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BEAUTY FROM ABOVE – A look from above on January 1st, 2015 depicts a quiet, quaint, almost rustic picture our beloved little Town of Shelburne.

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Council and community to congratulate Ed Crewson



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Former Mayor of Shelburne Ed Crewson and his wife Wendy.

BY MARNI WALSH

Former Shelburne Mayor Ed Crewson and his family will be formally congratulated on over 25 years of political service to the Town on January 22nd. The Council, staff and community are working together to prepare a gala evening of food and entertainment in the Crewsons' honour.

Shelburne's Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) John Telfer says: "Shortly after his announcement that he was not seeking re-election, the thought process switched to how the community could acknowledge 25 years of devoted community service as a political figure that put community first. Several Council members and staff got the process started immediately. This family needed to be thanked by the community and this was our opportunity."

A lot of thought has gone into "how we could best pay tribute to a man that had made sacrifices for community over his personal time," says the CAO. A gala dinner seemed to be the answer and "with class." A local Dufferin catering company will be serving a three course meal, including prime roast beef. There may be a little extra "roasting" on the menu as well; it was decided this would be best served by comedians, so Humber College was contacted to see "who was the best of the best," says Telfer. Several co-hosts will be featured throughout the evening as well.

Centre Dufferin District High School (CD-DHS) has volunteered audio/media services both for pre-taping and footage at the gala, facilitating interviews and stories. The CAO is very happy "the community has pulled together to make it a truly community minded event to remember."

John Telfer noted that, "The funniest part of the organization of the event was to leave Ed in the dark as to what we were doing and only giving him the date to save in his calendar. That worked for a while but he was curious as to what we were up to.

Well, once the mass emails went out to different organizations, that he was a part of over the last 25 years, his email address slipped into one of the bulk group mailings and there I was asking Ed to delete the email before I could recall the email listing."

"Well...he knows where and what, but not who and how the event will be conducted," says CAO Telfer. "I told Ed to smile at the gala as it is all in good taste and he can hate me the next day after the roasting!"

The Premier was invited to attend, but unfortunately had to decline due to time conflicts. John Telfer and the staff send "many thanks to

those that have offered their time and effort to make this a real special event."

Anyone wishing to donate a special or unique item for the silent auction may contact the Town Hall; proceeds will go to Transition House and Safe Communities, two of Ed Crewson's favourite charities.

So far, the silent auction has several items ranging from Leaf tickets to a Tall Ship dinner and cruise, and a Via Rail return trip - Toronto to Ottawa, as well as gift baskets.

"An evening with the Crewsons" gala will take place January 22nd, at 6 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion, 203 William Street, in Shelburne - business attire and bowties preferred.

Tickets are \$50 each or a table of 8 for \$400. For those still needing tickets for this one time event, contact the Town Hall at 519 925-2600 for information or RSVP to John Telfer at telfer@shelburne.ca by January 14th.



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FIRST BABY OF 2015 – Headwaters Health Care Centre welcomed the first baby of 2015 on January 1st, a boy, born to parents, Jacelyn and Shandor Alphonso of Orangeville. Nixon Alphonso was born at 8:07 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and is joined by big brother Zander at home. The Alphonso family received warm congratulations and a large gift basket of baby items that were generously donated by the Metro Punjabi Sports Club and Shoppers Drug Mart (Highway 10 and Mayfield branch).

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FEATURED ITEMS

Water safety warnings Christmas Day

BY MARNI WALSH

Mild December weather and unusual precipitation prompted a Watershed Conditions Statement from the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) on Christmas Day. The statement released at 9am on December 25th was issued to all municipalities, school boards, police, and local conservation authorities. The advisory stated that rain received in the previous 48 hours had caused elevated flows in all

area watercourses.

According to Stephanie Durocher, NVCA Flood Warning Coordinator, a Watershed Conditions Statement is "a general notice of weather conditions that could pose a risk to personal safety or which have the potential to lead to flooding. A Water Safety message indicates that high flows, unsafe banks, melting ice or other factors could be dangerous for recreational users such as anglers, canoeists, hikers, children,

and pets. Flooding is not expected."

The NVCA watershed had received rainfall of up to 40 mm over two days, causing increased stream flows. Although no major flooding was anticipated, the NVCA cautioned that flows on all area water courses would remain high in the days that followed and suggested vigilance, especially for parents of young children.

The NVVA watershed covers nearly 3,700 sq. km, with authority in 18 municipalities. Their

jurisdiction includes the Boyne River, the Mad, the Pine, Willow Creek and Innisfil Creek. All these rivers ultimately drain into the Nottawasaga River. NVCA also has control over the Pretty River and the Bateaux River which drain directly into Georgian Bay.

Concerns for safety prompted the warning to the public, advising them to stay away from all area water bodies. Authorities warned that slippery banks and fast flowing watercourses would result in dangerous conditions and the safety warning would remain in effect until Monday, December 29th.

In a follow up with the Flood Warning Coordinator on December 28th, Stephanie Durocher, the Free Press received an update which stated that reports indicated "the watershed received up to 50 mm over three days in some areas." Durocher noted, "Most streams were at their highest on Christmas day, and water levels have been receding since then." She assured the public that the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority would continue to monitor conditions and the statement was to stay in effect until the 29th. "I expect that we will return to normal conditions after that," she said.

