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PHOTOS BY ALEX SHER  
The Centre District Dufferin Complex was the temporary home to 275 stranded motorists on Saturday, January 25th. The scene above does not accurately portray the icy road conditions, winter winds of up to 80 miles an hour, and white out conditions which caused these motorists to seek shelter at Shelburne's local arena.

## Stranded in Shelburne – 275 motorists seek shelter overnight

**BY ALEX SHER**

As winter storms slam most of Southern Ontario, road closures due to blustery winds of up to 80 miles an hour left 275 motorists stranded in Shelburne, Ontario over the January 24th weekend.

Stranded motorists took shelter in the Centre Dufferin Recreational Complex, Shelburne's local arena, and were cared for and attended to by Dufferin Emergency Services, and many volunteers who were organized within the hour of the state of emergency declaration. All roads exiting Shelburne were closed that night.

Shelburne's Constable Paul Neumann would like to thank Dufferin Emergency Services, comprised of many organizations, community

volunteers, local businesses and everyone who helped during the crisis and reminds people, "You cannot drive on a closed highway, even if you live on that road, it's illegal."

Constable Neumann delivers insight into why people disregard warnings, "People don't realize the dangers involved when they ignore road closures and winter storm warnings. Drivers don't realize they will be impairing the ability of emergency services, fire trucks, plows, and tow trucks that need room on the road to get to people who are ditched, in need of medical attention, and not to mention their own safety. Closures happen for a reason and often people disagree with our assessment."

A lot can happen when bad weather conditions surprise drivers or weather warnings are ignored. Even experienced drivers were not prepared for the blinding whiteout situations as Dave Kenyon commented from the shelter of the Arena, "I ditched on 89, West of County Road 25 on the opposite side of traffic," and continued, "I was lucky that a passerby stopped to help out. I called the OPP to report the car ditched but also to let them know the car is vacant, that way they can concentrate on people who may need help. The guy who helped me, kindly brought me to Shelburne and eventually, I found my way here. I'm supposed to packing up my house to move this weekend!"



Dave Kenyon ditched his car on Friday, January 23rd and found himself seeking shelter at the local arena among 275 stranded motorists unable to leave Shelburne due to road closures as a result of blustery winds of up to 80 miles an hour, making driving conditions impossible.

Jessica McNair from London was on her way to Collingwood when she had gone as far as she could go due to road closures resulting in she and her three young children staying overnight in the safety of the arena.

"We actually saw a logging truck roll over just outside Mount Forest around seven p.m. I went off the shoulder myself. It's scary and I do this drive all the time. I've never seen it quite like this."

And that was the general sentiment among the 275 people stranded at the arena. CEO Town Clerk, John Telfer commented he hadn't seen anything like this since the Hydro Blackout years ago. When Mayor Ed Crewson and Telfer addressed the crowd regarding the latest road condition updates, the crowd did not get the news they were hoping for and many a weary traveller would have to cancel any further travel plans involving any road leaving Shelburne.

Wherever this reporter went in the arena stories of kindness, generosity and survival could be heard. New Orleans Pizza delivered 25 Pizzas to the stranded, No Frills, Pete's Donuts, Giant Tiger and many other business were commendably on hand to help during the crisis.

By Saturday late afternoon everyone had gone home or elsewhere and the shelters were closed.

Anita Horlings, Simple First Aid Supervising Instructor with the Canadian Red Cross commented, "A total of 437 clients spent the night in sites that were set up. Seventeen volunteers from Brampton, Milton, Barrie, and surrounding areas assisted with this response and contributed 163.5 hours." Horlings mentioned the Red Cross was still on call Saturday evening as the weather was expected to continue to get worse.

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### Auditions

The Tipling Stage Company is holding open auditions for the five characters who make up the cast of Norm Foster's Jenny's House of Joy. Auditions are slated for Sunday February 9th at 2 p.m. at Grace Tipling Hall, Shelburne with callbacks, if necessary, on Thursday, February 13th. No preparation is necessary. The play, directed by Jean Jardine Miller, will run April 25th, 26th, 27th, May 2nd and 3rd. Rehearsals will be Sunday 1 – 5 p.m. & Thursday – 9 p.m. beginning February 16th at Grace Tipling Hall. For more details, visit [www.tiplingstagecompany.com](http://www.tiplingstagecompany.com)

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**FEATURED ITEMS**



# Emergency declared following two serious MVC's

BY WES KELLER

Dufferin County as of 12:45 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 29, has taken the unusual for Dufferin step of declaring a State of Emergency for all of the county.

Wednesday had presented at least two near tragedies on county roads in white out conditions, prior to the emergency declaration.

In the first incident, at about 9:45 a.m. an Orangeville Fire Department vehicle was returning from assistance with one motor vehicle accident near Laurel when it was in a head-on collision with a motor vehicle on County Road 12.

While both vehicles were stopped following the collision, a third vehicle collided with the first one that had collided with the fire truck. As a result, the driver of the first vehicle had to be extricated from his car. Fire Chief Andy Macintosh said the driver was sent to hospital with life-threatening injuries.

The chief said he wasn't certain whether or not CR 12 had been closed prior to the collisions.

In the second incident, a female OPP officer is in hospital with serious but non-life-threat-

ening injuries following a collision on CR 109 near Waldemar.

OPP Constable Paul Nancekivel said the officer was investigating a tractor trailer at about noon, and was in her cruiser calling for assistance when she was struck from behind by a second tractor trailer.

He said Grand Valley District Fire Department used Jaws of Life to extricate the officer from her cruiser. She was transported to a hospital, which he didn't specify, with serious injuries and is apparently in stable condition.

County Clerk Pam Hillock at about 1:50 came briefly out of a conference call to advise that the Public Works crews were just about worn out after almost a full week of unrelenting white-outs, roads closures, motor vehicle collisions and other emergencies.

She said the county was seeking assistance from the municipalities as well as neighbouring counties and the province.

Among the lower tier, Orangeville Mayor Rob Adams said in a Facebook posting that "residents are encouraged to stay off the roads if at all possible due to blowing snow and poor visibility."

"The Warden of Dufferin County, Bill Hill, just spoke with me regarding the State of Emergency and I wish to assure residents that the Town of Orangeville has and continues to work cooperatively with the Dufferin County Emer-

gency Management team to assist in any way possible."

Ms. Hillock said there will be regular updates on the county website and also in the social media.

