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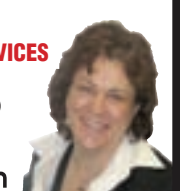
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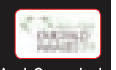
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Centre Dufferin District High School grads Alassandra Schlums, left, and Brandy Davis took their message to Washington D.C. over the weekend, taking to the streets of the U.S. capital on Saturday, following the inauguration of President Donald Trump. SUPPLIED PHOTO

"We will keep marching," say CDDHS grads

BY BROCK WEIR

On Saturday, hundreds of thousands of women and men from around the world took to the streets for their city's Women's March, designed to send a message to the newly minted U.S. President Donald Trump.

One of the largest crowds gathered in Washington D.C. just hours after Friday's inauguration turning the streets of the American capital into a sea of pink – among them, recent Centre Dufferin District High School graduates Brandy Davis and Alassandra Schlums.

Describing the experience as one of the most "incredible" moments of their lives, the young

women say they were compelled to take the trip to Washington for issues much larger than themselves.

"I first heard about the March online a couple of weeks before and, as the time came closer to the day, we realised the trip was something we needed to do," says Alassandra, 20, who is now studying mechatronics engineering at the University of Waterloo. "The reason I wanted to participate in the March was mainly powered by small events in my everyday life, such as the online negative comments and social media postings regarding the issues we marched for. Although people always say to ignore those and move on, I don't believe this. Ignoring dismisses them, and they also

have the power to influence others."

Among those issues, says Brandy, is political rhetoric that has shown potential discrimination against people of colour, as well as the LGBTQ+ community. Brandy, 19, who is studying sociology and psychology at Queen's University, says Alassandra approached her to attend the Women's March. This was the first time she had heard of it, and the deeper she delved into the root issues, the more eager she was to take part.

"I consider myself an ally to the LGBTQ+ community, and so this March was an opportunity to show my support to the American people," she says.

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Shelburne adopts electronic voting

BY PETER RICHARDSON

Shelburne Council has voted to bring in electronic voting in time for the next municipal election.

The Town has now joined the ranks of numerous Ontario municipalities who have opted to move to digital voting from the old fashioned paper ballot.

The move, to be inaugurated for the 2018 Elections, will see voters using their computers, tablets or smart phones to cast their ballots, rather than the traditional polling stations of previous years.

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Making "150 Count"

Traci Sinclair, Client Advisor at RBC Shelburne, and Sarah Thormington, Banking Advisor, present CDDHS student Justin Besley with a cheque for \$150 as part of RBC's #Make150Count program. For more on how Justin plans to use the money to make a difference right here at home next Tuesday, please see Page 3.



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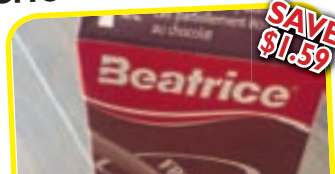
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When speaking with the owners of Shelburne Auto and Cycle, Chris and Carly Farris, they relate owing this business to the song Hotel California; you can never leave.

That’s because its where Chris did his high school co-op at the age of seventeen. As a teen, Chris tells us he always was in shop class or working on his farm pulling engines apart, fixing them, then putting them back together in working order.

“I originally wanted to be a Mechanical Engineer and design cars,” says Chris. “Then, my shop teacher asked if I would be interested in doing a co-op placement at Shelburne Auto and Cycle, which I figured would be good experience.”

“It was while working for them I decided that being a mechanic was the job for me and started my apprenticeship and obtained my Canadian Red Seal certification. I subsequently went to work for another shop for 17 years where I received a lot of technical training and management training.”

All the while Chris and his wife Carly talked about owning and running their own shop. With some personal life changes that occurred, they decided the time was right and approached Niels, the owner of Shelburne Auto and Cycle since 1991, and ask him if he was interested in selling the business to them.

To their surprise, Niels was at a point where he needed some change and on April 1, 2015 Chris and Carly Ferris officially became the owners of Shelburne Auto and Cycle.

Since taking ownership, Chris and Carly have become very actively involved in supporting the community, teaming up with Giant Tiger to help with the Charity Backpack Program, which donates backpacks full of supplies needed for the school year to local children in need.

Chris and Carly also recently donated to Headwaters Hospital’s Chemotherapy Program. Raising \$7,000 from a charity golf game they were able to supply 60 care bags full of invaluable items needed while undergoing chemotherapy, as well as eight iPads and eight Otter Boxes.

Shelburne Auto and Cycle specialize in all types of repairs on foreign and domestic cars, trucks and motorcycles, with what Chris says “are the best techs in Shelburne.” At this shop, they are committed to providing extremely high quality automotive, car, truck and motorcycle repair services, no matter how extensive or minimal the job.

For more information, you can contact Shelburne Auto and Cycle at 519-925-3980 or go see them at 713 Industrial Road Unit #1 (across from Tim Hortons).