On January 2nd, the NVCA advised that snow expected the next day could change to rain, causing snowmelt and elevated flows in all area watercourses with a low potential for flooding. The area had received significant snow, and an incoming weather system, that was expected to reach the watershed on January 3rd and change to rainfall of 10 to 30 mm, was forecast to cause increased stream flows.

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority will continue issue additional messages as conditions warrant. For additional information, call 705-424-1479 and select option "1" for the flood information line or check the NVCA website at: www.nvca.on.ca



PHOTO BY DEBBIE FREEMAN

SMHA LUCKY \$1,000 CASH CALENDAR WINNER – Aaron McGill from Amaranth, had a welcome surprise this week when the Shelburne Minor Hockey Association drew his name in its January 1st draw for the Cash Calendar \$1,000 prize. The Hockey Association fund raises by selling tickets for their 2014/2015 season through the Cash Calendars, with all proceeds going back to the club. Last year's event helped to purchase new jerseys for the teams. A ticket is drawn every day from January 1st until March 31st and lucky winners can receive a \$100 prize every day. The first big draw to get the ball rolling was the \$1,000 prize of gift cards. Aaron has two sons in minor hockey, Jaden and Mason. "I was thrilled (to learn that I had won)," said Aaron. "I really didn't think I would win. I never win anything." Aaron plans to spend his winnings this weekend on a family shopping spree. The Cash Calendar is a great fundraiser which helps the hockey club immensely, and once a name is drawn it goes back in the barrel, giving all participants multiple chances to win. Pictured: Chris LA Form, SMHA President and Aaron McGill the lucky winner.

Targeting 'The 72%'

Did you know that women represent 72 per cent of Canadians living with Alzheimer's disease? They could be your mothers, wives, sisters, grandmothers or friends – even you.

The Alzheimer Society is kicking off Alzheimer Awareness Month with a nationwide campaign called The 72%. It aims to inform women in their 40's and older about the warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, brain health and how the Alzheimer Society can help.

Why women? Women live longer than men and age is a significant risk factor. That's why there are more women living with Alzheimer's disease than men.

Yet the impact on women is twofold. They also account for 70 per cent of family caregivers, which takes a tremendous toll on these women who eventually provide round-the-clock care. The burden is especially high for women raising families and holding down jobs.

"With this campaign, we're making Alzheimer's disease a women's issue," said Debbie Islam, CEO, Alzheimer Society of Simcoe County. "Women lead busy, hectic lives, often paying the price with their own health and well-being. We're asking them to invest time in understanding the warning signs. Whether they're concerned about getting Alzheimer's, have just been diagnosed or are a caregiver, we want women to reach out to their local Alzheimer Society. We can support them throughout the disease."

Take a moment to know the signs: Warning signs, often misunderstood or ignored, are critical. In absence of a cure, early diagnosis allows for treatment and support so people can live as well as possible and start planning for their future needs.

"Women traditionally monitor the health of their families so it's even more important they understand this disease to be able to recognize changes in those they care for," adds Islam.

Starting January 6, the Alzheimer Society invites all Canadians, including women, to visit www.alzheimer.ca/the72percent to take a moment and learn the warning signs and share them with friends and families on Facebook and Twitter. They can also read the stories of others living with Alzheimer's disease and post their own experiences.

Visitors will also be able to download other helpful resources and find their local Alzheimer Society.



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CHRISTMAS COLOURING CONTEST WINNERS – (L to R) 1st place Courtney Lanktree, 9 years old wins \$15; 2nd place Brayden Macbeth, 6 years old, wins \$10; 3rd place Summer Lanktree, 7 years old, wins \$10. Congratulations to all our winners and thanks to all for participating in our annual Christmas Colouring Contest.

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Is making a New Year's Resolution a dying tradition?

BY ALEX SHER

A growing trend in today's society involves the good ol' New Year's Resolution and the general consensus found in 2015; most people are not making resolutions of any kind.

According to Wikipedia, the New Year's Resolution concept is actually not new, tracing the tradition as far back as ancient Babylonians and Romans, linking religious beliefs with promises to God of good behaviour in return for good fortune in the upcoming year. Even Knights of the Medieval era vowed at the end of the Christmas season to remain chivalrous throughout the upcoming year.

Fast forward to today's society and find a growing number of people haven't even harboured an inclination into the century old tradition and for those who did think about making a New Year's Resolution, opted out entirely.

With today's fast paced society, many try simply to make it through Christmas which is for some, "extra" piled onto an already busy, hectic schedule commonly known as everyday life. Extra spending, extra cooking, extra laundry, extra visiting, simply extra everything, including exhaustion and many cannot wait for a renewed schedule of normalcy and routine just to get rest from the holidays. After the New Year's festivities, it seems a New Year's Resolution is the last thing on everyone's mind. Most people interviewed simply stated they no longer make a New Year's Resolution because they never follow through.

Perhaps 2015 will be noted as the defining moment in history when society resolved to stop making New Year Resolutions and choosing instead to set goals for life and focus on positive life changes.



Chloe Galbraith, employee at Shelburne's Main Street Cafe commented, "I plan to stay healthy and active," with regards to her New Year's Resolution for 2015.



Shelburnite and graduate of Centre Dufferin District High School, Haley Cameron, following a growing trend decided not to make a New Year's Resolution.