## Sanford launches Dufferin ERT appeal

BY WES KELLER

The wind turbine wars have taken a new twist with the filing last week of an appeal of December's decision by the Environmental Review Tribunal's decision to uphold Dufferin Wind Power's Renewal Energy Approval (REA). The appellant is Melancthon resident Dennis Sanford, who had been a party to the ERT hearing, on health issues and a Constitutional challenge. The filing coincided with a Divisional Court hearing of an appeal of another ERT decision, this one over-ruling Gilead Energy's REA of a 22.5 MW (9 turbine) wind farm at Ostrander Point, Prince Edward County, near Kingston and Picton, on the basis that the access roads would imperil the habitat of the threatened Blanding's turtle.

Lawyer Eric Gillespie, or his firm, is representing Mr. Sanford and also the Gilead wind farm opponents, Prince Edward County Field Naturalists. In the Sanford appeal, Mr. Gillespie will be fighting to have the ERT decision overturned. In the Gilead case, he is fighting to have the ERT decision upheld by the court.

In the Ostrander Point case, the appeal of ERT's rejection of the wind farm's approval was launched by Gilead and the Ministry of Environment. Here in Dufferin, the wind farm proponent and MOE will be expected to defend ERT's decision.

The timing of Mr. Sanford's appeal coincides with Dufferin County Council's decision to negotiate with DWP for a rail corridor power line easement, rather than to fight a hopeless expropriation battle.

Mr. Sanford, in a letter to county clerk Pam Hillock and the warden, has urged the council to delay negotiations, as he is confident of victory in his appeal. "We believe we have a good chance of overturning the ERT's decision in the Divisional Court, where judgments are based on balance of probabilities and on fundamental justice, not on the impossible, reverse onus test established by the Green Energy Act legislation designed to insure that renewable projects are not refused."

"This is a landmark case, not only in that it is the first to do so, but the lack of fairness inherent in the GEA in its dealings with rural residents, and rural municipalities will be on display and challenged in the Divisional Court," he said.

The new evidence would have been that the gates to the offending access roads are closed to the public, ergo the roads not a turtle threat, but Mr. Gillespie has been reported as saying Gilead could have brought that information to the ERT, but chose not to.

The arguments continued last Wednesday and Thursday.

## Will Willie see his shadow on Feb. 2nd?

BY LINDA GEROW

February 2nd is fast approaching and with it comes the saga of Wiaraton Willie.

The story dates back to 1956 when a Wiaraton resident named Mac McKenzie wanted to showcase his childhood home to his many friends. A Toronto Star reporter got wind of it and showed up. However, there was no festival; the reporter said he would need some sort of story to justify his expenses, so McKenzie grabbed his wife's fur hat, which had a large button on the front, went out to the parking lot, dug a burrow in the snow and pronounced a prognostication (which no one remembers). The picture of Mac and the hat ran in the February 3, 1956 edition of the Toronto Star. A year later, about 50 people arrived for the festival. Half were reporters from various media. Seiz-

ing on the opportunity, McKenzie invented a festival that has been added to over the years.

The original Wiaraton Willie, who arrived on the scene in the 1980's, lived to the advanced age of 22, and was found dead only two days before Groundhog Day in 1999. Unable to find a replacement, organizers instead marked Groundhog Day by revealing Willie in a coffin. He had been dressed in a tuxedo, had coins over his eyes, and a carrot between his paws. A scandal ensued when it became known that the real Willie had in fact decomposed, and the body in the coffin was that of an older, stuffed groundhog. Over the years the groundhogs have been replaced and usually named Wee Willie, or Wee Willie 2 and so on. Are his so-called predictions correct? Most say no. But it's a fun time in Wiaraton. Happy Groundhog Day February 2nd.

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All interested parties are invited to attend the Public Meeting of Council and any person who attends the meeting may make representations relating to the proposed by-law and background study. The meeting is to be held:

Monday, February 24, 2014  
 7:00 p.m.  
 The Council Chambers

In order that sufficient information is made available to the public, copies of the proposed by-law and the background study are being made available as of February 10, 2014 from the Town Clerk at the above location and online at the Town's website [www.townofshelburne.on.ca](http://www.townofshelburne.on.ca).

Interested persons may express their comments at the Public Meeting or in writing, addressed to the Town Clerk, at the address below prior to February 24, 2014.

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**SHOULD HAVE STAYED AT HOME!** – Whit out conditions and slippery roads made driving very dangerous as a storm from moved across the region Friday night and part of Saturday. Highway 10, north out of Shelburne was closed as were many other area roads.



(L to R) St. Johns Ambulance workers, Amanda Andrade, Ryan Smith, Chris Kirec, Nick Vanloon and Patricia Sommerset managed care for many medical situations during January 24th and 25th's crisis situation where 275 stranded motorists took shelter in Shelburne's arena.



PHOTOS BY ALEX SHER

(L to R) Jessica McNair and her three children, Carson, Emily and Megan sought refuge at Shelburne's local Arena after driving conditions became impossible.

## Seeing shelter from the storm

Continued from **FRONT**

Many lessons were painfully learned as some people needed to get home to give pets medication and couldn't, needed their own medication, didn't think to have a first aid kit in the event of ditching their vehicle, etc. Police hope that in future, more will take storm warnings and road closures more seriously and stay off the roads. Special thanks to the Shelburne Fire Department, Shelburne EMS, St John Ambulance, Canadian Red Cross, Shelburne Police Department, local businesses, and the many residents who opened their homes to strangers in this time of need.



Shelburne's Mayor Ed Crewson and CEO Town Clerk, John Telfer addressed the stranded at Centre Dufferin Recreational Complex, providing road condition updates and for many, it was not the news they were hoping for. Crewson encouraged people to ere on the side of caution, and think about safety first when considering the road condition warnings and travel plans.



(L to R) Canadian Red Cross Volunteers, Lynn Howell from Milton and Alain Normand from Brampton were just two of the 17 Canadian Red Cross volunteers helping stranded people in shelters during a state of emergency where strong winter winds resulted in road closures leaving many unable to exit Shelburne in any direction.

## NOTICE

### OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DUFFERIN MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Dufferin Mutual Insurance Company will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, 203 William Street, Shelburne, Ontario on Tuesday March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. to:

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

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

An application for a Director's position may be picked up and then dropped off at the Head Office of the Corporation at 712 Main Street East, Shelburne, Ontario, L9V 2Z4. It must be received by the Secretary of the Corporation no later than close of the business day, 4:30 p.m., on February 26, 2014.