By Michelle Janzen

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Shelbrrr Fest Castle Competition celebrates Canada 150



The winners of the inaugural snow castle competition in 2015 exemplify the fun to be had at Shelbrrr Fest on Family Day at Fiddle Park. See article for 2017 school competition details.

PHOTO MARNI WALSH
BY MARNI WALSH

Calling all kids to the 2017 Shelbrr Fest snow castle competition!

Dufferin Mutual insurance wants to see your school win, so bring your shovels, buckets and bowls and come play in the snow!

Councillor Dan Sample and the Shelbrrr Festival Committee say they “can’t wait to see” what the kids come up with for this year’s Shelbrrr Festival School Snow Castle Contest on Family Day – February 20.

Themed around Canada’s 150th Anniversary, the Committee has asked the kids “to put their thinking caps on” for the big competition.

In 2015, the kids of Centennial Hylands Elementary School were the winners of the Castle Building Contest and last year it was Glenbrook Elementary that won \$800 to purchase an Upper Grand School Board approved computer for their school.

The computers are donated by participating sponsors: Crewson Insurance, Shepherd Osyany & King law firm, Stutz Brown & Self law firm, Dufferin Mutual Insurance, and Timmerman, Haskell & Mills law firm.

“We want the kids to remember, when building this year, that it may not be a castle so much as whatever they think best represents their thoughts on the 150th year for Canada, that is most important,” says Councillor Sample. “At last year’s event, the schools thought outside the box to come up with their ideas. This year we think it is going to be a spectac-

ular event for the kids, especially as we have adapted the contest so that parents can be involved to help move the show around.

“I am sure the schools are thinking their plans through so they can come up with the best idea.”

Jennifer Crewson says Crewson Insurance Brokers has been sponsoring Shelburr Fest, specifically the snow castle competition, since its origin.

“We are pleased to do so because we are not only giving back to our community, but we are giving back to the public schools and children of our community,” says Jennifer. “The children of this community are our future and it is our duty as business owners to contribute to their enhanced learning, and what better way to do this then awarding the snow castle winner a new computer!

Debbie Walker, Law Clerk at Stutz Brown & Self reminds kids: “Shelburr Fest is the day to work as a team to build an awesome snow castle. Make yourselves proud and have fun.”

Contest Rules:

Monday, February 20, 2017 (Family Day) from 11 am – 4 pm
Castle Competition Registration: 11 am – 11:30 am
(School must sign in to receive a sign to claim your hill)
Contest Running Time: 11:30 am – 1:30 pm
Theme: Canada 150

Judges: Town Council will judge the competition at 2 pm

The local elementary schools invited to participate include Glenbrook, Hyland Heights and Centennial Hylands. Adult supervision is mandatory. Only students currently enrolled in the school may participate.

Shelbrrr Fest will supply the snow mound, but schools must supply the tools and accessories.

Acceptable building supplies and tools include food colouring, shovels, trowels, rakes, hoes, buckets, bowls, etc.

Use your imagination!

Adults may help to break up the snow hill and move large pieces of snow.

Team captains should explain their school’s theme idea to the judges. School mascots may be used in the theme of your structure.

If you have any questions about the contest or the 2017 Shelbrrr Festival please phone or email Dan Sample at 705-333-2482 or dan.sample.ds@gmail.com

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Justin Besley makes 150 Count with RBC and anti-bullying rally

RBC believes in our youth and through our #make150count initiative, we are making a positive impact in communities across the nation by deepening our relationships and relevance with youth locally.

Justin Besley, local student at CDDHS, has been selected by RBC Shelburne as the #make150count delegate.

Justin has shown exemplary community involvement through Shelburne minor sports, works part-time and is a cooperative education student at the high school.

Justin could choose any opportunity to better his community with the \$150 provided by RBC.

After some thought, Justin opted to raise additional funds through a Noah Maritn’s pepperette fundraiser, on top of the \$150 provided, to bring in “YouTuber” and speaker Anthony McLean on Tuesday, January 31, 2017 at CDDHS.

Anthony speaks to bullying, mental health and diversity. He has presented to hundreds of schools across the world, and has been featured on Breakfast TV, CP24 and CBC. These issues for today’s youth are directly aligned with RBC’s intent to raise awareness around our youth and mental health.

All funds raised by Justin’s efforts will pay for the speaking engagement, in which approximately 1,000 local elementary students will be attending, and the remainder being donated to all local breakfast school programs.

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- Receive the Annual Reports (Chairman, President and CEO, Financial etc.)
- Appoint Auditors
- Ratify the Acts of the Board of Directors
- Elect Directors (two for three years and one for two years)

The Corporation’s annual statement will be available on the Corporation’s web-site (www.dufferinmutual.com) 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. A member of the Corporation may also obtain a copy by sending a written request to the Secretary of the Corporation at 712 Main Street East, Shelburne, Ontario, L9V 2Z4 at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

An application for a Director’s position may be picked up and then dropped off at the Head Office of the Corporation at 712 Main Street East, Shelburne, Ontario, L9V 2Z4. It must be received by the Secretary of the Corporation no later than close of the business day, 4:30 p.m., on February 20, 2017.