When asked about their New Year's Resolution, Brenda Marshall and daughter, Beth-Marie Baldwin, owners of Shelburne's women's fine clothing shop, Pazaaz, are set for 2015 with very clear ideas and goals for their future. "I'm going to stay away from processed foods," commented Marshall adding, "I'll be cooking more at home." Baldwin, so pleased with 2014 commented, "I plan on maintaining the positive changes I made in 2014."

Wallace continues fight to protect water



PHOTO BY MARNI WALSH

The County owned rail corridor running from Melancthon to Orangeville. DWPI has run over 300 penta treated transmission poles along the line to carry power from their Melancthon based wind project.

BY MARNI WALSH

Green Party candidate Karren Wallace says she will carry on her fight to protect Dufferin County source water from possible contamination by Dufferin Wind Power transmission poles despite the December dismissal of her request for a hearing by the Environmental Tribunal panelled by Justin Duncan and Dirk Vanderbent. "I am however going to continue using a different tactic," says Wallace, "I am taking my cue from NDACT and Site 41. They never gave up."

The Environmental Tribunal decision dismissed Wallace's request on the grounds "the Appellant's appeal must relate to the Project design changes which the Director has approved. The Tribunal does not have the jurisdiction to consider, in this proceeding, other approvals, orders or decisions made by the MOE."

Wallace told the Free Press: "The request filed by DWP (at the preliminary hearing in Shelburne, December 2nd) was for them to be excused from having to go to a public hearing because they were doing minor variations from what was originally approved at a public hearing

last December. This was a condition of their original approval; any major changes must go through a public process. So my question is why file for an exemption for a MINOR variation, but a major deviation like remediating 316 penta treated poles did not go through a hearing and a public process? Instead it was left up to a bureaucrat and DWP to decide how to fix the mess. The fact DWP and the MOECC won't release the remediation plan is extremely concerning."

The Environmental Review Tribunal is an independent body that hears public appeals including the Environmental Act. Proceedings December 2nd were to confirm procedural directions for the main hearing that was to have been held in the coming year, but is now dismissed. Opposing Wallace were DWPI lawyers John Terry and Denis Mahony and Sylvia Davies the lawyer for the Director of the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Control (MOECC).

Citizens in the Township of Melancthon, Wallace's home turf, have grave concerns about the safety of the chemically treated poles when it

comes to their drinking water. They are looking for assurance from the Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) that the penta chemicals will not leach into source water and that deep bore holes that penetrate the bedrock will not act as conduits for groundwater run off containing fertilizers and other contaminants.

David Thwaites is one such citizen; a retired litigator, he has supported Wallace and Melancthon neighbours in their concerns and voiced his to Gary Tomlinson of the Guelph office of the MOECC in a December 8th letter, after bearing witness to the preliminary hearing:

"I am aware that Dufferin Wind Power has continued to refuse to disclose to concerned citizens how DWP is "addressing" the impact of the project on the people, the land and the environment. I am aware that the MOE has determined to frustrate like disclosure and has also determined not to disclose to the Township the mitigation plan choosing rather to rationalize the non-disclosure by blaming the present appeal and also to postpone disclosure until the whole project is done (thus in effect preventing those with concerns from having any input). Why has the MOE simply not provided timely real disclosure since July, 2014 rather than simply providing a letter of rationalization...?"

I am aware that Dufferin Wind Power has professed an interest in transparency but refused to mediate the concerns raised in the existing appeal and has furthered that block to transparency by bringing a motion before the Tribunal that might totally close the door to any disclosure."

Thwaites was correct in his assessment and says that from his perspective "the MOE has simply facilitated and condoned the approach of DWP rather than fulfill its mandate owed to the citizens of Ontario." Thwaites, a new comer to politics, lost his bid for Mayor of Melancthon in the recent Municipal election to the former Deputy Mayor Darren White, but like Wallace, continues to step up to speak for the citizens of his Township. "The MOE apparently has its own timetable and perspective which has and does differ from those of many in Melancthon as to issues that arise from wind projects," says Thwaites.

Wallace said from the outset that the environmental review process was "heavily weighted against the average citizen," and expressed her gratitude to the Melancthon residents "who single handedly kept pursuing the penta issue for months and months with the MOECC until they finally admitted there was in fact a problem."



PHOTOS BY ALEX SHER

When asked what her New Year's Resolution was, Hair Stylist at Enchanted Esthetics, Jade McCabe, like many people, commented, "I haven't even thought about it!"



Local business owner of MoneyWorkz, Kevin Bowler, offered up his New Year's Resolution on an optimistic note, commenting, "To take a negative and turn it into a positive resolution."

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Christmas trees in the rest of the County (Amaranth, East Garafraxa, Grand Valley, Melancthon, Mono, Mulmur, and Shelburne) will be collected during the week of **January 19th.**

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Cat Lake First Nation saves their dogs



Cat Lake Friends of Animush. Even with that program at times the dog population can come to be at an unsafe level. To do a rescue of dogs from a community that is accessible by air only is an adventure! It is an adventure that could never have happened without the kindness of many people starting with the decision of the community members themselves.

They made a list of the dogs to be removed and sent the pictures and information out to Friends of Animush so foster or adoptive homes could be organized ahead of time. Companies with big hearts provided, through in-kind donations, transportation.