There are currently two candidates who have qualified (as of this date), to stand for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Those who are currently qualified are: Scott Wilson and John Stirk.

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

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## Art in the wind

Dear editor:  
 I was fascinated by the front page article in the January 16th issue about complaints by a Scott Funston that a DWPI industrial wind turbine (IWT) might have been built too close to his home.  
 Scott, to make these IWT's more acceptable (as unacceptable and unwelcome as they are by so many of us in Melancthon), I like to view them as Dalton McGinty's attempt to introduce and force us to enjoy outdoor art installations. For anyone who has seriously studied their intended purpose (to produce reliable cost effective energy), it is obvious that they really are not up to that task. Furthermore, we don't need the electricity when

they do produce it (28% of the time and usually at night). Obviously, there must be another purpose to their existence – art!  
 Scott, you obviously do not realize how lucky you are – there are other jurisdictions (Australia, New Zealand, and even other Canadian provinces) that insist that this type of art be set back 1 or even 1.5 kms from your home. How ridiculous! Now mind you, if you had signed up to support the DWPI art program in the first place, you could have had one of these art installations even closer to your home.  
 Scott, for instance, did you know that there are 14 homes that are closer than 550 meters to the 18 larger pieces of DWPI art. These fortunate people, mainly renters, (the home owners seem not to be keen art lovers) even have the good fortune of being exposed to higher levels of the low frequency

noise (LFN) that these larger art installations emit. Mind you, too much LFN might make you ill but so what who cares.  
 Scott, hard to believe but this compulsive and expensive outdoor art installation program was initiated by our democratically elected provincial government through the Green Energy Act an odious piece of legislation that even a dictator would be proud of. Even though Dalton McGinty is no longer in charge, the current government still substantially subsidizes them. They even have signed 20 year contracts to do so. Incredible! Also, we all are lucky enough to support (and will be for many, many years) this type of art program every time we pay our monthly hydro bill.  
 Scott, most people are aware that the federal government is concerned about the impact of this art form on our health and are doing a study due to

be completed in 2014. In light of that reality, our provincial government and DWPI felt it would be best to move quickly ahead with these art installations!  
 So, Scott, forget about the previous boring rustic rural country side views; don't worry about the possible adverse health effects; don't complain about high electrical energy costs etc., etc... Enjoy the "art"! We have no choice.

William Crysedale,  
 Melancthon

## Upholding the "Canadian System"

Dear editor:  
 I must agree that the reader who protested against my article is a genuine Canadian full of caring and compassion.  
 Such human feelings are the stuff the Canadians are made of and my critic is evidently having the surfeit of such feelings. But does he not protest too much?  
 The article is just a statement of facts, and is based on my discussions with leading employers and Chambers of Commerce. To call it cruel and offensive is not doing it justice.  
 The article nowhere suggests even remotely that poor need not be help to have a better quality of life; nor does it in any way comment on refugees.  
 The article is essentially concerned with one aspect of employment and that is relevance of

Canadian experience. To make Canadian experience irrelevant, as has been done by OHRC, is in fact stating that Canadian experience is the same as having experience in those countries which the readers holds up to ridicule.  
 Let me ask my disturbed reader: Would he go to a doctor who has no experience medical practice in Canada? Does he know that doctors in most of the Asian and African countries need not be MD, but can be family physicians just by being MBBS? Is he aware that the concepts of P.Eng. is just non-existent in such countries and would he be willing to have his dams built by such engineers who have no exposure to Canadian system?  
 Evidently my honored reader has written the diatribe under some misconception and forgot that the relevance of Canadian experience. Coming to

small town rural experience, does he know that the use of judicious pesticides in Canadian system is conspicuous by its absence in countries alluded above. Would he like to have food laced with pesticides, since without relevant exposures, the new immigrants might just follow the system that prevails in their home countries.

A dispassionate study and reflective attitude shall make the reader feel the validity of my contentions.

My article is in fact meant to uphold the Canadian system that supports such a society that my reader is proud to be a member of.

Bikram Lamba

*Word on the Street*  
 We asked: "What do you think of Kathleen Wynne's performance as Premier of Ontario so far?"



"I don't like the way she's handling the job at all. She's a tax and spend liberal. We're all paying for it now and she's financing those bi-elections now with taxpayers money. I hope they call an election very soon."

– Harry Cavey



"I don't like the way she covered everything up for Dalton McGuinty with the gas plants and everything. She's hasn't really done anything on her own. I'm not a big fan. I haven't seen her do anything on her own that's impressed me."

– John Moffat

## Thank you for the hospitality

Dear editor:  
 We were stranded in Shelburne over the last weekend, from Friday night through late Saturday afternoon and stayed at the shelter set up in the Shelburne Recreation Centre. We cannot thank everyone enough for the work that was put into the organization of the shelter. From the Red Cross organizers to all of the local emergency services to the young teenagers, everyone was pleasant and helpful. We understand that more than 200 people spent Friday night in the centre and we were all welcomed calmly and cheerfully. By 11 a.m. we were settled in with blankets and by 2:30 p.m. we had cots. The food, which we understand was supplied by Pete's Donuts, was fresh and tasty. We would like to send out a very large thank you to all of those who took part in this and to let all know how much it was appreciated.

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*Will you be watching the 22nd Winter Olympics, from Sochi Russia, next month?*

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# Learn CPR/First Aid, it could save a life



Logan, age 9, Braedon, age 12 and Brodie, age 13 after completing a basic First Aid and CPR course

BY WENDY GABREK

Learning CPR could save a life. Heck, it could even save my life, and that's why I had my three children certified last weekend.

Sunday afternoon, Mia, owner of Life Beats First Aid in Alliston, came to our home with her dummies. Spread out on the living room floor, we learned how to keep 'the blood pumping' and the 'oxygen flowing' until help could arrive.

My kids, who have never taken such a course before, were completely surprised at how well they did learning what is, essentially, a very basic technique that could be the difference between life and death for themselves, someone they know, or even a stranger.

Since the last time I took a CPR course, things have changed dramatically. The basic principles have been simplified and everyone – from newborn to senior – gets the same amount of breaths and chest depressions. Two and 30 respectively. The pressure is one of the only differences (two fingers for newborns, one hand for eight year olds and younger and two hands

for adults – 9 and up). Also the depth of each compression varies.

