

CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH: Shelburne Councillor Steve Anderson is hoping to educate local residents regarding the importance of both recognizing and celebrating the community's cultural diversity. February is Black History Month and the community's first black councillor spoke to the Free Press about some of the individuals who paved the way for him, including Rosemary Brown (first black Canadian woman to be elected to the Canadian provincial legislature) and Jean Augustine (first African-Canadian woman to be elected to the Canadian House of Commons and first to serve in the federal Cabinet). The Shelburne Public Library will have a special Black History Month display throughout the month of February.



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Anatomy of an OPP costing - dispelling the myths

Written By **PETER RICHARDSON**

In the recent past and in the coming heard about the impending OPP Costing for policing services, requested by Shelburne Town Council. As with any such domestic discussion there are and will be strong opinions held on both sides - those in favour and those against the process. There are also a number of inaccuracies and complete myths that are perpetually propagated by both intention, then, of this piece is to dispel those factual dissertation concerning what an OPP Costing is and is not.

To look back, the origins of this procedure new and expanded police accommodations. tag, and a pretty big one at that, running in excess of \$8 million. In terms of the municipal tax rate, this would constitute a hefty increase of some 13 percent based upon for wireless (read radio) communications. this year's budget calculations, which deter-

duty to source every option to reduce and or load data, an analysis of deployment issues, eliminate that crippling of an increase.

Which brings us to the request for a costmonths, a lot has been heard and will be ing, from the OPP, for contract policing of accommodations, resources and services Shelburne. But what exactly constitutes a in order to meet adequacy standards. Once costing procedure and how does it work? To begin, a costing is, in essence, an estimate as to what it would cost to have the town policed by the OPP, as opposed to the current, local force. The process by which a costing comes about is a three step procedure, as laid out by the Ministry of Community Safety and sides, to try and support their opinion. The Correctional Services, or MCSCS, and the Police Services Act. It begins with a request myths and to try and present an accurate and by the Town Council to the Minister for an OPP costing. Once approved by the Ministry the process begins immediately.

The first stage is an assessment. With the in Shelburne relate solely to the need for co-operation of the Municipality, the OPP evaluates every aspect of policing the com-To quote Mayor Bennington, "Shelburne has munity, from accommodations, to equipan accommodation problem, not a policing ment, manpower, infrastructure, superviproblem". However, that problem has a price sion, administration, support services and any special requirements such as court security, or suspect/criminal transportation. They also will assess the current network capacity

The second stage of the costing, is an mined that the sum of \$60,000 equated to actual contract proposal. Four key areas are approximately 1 percent of the total budget. investigated in order to facilitate this step. Given that fact alone, Council had a fiduciary They are: collection and analysis of the work-

a community consultation and needs analysis and, finally, the identification of required completed, a detailed proposal with all the possible options is presented to the municipality for their consideration. All OPP contracts are based upon a fair-cost recovery. If the proposal is accepted, the municipality will then enter into a contract with the MCSCS to provide OPP policing services.

The final stage is the amalgamation and transition from the existing force to the OPP. In general, this stage will take approximately twenty to thirty weeks.

So,what does this all mean to the Town of Shelburne and it's residents and it's existing police force? To begin with, it will not mean the loss of the existing officers' jobs. Neither will it mean a reduction in the quality and level of policing, nor will it mean that residents will not have their concerns addressed in a timely, professional and accommodating manner. The streets of Shelburne will be just as safe, the same friendly faces will be around town and, potentially, the cost of policing will be lowered.

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ROYAL LEPAGE



Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones won't run, will remain neutral throughout PC leadership contest

Written By MIKE PICKFORD

confirmed she will not be putting her name mer Prime Minister Brian Mulroney – and ue on in this role if the people elect me to do something she looks back on with disapforward as a potential replacement for former Ontario PC leader Patrick Brown, noting she will also remain neutral throughout race, have signalled their intent to run. the party's leadership process, which will end on March 10.

found themselves leaderless in the wake of Nippissing MPP Vic Fedeli as Interim Leader, while Ms. Jones and MPP for Leeds-Grenville Steve Clark will remain as deputy leaders at least for the time being.

vincial PCs, announced a new permanent spend outside of their communities. I am

leader would be selected on March 10. As of not prepared to do that," Ms. Jones said. press time, former Toronto councillor Doug "I truly love what I do right here in Duffer- she was sent to face the Toronto media, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones has Ford, Caroline Mulroney – daughter of for- in-Caledon and I'm really excited to contin- alongside Mr. Clark, Ms. Jones says it isn't former MPP Christine Elliott, who finished second to Mr. Brown in the 2015 leadership

Speaking to the Free Press on Wednesday (Feb. 7), Ms. Jones expressed her belief that It has been a whirlwind start to the new it will remain a three-person race heading year for the Progressive Conservatives, who into the membership vote. Party members will have the opportunity to vote for the Mr. Brown's resignation on Jan. 25 following person they would like to see as their next claims of sexual misconduct against two leader from March 2 to 8. When asked if she women. The PC caucus quickly selected had considered running for the position, Ms. Jones was firm in her answer, stating she had "other priorities" as a provincial politician.