There are currently three candidates who have qualified (as of this date), to stand for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Those who are currently qualified are: John Stirk for a term of three years, John Scriver for a term of three years and Frank Barretto for a term of two years.

The Company By-Laws may be reviewed Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Company’s Head Office, including the portion of the By-Laws that relate to Qualifications of Directors.

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OPP investigate fatal collision in Mono

On January 20, at 5.20 p.m., Dufferin OPP were dispatched to a single motor vehicle personal injury collision on 6th Line in the Town of Mono. Dufferin EMS Caledon Fire Department also attended.

Preliminary investigation reveals that a single motor vehicle collided with a bridge abutment. There was dense fog at time of collision.

The lone 61-year-old male driver succumbed to his injuries and was produced dead at the scene.

His name is being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

OPP Technical Traffic Collision Investigators attended to assist with the investigation.

The 6th Line between Highway 9 and Airport Road was closed for at least eight hours.

Police and Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs hold Safety Week

The OPP is reporting seven snowmobile fatalities since the start of the season, as they join the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) to kick off Ontario Snowmobile Safety Week.

With three of the seven victims dying as a result of their snowmobiles falling through the ice on waterways, the OPP and OFSC are reinforcing the importance of using OFSC trails as a safe way to enjoy this popular outdoor sport.

“We are seeing far too many snowmobilers riding on unsafe ice again this year and our fatalities this season speak volumes about how dangerous this is,” says OPP Deputy Commissioner Brad Blair, Provincial Commander, Traffic Safety and Operational Support. “We are also seeing riders using OFSC trails that are closed, which is against the law. Safe snowmobiling starts with choosing safe, reliable terrain to ride on. The OFSC does an outstanding job of providing a safe trail system and we want to see snowmobilers using them.”

Adds Lisa Stackhouse, Manager, Participation and Partnership Development for the OFSC: “Working in partnership with the OPP on snowmobile safety these past several years continues to be an effective way to promote safe snowmobiling, with the aim of reducing the number of snowmobile fatalities. While we are pleased to see many snowmobilers using OFSC trails safely and responsibly, there are still a number of them taking unnecessary chances and making bad riding choices.”

Tips for arriving home safely after each ride:

- Stay on the trail: Staying on open OFSC trail is safer than riding anywhere else.
- Know the scenario: Like other motorized recreational activities, snowmobiling poses certain inherent risks. Be prepared for the unexpected and avoid unnecessary risks.
- Choose the right time and place: Make a smart choice about if, when and how to ride based on the conditions at the time.
- Choose good visibility conditions: On the snow, many factors can severely limit your ability to see properly, including snow dust, white-outs, heavy snow or freezing rain, sun glare, flat light or fog; fogging or icing of visor and/or eye glasses, and darkness or over-riding your headlights.
- Spread out: Snowmobilers are reminded to keep a safe distance from other riders.
- Be vigilant: Simply put, you always need to know what’s going on around you to be able to properly assess your position and your next moves.
- Use hand signals: Habitual use of the hand signals is both the courteous and responsible choice, so get in the habit of using them where it is safe and prudent to do so. The hand signals can be found at www.ccsco-ccom.ca/hand-signals.
- Keep your wits: Smart choices, good judgment, constant vigilance and sharp reactions are the four keys to snowmobiling without incident.
- Keep right: By choosing to deliberately and constantly keep your sled on the

- right side of the trail, you’ll dramatically increase your chances of staying out of harm’s way.
- Know before you go: No ice is completely safe. If you choose to cross anyway, you can reduce the personal risk you are accepting. Always cross in good visibility conditions and try to follow a stake line and/or previously beaten track. Never cross alone. Keep a sharp eye out for ice heaves and ice roads.
 - Be prepared: The best plans will have you prepared in the event that an incident occurs. You can help ensure your personal safety with preparations like filing a ride plan before leaving home, carrying a reliable communications device and a personal tracking unit, always riding with an emergency/survival kit and to packing spare parts and a tow rope.



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150 for Canada and Shelburne & District Fair – Pioneer Ways to Modern Days



Sue and Bruce Peterson were recognized with the 2016 Service Award at the Shelburne Agricultural Society's Annual General Meeting of the Shelburne & District Fall Fair on Friday. **SUPPLIED PHOTO**

BY MARNI WALSH

2017 will be a milestone year for both Canada and the Shelburne & District Fair. Sue Peterson, Secretary for the Shelburne Agricultural Society, says the organization is looking forward to the upcoming 150th celebration. “Not only is Canada celebrating 150 years, the Shelburne Fair is as well,” she says. At the Annual General Meeting (AGM) last Friday, January 20th, long-time volunteer Karen Wallace reported “a great turnout and good discussion about the 2017 fair which is being held on September 15, 16 and 17.” Plans have already begun for the fall event, says Ms. Wallace, “with a move toward a more traditional fair with the theme 150 years: Pioneer Ways to Modern Days.” Events suggested include a spelling bee and corn husking competitions, along with the popular petting zoo, hog calling and rooster crowing events. The smash up derby and lawnmower races are crowd favourites and staples of the fair that will, of course, return in 2017. Ms. Peterson says the Board is looking to add more items to the 2017 fair itinerary, discussing the possibility of a dedicated area to enjoy your lunch, more food vendors, and expanding the petting zoo for the children.