Mia's dummies, a new age model, light up to tell you when you're doing it right – or, achieving the right depth of pressure. Mia herself told us when we weren't being consistent enough with our compressions, and at the end, we all felt confident with what we'd learned. Hopefully, we'll never need to use those new found skills.

From her entire presentation I will always remember these basic rules: CPR is only for dead people – if they aren't breathing, they're technically dead. Always check for breathing (even soft breathing) before you start. Next, people need oxygen to circulate through their body (especially to the brain) or their internal organs will start to look like "mushy bananas" very quickly. You must continue doing CPR until help arrives. It isn't easy either. CPR is very physically demanding, so switch with a partner who knows the technique every two minutes if you can. And most importantly, don't forget to call 911 before you start. Keep them on speaker phone and let them come to you.

We then went on to learn about choking. That's when we all turned a little bit white ourselves from fright. Choking is a scary thing, and it happens all the time. When it comes to how to help someone who's choking, the rules again haven't changed very much. If they can talk, or cough, leave them alone. If they can't make any sounds, or if they're turning blue or gray, they need immediate assistance. Most people who are choking lose consciousness within the first minute, so helping them while they're still standing is important – and it's easier.

The procedure involves five blows in an upward motion to the top of the back followed by the Heimlich Maneuver – a technique that must be demonstrated to learn correctly, however if ever in a pinch remember to make a fist (thumb inward towards the victims stomach area, under the rib cage) and clasp the other hand over it. Use 'in and up' motions to force the air out of the lungs, and hopefully whatever is lodged in the airway along with it.

We also learned that if a person does pass out, to start doing CPR on them immediately, using the proper technique.

If you are choking and alone, you can do the Heimlich Maneuver on yourself. Remember to

cal 911 first and then go and stand out on our porch. When emergency workers arrive, they won't need to secure the premises first in order to help you. You can also throw yourself over the arm of a chair – or anything to force the air up, and out of your lungs.

Using state of the art vests, we were able to practice the Heimlich Maneuver on each other, seeing how quickly we could get the styrofoam peanut to pop out of the make-shift esophagus. By the end of Mia's demonstration, the kids were quite proficient at this. Again, I hope they never need to use it, but this is a must-have skill.

To keep from choking, always cut your meat (especially hot dogs) into small pieces before serving, if whole. Round foods, such as candies, will also perfectly block your esophagus, preventing air from reaching your lungs, so

chew them well before swallowing.

There is MUCH, MUCH more than this to learn about emergency First Aid and CPR. This account in is no way intended to prepare you for a real life situation – I simply wanted to share my weekend experience with our readers. Taking a First Aid/CPR course could save a life. I encourage all of our readers to take a course, refresh their skills and keep up-to-date with the latest techniques.

As Mia said, most of the people who she teaches need to use the skills she's taught them within 6 months of learning them – or never at all. If you fit into the first category, you'll be glad to have the confidence that a course can provide. It might also earn you a pass through the Pearly Gates.

To book a course, call Mia at Life beats First Aid in Alliston at 705 250-LIFE (5433), or another organization that offers certification courses.

## Improving railway safety

BY DAVID TILSON, M.P.

Our Government has always made public safety and the health and well-being of Canadian families a top priority.

We've passed important measures aimed at cracking down on dangerous criminals, enhancing the safety of household products, and improving food safety.

However, we know there is more we can do. This is why we're continuing to take action to help improve the safety of Canada's railways.

While Canada maintains one of the safest rail systems in the world, our Government understands that even one accident is too many. This is why we're hard at work introducing measures to help protect Canadians.

In the past, we invested in improving the safety of railway crossings to better protect drivers and pedestrians from oncoming trains.

We also amended the Railway Safety Act, creating tougher legal and monetary penalties for companies who break the law, increasing protection for potential whistleblowers, and mandating that each railway have an executive who is legally accountable if safety measures are not adhered to.

As a part of the Speech from the Throne, our Government built on this strong record and outlined a number of initiatives aimed at improving accountability and safety.

One of the measures will require shippers

and railways to carry additional insurance, ensuring they will be able to bear the financial cost of any potential accident while saving taxpayers from having to foot the bill.

The Speech from the Throne also outlined our Government's commitment to enhancing safety measures when dangerous goods are being transported by rail. Recently, we proposed a series of regulations that would help deliver on that commitment.

These proposed amendments would mandate that the tank cars which carry dangerous goods, such as crude oil, be built with thicker steel and other improved safety measures that protect the cargo from leaking.

At the same time, our Government is continuing to consult with the United States government, manufacturers and other stakeholders, to enhance the safety of future tank cars and retire tank cars that are no longer safe.

Every year, over 30 million shipments of dangerous goods are made by rail in Canada and 99.999 per cent of them reach their destinations without incident.