"I have worked for two leaders of the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party and Jag Badwal, interim president of the pro- I know just how much time they have to



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so in June."

It may be easy to forget with all the hubbut a provincial election is now less than she was asked to do. six months away, scheduled to be held on throughout the leadership race, Ms. Jones candidates.

and she did finish second in the previous leadership race, she has announced she will didacy was Doug Ford. He is the only one I candidate is Caroline Mulroney. Because of my role on the Ontario campaign team, I have been training some potential candidates for the last year and a bit and I have Ms. Jones hopes to see interest in the race met with Caroline several times and know her a little bit."

we see come forward, just because it is such a close and fast race."

will likely focus on individuals more open to going to work. There has definitely been an lending him their support.

"At this point all of the candidates know process," Ms. Jones added.

While it has been two weeks now since pointment or regret, or even something she considered as particularly daunting or chalbub surrounding the Ontario PCs right now, lenging, reiterating she simply did the job

"I don't think this period has been as chal-June 7. While she, along with Mr. Fedeli and lenging as some of the issues I've been fight-Mr. Clark, has been asked to remain neutral ing for in Dufferin-Caledon over the years. When your caucus colleagues ask you and did offer up some comments on the three the other deputy leader to go and talk to the Toronto media and answer all the questions "Christine Elliott has most recently been not being answered by anyone else, yes, it serving as the Ontario Patient Ombudsman was a short night in terms of sleep, but we do what we have to do," Ms. Jones said.

Referencing Mr. Brown and what she debe back in once again this time," Ms. Jones scribed as the "shocking" revelations comsaid. "The first individual to declare his can- ing out about his private life, Ms. Jones noted the party had no other choice but to don't know and have not yet met. The third accept his resignation, feeling the PCs "dealt with the situation appropriately".

> With three very different candidates putting their name forward for party leadership, increase as we get closer to the vote.

"What has been interesting is how many She added, "At this point I think those are people locally have rejoined or expressed going to be the only three candidates that their excitement in participating in this leadership vote. I think there has been a bit of a resurgence in wanting to participate in the Ms. Jones noted she would be more than process," Ms. Jones said. "Locally, I have willing to meet with Mr. Ford should he been getting a lot of people reaching out wish to do so, although she recognized he and asking about the process and how it's increased interest in Dufferin-Caledon."

For more information on how to get in-I will remain neutral throughout this entire volved in the vote for the next Ontario PC leader, visit www.ontariopc.com.

Opportunity for input on Greenbelt expansion at Orangeville Open House

Written By MARNI WALSH

Alia Jalbert the Chair of The North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce dren to grow up in. It is not a perfect pro-(NDACT) urges Dufferin residents to "attend posal, but it is a very important start to the the February 8th Open House, hosted by the dialogue. She urges the public to read the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, proposal at www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page17658. concerning the proposed expansion of the aspx, and bring questions to the meeting. Greenbelt." The Open House will provide "Please, get involved and stay involved," citizens with an opportunity for questions she says. "Regardless of who is steering and input on the proposal, which seeks to our beautiful province in the years to come, protect green space and source waters for these improvements benefit us all now and future generations. NDACT and the Food & Water First of our homes, villages, towns and cities." movement want residents to be aware of the tremendous growth forecast in the next detail, while the public consultation process 25 years in the Greater Golden Horseshoe seeks input on: area. The population is forecasted to grow by approximately 50% or more than 4 mil- fying moraines, coldwater streams and wetlion people. NDACT says, "This growth will lands as important features for protecting place tremendous pressure on our water re- water in the outer ring sources." The government of Ontario established study area based on the locations of these the Greenbelt in 2005 to provide permanent features protection to approximately 810,000 hectares of green space, farmland, communities, when mapping a proposed Greenbelt boundforests, wetlands, and watersheds. The cur- ary, such as accommodating forecasted poprent study area is based on the locations in ulation and employment growth, and other the outer ring of the GTA with the highest provincial interests including agriculture, concentrations of important water resourc- natural heritage, mineral aggregates and ines under pressure from current or forecast- frastructure, and any other local considered urban growth. "We know that our lakes, rivers, wetlands and aquifers are essential for clean drinking water, agricultural viability, ecosystem ages residents to come out to the Greenbelt health and climate change mitigation, including reducing flood risks," says the grass reports, citizen engagement is the key to roots organization. "Urbanization and hu- building healthy and resilient communities," man activities can negatively impact these she says. "You have an opportunity to have water features, affecting their functions, and causing water quality and quantity issues. pansion. Get informed and weigh in. Your Making sure we have the right protections opinion matters." in place for our water resources can help ensure the long-term success of our region."