Philanthropy was alive and well in late November when Gardewine Transport sent all the necessary crates from Mississauga to Sioux Lookout. North Star Air/Cargo North provided transport for two Friends of Animush team members from Thunder Bay to Sioux Lookout and on to Cat Lake with all the crates and equipment required for the rescue.

Nishnabe Aski Police allowed the dogs to be housed in their garage awaiting return transport and volunteers from the community collected, fed, walked and visited with the dogs until they were transported out to the airport where again

North Star Air/Cargo North angels came to fly the dogs and team members to Sioux Lookout.

What a plane load that was! The pilots were amazed at the quiet behaviour of the dogs and how easy they were to transport. That is a northern dog! Well socialized and just loving to be loved.

On arrival in Sioux Lookout there was a team of volunteers from the Sioux Lookout committee of the Second Chance Pet Network waiting to take the dogs out of the crates, walk them, give them water and snuggles. These great folks then re-created and loaded the dogs onto the cargo van assisted by the driver whose services and the van were supplied by Grand River Enterprises out of Blind River.

The next part of the adventure was the long road trip to Blind River. You would never have known that these dogs may never have been in a van let alone a plane! They were so patient and well behaved. They never asked once when would we be there! During an overnight rest at a friend of both the dogs and the people two of the dogs found their forever homes. One dog was adopted by the driver who had been making doggy friends along the way and the other with the provider of the van. These folks had been waiting for a dog to come into their life and as eyes met in a Blind River garage love happened!

Another day, another wonderful new volunteer driver, another truck this time donated by Robertson Landscaping of Mount Forest, and

we were home to our home base in Southwestern Ontario to be met by people awaiting their dogs.

Within a week there were five puppies in foster, one pregnant momma in foster, four more adult dogs in foster with two of those considering adoption, and nine adopted to forever homes. It is all good news!

The dogs are good and safe, the people have won the 649 with the most wonderful dogs imaginable, and Cat Lake Friends of Animush is thankful that through the kindness of all involved this adventure was a success.

Cat Lake First Nation has shown that the people and their representatives have made a humane and responsible decision in initiating this removal of its excess dogs. We are all thankful to them for allowing us the opportunity and look forward to continuing to reach for our mutual goals of providing ongoing humane animal welfare services together. There is great kindness in people and hope in the world.

In this season of giving and a new year beginning many will give and many will receive. I for one am thankful.

Ann Babey, co-director
 Cat Lake Friends
 of Animush



Dear editor:

In this season of giving the people of Cat Lake made the humane decision of requesting a removal of 18 dogs from their community that were homeless or that families were unable to look after.

Isolated First Nations communities generally have no options when the animal population comes to be at an unsafe level but to destroy the excess dogs.

Cat Lake Chief and Council and their community members have participated in a program for neuter/spay, immunization, parasite control and animal welfare education for the past 12 years offered by the not-for-profit group

Abuse of authority

Dear editor:

Further to my previous letter commenting on the Creemore Echo article dated Dec. 5, 2014 covering the inaugural meeting of the Mulmur Township Council. In the article, three former members of the past council refer to the past four years as a "dysfunctional term of council resulting in police charges and legal battles". I know firsthand that there were NO police charges, which are public record, resulting from the alleged dysfunctional council and their stating so is slanderous. All "legal battles" were a direct result of the three returning members of council and their policy decisions and their inability to compromise, to work cooperatively with other members of council and landowners in resolving bias and unfair by-laws.

The Mulmur Township Website published documents of the pending legal action naming Paul Mills, Heather Hayes and Earl Hawkins. Libel and slander, and breach of charter of rights violations have been filed against them as a direct result of their publishing a condemnation and denouncement of the duly elected former Mulmur Township Deputy Mayor Rhonda Campbell Moon. All three members personally, politically and financially gained by their actions which were a blatant disregard of the democratic process, offensive, harsh, unlawful and a colossal abuse of their authority. Stay tuned...

Jim Pendleton
 Old Silver Pen
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Shelburne Legion news

BY LESA PEAT

Our Poppy Chairman, Garry Netzke, would like to thank our community for their generous support of our Poppy Campaign. The total donation from the community was \$15,038.58. We will be improving our 1st Avenue entrance with handicap doors at the end of the month. All monies raised from the Poppy Campaign are used for Veterans and their families and or handicap improvements to the branch. January 9th is another wing night. Introducing for the first time at our branch The Camp Fire Poets. Monday during the day we have Euchre in the Museum Room and in the evening we have Bingo with a \$700 jack pot. Micah is back in the kitchen on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, eat in or take out. Our Veterans still get together every Wednesday morning, anyone is welcome to join them for some great conversation and good times.

Thursday evenings is our Euchre night all our welcome to joy in. Friday January 16th is another Jam Night with Brenda and Mark. Saturday January 17th the Branch will be putting in a team for Roy's Chicks annual Snow Pitch tournament, players are still needed. Please contact the branch at 519 925-3800 and leave a message for Dale Smith if you are interested in playing. We can't say this enough, but Thank You to our many volunteers for all of their hard work in keeping the Legion the best place in town to go. Happy New Year everyone.



Shelburne's Favourite Little Snowman, William Jelly Belly's New Year's Resolution: Learn to Downhill Ski, or not..