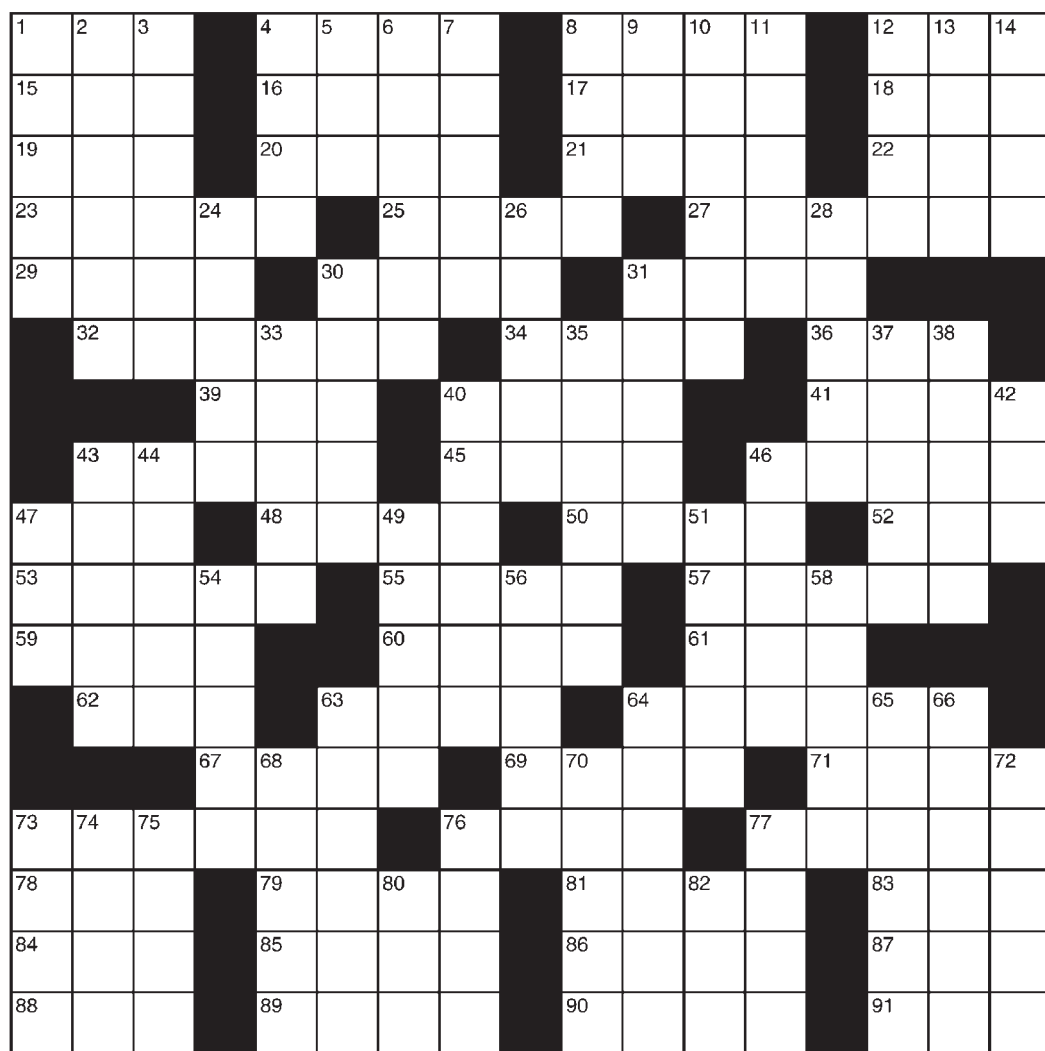
However, our Government will not be complacent.

We will remain hard at work and we will take the necessary action to help keep Canadian families and Canada's railways safe.

Canadians can count on our Government to keep railway safety a top priority

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DOWN

1. Honker
2. Influence
3. Sarcastic composition
4. Blow
5. Cuckoo
6. Gloomy
7. Of the Vatican
8. Exceptional
9. Have being
10. Cashew's relative
11. Fortuneteller's card
12. Repeat
13. Require
14. Wet, as morning grass
24. Clara Barton, e.g.
26. Find fault with
28. Piece of wood
30. Usefulness
31. War hero Murphy
33. Flush
35. Soldier's lodging
37. Electronic component
38. More than prompt
40. Bond
42. Necklace of flowers
43. Blunder
44. Fashion
46. Embrace
47. Wind-creating device
49. John Malkovich, e.g.
51. Possessive adjective
54. Remove pins from
56. Prevent
58. \_\_\_ Christmas
63. Drill
64. On the beach
65. Supply with oxygen
66. Pantry
68. Purple Heart, e.g.
70. Bitterly pungent
72. Call up
73. Willing's partner
74. Sneak a look
75. Molding
76. Encourage in crime
77. Heal
80. Vase
82. Buck's companion

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1. Fuel
4. Short breath
8. Enthralled
12. At the \_\_\_ of one's rope
15. Chance \_\_\_ lifetime
16. Wild ox of Sulawesi
17. Geographical belt
18. So-so grade
19. Frequently, to Byron
20. Not stiff
21. Hitchcock's "\_\_\_ Window"
22. Cut down
23. Fishing net
25. Infant
27. Nary a soul
29. Hose shade
30. Feeling fit
31. Sedan, e.g.
32. Intense fear
34. Adjoin
36. Helpful drink?
39. Title for Gielgud
40. Inside
41. Irani coin
43. Milestone
45. Food shop
46. Love greatly
47. To and \_\_\_
48. Persian title
50. Indecent
52. 551, to Romans
53. Debate
55. Surrender, as territory
57. Comfortably informal
59. Verb's counterpart
60. Waste allowance
61. Unclose, in verse
62. Ribbed fabric
63. Emily Dickinson, e.g.
64. Of the stars
67. Arab bigwig
69. Let up on
71. Gather in a crop
73. Highest point
76. St. Louis landmark
77. Incense ingredient
78. Appeal
79. Defeat decisively
81. Traveled by bus
83. Excitement
84. Protective shelter
85. Pasture measure
86. Strong metal
87. Downing Street number
88. \_\_\_ out (barely make)
89. Gave temporarily
90. Monopoly card
91. Before

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# Shelburne man charged with Child Luring

Shelburne Police launched an investigation after a parent of a youth expressed concerns over an adult male's interaction with their daughter.

The investigation identified three female victims under the age of 16 of child luring. The three victims are from Shelburne and surrounding area.

As a result, a Shelburne man was arrested on Tuesday January 28th. He has been charged with three counts of Child Luring and three counts of Invitation to Sexual Touching under the Criminal Code of Canada. The accused was held for a show cause hearing.

The name of the accused is being withheld for the protection of the victims.

All youth and parents are reminded to be cautious when using Internet, social media, texting and cell phones. Parents are encouraged to speak with their children about online safety and to monitor their children's use of social media and cell phones.

If anyone has any information in relation to this case or any other criminal activity, they are encouraged to contact the Shelburne Police Service at 519-925-3312 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at [www.crimestoppersdm.com](http://www.crimestoppersdm.com)

## This week in police news...

• Shelburne's Hospitality and Efforts Eased Worries of Stranded Motorists during Massive Weekend Road Shut Down: Hundreds of out of town motorists used the arena as shelter over the weekend. Using the arena is part of Dufferin County's Emergency Plan for just this type of situation.

During the course of the night and day the Shelburne Police received many compliments from motorists who spent numerous hours stranded in Shelburne on the weekend. They were impressed with how unselfishly and warmly many community residents, businesses and services made the stressful situation more comfortable and pleasant.

Many residents opened their homes to perfect strangers. Many business owners provided supplies and offered their parking lots to help out.

The Shelburne Police would like to thank the many residents who showed up at the arena on their own accord to lend a helping hand. Also thank you to local businesses that showed up and offered their services.