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The document describes the proposal in

The Province's approach to identi-

The process followed for mapping a

Other factors to be considered ations

Shirley Boxem, Lead for Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA) also encouropen house. "As indicated in our well-being your say with regards to the Greenbelt ex-

The Open House will run from 5:30 pm - 8:30 pm at Tony Rose Memorial Sports Alia Jalbert says, "This expansion seeks to Centre, 6 Northmen Way in Orangeville on



Continued from FRONT bv Peter Richardson

Anatomy of an OPP costing proposal - dispelling the myths

in good standing will be offered the oppor- and a host of others. Many forces, including and responsibly frugal. Considering an OPP proposal process moves forward over the tunity to apply for an OPP position. They Shelburne's rely on the OPP for these types costing is, at this time, a responsibly prudent coming months. will fill out an application and go through of services, at the present time. a background and security check prior to being offered employment. Senior officers, for residents and Council. A big question is those with the rank of Sergeant and above, always response time. Although the OPP will follow the same procedure, but will also be subjected to a Rank Level Determination that they do not start and finish a response process, to identify the rank they will hold in the OPP. Although their jobs will not be guaranteed, civilian employees will be able to apply for any civilian opportunities that the same as they are now. How can that be, may be required following amalgamation.

sibilities and procedures in relation to Shel- regardless of their home detachment. The burne will be determined by the Shelburne vehicle "closest to the call" is the one dis-Police Services Board, after consultation patched. This is part of the OPP's integrated with the Detachment Commander. In the detachment policing model, referred to as case of Shelburne, that will be the Dufferin borderless policing. Detachment Commander based in Primrose. How the town will be policed and what cated, this is also not the case. Except in types of police services will be offered are very rare circumstances, all uniformed offiall laid out in the final contract. How Shelburne is policed will still be the responsibility of the existing Police Services Board. To make this as clear as possible, this is the familiar face that you see now, will still be relevant section of the Police Services Act, there after amalgamation, should it occur. as it relates to the role of the Police Services Although the OPP does not mandate that an Board, under a section 10 contract, for OPP policing services.

Role of board

(9) If one or more municipalities enters volunteer positions. into an agreement under this section, the board or joint board shall advise the Ontario money. Will the OPP budget be accurate and Provincial Police detachment commander will it be adhered to? Will they deliver what assigned to the municipality or municipali- they agreed to and within budget. Although ties, or his or her designate, with respect to nothing involving this type of undertaking is police services in the municipality or munic- ever cast in stone, the reconciled 2015 and ipalities and shall,

detachment commander of the detachment 85 percent of communities policed by the assigned to the municipality or municipali- OPP. In the other 15 percent of communities;

priorities for police services, after consulta- undertakings, the single largest budget item tion with the detachment commander or his is always wages and benefits and the OPP is or her designate;

detachment commander or his or her des- quently, overtime and any added man-hours ignate, any local policies with respect to are going to rapidly affect the cost of policpolice services (but the board or joint board ing in a community. shall not establish provincial policies of the Ontario Provincial Police with respect to of Shelburne's population, the matter of fairpolice services);

detachment commander;

under section 49 (secondary activities);

under Part V and receive regular reports of OPP provided police service. from the detachment commander or his or her designate on his or her administration of is certainly an excellent force. They have the complaints system. services and equipment that no community serve the residents admirably. However, the this side of a major city could ever possibly reasons behind receiving a costing from the afford to offer. Under the PSA, there are OPP have nothing to do with the current basic services that a police force must offer quality of policing, in the town. Rather, it is a community set out in the Adequacy Stan- a matter of economics and, to some extent, dards. These include, crime prevention, law an economics of scale. Shelburne is facing enforcement, assistance to victims of crime, a major capital expenditure, should they public order maintenance and emergency elect to build a new headquarters for the response. Under each of these headings are existing force and that will not be the end a comprehensive list of must have require- of the expense. As a rapidly growing comments. If a force does not have the resources munity, the town will need more officers in house, they must be able to supply them and equipment, more infrastructure and from an authorized outside provider, and in a the list goes on. Shelburne has a limited tax timely fashion. Examples of these would be base therefore the logical option over raisbomb disposal, or a tactical unit (SWAT), or ing taxes is to enter into long term debt to a hostage rescue team. All of these services finance the project. Debt or higher taxes are are supplied by the OPP, not to mention, not things that a growing community wants canine units, air, marine and underwater to burden it's residents with. Council has a units, major crime and crime scene investi- fiscal responsibility to it's ratepayers and

Let's look at some actual policing concerns do not track response times, due to the fact from a central location, it is the opinion of the analyst in charge of the costing for Shelburne that these times are likely to remain one might ask? Well, the answer is that the Under the PSA, the OPP policing respon- OPP dispatches officers on a priority basis,

> In regards to existing officers being relocers in an amalgamated police service are offered employment to police the community they are currently serving in. So that officer live in the area they work, many do and often are actively involved in community activities and take leadership roles in