Five new directors were elected at the AGM, and thanks went out to those directors who have “given much of their time in the past,” says Sue Peterson. Those recognized for their dedication and service included Sue and her husband – and Fair President – Bruce Peterson. The couple received the 2016 Service Award at the AGM. “We were truly surprised and not expecting this at all,” says Ms. Peterson. She says she and Bruce “both enjoy what we do for the Shelburne Fair.” Bruce Peterson has been Fair President for the past three years and will become the Past President this upcoming year as Larry Braiden steps into the role as the newly elected President. Sue says Bruce “has helped with every aspect of putting the fair together.” Sue has also been involved in the fair for a number of years and has served as the Secretary along with being the Vice President of the Home Craft Division last year and this upcoming year. “We both enjoy those we work with on the board and would invite anyone who would like to get involved in the Shelburne Fair to contact us,” say Sue and Bruce. For more information about the Shelburne & District 150th Annual Fall Fair, visit shelburne-fair.com.



On hand, and surrounded by owner of Shelburne Home Hardware Bill Gillam and staff to receive the astonishing donation in the amount of \$12,500 for Donate a Plate, are Emily Darling of CDDHS, Wendy Clarke of Hyland Heights ES, Nicole Patton of Primrose ES, Lori Shilvock of Centennial Hylands ES, Neil Kingdom, Child and Youth Worker at HHES, CHES and PES, as well as Anita Macfarlane, Community Program Director of Children's Foundation, and Heather Verpaalen, Student Nutrition Program Manager of Children's foundation. **PHOTO BY MICHELLE JANZEN**

Donate A Plate raises \$12,500 for local breakfast programs

BY MICHELLE JANZEN

Thanks to Shelburne Home Hardware, and generous donations from customers, contractors and staff, they have reached their goal – benefiting local breakfast club programs. The Breakfast Club program is run at each of the local schools as a way for children to get their day off to a good start. Whether if there is no food at home, or your cupboards are full, this program welcomes all. It is a way for students to get together and spend quality time socializing with their peers. Only costing \$1.75 per day to feed each child, owner of Shelburne Home Hardware, Bill Gillam, once again put out the challenge from December 1 – 31, pledging to match community donations up to \$5,000.

All five of the local schools – Centennial Hylands, Hyland Heights, Glenbrook and Primrose Elementary Schools, as well as Center Dufferin District High School – are all benefiting, with each of the schools holding a Breakfast Program every morning, currently attended by well over 300 children daily. “It is absolutely amazing what Bill Gillam has done again for this program,” says Heather Verpaalen, Student Nutrition Program Manager for the Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington. “With the program only receiving 15 per cent of their funding its initiatives like these that make the program possible. With some participation numbers doubling in last couple of years, these funds are greatly needed and will be split between all of the participating schools.”

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Dufferin Child and Family Services offers single session walk in counselling for children and youth under 18. The service is free, voluntary and confidential.

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The Talk-In Clinic is on Tuesdays from 1pm-7pm at DCAFS office located at 655 Riddell Road, Orangeville.

Dufferin Child and Family Services

Dufferin Child and Family Services is a multiservice agency providing Child and Youth Mental Health, Developmental Support and Child Protection Services to residents of Dufferin County.

Child and Youth Mental Health Services are provided to Dufferin residents under 18 and their families. The Talk-In Clinic is the main way to access service. Any Tuesday between 1pm-7pm you may visit DCAFS office at 655 Riddell Road for a single-session walk-in counselling session. The service is voluntary, confidential, and free of charge. For immediate crisis response service call 519-941-1530, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week or go directly to the hospital.

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Child Protection Services are available for times when there is risk of harm or neglect for children. When a request for help or a report is made to Dufferin Child and Family Services that a child has been or is suspected of being mistreated or harmed, a Child Protection Worker will become involved by speaking with everyone in the family to determine what is happening and what services may be of help to enhance the family's strengths and reduce potential risk factors. If you suspect child abuse or neglect report the information to Dufferin Child and Family Services at 519-941-1530, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

A common concern that clinicians often getasked about is children and youth who are feeling depressed and how to cope with such feelings.

Parents are worried about their child/youth who is expressing feelings of sadness. Our clinicians remind parents and children/youth that a range of feelings are normal; that everyone experiences uncomfortable feelings at times and that learning how to manage big feelings is often a life long challenge. Children and youth don't have it down yet, so in times of big feelings they may need their parent's support to help them understand and process their feelings and to let them know that this struggle is normal. For example, we don't want

young people to think something is "wrong" with them just because of having uncomfortable feelings at times.