Hundreds of out of town motorists used the arena as shelter over the weekend. Using the arena is part of Dufferin County's Emergency Plan for just this type of situation.

The Shelburne Police would like to acknowledge all the different community services, businesses and volunteers that worked co-operatively and with great effort to make the weekend emergency plan work successfully. Thank you to Dufferin Emergency Management, Dufferin OPP, Dufferin Paramedic Services, Shelburne and District Fire Department, Canadian Red Cross, St. John's Ambulance, Town of Shelburne Town Works and Administrative Staff, Dufferin County Staff, Neighbouring Township Staff, Snow Plow Operators, Tow Truck Companies and Hockey Tournament Volunteers.

• Ignoring Road Closures Can Be Dangerous and Costly: Over the weekend some motorists chose to ignore road closure signs and barriers. For some it cost a \$110 ticket and 3 points on their driving record. For others it cost much more including towing costs, vehicle recovery costs, and vehicle damage costs. Further, insurance companies may question what a motorist was doing travelling on a closed highway.

Another risk of entering a closed highway is becoming stranded in winter storm conditions far from a town or place of shelter.

Many motorists may not realize that emergency services including towing trucks, snow plows, paramedics, fire and police may be working in white out conditions on these closed roadways. These emergency workers are there to rescue stranded drivers, recover vehicles and clear the snow – so that the road may eventually be opened safely. By-passing the road closure barriers put the safety of these workers at risk.

A more extreme example of this took place on Saturday afternoon. A motorist from Dundalk was speeding at 26 kph over the speed limit, travelling south bound on Victoria Street which was covered in snow and ice. The motorist then continued south on County Road 11 by-passing the road closure barriers. A Shelburne Police officer finally stopped the driver as he entered an area where numerous OPP officers, snow plows and tow truck operators were recovering multiple abandoned vehicles. The roadside investigation revealed that the driver was unlicensed. He was on two driving suspensions, one stemming from a recent impaired driving conviction. As a result of his reckless actions, 29 year old Emanuel Pacheco is facing five charges under the highway traffic act, including speeding, drive on closed highway and two counts of driving while under suspension. The minimum fine for driving while under suspension is \$1000 for a first time offence. The vehicle Pacheco was driving was impounded for seven days under the highway traffic act VIP provisions (vehicle impoundment program). Thank-fully none of the workers or officers on the closed highway were injured in this incident.

### Break-in at transfer station

On Thursday, January 23rd, Grey County OPP received a report of a break-in at the Egremont Transfer Station and Landfill Site located on Southgate Road 10 in the Township of Southgate.

Sometime between 6 p.m. on Wednesday, January 22nd and 6 a.m. on Thursday, January 23rd, unknown suspect(s) breached the fence to the main entrance of the property. The following items were taken: • Approximately 150–200 lbs of scrap copper valued between \$450–\$600. • 100 piece socket set – 3/4" various bits valued at \$100. • Case of engine grease valued at \$50. • Cordless Drill – 18V, black valued at \$100.

Anyone with information which may assist is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

### Have your documents ready

A police officer has the power to stop any car operating on a highway (any publicly owned street) at any time to inspect the vehicle for licencing, insurance, mechanical fitness, and to check the driver for sobriety. If you are stopped by police, you must be able to surrender a valid driver's licence, a copy of the permit for the motor vehicle and licence plate, and proof of insurance. All your documents must be current and valid. In addition, you must have a validation sticker on one of the plates, the rear plate for passenger cars, or the front plate for commercial vehicles.

It is essential that the driver of every motor vehicle has these documents, as set out in the Highway Traffic Act and the Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act. The fines for not having these documents range from \$55 for the insurance proof to \$110 for your licence and permit.

Often, we hear the excuse that drivers don't have the documents available because they are afraid that they will be stolen from the vehicle. In that case, keep them in your wallet for those occasions when an officer asks to see them. Your licence cannot be copied, and should never be left in your car.

Do your part in making our streets safer, have your documents ready, current and with you in your motor vehicle.

## OPP cruiser involved in collision

On January 29th at 12:33 p.m. a Dufferin County OPP cruiser was involved in collision with a Tractor Trailer.

Preliminary investigation reveals the fully marked cruiser parked with emergency lights activated was struck by a tractor trailer and pushed up against a jack knifed tractor trailer involved in previous collision.

The Dufferin OPP officer was extricated from

the police vehicle by the members of the Grand Valley Fire Department and transported to Headwaters Hospital with non-life threatening injuries by Dufferin EMS.

OPP Technical Traffic Collision Investigators were on scene investigating.

More details to follow as investigation is continuing and no charges have been laid at this time.

## Traffic Safety Tip: snowplow etiquette

A snow plow is a common winter sight on Ontario roads. They are identified by a blue flashing light on top, and red and yellow signals to the rear.

Snow removal is essential for the timely and safe movement of cars and other traffic.

We know that lining up behind a snowplow can be a frustrating exercise. The speed is often reduced to a crawl as the snow is removed. The delay can put a dent in your plans, especially if you're running behind. On the other hand, if the plows weren't doing their jobs, you might have a dent in your car, or worse, yourself.

When you find yourself behind a snowplow, it can be tempting to pull out around and pass them. Visibility is often obscured, and the road in front of a plow is never in good shape. Often, a plow will swerve to avoid obstacles that you cannot see. It is dangerous to you, the plow driver, and other cars and drivers to pass a working snowplow. Stay back 50 meters, maintain a constant speed, and let the plows do their work.

Plan ahead and leave yourself extra time to travel on snowy days.

Keep back, stay patient. Snow plows need room to do their jobs.

## OPP Commissioner supports Bill C-13

Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Commissioner Chris Lewis today released the following statement in support of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACAP) position on the Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act (Bill C-13) presently before the Parliament of Canada:

"The OPP is very concerned about the devastating impact of cyberbullying and other online criminal activities. As an organization, the OPP already supports various school- and community-based crime prevention, education, and awareness programs across Ontario with a goal to reduce further crime and victimization. The programs our members actively provide include those dealing with social media and the ever-changing online environment.

We support any legislation that eliminates

barriers to effective investigation and improves online safety for all Canadians. The OPP supports the position taken by the President of Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACAP), Chief Constable Jim Chu, as we have publicly supported similar legislation when previously introduced. I urge all Ontario media to publish his article to ensure all citizens are better informed on this matter.