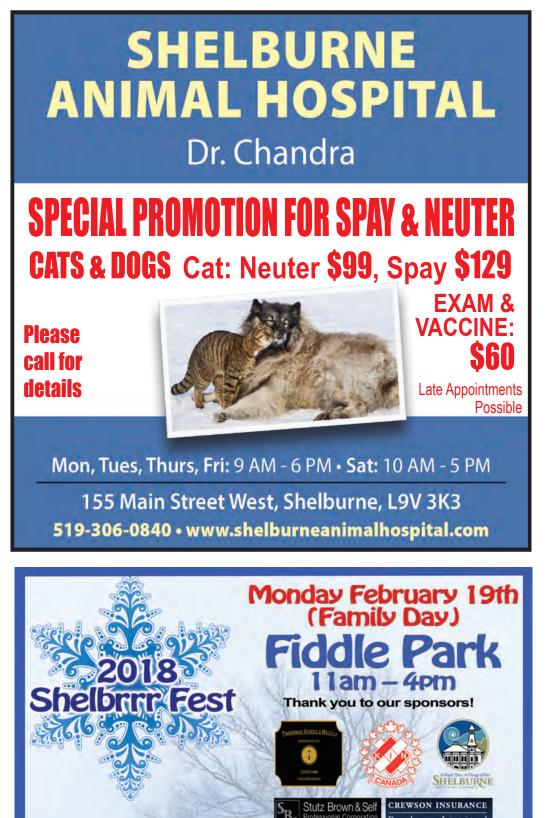
One of the big questions, is always the 2016 cost recoveries were within 1 percent (a) participate in the selection of the of the estimated costs, for approximately ties, the increases were due to overtime and (b) generally determine objectives and /or court security requirements. As with all no different. This line item accounts for 84 (c) establish, after consultation with the percent of the OPP operating budget. Conse-

With the ever growing and ethnic diversity ness and equality of treatment has been seen (d) monitor the performance of the as a potential issue by some councillors. The OPP were quick to point out that, as a force, (e) receive regular reports from the they are constantly building on inclusion detachment commander or his or her des- and diversity programs for both uniformed ignate on disclosures and decisions made and civilian members. Based on the 2017 **OPP** Community Satisfaction Survey, 96.9 (f) review the detachment commander's percent of respondents, were either very administration of the complaints system satisfied or satisfied with the overall quality

All uniform members of the existing force gation and reconstruction, cyber crime units the rest of the town, to be fiscally prudent tough decision on their hands as this costing undertaking.

> way the eventual vote lies, will have a last- pdf file. ing effect on the community. Council has a

More information can be found at www. All biases aside and without the myths and opp.ca and www.opp.ca/contractpolicing obfuscations, the decision has to be made as well as in the 2016 OPP Annual Report, and the consequences, no matter which available on the website as a downloadable



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Ottawa Journal: the Supporting New Parents Act

Written By DAVID TILSON

understand both the excitement of welcom- Canadian whose regular salary is \$50,000 ing a new child to the family, but also the would be about \$4,000. The tax credit is for financial pressures Canadian parents often EI maternity benefits and EI parental beneencounter. This is especially the case now fits. Such tax relief can have a considerable for new parents, as it's become more expen- impact on the costs associated in the care sive to raise a family under the current Lib- of a newborn for young Canadian families eral government. In response to the increas- by helping them keep more of their money ing costs of raising a family, the Honourable to help raise their children, and thus allevi-Andrew Scheer, Leader of the Official Oppo- ating some of the stress of welcoming a new sition, recently announced that we will offer child. tax relief to Canadian families by introducing the Supporting New Parents Act.

without a doubt a very important milestone lion families over the next few years. This for parents. However, this special time can means that by 2019, more than 90 per cent also raise financial pressures and concerns of middle-class families will pay more tax for parents with the additional costs for the than under the previous Conservative govcare of a newborn and the decision to take ernment which will place more pressure on a leave from work. Therefore, excitement Canadian families. can quickly turn into mounting stress for a parent(s). Presently, under the current duced by the Conservative Official Oppo-Liberal government, Canadians accessing sition is another example of us standing EI maternity benefits and EI parental pro- up for hardworking Canadian families. We grams still pay federal income tax on the understand the many challenges young fammoney they receive. This is why our leader, ilies face in welcoming a new child, includ-Andrew Scheer, announced the Supporting ing the increased cost of living under the New Parents Act on February 01, 2018 – to current Liberal government. We want to remove federal income tax from benefits help families with positive measures, which received under the Employment Insurance have a meaningful impact. Canadian fami-(EI) maternity and EI parental programs.

Parents Act would remove federal income ernment which has been shown to be out of tax from EI maternity and EI parental bene- touch with the needs and priorities of everyfits by providing a non-refundable tax credit day, ordinary Canadian families. for any income earned under these two pro-

grams. A non-refundable tax credit amounts to a 15 per cent tax rebate on these bene-We, the Conservative Official Opposition, fits. For example, the benefit to an average

New parents deserve support not taxation. We also know that Prime Minister The arrival of a new family member is Trudeau plans to raise taxes on 2.7 mil-

The Supporting New Parents Act introlies deserve this kind of strong, responsive More specifically, the Supporting New leadership, not more taxation from a gov-