Also, it is important for parents and youth to consider how things are generally going in the child/youth's life and whether they have a balance of the kinds of activities and opportunities that support positive mental health (i.e. exercise, sleep, self-care, social opportunities, friends, family time, etc.) There can be quick wins for a young person's mood if these elements are well balanced.

Parents are welcome to come to the talk-in clinic on their own to discuss how to support positive mental health of their child/youth.

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Shelburne teens reflect on Indigenous events



KAIROS Kitchen cooks at last week's Indigenous Blanket Exercise included Sub-Region representative for KAIROS Grey-Bruce, Wellington and Dufferin County Jim Lindsay, KAIROS member Elisabeth Leikermoser, helpers Kayla Cruikshank and Sarah Bannon of Shelburne, and KAIROS member Ruth Cruikshank.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

BY MARNI WALSH

The Indigenous Blanket Exercise at St. Mark's Church in Orangeville on January 22 drew a large crowd of area residents interested in learning more about the truth behind First Nations history in Canada.

Among those attending were three young Shelburne students – Kayla and Ella Cruikshank and Sarah Bannon.

The girls attended with Kayla and Ella's grandmother Ruth Cruikshank, a long time member of KAIROS Dufferin.

KAIROS is a non-profit ecumenical group working for human rights and ecological justice. KAIROS teamed up with the Headwaters Indigenous Awareness Group and local churches to sponsor "The Blanket Exercise" with the aim of helping the Truth and Reconciliation Commission process to move forward.

Before attending the Blanket Exercise, 14-year-old Kayla, a Grade 9 student at Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS), told the Shelburne Free Press she "had no idea how badly the First Nations were treated on the land that was theirs to

begin with."

Lynne Thackwray, Anglican priest at St. Mark's Church, says the Indigenous Awareness Group hoped to "address the myths that have been perpetuated for so many years and set the record straight."

"We hope to help restore relationships by actively responding to the recommendations of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission," she said.

Added Kayla: "We put the blankets on the ground and that acted as Canada. Slowly, the blankets shrunk and the actors died as a result of the Europeans. I found the exercise very educational. My grandma, Ruth Cruikshank, helped with the meal which was Three Sisters soup, corn chowder and bean soup as well as bannock."

Participants at the event read from scripts as the voices of First Nations people, describing their way of life and events that affected and destroyed that existence; most prominently the arrival of Europeans, treaties, land appropriation and forced assimilation.

As their history unfolded, blankets representing their once vast tribal nations were scattered and many disappeared.

The facilitator for the Blanket Exercise was Dai-

sy Radigan, Divinity Minister and Talking Circle leader. Mi'kmaq musician and educator Cathy Elliott drummed and sang a song about "being together" said Ruth Cruikshank.

Kayla's younger sister, 11 year old Ella Cruikshank, a Grade 6 student at Glenbrook Elementary, also attended.

"There was tons of music and it was very interactive," said Ella. "Many of us learned a lot and my grandpa Henderson played the role of the Christian European."

An important recommendation coming out of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report last year called for a new and accurate school curriculum teaching the indigenous experience and their contributions to Canada.

The Blanket Exercise initiative is now being used to shed light on a very dark side of Canadian history inside Ontario classrooms.

"My thoughts about the blanket exercise are that

it was a very unique and creative way to demonstrate what happened to the First Nations when the Europeans came to Canada," said 13-year-old Sarah Bannon, a Grade 8 student at Glenbrook Elementary, who accompanied the Cruikshanks for the experience.

"The exercise had audience participation, music, and time to share your feelings," she said. "It was a great learning opportunity for people of all ages and I am thankful that I went."

All the girls agreed that the event made for "a very fun and educational afternoon."

Sub-region representative for KAIROS Grey-Bruce, Wellington and Dufferin County Jim Lindsay says the event is "in keeping with KAIROS' strategic plan for 2016-2020.

"We are trying to encourage reconciliation, which means a change in attitude, increased education and a change in our relationship with indigenous peoples," he said.

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BY MARNI WALSH

Teens sample the Tastes of Shelburne

Just before Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) students left for holidays last month, they had the opportunity to explore some delicious culinary dishes during "Tastes of Shelburne" week.

The school ran the event from December 12 - 15, which Guidance Counsellor Sue Trowell says was aimed at "celebrating our diversity in the best way possible – food!"

Foods and cultures featured during the event included: Caribbean cuisine provided by Bliss Tropical Cuisine on Hwy 89, featuring Chef Dawn Apple; East Indian cuisine provided by Suraiya Kashif, proprietor of Shelmart; Local fare provided by Landman Gardens and Bakery, with Rebecca Landman well known for her weekly booth at the Shelburne Farmer's Market and her unique culinary experiences at Black House on her family's farm; and First Nations cuisine prepared by CDDHS Chef Harris, Hospitality and Tourism teacher.

Bite sized fare was available to students at no charge, delivering a different taste each day, including jerk chicken, sa-



mosas, soups and venison.