It is our collective belief that the Protecting Canadians from Online Crime Act supports our calls for improved and updated legislative tools to help police get access to the information needed to investigate child sexual abuse via the internet, cyberbullying, and other criminal activities using the latest technologies and platforms while ensuring the privacy rights enjoyed by all Canadians are protected."

## Satisfaction Survey helps OPP

A Community Satisfaction Survey is scheduled to start this January in West Region to solicit public opinions about the services the OPP detachments deliver to communities throughout the region.

The Community Satisfaction Survey is a telephone survey that randomly selects members of the public (16 years or older) who live in Ontario. The survey takes about five to seven minutes to complete and is strictly voluntary. Those contacted and willing to participate are asked about issues such as community security, perceptions of crime and youth issues in the community, OPP presence in the community, service delivery and even how the OPP investigates crime and enforces the law.

These surveys are done throughout the province on a rolling three year schedule.

The West Region detachment surveys will start in January and are expected to be com-

pleted by March 30, 2014. The OPP would like to thank those who participate.

### No Insurance

On Thursday, January 23, a Canine officer was monitoring traffic on Bridge Street in Bradford during the morning. At 9:45 a.m., the officer stopped a Honda Accord for speeding. After a brief conversation with the driver, the officer determined the car was being driven without any insurance. The driver, a 61 year old Orangeville man has been issued a summons to appear in court on March 12, 2014 facing a charge of Operating a Motor Vehicle Without Insurance. If convicted, the man will face a minimum fine of \$5,000 under the Compulsory Automobile Insurance Act.

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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Shelburne Legion news

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Saturday there is a Yuk Yuk's performance in the Warriors Hall.

Sunday is our monthly breakfast. Thank you to Downey Farms for providing our potatoes. Also on Sunday is Euchre in the Museum room.

February 7th is our next wing night and back by popular demand is DJ Terrace.

Volunteers are always needed, please call the branch and see where you can help out.

The General Meeting was cancelled due to bad weather. The meeting will be rescheduled for February 4th at 7:30 p.m.

## Museum events

• Saturday February 1st – Exhibit Opening "Letters of Love" – DCMA Silo Gallery

Before texting, before emailing and before the telephone, there was the handwritten letter. It was not so long ago that feelings were conveyed through paper and ink. On February 1st, Letters of Love will open at the DCMA. This special exhibit displayed in the museum's picturesque silo gallery, features letters, postcards and secret notes shared between husband and wife, mother and son, even an NHL hockey player and an adoring fan. These archival pieces offer a glimpse into the relationships that thrived, regardless of distance. Exhibit continues until March 10th.



The cast of Dick Whittington and His Cat!



(L to R) Amanda Fox and her two year old son, Philip really enjoyed the performance of Dick Whittington and His Cat. "I like supporting the community theatre and I love the Shelburne has something like this. It gives us something to do, keeps us in Shelburne which is very important," commented Fox noting the caliber of the performance was great.

## Muskies get a break due to bad weather

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Muskies Senior AA team got a break from the ice when all North Division games in the Western Ontario Athletic Association were cancelled due to hard driving conditions and blowing snow on Saturday, January 25.

The Muskies have had a tough season and in the number seven spot in the eight team League with 12 points. That's a 6-16 record for the season.

Only the Lucknow Lancers have a worse re-

cord and are sitting in the basement with seven points and a 3-19 record for the season.

The WOOA regular season wraps up this week. There has not yet been announcement regarding make-up games for those matches that were cancelled due to the weather.

In the standings there is tight race for the top spots. The Saugeen Shores Winterhawks currently lead with 37 points an 18-4 record.

They are followed by Elora Rocks with 37 points and 17-3-3 record, and have played one more game than the Saugeen squad.

In third place the Mapleton-Miinto 81's are close behind with 36 points and an 18-4 record.

The Durham Thundercats are in the number five spot followed by the Ripley Wolves, Shelburne, and Lucknow.

In the South Division, the Tillsonburg Thunder are leading with 40 points and three losses after 23 games. They are followed by the Tavistock Royals and Komaka Classics who are tied for second place with 34 points and equal 16-8 records – including two overtime losses for each team.

## Review: Dick Whittington and His Cat, now that's entertainment!



PHOTOS BY ALEX SHER

9 year old, Grade 4 student, Mark Rogers is one kid pantomimes were made for as he sat up front directing comments to Raffia, Queen Rat several times during the performance of Dick Whittington and His Cat adding to the enjoyment of audience.

BY ALEX SHER

Shelburne is very fortunate to have been graced with the calibre of the top quality performance of Dick Whittington and His Cat. Twice cancelled due to inclement weather, the performance was well worth the wait. Dick Whittington and His Cat is a pantomime the entire family will enjoy!

The cast delivered dialogue articulately, humorously, and naturally, which is essential when engaging audience participation ensuring an effective and wonderfully intelligent pantomime.

A truly professional, talented, compassionate and quick thinking cast not only engaged the audience, but very quick witted response to any remark the audience had to offer.

Costumes were visually captivating, the set

visually stimulating but not distracting, and the talented, live musical accompaniment completed a performance extraordinaire. Although difficult to single out one performance, actor Jeannette Massicote, who played Raffia, Queen Rat delivered a remarkable, memorable performance. From the ear wrenching cackle, frightening facial expressions, to the design of the costume, and the infectious energy of the evil character, one could only surrender to the actor and hang on every word.

In addition to having written, directed and produced Dick Whittington and His Cat, Bev Nicholas' performances were endearing, sweet, humorous and memorable, experience and talent shining through. Choreography by Jo Hubbard also brought the stage to life with joyful, uplifting, relatable movements perfectly timed to the decade the play takes place in.

Jo Hubbard, Melina Prentice, Brenda Stewart, Bev Nicholas, Peter King, Michelle Steele, Kim Peeters, Meaghan Wright, Jeanette Massicote, Larry Creasey, Jameson Saleta, Sharon Creasey, Julie White, Hope Petican, Rejean Ghanem, are truly spectacular, experienced,

professional performers who treat Shelburne to a wonderful, feel good couple of hours that will leave you wanting to return for the next Tipling Stage Company's Presentation! Bravo!

Go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kCdIETUFE04&feature=youtu.be>, or watch the video on the Shelburne Free Press Facebook page for an amateur video clip of Dick Whittington and His Cat.