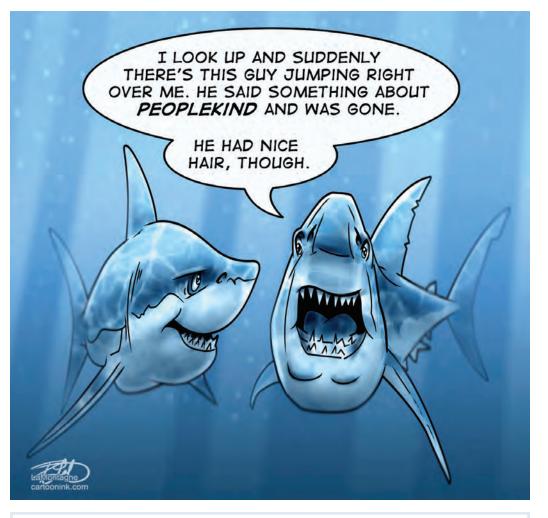
Shelburne Legion News

We did it!!!!! Way to go Shelburne, we Thurs Feb 22nd the Ladies Auxiliary is won singles, doubles and teams in District having their monthly luncheon with home darts last weekend. Congratulations Dar- made Spaghetti and Italian Meat Balls on ren Allen on getting the Crown, and to Gord the Menu. Fri Feb 23rd is another Red Fri-Mills, Guy Connelly and Darryl Scott.

February is a busy month for us. Friday Entertainment by Dufferin County Line things need to be discussed. Band beginning at 8:00pm. Saturday Feb 10th is our Annual Crokinole tournament, project will be to replace the North single 11th is our Sweet Heart Monthly Breakfast government to do this project. from 9:00am - 12:00pm. The first 50 ladies will receive a complimentary flower pro- put up in the Warriors Hall within the next vided by Petals Flower Co. their monthly meeting at 11:00am. Feb 17th training on Saturday March 3rd for \$60 per there is a In House Dart tournament, sign up person. If you are interested please come sheets are at the bar and the canteen will be in and put your name on the list. Payment open.

day Wing night with DJ Rob Martine.

Tues Feb 27th is our next General Meet-Feb 9th we have a Red Friday Wing Night, ing, we encourage all Members to attend. wings are served from 5:30pm - 9:30pm. Elections are just around the corner and



Legalizing pot a bad idea

MIKE PICKFORD THE MIC CHECK

When word started to come out a year or so ago that the federal government was considering legalizing marijuana, I was one of, I'm sure, thousands and thousands of people who refused to believe the hype.

"Nope, no way, no siree." That was pretty much what went through my head the first time I heard it might be a possibility. For me, there was absolutely no way the government, the body tasked with protecting and looking out for our best interests, would seemingly complete a monumental U-turn and give the thumbs up to a product I was told time and time and time again would ruin my life if I ever dared go near it.

that I never really did pick up on the habit a massive spike in the number of people that has almost become second nature for who give it a try similar to alcohol followmany from my generation, and indeed for ing the end of prohibition. many before. It is, therefore, a little concerning to me that there may not be anyone around to offer the same advice to generations in the future. Let's get one thing straight. Despite all the supposed 'scientific facts' that hipster marijuana enthusiasts like to point towards as proof that smoking up can actually benefit one's health, it's complete rubbish. Smoking marijuana, just like smoking cigarettes, has catastrophic impacts on the human body. From my time living in the UK, I watched as several young, previously healthy kids transformed their life, and not for the better, because they thought it would be a good idea to try something different. Something cool. And that's part of the problem. It has somehow become 'cool' to smoke pot. Especially for the younger generation. It's a problem that is at least somewhat contained now due to the fact that it is illegal and not easily obtainable. If we were to open the doors, legalize it and pretty much tell people to 'come on down', the problems that will be created are unfathomable. You will see an increase in crime. You will see an increase in public intoxication. You will see an increase in impaired driving. I can somewhat see things from the government's side. So many people are smoking pot these days that it isn't really seen as a big deal. Police don't arrest or convict individuals carrying small amounts of marijuana around with them anymore. They



socially acceptable, which is why the government is thinking along the lines of 'yeah, we might as well monetize it.'

haven't for years.

It's slowly become

And sure, the additional money the government would see through marijuana sales would likely help to improve almost every service in the country. The feds would be able to spend more money on infrastructure, on the healthcare sector, on education. You only have to look towards the state of Colorado to see the benefits it can bring. But at what cost?

When the government turns around Thankfully, I was scared straight enough and says this is okay, there is going to be

Feb 20th the Executive meet at 6:30pm. be teaching this course.

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The Home Town Hero's Banners will be two weeks. We will be hosting a Emergency Tues Feb 13 the Ladies Auxiliary will have First Aid with CPR & AED (Traditional) required the day of, Savannah Rogers will

There will be many who try it simply because all their friends are doing it, and they don't have the excuse of 'it's illegal' to hide behind any more. For those of us that absolutely detest smoking and have no interest at all in purchasing, smoking, or doing anything at all with marijuana... Well, I guess we had better get used to enjoying that lovely aroma. Because it's going to be everywhere.

It has been a while since I've felt the need to rant, but this is something I feel especially passionate about. I've seen firsthand what marijuana can do to friends, to family members. Sure, it's not as bad or as destructive as the likes of cocaine and heroin, but it's definitely a gateway to more negative things.

Those who need it for medicinal reasons already have access to it. Those that choose to do it, sure, continue. But don't open this up and expose thousands of others to something they likely wouldn't engage in if it remained illegal.

I think the government needs to be more responsible in this case. Legalizing marijuana sends the exact wrong message to the public and sets an incredibly bad example to the leaders of tomorrow.

