, owners of Dufferin Firewood Shop are raising money for Madden by raffling off one of their unique fire pit rings.

Madden was born full term on November 9, 2016 and weighed 7lbs 3oz at Credit Valley Hospital, Mississauga. He did not show many signs of life including no crying, no eye opening, no reactions and was unable to eat.

After the hospital exhausted all resources, he was sent to Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto at just six days old. Madden has received a spinal tap, an MRI, multiple EEGs, lots of blood work, urine workups and more tests, and eventually the metabolics team came to agree Madden had the terminal genetic disorder NKH. Although Madden was only given two weeks to live, he continues to defy the odds.

Dufferin Firewood Shop is a family owned and operated business that provides firewood and related fire side products. Owner Holly tells the Free Press "We came to know about Madden and his troubles as I followed Jamie-Lee and her business Prim Pickins' for some time as she was somewhat of an inspiration to me with all of her accomplishments. Over time she has made some of her signs for us and we have sold to her as well. By following her on Facebook I heard about her nephew Madden and all of his health issues and just had to help.

#### Shelburne Library News

#### BY ROSE DOTTEN

Don't miss Story Time on Fridays at 10:30. This week's theme is all about cows. LEGO is a fun time of creating new things each Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30

"Mac" the therapeutic poodle just enjoys listening to children read to him at Paws to Read, also on Wednesday from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Book an appointment to see Mac! Come join us for a fun, educational, and social time here at the Library.

Remember, there are new books and some classics you might love to discover again. Drop in to see us.

#### TEEN SCENE

Four of our Teens worked very hard to finish the required amount of reading to qualify for our "invite only" White Pine party last week. We celebrated by eating pizza, debating which book we thought should win the competition, playing an extensive game of Kahoot, and of course, voting!

Book Club meets this week, on Thursday, April 27, 2017, from 6 – 7 pm. Come prepared to discuss what you have been reading so far in 2017. We will also hand out We Were Liars, May's Book Club pick. Recommended read of the week: Caraval by Stephanie Garber. I know I mentioned this one last week, but it is really worth a second mention because of its exquisitely described world which really isn't what it seems!

#### **NEW BOOKS**

Dufferin Reads: One Book One County: The Grand Finale with Roy McGregor is

only a month away; however, most of the tickets have already been sold. There are a few available at BookLore and the Dufferin County Museum and Archives, so if you are planning to attend, purchase yours

Reserve: Saturday, May 13, 2017, 1 pm @ Dufferin County Museum and Ar-

#### Fiction:

The Nightingale Won't Let You Sleep by Steven Heighton The Secrets You Keep by Kate White The Fire Child by S.K. Tremayne A Trial in Venice by Roberta Rich The Clay Girl by Heather Tucker A Family Secret by Josephine Cox If I'm Found by Terri Blackstock Dangerous Games by Danielle Steel Rusty Puppy by Joe R. Lansdale The Other Einstein by Marie Benedict Vicious Circle by C.J. Box

Non-fiction: Floret Farm's Cut Flower Garden by Benzakein Chai Ingenious by David Johnston & Tom Jenkins Triple Crown: Winning Canada's Energy Future by Jim Prentice Good Grief by Theresa Caputo The Fifth Trimester: The Working Mom's Guide to Style, Sanity, & Big Success After Baby by Lauren Smith Brody Baseball Life Advice by Stacey May Fowles The Weekend Effect by Katrina Onstad



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"I have children who are currently healthy and happy and when you see families who've been touched by critical illness or physical disability you can't help but empathize with them and want to help," says Jason of Dufferin Firewood Shop. "Every penny that we raise will go directly to the family.'

Since being diagnosed with NKH, Madden has since started having seizure clusters (spasms). With many trips back and forth to the local hospital as well as Sick Kids, medications are continuously being altered to help keep his conditions under control.

Madden received a G tube and was put on a ketogenic diet, and was showing positive signs in his growth recently when there was once again another setback. A mass was found wrapped around his spermatic cord in his abdomen and it is squeezing his nerves and vessels causing swelling and pain in his testicles. Although pathology came back saying it is not cancer, they are still not sure what it is.

Madden's mother Lisa and Aunt Jamie-Lee say "We thank you all for following Maddens journey with this life limiting terrible illness. We appreciate all of your kind words and messages, not to mention donations. They have helped pay for things like non-covered medications, supplies, baby essentials, parking and

Currently Madden remains at Sick Kids in Toronto with mom Lisa and aunt Jamie-Lee staying by his side with the help of Ronald McDonald house.

To help raise funds for Madden and possibly win a beautiful diamond fire pit that is the ideal piece to enjoy an outdoor fire, surrounded with friends and family at home in the backyard, cottage or campsite please call 905-703-4011, email dufferinfirewoodshop@gmail. com, or send them a Facebook message.