WEBPOLL

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Results from last week's poll:

Do you make, and keep, New Year's Resolutions?

a) Yes **13%**

b) No **87%**

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

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On January 1st at 11:25 a.m. OPP officers intercepted the vehicle were conducting a RIDE program on water street in Town of Grand Valley. Upon speaking with the male driver, the officers detected a strong odour of alcohol on the his breath. The driver registered a fail on a road-side screening device test. Subsequently, the driver was arrested and transported to detachment for further testing. Once the investigation was concluded, Dale Cameron Girard, 35, of Orangeville was charged with Drive Motor vehicle over 80 mgs of alcohol contrary to Criminal Code of Canada. The Administrative Drivers' Licence Suspension (ADLS) program was initiated and his motor vehicle was impounded for seven days. The accused is scheduled to make his first appearance at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date.

Stunt driver charged

On December 30th, 2014, at 4 p.m., an officer from the Dufferin Detachment of the OPP was conducting speed enforcement in the Town of Mono. The officer observed a 2011 Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck traveling eastbound on Hockley Road near the 5th Sideroad of Mono at a high rate of speed and determined that the driver was operating the vehicle at 131 km/hr. in a 50 km/hr. zone. As a result of the traffic stop, 33 year old male of Caledon, was charged with stunt driving.

The vehicle was impounded for seven days as a result of the stunt driving charge. The driver is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a later date.

OPP respond to 4 crashes on New Year's Eve

OPP responded to four motor vehicle collisions over New Year's Eve period between 4 p.m. December 31, 2014 and 6 a.m. January 1, 2015. The first collision at 3:16 p.m. was on Highway 10 at Broadway when a panel van was rear-ended causing property damage but no persons were injured and no charges were laid.

The second collision at 3:47 pm occurred on Highway 10 between Hockley road and Dufferin County Rd 10 which involved four vehicles and three persons with minor injuries and one driver charged with Careless Driving under the Highway Traffic act.

The third collision at 3:51 p.m. was at Highway 10 and Broadway involved two vehicles with no injuries and no charges have been laid at this time.

The fourth collision at 6:03 p.m. occurred on 20th Sideroad of Mulmur Township which involved a single motor vehicle rolling over into the ditch and no charges laid in this incident due to weather conditions. There were no injuries to driver of this vehicle.

Alcohol was not a factor in any of the collisions overnight.

OPP held R.I.D.E. programs overnight with one roadside test and no charges or suspensions.

At 11:44 p.m. police responded to complaint to check on welfare on party-goer and found a large house party in Mansfield. Police assisted the home owner in getting unwanted persons to leave was further warned to keep visitors inside the residence.

Ottawa Journal: 200th Birth Anniversary of Father of Confederation – Sir John A. Macdonald

BY DAVID TILSON, MP

It was 200 years ago on January 11, 1815 that one of Canada's greatest political minds and visionary leaders, Sir John Alexander Macdonald, was born. Not only was he our first Prime Minister, but he played a key role in Confederation. He left a tremendous legacy that we can all be proud of as Canadians.

As a lawyer specializing in commercial law, Sir John A. Macdonald started his political career at the municipal level, acting as alderman in Kingston from 1843 to 1846. A few years following his election at the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Canada in 1844, he became Receiver General. After occupying various cabinet positions, he was finally appointed the first Prime Minister of Canada after Confederation on July 1st, 1867. In order to underline the historical significance of the moment, Macdonald was proclaimed Knight Commander of the Bath by Queen Victoria the same year.

We should not forget all the hard work Macdonald put in shaping our country. The establishment of the strong, centralized federal government we're so proud of today, can be traced

back in part to the views vigorously defended by Macdonald during the Confederation conferences. However, Macdonald did not want to stop after successfully uniting a nation; he went on to develop a comprehensive plan for Canada - a national strategy. He thought of farmers in the West, but did not forget industry people in the East. He surrounded himself with strong, capable colleagues, such as George-Etienne Cartier, but worked hard himself too. After years of struggling with gallstones and other illnesses, Macdonald died while in office at the age of 76.

He served as Prime Minister for a grand total of 19 years, a record only broken by William Lyon Mackenzie King.

It has now been 200 years since the birth of Sir John A. Macdonald. We're indebted to him for all of his efforts in laying down the foundations of our great country. If you, like me, appreciate to learn more about this visionary policymaker, I would recommend that you visit his restored office in East Block on Parliament Hill in Ottawa. East Block is only open for tours in July and August of each year.



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Area churches celebrated the season across the County with candle light carols and children's activities around nativity scenes. Primrose United Church filled their 139 year old little wooden sanctuary with family and friends to mark the joy of Christmas on December 21st. Shirley Farnell lead a carol sing and the guest choir Forever Young sang beautifully accompanied by Lorraine Gentleman, who played the piano throughout the service while Reverend David Howes accompanied on the flute. The Sunday school children, in halos, sang three songs, and Ann Kendrew read the bible passage. Seen here in the photo, Ken McGhee tells the children's story to Primrose's eager and wide eyed children. The "truly old fashioned family service" concluded with "Silent Night" by candle light followed by coffee, goodies and fellowship.