The short-sightedness of this decision is as laughable as it is infuriating. As the days count down towards almost certain legalization, I'm hoping our prime minister has something of an epiphany, or a bad trip, and realizes just how terrible a decision this really is. But, contrary to what I will likely have to do anywhere I go in the

to cast your vote!

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DCAFS seeking new volunteer board members

Written By MIKE PICKFORD

vice providers is on the lookout for local munity-minded" individuals to step up. volunteers as it seeks to fill some seats at the boardroom level.

(DCAFS) provides guidance and support monthly board meetings, which typically to approximately 3,000 local residents each last up to three hours, as well as sit on at year. Specializing in three core areas, the least one organizational committee. Com- Inclusion for Children with Additional being served properly and correctly." DCAFS model is "really unique" in Ontario mittees meet four times a year, says Ms. according to the organization's Executive Moore, with meetings usually running Director, Jennifer Moore. Speaking to the around two hours. Free Press this week, she explained how DCAFS has grown into the integrated members, although Ms. Moore knows of at County. The intention of this particular pro- able to provide a wide offering of services children's service agency it is today and least one who will be leaving in 2018. She's the important role its volunteer board has hoping to follow up what she described as a additional needs will have the opportunity start in childcare," Ms. Moore stated. "This played along the way.

"Dufferin Child and Family Services is with another one this year. a multi-service organization that provides child protection services, children's men- teer group here in Dufferin County. Our last tal health services and developmental sup- recruitment effort last year brought some port services to children and families in the really incredible candidates forward. The local community," Ms. Moore said. "There people we have sitting on the board right are not many agencies like us in Ontario. now are just incredible individuals who We have worked to build up our services really have a vested interest in the wellbeover the years and we're really proud to ing of our community. We're hoping to supoffer the wealth of programming we do in plement that group with a couple of new Dufferin County."

DCAFS currently boasts over 20 different programs under its three main umbrellas. Board would include individuals from all According to Ms. Moore, the organization is communities in Dufferin, Ms. Moore stated, extremely flexible in the way it goes about while she also highlighted a few skills she its business, believing strongly in its cur- was particularly looking for in potential rent model.

"People need support in a variety of diffacing, that we can be there to facilitate the goals," Ms. Moore said. type of support that is right for them at the right time."

ensuring that process not only exists, but and audit committee for the past few years, flourishes, in recent years. With anywhere so it would definitely be an asset to recruit between nine and 12 volunteer executives a member with that particular area of required at all times, DCAFS finds itself expertize. We have had an ongoing need for

a little light in that area at present. Ms. someone with marketing skills, while hav- care facilities. Moore is officially putting the call out in an ing someone with legal knowledge on the One of Dufferin County's most vital ser- attempt to attract some "great, local, com- board is always very helpful."

Currently, DCAFS has nine sitting board "very successful" recruitment drive in 2017 to experience inclusion in licensed child is going to benefit many, many children."

"We have always had a very strong volunadditions in 2018," Ms. Moore said.

In an ideal world, the makeup of the new members.

"There are specific skill sets that are ferent ways and they don't always know very helpful to have on any Board of Direcexactly what they are asking for at the tors. Our particular board's focus is more time," Ms. Moore said. "So we want to make centred around governance, which means sure we have enough of a breadth of ser- they are required to present an overarching vice provision that, regardless of diagno- oversight of the organization. Their job is sis, regardless of the issue and regardless to understand what we need from an operof other systemic barriers a family may be ational perspective to achieve our strategic

She added, "We do know one person whose term is ending is a chartered accoun-The board has played a pivotal role in tant. She has been the chair of our finance

All members appointed to the board can encouraged to forward a resumé to DCAFS additional needs – caring for them properly serve up to a maximum of two three-year at carrie.kenks@dcafs.on.ca. For more and addressing any additional issues they Dufferin Child and Family Services terms. Members are expected to attend information on the organization, visit www. may have," Ms. Moore said. "We'll be workdcafs.on.ca.

Needs

nized as the service provider for the Spe- Needs, ICAN for short. cial Needs Resourcing Program in Dufferin

"We'll be able to help professionals to gain a thorough understanding of how they can Anyone with an interest in applying is work towards inclusion with children with ing with families and the children too in an attempt to make sure they feel they are

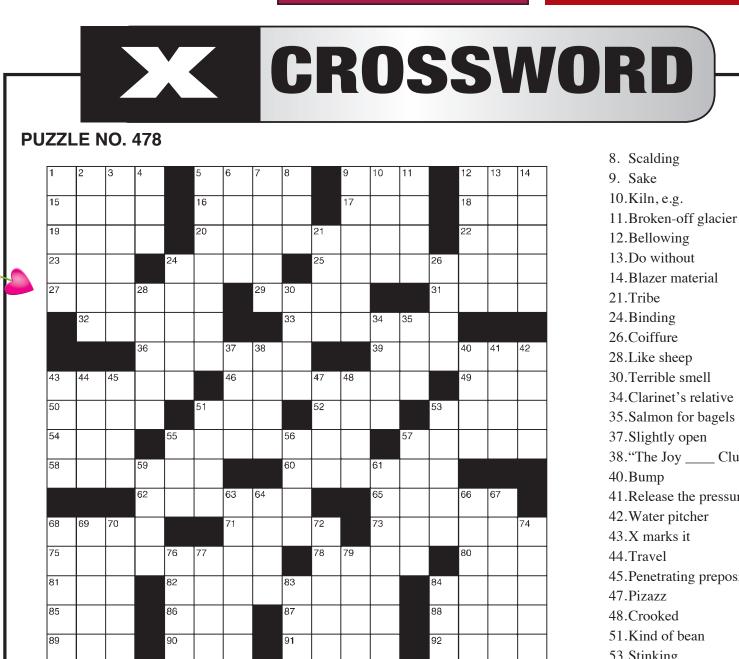
The program has been given the moni-Starting April 1, DCAFS will be recog- ker Inclusion for Children with Additional