You can also help Madden on his Go Fund Me page which can be found at www.gofundme.com/maddens-journey-with-nkh.

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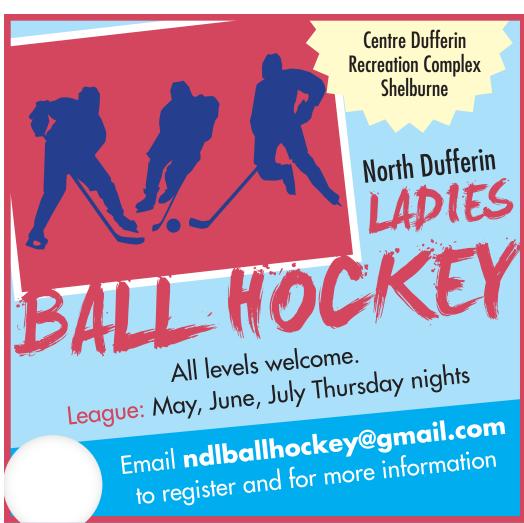
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# PORTS

## CDDHS Royals rugby win third game in the rain





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school.

"It looked like fun," Alex said. "It's a high paced sport. You have to be ready for anything. There's a lot of contact. You have to be ready. You can't be scared because if you're scared you're going to get hurt."

A well rounded athlete, the grade 9 student also plays box lacrosse with the Shelburne Vets, field lacrosse with the Orangeville Northmen and minor hockey in

Alex said he plans to continue with rugby through his high school career.



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The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior rugby team host the Centennial Collegiate V.I. Spartans on the main field at CDDHS on Tuesday, April 25. It was a game held in a light drizzle PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART with the Royals coming out on top with a 12-5 win.

#### BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior rugby team hosted the Centennial Collegiate Spartans on the main field at CD-DHS on Tuesday, April 25, in a game played in a light drizzle that made for slippery conditions – but that's rugby!

It was the third outing for the Royals senior team this year.

They played two games on April 21 at the University of Guelph and left the field with a 27-17 win over Erin District High School in Game One, then gave up a 55-0 loss to J.F. Ross in the second game of the day.

Tuesday's game saw much of the action held at mid-field in the first half with both squads battling hard to get the edge.

The Royals got ahead on a goal when Brandon Anthony sprinted down the left side and knocked a couple of defenders to the side to

The second CDDHS goals came from Mitch-

ell Mobbs followed up by a successful kick by Caleb Jonker.

The second half again saw the teams going head to head at mid-field with some strong defensive posturing.

The Royals held on to the lead and left the field with a 12-5 win.

Royals coaches Patrick Kings and Jen Perryman thought the team played well against a pretty evenly matched opponent.

"It was a pretty even game," said Mr. Kings. "We worked a lot harder than we needed to in terms that we had a few penalties - it was a very middle-of-the-ground kind of game. There was a lot of good defensive play by both teams but also a few inefficiencies on offence that we need to work on. Overall, I think we have improved on that."

The Royals have one more game on the regular schedule when they travel to Guelph on Monday, May 1, to take on Guelph Collegiate.

That game will take place at the University of Guelph at 4 p.m.

#### Provincial Junior C in final series

#### BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Port Hope Panthers are leading the Ayr Centennials 2-0 in the final series of the Provincial Schmaltz Cup Junior C hockey cham-

The final series got underway on Friday, April 21, with Port Hope blasting out of the starting gate with an 8-1 over the Centennials on Panthers home ice at the Jack Burger Sports

The series saw the Panthers take a two game lead when they delivered a 4-1 win over Ayr on their home ice.

The Panthers came to the final series after battling their way to the top of their division, then knocking out the Lakefield Chiefs to win the East Conference championship.

They then eliminated the Alliston Hornets in five games in the Schmaltz Cup semi-final round.

The Hornets won the Carruthers Division

championship with a four game sweep over the Stayner Siskins in the final series.

The Ayr Centennials arrived at the final after eliminating the Essex 73s in an exciting semi-final series that went seven games and wrapped up with a 2-1 win for the Centennials in the final game.

This is the second time in two years these teams have met in the final.

The Centennials and Panthers met last season in the Schmaltz Cup final with the Centennials coming out on top to claim the title.

This is the third year in a row the Panthers have made it all the way to the final.

In 2015 they lost in the final round to the Es-

Game Three of the final series was scheduled to get underway on Wednesday, April 26, with results not available at press time.

Game Four of the series will take place at the North Dumfries Community Centre arena in Ayr on Friday, April 28.

#### Thousands of students to attend **EmpoWErment Day 2017**

Board (UGDSB) students will gather for a day of inspiration.

Thursday, May 4, is the third annual EmpoWErment Day, where world-renowned motivational speakers, presenters and performers are brought together to share powerful messages with UGDSB youth.