Featured in the photos (Top) students Hannah McGowan, Aimee Squirrell, Rebecca Landman of Landman Gardens and Bakery and student Brendan Stanton.

(Above) CDDHS Chef Harris with students Kathryn Muench, Frances Lalli, Abby Scott and Hannah Hutchings in the second photo.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS



Coaches and executive from Shelburne Minor Hockey welcomed 47 new players to the game during the opening of the First Shift program held on Thursday, January 12, at the Royal Canadian Legion in Shelburne. The program offers youngsters the chance to suit up for hockey and get on-ice training at a nominal cost.

PHOTO BY FIRST SHIFT

First Shift program welcomes new players on the ice

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

It’s probably the most popular sport in Canada, and likely the most expensive to play when you figure in the cost of ice time, league fees, and equipment.

But hockey, of course, is more than just a game in the Great White North.

The First Shift program offers young players the chance to suit up and get on the ice at a nominal cost to see if they like the sport.

Locally, the First Shift event was held at the Royal Canadian Legion in Shelburne on Thursday, January 12, and it was a full house, with all available positions filled.

Organized by Hockey Canada and sponsored by Canadian Tire and Bauer - who supplied the equipment - young players were suited up from

top to bottom in hockey equipment for a nominal cost of \$199.

“We’ve got 47 kids signed up with the program,” explained event organizer Jonathan Geiring, President of Shelburne Wolves Minor Hockey. “This program is designed to attract new people to the sport of hockey. It’s designed for kids ages six- to ten-years-old who have never played hockey before. There are only two prerequisites for the program: they have to be that age and have never played the sport of hockey.”

As most people involved in the sport know, suiting up a hockey player can cost a lot. But what happens if you shell out the big bucks and your child decides it just isn’t for them?

The First Shift program allows families to give it a try at a reasonable cost.

“Bauer is a sports equipment manufacturer

who is donating all the equipment to this program,” Mr. Geiring said. “For \$199 the kids come to this event and get fitted from head to toe in hockey equipment, from skates, knee pads, socks, jerseys, helmets, and sticks, the whole nine yards. They get six one-hour on ice sessions starting in February where we go through the fundamentals of hockey and explain the rules and teach them how to skate.”

Many coaches and staff from Shelburne Minor Hockey were involved in the event, which brought in kids not only from Shelburne but from around the region, and as far away as Collingwood.

In an interesting sign of the times, about half the kids who registered were girls.

Girls’ hockey has really evolved over the past several years, with more and more young females enjoying the sport.

“Upon completion of the program, the kids all get to keep their hockey equipment and we welcome them back and we hope they sign up with their respective hockey associations,” Mr. Geiring said.

Judging from the enthusiasm displayed by the kids as they suited up, minor hockey ranks are going to have quite a few new players come next season.

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The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior basketball team hosted Emmanuel Christian High School in the gym at CDDHS on Monday, January 16. The Royals came out on top with a 50-20 win in this game.

PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals take on Emmanuel Christian High School in the gym at CDDHS on Monday, January 16. The Royals left the court with a 43-27 win. The CDDHS juniors are in first place in the District 4 standings with a 6-1 record.

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She has been playing the sport since she was five years old.

“I like everything about it. I like getting in the zone and the speed. I like the passion of the sport,” Emily said of why she likes playing hockey.

She also plays outside of school with the Orangeville Tigers hockey club.

Emily plans to continue with the sport and hopefully will play at the collegiate level.

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“I will keep marching until people are not ashamed to be who they are, until people stop fearing for their lives, until equality is achieved,” says demonstrator

Continued from FRONT

“Since coming to university, I have taken many classes in the Gender Studies department and I have learned in depth about the discrimination towards people of colour and LGBTQ+ people around the world. While studying this, I have learned about the progress society has made regarding equality to people of colour and the LGBTQ+ community, but with some of Donald Trump’s policies threatening this progress, I knew I had to go to Washington to try and help support those people whose rights and freedoms are being threatened.”

And that support, says Brandy, was warmly received on the ground. One of their most memorable experiences was pausing for a photo as they approached the U.S. Capitol. They stopped and made a deal with a fellow demonstrator that if they took her photo she would take theirs.

Then, the woman saw the sign Brandy and Alessandra were carrying, which said, “Sisters of the North.”

“Before I could finish [telling her where we were from] she grabbed my hand, squeezed it tight, and thanked us for being there,” recalls Brandy. “She told us that it meant so much to her that we came from so far to support some- things so near to her heart. Before they left, the lady I was talking to hugged me, thanked me once more, and said, ‘Welcome to Wash- ington.’ That struck me so hard because I had no idea that my presence there would be so appreciated.

“I did not know what to expect when going to Washington. In fact, I was a little nervous that going there was putting myself in danger, since the day before there were such violent protests. However, there was not one act of violence or hate. It was just one big ‘love-in’ and the interaction we had with those ladies was just one small example of that.”