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- 18. Moray fisherman
- 19. "The ___ Cometh"
- 20. Head
- 21. Light brown
- 22. Union soldier
- 24. Painting, e.g.
- 25. Like fresh lettuce
- 27. Have an ___ to grind
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- 36. Seer
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- 42. Nativity scene
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- 45. Thrash
- 46. Small crow
- 48. Animation unit
- 50. Night twinkler
- 51. Hire
- 52. Lincoln's coin
- 54. Kindle
- 56. Portend
- 58. Complexion problem
- 59. Shear
- 60. Snuggle
- 62. International syndicate
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- 65. Green parrot
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- 70. Furnish weapons to
- 73. Sheet of cotton
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- 78. Extra time
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- 12. Payment to a landlord
- 14. Not sweet, as wine
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- 67. Lacking reason
- 68. Long-poem division
- 69. Bestow
- 70. Alack's partner
- 71. Sleep
- 72. Allot
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- 79. Willie Winkie's size
- 81. Imbibe
- 82. That fellow

SHELBURNE SPORTS



PHOTOS BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior girls volleyball team take on the Westside Secondary School Thunder in the gym at Westside. The Royals are in third place in the ten team Division 4 standings.

Royals hockey team wins 5-2 over Erin

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

In what was one of their best performances of the season, the Centre Dufferin District High School Royals hockey team won their third game of the season with a 5-2 win over Erin District High School at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Tuesday, December 16.

The Royals were leading 2-1 in the second period on goals from Mitchell Skilton and Kyle Latter.

CDDHS forward Evan Spencer widened the gap when he got a breakaway when the Royals were short handed and let a shot rip to the top corner of the Erin net to make it a 3-1 game.

Erin challenged with a goal with just under nine minutes left in the period.

Skilton got his second of the game late in the frame when he picked up a rebound during a scramble in front of the Erin goal.

The Royals played a smart third period keeping the Erin squad to the outside and protecting their two goal lead.

They got some insurance when Stephen Falls scored in the third to make it a 5-2 game. From there the Royals kept up the pressure and held on to take the win.

"We did really good in the offensive zone,

there was lots of passing," said Royals right winger Mitchell Skilton. "I think we were even near the beginning then we started to pick it up."

As most hockey fans know, a two goal lead is one of the most dangerous positions to be in, so the Royals knew they had to come out for a solid third period.

"We knew we had to stay safe in the defensive zone and push the offence," Skilton said of the squad's third period strategy.

It worked - the Royals played smart and came away with the win.

After that game, the Royals have a 3-6 record for the season.

Over all, Orangeville District Secondary School is tied for first place in the Division 4 / 10 standings with Centre Wellington District High School. Both teams are undefeated after seven games and have 14 points so far.

The Royals will get some time off over the Christmas break, returning to the ice on January 8, to go up against Westside in Orangeville.

They will be back on home ice for their final regular season home game on Tuesday, January 13, when they will host Orangeville District Secondary School. 2 p.m. start.

Muskies drop home game to Durham



PHOTOS BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Muskies host the Durham Thundercats during a January 3, game at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex. The Muskies came up short taking a 5-2 loss to the visitors.

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

With the WOAA Senior League moving into the final few weeks of play, the Shelburne Muskies have six more games to get back into the season.

The Muskies lost their Saturday night home game to the Durham Thundercats with a final score of 5-2.

It was Shelburne's first game of the new year. At 18 games into the season, the Muskies have a 4-14 record.

Over all in the North Division, the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks are maintaining their first place standing with 29 points and a 14-4 record.

Close behind in second spot, the Elora Rocks had a 13-6 record - good for 26 points.

The Durham Thundercats are in the number three spot with 26 points after 17 games.

In the South Division, the Tavistock Royals

are leading the pack with 28 points and a 13-5 record.

They are followed by the Clinton Radars with 26 points and the Tillsonburg Thunder with 24 points for the season.

The Muskies have had a tough year on the road this season with no wins at away venues so far.

On home ice the Shelburne squad has done much better winning their first three home games then winning number four on December 12, over the Lucknow Lancers.

With a month left in the Senior AA schedule, the Muskies have six games slated for January.

On January 9, they are on the road to take on the Mapleton-Minto 81's.

They return to home ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, January 10, to host the visiting Saugeen Shores Winterhawks. Game time is 8:00 p.m.



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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Position: RIGHT WING

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This is Mitchell Skilton's first year playing with the Centre Dufferin District High School Royals hockey team, but after a lifetime of playing the sport he brings a lot of experience to the squad.

"It's a quick pace and it takes a lot of thinking," he said of playing at the collegiate level.

Playing hockey since he was a Tyke, the grade ten student said he likes

playing the forward position because "you get to touch the puck a lot - it's nice to score goals."

Outside of school, Mitchell plays with the Midget division with the Shelburne Wolves minor hockey.

Mitchell is also a member of the CDDHS volleyball team and during the summer he plays baseball with Mansfield minor baseball.

He plans to continue playing hockey "as long as I can."



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Christian Perspectives: life and its detours

Our mid week small group at Bethel has just finished a study called "Detour-finding purpose when life doesn't make sense." In this study of Joseph's life, we explored the many ways that God diverted Joseph's life, tested his resolve, delayed his desires, and tried his beliefs through hardship, adversity, suffering, and the death of Joseph's dream.