The event has grown tremendously in its three short years, beginning in 2015 as a passion project of two students from the Drayton Heights Student Council.

They decided to make it an annual event, • opening it up to students in Grades 6 to 8 from all over the UGDSB. Last year, the event moved to the Fergus Sportsplex to accommodate demand. This year's event has sold out the Sleeman Centre in Guelph.

The theme of this year's event is "Change your thoughts, change your world," and

This May 5, Upper Grand District School through this experience, event organizers hope to inspire youth to make a difference in their communities and beyond, helping them realize that they have the power to do so. The event also coincides with the UGDSB's Child and Youth Mental Health and Well-being week.

#### EmpoWErment Day presenters:

- Chris Temple and Zach Ingrasci: Award-winning documentary filmmakers and creators of Living on One Dollar and Salam Neighbor
- Shane Koyczan: Spoken word poet and
- Luca "Lazylegz" Patuelli: Breakdancing sensation and motivational speaker
- Mariatu Kamara: Author, activist and UNICEF Canada's Special Representative for Children in Armed Conflict

### Minor Hockey Stars receive end-of-season awards







#### Ontario Budget needs to address pressing issues

BY SYLVIA JONES, MPP

On April 27, the Liberal government is set to announce its 2017 budget.

The Progressive Conservative Caucus has

several requests for the budget. First, the government needs to take action on the growing debt. Ontario's debt is a staggering \$300 billion, and according to the independent Financial Accountability Officer (FAO), the net debt is set to rise to \$370 billion by 2020.

This means that every Ontarian is on the hook for \$22,103, or enough money to buy a 2017 Chevy Cruze.

The debt is leaving less money for funding essential services. We spend over \$11 billion a year paying the interest, making servicing the debt the third largest expenditure of the Ontario government, behind only Education and Health. The province now spends more on interest than on post-secondary education, community safety and five other ministries combined.

While the Liberals promise to present a "balanced" budget, but we know from the FAO that this "balanced" budget is not sustainable due to the government's structural deficit.

Policy experts, stakeholders, including the Auditor General and the Financial Accountability Office, have poked holes in the Liberal's balanced budget promise. The reality is that the only way the Liberals will "balance" the budget will be through higher taxes, deeper cuts to our schools and hospitals and the fire sale of Hydro One, making the "balanced" budget a one-time phenomenon, rather than a sustainable future for

The government also needs to end the hydro crisis. The Liberal's current plan will only add billions of dollars in future costs and does not fix the structural problems that they created.

The government needs to stop signing contracts for energy we don't need, stop the fire sale of Hydro One and stop out of control executive pay in the energy sector.

The hydro crisis is not the only crisis that this

government created. The government's policies of adding red tape and delays to the housing market have created the housing crisis. That is why the Progressive Conservative caucus recommended the government take measures to address supply and demand, establish a panel of industry experts and review the government housing portfolio. Unfortunately, the Liberal's announced plan does not do anything to address the structural problems of supply which are driving up the cost of housing.

**STORY AND PHOTOS** BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Shelburne Minor Hockey celebrated another successful season with a team awards night held at Glenbrook Elementary School in Shelburne last week – right next to their home ice – at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

Teams from the Mite division right up the Midgets were recognized for their achievement during the 2016 / 17 hockey season.

TOP: The Shelburne Wolves Mite team was recognized for their determination through the season as well as their improved skills as the youngest players on the ice.

MIDDLE: The Shelburne Wolves Tyke 1 team celebrates a successful season and were congratulated by their coach for all their hard work on the ice this year.

BOTTOM: The Shelburne Wolves Tyke 2 team received a vote of confidence from their coach who said the team worked hard to accomplish their goals this season.

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government should be ensuring that any money generated by cap-and-trade should go back into

As the Liberals announce their budget on

April 27, I hope that the Liberals will seriously

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given Shirley.
A sweet gentle soul has entered heaven. Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel at Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre, 21 First Street, Orangeville, on Friday, April 28, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. with visitation starting at 1:30 p.m. Memorial donations to charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

#### SHAW, Leona Esther (nee Pendleton)

Passed away at her home on Thursday, April 20, 2017. Beloved wife for 67 years of Arthur Shaw. Loving & devoted mom to Blaine (Pat), Terry (Ev), Edwyn (Jody) and predeceased by Greg (Rose). Cherished grandma of Mandy (Dave), Erin (Mike), Becky (Graham), Alli (Matt), Clayton (Belinda), Joshua, Claire, Heidi, Casey (Jamie) and sadly predeceased by Adam. Special Nana to great-grandson Holdyn. Sister of Verna, Joan and Allan. Predeceased by Emerson, June, Betty, Tom, Jim and Mark. Visitation was held at the Drury Funeral Centre, 519 Victoria Street East, Alliston on Sunday April 23 at 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the chapel Monday April 24 at 1 p.m, interment at Mansfield Presbyterian Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Lee to the Rosemont Fire Department or the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.