Alessandra agrees that the common refrain of “thank you” was a very memorable take- away.

“They were almost surprised that Cana- dians would cross the border to attend the March,” she says. “I think a lot of it has to do with people associating these issues with the American President. Although he has been the cause of an increase in public racism,

sexism, etc. These are worldwide issues, and have always been around, but Trump has only heightened them.”

Of course, an American President’s term of office is four years and Alessandra and Brandy say there is still work to be done.

“This was not a one-day movement, so we will keep marching,” says Alessandra. “Every day we all need to be making progress with these issues, especially now that Trump is president and he has already re-introduced the ban on international funding for abortions. Millions of people in developing coun- tries use dangerous abortion methods when they don’t have the funds. Without American funding, this number will increase.”

Adds Brandy: “[President Trump] needs to make an effort with the people and show that he cares. He can’t just talk the talk, he has to walk the walk too. He needs to go out into communities to talk to the people, and by people I do not just mean the rich white men of America, but everybody – all people of col- our, religions, sexualities, etc., and really get to know them, connect with them, and learn what they want.

“I will keep marching until people are not ashamed to be who they are anymore, until people stop fearing for their lives, and until equality for all is achieved, however long that takes.”



Brandy Davis and Alessandra Schlums at the Washington Monument **SUBMITTED PHOTO**



Peewee Wolves are Muskoka Rock champs!

The cheers of the Shelburne Wolves Pee- wee Rep players, coaches, family and friends echoed from the Port Carling arena on Sun- day, January 8, as they defeated the Twin Centre Stars with a dominant 5-1 victory to take The Muskoka Rock Tournament Cham- pionship.

This team participated in a three game round robin Friday and Saturday, before heading into the championship game on Sun- day.

After the round robin, the Wolves found themselves tied for first place with an impres- sive 3-0 record. The final game started off even with a quick back and forth game. But, in the end, Twin Centre just could not com- pete with the speed and skill of the Wolves.

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The players are led by Team Captain: Grif- fin St. Pierre, Alternate: Tyler O’Neill, Al- ternate: Griffin Ladner, Alternate: Nicholas Carson-Pedri, Marcus Carvahlo, Cal Stinson, Mason Way, Colin Sillars, Raeburn Neid- zwiecki, Nolan Hopkins, Tyler Higginson, Carter Prins, Jack Moylan, Tucker Cunning- ton and the amazing netminder T. J. Wil- son-DaPonte.

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16:9. Where Paul received the vision to go over to Macedonia and help.

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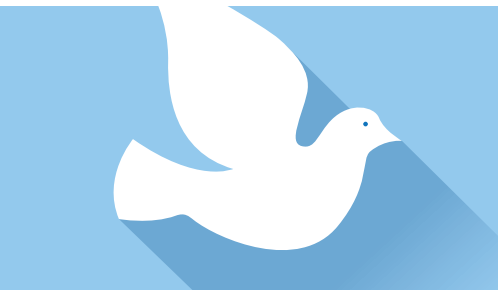
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Our hearts are full of gratitude when we say thank you to family members, friends and neighbours for all the acts of kindness and sympathy: phone calls, cards, visits, flowers and kind words spoken to our family regarding the recent passing of a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Hans Cosack.

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Shelburne Library News

BY ROSE DOTTEN

Our Walk the Wall Challenge continues with great success, so much so that we’ve brought in 20 more pedometers for you sign out. The more the merrier! As of the time we wrote this article, our patrons have walked 1.75 million steps! Keep up the great work!

Friday, January 27 is Family Literacy Day and we have lots of fun events planned for the whole family. Story Time attendees (ages 2+) are invited to bring their favourite stuffed toy, and even leave it with us for a sleepover at the library! Stuffies can then be picked up on Saturday, January 28, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

On Family Literacy Day, for the whole family, we will host a whacky word game of Kahoot! and demonstrating how to make ice cream in a bag! Bring mitts; it’s going to be chilly!

BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

We know you’ve all been waiting for its return: Blind Date with a Book 2017 will launch on Thursday, January 26! Not sure what to read next? Tired of the genre you normally read? This is a great chance to try a book without judging the cover. Just come in, read the hints on your “date’s” packaging, and sign it out without knowing the title!

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

Story Time is this Friday, January 27, at 10.30 am and it is all about Teddy bears and bears in general, so bring a teddy bear to Story Time and, because it is Family Literacy Day, the bears can stay for a sleepover at the Library.

We are looking for children who would like to participate in the Paws to Read program with Mac the lovable, therapeutic poodle who loves to listen to children read to him. Sign up today for a 15 minute session with Mac on Wed. from 3:30 to 4:30 pm

LEGO Club has started again on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30 pm for any child from Grade 1 and up.

The Super Readers Club has begun and runs for six weeks; this is for children from JK to Grade 6, on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Come in and join up for reading, crafts, and awards.

Great new picture books and junior fiction books have arrived, so drop in and see us or call 519-925-2168 for more information.