In the first session, which dealt with Joseph and his family, it becomes quite evident that Joseph's generational heritage and immediate family were both highly dysfunctional. Much of his father Jacob's life was characterized by deception. He also expressed his favoritism by making Joseph a richly ornamental robe. This resulted in his brothers being filled with hatred and jealousy. They then plotted how to kill Joseph, but two of the brothers intervened to save Joseph's life, and he was then sold to merchants heading to Egypt.

What can we learn from Joseph's family? The painful reality is that there are no perfect families. Every home is broken as a result of the fall and the curse. But it is comforting to know that this cycle of dysfunction is not inevitable. It can be broken by the choices we make in response to God's grace. We get to write the script going forward.

The discussion questions from the study are worth noting and are as follows.

What was your family like while you were growing up? Was there any dysfunction? If so, how has that dysfunction negatively impacted you?

How have your parents and siblings hurt you? Will you forgive them? What do you think would happen 1) in your heart and 2) in these relationships if you did?

How have you hurt your parents, siblings, or children? Will you ask them to forgive you? What do you think would happen 1) in your heart and 2) in these relationships if you did?

In what ways do you see your personal character flaws manifested in your children? What can you do to help them break the cycle in their lives?

A main lesson we can take away from Joseph's life was that he refused to be defined by the dysfunction of his family. Joseph

- 1) rejected deception and chose integrity
- 2) rejected revenge and chose forgiveness
- 3) rejected passivity and chose initiative
- 4) rejected favoritism and chose contentment
- 5) rejected jealousy and chose contentment
- 6) rejected betrayal and chose loyalty

What characteristic do you need to reject? In what area of your life do you need to work on most? What can you do this week to make this change?

The rest of the study of Joseph goes on to deal with other aspects of Joseph's life. This includes his work, his choices, his nation, his heart, and his legacy. Throughout his life Joseph had many circumstances that could have made him turn his back on God. But that never happened. He left a legacy of loyalty, trust and is remembered as a man of forgiveness.

One of the key points brought out in this study is this. God cares more about the development of the dreamer than He cares about the fulfillment of the dream.

In Joseph's story, we see a beautiful model of the kind of forgiveness and healing that are possible. Those who are able to follow that model will find restoration in ways that only God can provide.

Jim Rintoul, Bethel Bible Chapel, Shelburne

Crossroads Community Church

Sunday, January 4th, 2015
Happy New Year! 2015 may have greeted us with snow and frost nipping at our nose, but our warm hearts worshipped the Lord with Joy! Pastor Don shared announcements and blessed the service in prayer, "Dear Father God we thank You for taking us through another year, through every high and low you never left us and as we enter a new year we know you will guide, teach and protect us through every challenge, every trial is an opportunity for us to discover your love and power, help us trust and obey You, in Jesus name Amen."

We have just celebrated another Christmas and another New Year has come, and every year as we look back we may wonder, "Where have the years gone?" Our lives on earth are so short; the average life expectancy for us is 76 years, so how do we spend those years? Do we make them count or do we waste them on fleeting things? King Solomon the wisest man to ever live once wrote, "For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven; A time to be born and a time to die, A time to plant and a time to harvest, A time to kill and a time to heal, A time to tear down and a time to build up, A time to cry and a time to laugh, A time to grieve and a time to dance." Ecclesiastes 3:2-4. So timing is important, God's perfect timing is perfect and we ought to learn to trust it, we should make our time on earth pleasing to God and beneficial to others just as Jesus Christ did and God exalted him, when we do we will share in his glory, (Hebrews 3:14-15). So then how should we live? The Apostle Paul gives us a sense of urgency to do what is good and pleasing to God especially as life gets harder and the devil tries to ensnare us into evil, (Ephesians 5:15-17). The Lord understands that resisting temptation can be challenging, but for our behaviour to change into good it must be challenged, put to the test and God will provide a way for us to resist and make our faith stronger, (1Corinthians 10:13).

This morning I want to challenge you to make 4 commitments in 2015. The first commitment is to forget our own failures so we can move ahead doing better. Just because something went wrong in the past doesn't define who God made us to be; in His image, the image of His son Jesus is what we ultimately will look like if we keep pressing forward trusting God's leading all the way. You can't grab a hold of your future self if you don't let go of your old self or as it's been said you can't write a new chapter in a book if you keep re-reading the old one, so let it go, (Philippians 3:13-14). Do we all need to be forgiven? Absolutely! A new year is

a great time to be forgiven, Jesus died on the cross for all of us to be forgiven.

Second and third commitments are closely related, committing to give up on grudges and restoring broken relationships. God expects us to forgive each other because he has forgiven us, (Colossians 3:13, Matthew 6:14-15). Grudges are destructive and affect all relationships; marriages, families and churches have all been hurt by grudges, it is self-vindication and self-preservation, it is unforgiveness and the root of all bitterness, it is not of God. Jesus who is perfect did not have these attitudes, although had every right to be vindicated, he did not choose preservation rather he chose to surrender to the cross to purchase our pardon. When a person holds a grudge it is self-destructive, a virus infecting the whole person; bitterness, unforgiveness and grudges are like drinking a poison and expecting the person we are angry with to die! Now is a great time to ask ourselves if we need to forgive and restore a relationship, it can be challenging but God invites us to do a virus check much like our computers do, mine asks for a virus check daily, God is the best virus protection and we ought to let him check us for viruses daily. God wants us to live at peace with one another and that requires love, patience, humility and forgiveness, (Romans 12:18). The challenge of restoring relationships can be met with God's help if we choose to take it. The more we rely on God, it will be easier to forgive and in turn ask for forgiveness when we are in the wrong.