"What we envision long term is being gram is to ensure that children who have to families right from the outset when they



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Shelburne Muskies suffer first post-season loss

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Muskies took their fist loss in the 2018 Senior League playoffs in their at one at the end of the first period with Kris series against the Tillsonburg Thunder on Dornson getting the Shelburne goal. Saturday, Feburary 3, on the road in Tillsonburg.

League with an 11-9 record for the season leave the Shelburne team trailing by three their first playoff game. and 22 points – nine points behind Tillson- with one period left to play. burg.

son with a 14-6 record that included two Muskies could respond. overtime losses.

Game one of the series saw the action tied make it a 5-2 game.

Second period action saw the Muskies The Muskies finished in fifth place in the squad scored three unanswered goals to

The Thunder wrapped up the regular sea- third period getting one early before the East Centenaires.

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Shelburne's Nick Glassford hit the back of Drives. the Tillsonburg net but it was too late to

In other series, the Clintonr Radars are Tillsonburg opened the scoring in the leading 2-0 in their match against the Huron

The Durham Thundercats have a two Chris Greer scored at the midway mark to game lead in their series again the Suageen Shores Winterhawks. The Ripley Wolves are With less than a minute left on the clock leading 1-0 over the Milverton Four Wheel

The Muskies / Tillsonburg series will reget into some trouble when the Tillsonburg make a difference in the final outcome and sume play on Saturday, February 10, at the the Muskies had to settle for a 5-3 loss in Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex when they will meet up for game two.

The puck drop scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Shelburne Wolves Bantam LL1 record emphatic playoff victory

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Wolves Bantam LL1 team ning their first post-season game 5-1 over the Elmvale Coyotes on Friday (Feb. 2) night at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

were leading 1-0 on a goal from Mikey Drevninkes.

The second period turned into a real back and playing good defence." and forth battle as both teams played hard to get the edge in the game.

The Wolves were ahead 2-0 when Taylor playoff game. Pate did the wrap around from behind the Elmvale net to score.

putting pressure on the Coyotes and getting side for the season. "We have three things several opportunites.

It paid off when Cooper Cavey score to give the Wolves a three goal lead.

Shelburne's Andrew Wisniewski scored with 47 seconds left on the clock in the sectage with one period left to play.

The Elmvale squad avoided the shut-out Beach Stars.

midway in the third period when they finally scored.

Shelburne's Katie Galbraith scored the figot off to a good start in the playoffs win- nal Wolves goal in the third period to end the game with a 5-1 for the Wolves.

"That was the best game we played all year," said Wolves forward Taylor Pate. "Ev-At the end of the first period the Wolves erything we've been practicing we did right. We've been practicing shooting it in around the net. We were doing the neutral zone trap

> Coach Shawn Cavey said the team had a good performance on the ice in their first

"That was the best game we've had all year – 100 per cent," Cavey said of his team The Shelburne team took it up a notch that has been struggling to get on the plus that we do. We have a way to get out of our zone, we do a neutral zone trap, and we do a dump and chase and cycle behind the net and tonight we did everything."

The Bantams will be back in action this ond period to give the Wolves a 3-0 advan- weekend with two road games against the Flesherton Golden Hawks and the Wasaga



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Raeburn is a key member of his rep team.

When not on the ice he plays baseball with the Mansfield Cubs and ball hockey with the Shelburne Shooters.

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TOUGH LOSS FOR WOLVES: The Shelburne Wolves Midget LL1 team host the Elmvale Coyotes at the Center Dufferin Recreation Complex in Shelburne on Friday, Februrary 2. The Wolves gave up an 8-4 loss in this game. Minor hockey is now in full playoff



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Family Day activities highlight winter-time fun

Written By MARNI WALSH

This year marks the 10th anniversary of Family Day in Ontario on Monday, February 19th, and Dufferin kids and parents can chance to play hockey. Spenser's Kids was looking great for Snow Mountain and the spend the day in a variety of good, old Canadian winter activities close to home. A day to celebrate the role of family in the commu- died in a 2014 car crash on the way to his 11:00 am - 4:00 pm in Fiddle Park, 515677 nity, activities should be aimed at including hockey game. the whole family. No where is that truer than in Shelburne, where Shelbrrr Fest has a little \$5.00 per skater with drinks and snacks something for parents and kids of all ages and the Dufferin County Museum and Archives appeals to the Canadian kid in all of running along with skating. All ages are welus with their ever popular Hockey Play Day comed to skate with Aaron. Spenser's Kids with local NHL hero Aaron Downey.