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The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) has firmed up its 2016 traffic data, which revealed increases in many fatality categories, including the most tragic snowmobile season in 14 years. The OPP is sharing the data publicly to raise awareness of the impact ongoing behaviours have on the number of deaths on Ontario roads, waterways and trails.

Motor Vehicle Collision Deaths (All data applies to OPP jurisdictions only): A total of 307 people were killed in motor vehicle collisions in 2016, marking a four-year high. Every year, without exception, the majority of the fatalities are attributed to the "Big Four" main causal factors in road deaths. Three are linked to driver behaviour (aggressive, inattentive and impaired driving). The fourth (lack of seat belt use) applies to drivers and passengers. These behaviours were responsible for 165 (more than half) of last year's 307 deaths with little change over the previous year. 55 persons were killed in speed-related deaths last year, compared to 63 in 2015. Inattentive-related deaths in 2016 came in at 65, with 68 in 2015. Alcohol-related fatalities in 2016 and 2015 were both pegged

**Collisions:** The OPP investigated 67,372 motor vehicle collisions in 2016, down from 2015 (69,934 collisions). Marking another four-year high are the 275 collisions that resulted in fatalities. Of last year's crashes, 11,506 of them resulted in injuries. The majority (55,591) were property damage collisions with no injuries sustained, but these collisions came with a significant economic cost to Ontarians

Large Commercial Transport Trucks: Last year saw little change in collisions involving large commercial transport trucks. The data is another stark reminder of the significantly greater threat these collisions pose when compared to those involving regular-sized vehicles. Collisions involving transport trucks resulted in more than three times the number of fatalities than those involving regular-sized vehicles - a statistic that holds steady

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# Police report more deaths on and off road in 2016

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Collisions involving large commercial transport trucks came in at 5,357 in 2016, 57 of which were fatal with 67 persons killed, 11 of whom were drivers

**Motorcyclists:** While last year marked fewer collisions involving motorcycles than in the previous year, there was little change in the number of deaths. The OPP responded to 749 motorcycle crashes in 2016 which resulted in 33 fatalities. Speeding and losing control continue to be common contributing factors. The OPP report a total of 749 motorcycle collision in 2016, 31 of which were fatal, with 33 persons killed, 31 of whom were drivers.

**Pedestrians:** Sadly, 2016 marked the highest number of pedestrian deaths in more than 12 years,

with 39 deaths. There were 25 such deaths in 2015. The year 2009 was the last time the number exceeded 30.

Boaters/Paddlers: 2016 marked the highest number of marine deaths in three years, with 23 people dying in 19 incidents on OPP-patrolled waterways. Seven of last year's fatal incidents involved non-motorized vessels (e.g. canoes, kayaks). Falling overboard was the primary cause in nine of the incidents. Capsized or swamped vessels were involved in seven of them and alcohol in eight of the incidents. Every year, the majority of the victims are found not wearing a Personal Floatation Device (PFD). Last year, 19 of the 23 victims found with no PFD and in 2015, all of the deceased were found without one.

**Off-Roaders:** It was a particularly tragic year for off-road vehicle (ORV) enthusiasts, with 22 deaths marking a ten-year high in 2016. More than half (13) of the incidents were alcohol-drug-related and nine of the victims were riding without a hel-

met. These two behaviours were a common theme in 2015 as well as in previous years.

**Snowmobilers:** With the data just in for the entire 2016/2017 season, the OPP is reporting 26 snowmobile deaths, which is the highest number of lives lost since the 2003/2004 season. There were 12 deaths in February alone. Speeding, driver inattention and losing control were primary causes in half of these deaths. Notably, 17 of the 26 victims were between 45 and 64 years old.

"Our traffic data is compelling evidence that poor, careless behaviour is at the core of the majority of the fatal collisions and incidents we investigate on roads, waterways and trails," said OPP Deputy Commissioner Brad Blair, Provincial Commander, Traffic Safety and Operational Support. "Despite the hard facts, some people fail to grasp the magnitude of their role in preventing these senseless deaths. The OPP remains committed to changing these costly behaviours through robust enforcement and education campaigns. The rest is up to Ontarians."

#### EASTER TRAFFIC BLITZ

Dufferin OPP held their Easter Weekend traffic blitz focusing on seatbelt enforcement from Friday April 14 to Monday April 18, 2017.

This year, Police report 83 cases of speeding over 25 in 2016, three racing charges over one last year, nine seatbelt charges and seven distracted driving charges – none of either were reported last year, 13 hazardous moving violations (2015: 12), 22 charges classified as "other" under the Highway Traffic Act (13 in 2015), six cases of compulsory insurance (two in 2015), one charge of impaired driving and one suspension (zero for both in 2016).

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