Our 4th Commitment is to turn away from our sins and turn completely to God. Sins don't always have to be the big ones like murder, stealing or lying, it can be those pesky bad habits that we have become so accustomed to that we don't even realize the harm they cause to others and ourselves. We may even rationalize them by saying "I can't help it; it's just the way I am." I don't need to name them, I am sure our thoughts automatically went to whatever that sin is. God clearly tells us to turn away from every sin however challenging it may be we need His help and forgiveness so that sin doesn't have control of us, (Romans 6:12-13).

Beloved to be free from sin in 2015 all we need to do is ask for God's forgiveness, receive Jesus in our hearts, rely on His Holy Spirit's power to resist sin, simple but easier said than done, we need to choose to follow and obey God every day, and trust that He knows the plans He has for us, They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give us a future and a hope, have a Blessed New year in the Lord, Asherey Shalom!

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Tyke 1 season well on its way

Shelburne at Georgian Shores 1: Dec 20
Remember the last time these two teams met? Remember the score? It was 5-0 for Georgian Shores. Well sometimes history repeats itself and sometimes it does not.

Bernadette Pomeroy, GM for this well-oiled Tyke machine, explained that the outcome of this game was quite different because the Shelburne first year tykes stepped up their game and showed what they could do. The game consisted of back and forth action that kept the fans on the edge of their seats. In the end this game goes down in history as a 3-3 tie.

Georgian Shores 2 at Shelburne: Dec 21
On Sunday, part 2 of the Georgian Shores showdown was played in Shelburne. Sticks were drawn, the puck was dropped and Shelburne stampeded like a herd of horses.

Wyatt Galbraith could be seen in front, behind or anywhere near the net digging for the puck and firing it at the Georgian net. He ended up with an assist. Jackson Davis always seemed to find the puck, no matter where it was and sent a volley of shots at the net, with two hitting its mark.

There was strong defense as well. Evan Hofstede was seen hustling back and stopping a breakaway. He then gained control of the puck and sent it back into Georgian's end.

With plays like this, I'm sure the visitors left town feeling a little shell shocked. Shelburne wins decisively 7-0.

Hats off: Shelburne at Georgian Shores 2: Jan 3
It was cold enough that you needed a hat, but there were many reasons to take your hats off at this game.

You could tip your hat to players like Billy Dares, who stripped the puck from the Georgian players at both ends of the ice. There was a hat trick for Logan Leonardo, and hats off to Mason Osmond for his second shutout of the season. You could easily fill two sock hats with the number of goals scored. Shelburne wins 8-0.

The comeback kids: Flesherton at Shelburne: Jan 4
How long could this winning streak last? Well, after the first period, with Flesherton scoring two unanswered goals, and Shelburne being plagued by off sides, it looked like it might be over. But like a bull that missed the red flag on its first pass, the Shelburne Tykes pulled up their socks, turned around and came charging back.

Nathan Fintelman was active both on the ice and on the bench. On the ice he hammered the puck into the Flesherton zone to create scoring chances. On the bench, assistant coach Norman Burke was impressed by Nathan encouraging and complimenting his teammates.

In the second period, Jackson Davis and Aiden Alonso tied up the game. Flesherton kept coming. The Shelburne defense rose to the challenge, for example Benjamin Wauchope hustling back to interrupt a Flesherton breakaway.

Midway in the third period, with pretty much all the players strewn in front of the Flesherton goalie, Aryn Pomeroy launched a convincing wrist shot. The puck must have weaved under, over and around all those bodies, but eventually it ended up in the back of the net. Shelburne wins 3-2. The streak continues.

LL Midget 2 New Year's win

BY DEBBIE FREEMAN

Too much Christmas turkey didn't hold back Shelburne Wolves Midget 2 on Jan. 4th at their home arena when they played their first successful game of 2015 against Midland #1.

A slow start for both teams, getting the feel of the puck again after the Christmas break, took time, as period 1 brought the first and second goals from Midland. Shelburne slacking behind put on the speed and finally scored, their first goal in period one with Rhett Fleming assisting Dylan Dever to land the first one in the net.

Period two swung into action both teams now flying, allowed Sam Willoughby unassisted to net goal 3. The players now using their teamwork to keep the puck in the op-

ponents zone, Shelburne knew this would be a tough game and Midland's defence was water tight. Midget LL2 played well in 2014 and had more wins than losses, but now had a challenge with this thrifty team from Midland. However, period 3 brought the win to Shelburne as the final score was 7-2 over Midland, final 4 goals being scored by Kyle Burke unassisted, Tristan Melnik assisted by Dylan Dever, Liam McLeod, assisted by Jared Moore and goal seven by Kyle Burke assisted again by Jared Moore.

The team are refreshed and ready for their next game against Honeywood on Friday 9th at the opponents home arena. The coaching staff would like to thank all their sponsors who make the hockey season possible.



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The Shelburne Wolves Peewee LL1 team takes on Dundalk during minor hockey action at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex in Shelburne. The Wolves played a good game but came up short in this once.



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