150 Infrastructure Grant, the Dufferin Coun- on half of the rink and the other half will be ty Museum & Archives is closed for the win- open to families. The event will be followed ter due to exciting new renovations in the from 3 pm - 5 pm with a free skate by The W.J. Hughes Corn Flower Gallery. There- Royal Bank. fore, the Aaron Downey Hockey Play Day will be held at the Centre Dufferin Recre- ety of fun events to make for a great Famiation Complex (CDRC) at 200 Fiddle Park ly Day celebration in Shelburne's beautiful Lane in Shelburne.

pm on Monday, February 19th on the CDRC Plunge by the Shelburne Police Service, and ice surface. Bring skates and gear, and re- the presence of the Shelburne Fire Departmember helmets are required. Aaron Downy ment truck, along with delicious food at the

the kids with donations going to Spens- place to be on Family Day. er's Kids, a charity run by Dave McFadyen which helps kids with financial needs get the established in memory and in celebration of the life of Mr. McFadyen's son Spenser who

The cost to play with Aaron Downy is available for purchase at the CDRC food bar. The Museum will also have crafts and games has a hockey net setup, so kids who do not As the successful recipient of a Canada skate can play. Aaron and the kids will take

The Shelbrrr Fest team always has a varioutdoors. From warming fires, to sled dogs The Hockey Play Day runs from 1 pm to 3 and horse rides, new this year - the Polar

Shelburne farmer-florist opens her heart to local community

Written By MARNI WALSH

If you visited the Shelburne Farmer's Market on First Street this summer you would have been greeted at the gate by the beauti- myshopify.com/ for purchasing details. ful smile of Petals Flower Co. owner Amber Swidersky. With a heart as warm as her smile, Amber recently launched the "Have a Heart" T-Shirt Campaign to help support Family Transition Place (FTP) in Orangeville.

Petals Flower Co. offers a "farm to table approach to floral arrangements creating unique, hand tied, and locally grown floral arrangements for any occasion." Coming up to its first year anniversary this spring, and their first Valentine's Day, Ms. Swidersky says the company is "committed to our local roots and as such will only be supporting Ontario greenhouse grown blooms this Valentine's Day." (Roses are imported.)

The farmer-florist single-handedly plants, nurtures, cuts and creates beautiful floral arrangements with home-grown blooms of every colour, shape and size. She says, "Our business has been embraced and supported by Dufferin County for the past year and we're so very grateful."

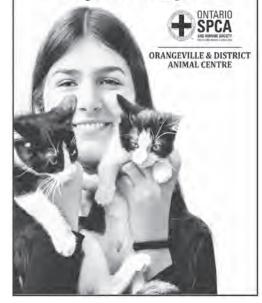
And so, this local company is giving back. "Perhaps no one deserves a little beauty more than a woman who finds herself in need of the services provided by Family Transition Place," says Amber. "That's why Petals is proud to launch the "Have a Heart" T-Shirt Campaign, with a portion of the proceeds from all t-shirt sales going to support the work of Family Transition Place." "In partnering with Family Transition Place we hope to extend the 'flower of love' to those people that are in need of love and care this Valentines' Day. The mission of FTP is to foster "a community free of abuse where all women, children and men are treated with respect and equality, and live in healthy relationships within their families." They strive to deliver services for women and families that provide safety, support and hope. The beautiful "Have a Heart" t-shirts, hand designed by local high school student Kylie MacEachern, feature a flower filled white heart on a black background. Amber says, "The white flowers symbolize beauty, hope and the future, while the black background represents the past and the darkness from which FTP helps women escape." Available in long and short sleeved versions, the shirts will sell for \$16.00 and \$14.00 respectively and are available for just two and half weeks starting January 21st through to Valentine's Day, February 14th.

munity resource," says Amber Swidersky. "Help spread awareness, help support a worthy cause and show the world you "Have a Heart!" Visit https://petals-flower-co.

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is once again donating his time to play with Kinette booth, Shelbrrr Fest is a fun filled

With lots of snow on the ground and cold weather in the forecast, February 19th is full schedule of events for the 4th annual Shelbrrr Fest Family Day – free to all from Dufferin County Road 11 just south of No Frills in Shelburne. Events include:

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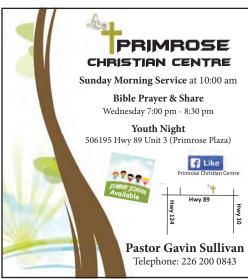
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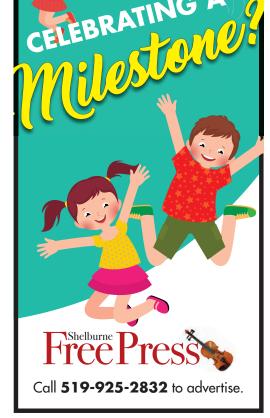
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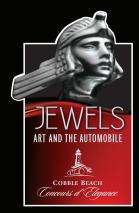














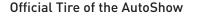






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