TEEN SCENE

We would like to wish all those completing exams this week the best of luck! Last week, our

Teens made epic wall decorations, and you’d be surprised how amazing their giant arrows turned out after a little gold paint was applied.

Writer’s Café will continue on Tuesday, January 31, from 3:30 – 4:30 pm, however there will be no Pizza and Pages meeting on Thursday, January 26, nor a Teen Scene meeting on February 2. Teen Scene will resume February 9 alongside our White Pine reading club launch party from 6- 7 p.m

NEW BOOKS AND NEW LITERARY EVENTS

Canoe Country by Roy McGregor is this year’s One Book, One County Reads selection. We have several copies available for you to sign out. Mark April 9 on your calendar for the Grand Finale at Dufferin County Museum and Archives.

In conjunction with this book and as a precursor to the April Grand Finale, we will be hosting Al Pace and Lin Ward at our Library Literary Event on Sunday, March 5, 2017. This will be a very engaging presentation for anyone interested in the outdoors, wildlife, canoes and so much more.

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Ian Hamilton’s latest book, The Couturier of Milan is a great read if you are an Ava Lee fan. Once again, Ian and Ava do not disappoint. New intrigues and Ava’s skills at outwitting one of the foremost businessmen designers make for a fast paced and exciting read.

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Molly’s Game leaves entrepreneur a starstruck movie extra

BY MICHELLE JANZEN

Recently, local entrepreneur Jamie-Lee Higginson of Prim Pickens’ was at the Beaver Valley Ski Club as it was transformed into a major feature film.

Based on the Molly Bloom’s memoir entitled “Molly’s Game: From Hollywood’s Elite to Wall Street’s Billionaire Boys Club, My High-Stakes Adventure in the World of Underground Poker,” the film is about a beautiful, young Olympic-class skier who ran the world’s most exclusive high-stakes, most exclusive poker game Hollywood had ever seen.

Everyone wanted in. Few, however, were invited to play.

Hundreds of millions of dollars were won and lost at her table.

Molly’s game became the game for those in the know, celebrities, business moguls, sports stars and, unbeknownst to her, the Russian mob.

Molly staged her games in palatial suites with beautiful views and exquisite amenities. She flew privately, dined at exclusive restaurants, hobnobbed with the heads of Hollywood studios, was courted by handsome leading men, and was privy to the world’s most delicious gossip, until it all came crashing down around her in the middle of the night by 17 FBI agents wielding automatic weapons.

Her only ally was her criminal defense lawyer, who learns that there’s much more to Molly than the tabloids lead us to believe.

In this movie, screenwriter Aaron Sorkin will be making his directorial debut and the film stars Jessica Chastain, Kevin Costner

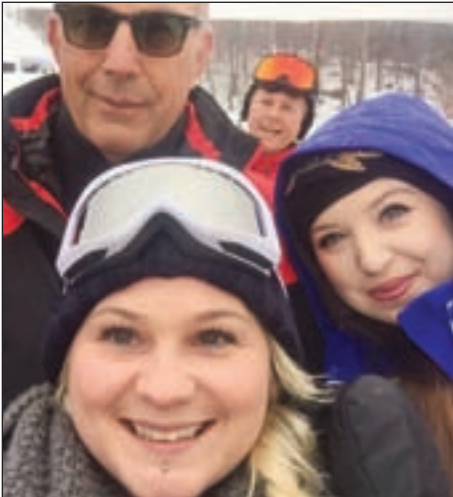
and Idris Elba.

Shooting took place at the Beaver Valley Ski Club over three days, from January 16 to 18, where Jamie-Lee tells us there were more than 350 extras on the set.

“It was amazing to see just how much detail went into each shoot,” says Jamie-Lee. “The number of people involved, the amount of trucks and the logistics of it all was very impressive.”

Jamie-Lee estimates she spent forty hours in total on the set of this movie which currently has no scheduled release date.

When asked what her most memorable moment on the set was, Jamie-Lee excitedly says “Kevin Costner was so nice. He laughed and joked with as all and at one point showed us a photo of a dog that’s his wife just got without him knowing.”



On the set of Molly's Game being filmed at Beaver Valley Ski Club are (back row) Kevin Costner, Emily Fischl and (front row) Jamie-Lee Higginson of Prim Pickens.

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Down and Derby was held this past Saturday evening at the Shelburne Legion to support the local Cub Scouts in Shelburne. With approximately 25 entries in two categories, it was anybody’s guess as to who would win by just looking at these Kar creations. While the entrants and spectators enjoyed a dinner prior to the actual race, it was evident that this was for more than just fun for a few of the entrants. From left to right (back) Stephanie Avery, who won for Prettiest Kar, Steve Arnold who won for Manliest Kar, Sharon O’Gorman, who won for official Kub Kar rules and Jeff Pryma who won the open class and was the overall winner. (front) Linda Rayburn, who won for the Kar that most represented Shelburne (a “Road Closed” sign, pictured right), and Kim Arnold won for having the slowest Kar.

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