Shelburne can look forward to the next theatre treat by The Tipling Stage Company on April 25th, Jenny's House of Joy, by Norm Foster and directed by Shelburne's very own, Jean Jardine Miller.

Special Note of Correction: In last week's article, Robin Hood was actually written by Dennis Stephenson, and was the first pantomime performed by the Tipling Stage Company, Waiting For the Parade, one of Nicholas's favorite plays which he did not write is a Canadian work by John Murrell, and finally, a ridiculous misspelling I apologise for is a well known Country in the United Kingdom, Wales, not Whales (unless you happen to be someone named Jonah!) Thank you for your understanding.

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## TEAM OF THE WEEK

### Shelburne Wolves Novice Rep

When the Shelburne Wolves Novice Rep team found themselves short of players in the pre-season, the call went out for more players to fill the bench. The result was a team with less experience than other rep teams, but they made up for it with a willingness to learn and enthusiasm for the game.

This group of eight year-olds has managed to play a solid season and learn the skills needed to be a successful team.

The squad has worked hard on developing their knowledge of positioning on the ice and how to work on and set up plays in front of the net.

As a result the Novice Rep team had a burn season and have taken a step forward in their hockey careers.




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**February 3rd**

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Bantam Rep vs Wasaga Beach	8:00pm - 9:50pm

For complete schedule please visit [www.shelburneminorhockey.com](http://www.shelburneminorhockey.com)  
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# Real estate in Shelburne



**PHOTO BY ALEX SHER**  
Serving Dundalk, Flesherton and Shelburne, Royal LePage RCR Real Estate Agent, Bruce Gale provides a candid look into Real Estate in Shelburne today.

**BY ALEX SHER**

The housing market is known for trending up and down leaving many consumers wandering when it's the right time to purchase a home and for a lot of people hoping to get bang for their buck, Shelburne, Ontario is quickly becoming an attractive option.

According to Royal LePage RCR Real Estate Agent, Bruce Gale, today's potential home buyer's needs are very different from potential home buyers in the last ten years, reflecting a modern fast paced society and a shift of priority.

"People might be looking for a less expensive option when purchasing a home and generally the farther away from the Toronto area and highways, the more affordable houses get, comparatively speaking," Gale continued, "A similar sized house in Shelburne will be far less expensive than a house in Brampton for example."

With changing times come different dynamics and lifestyles. Where once a large yard and a lot of space attracted purchasers, in today's fast paced society, where many people stay inside because of technology, or busy families who

work and drive kids to every event, there is not much need or time for a large yard requiring care.

While the bungalow is still popular, many in today's market are not concerned with square footage a bungalow affords but are looking to height and how many levels a home may offer.

"Shelburne's new developments are attractive to people looking to get out of the city or live in a small town to raise families, but in a place ideally located, where easy access to Toronto is available," Gale reminds, "The key considerations are price and location."

So when is the right time to buy? According to Gale, spring is a favorite time for home owners to put their houses up for sale and as a result, during the winter months not much is available and that drives the market in an upward expensive trend.

In Shelburne specifically, there is a new attractive demographic regarding growth.

With Shelburne's core adding all the charm and historical aspects people adore in small towns, growth will promise new industry, retail outlets and food chains such as Tim Horton's creating a unique blend of old and new, a touch of fast paced society with the slow comfortable pace already well established that will thankfully never change.

Gale mentions that the most important thing for first time or potential buyers to know is to be pre-qualified for a mortgage and recommends visiting your bank or seek the help of a mortgage broker who will have banks bid for your business.

"Also look at the sales history of the house as it may affect the resale value," and Gale observes in regard to the new layout of home designs, "Many people are looking for open concepts, and that is a big design appeal."

"I agree with the feasibility studies I've looked at and heard about. Hopes for Shelburne's expansion offer great expectations," Gale commented.

As Gale reveals that most Toronto Real Estate trends will eventually trickle down towards the smaller communities, spring promises to be very exciting in Real Estate possibilities in Shelburne.

Contact Bruce Gale at Royal LePage RCR Realty at 136 Main St. E or call 519 925-2761 for more information regarding all your Real Estate needs.

# OPP recruits graduate in style at the Nottawasaga Inn



**BY JEFF DONER**

The OPP welcomed some of its newest members at the first recruit graduating class of 2014 ceremony at the Nottawasaga Inn last week.

OPP officers and recruits came from all over Ontario to celebrate the hard work and success of the 12 women and 14 men who have made up the 2014 recruitment class #444.

Most will be joining the OPP as provincial constables, but there are a couple that will be joining the First Nation police services in the province.

Carissa Chapman from Windsor will be joining the Chatham-Kent OPP detachment and was all smiles once the formal event concluded.

"It feels great. There's a lot of pride, I feel very proud," she said. "It takes years to get the point where you can be hired and once you're hired there's a long process you have to go through - the schooling, the training - it's pretty intense, so this is kind of surreal and this is definitely a dream come true."

For Chapman in particular, the process has been seven years total, which was spread out with two pregnancies in between.

"It's definitely commitment," she said. "You just have to be very dedicated and know what you want and if you want it, it will happen you've just got to push to get there. Here I am and it's amazing."

With family in the service and her athletic background, it seemed like a great fit for her

considering she wanted a career that would get her out and involved in her community.

OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis was also on hand to welcome in the new class, but it was a tad bittersweet considering it will be the last class he speaks to as Commissioner before his upcoming retirement.

"A little nostalgic for sure, but a good feeling at the same time because I know I'm leaving with the organization in good shape with strong leaders to take over for me and to continue moving things forward," he said.

"At the same time I'm walking out the door I'm seeing a group of bright eyed, smart new recruits that will just keep the organization going. It's like a bittersweet moment for me, but without a doubt I left there sad that it's my last one, but at the same time very proud in the direction."

Commissioner Lewis said it's a smaller class than normal, but one that he sees as very strong and very diverse.

"There are seven different languages spoken by that class, there was at least two former military officers that have served in Afghanistan, there are married people with kids and mortgages with life experience and education far different than what we would have hired when I came through 35 years ago," he said.

"They have such pride to be in policing and proud to be part of a world-class organization (the second biggest in all of Canada)...They want to serve, they want to make a difference. They really do."

# Faces of Recovery aim to be faces of hope during awareness week

**BY BROCK WEIR**

Over seven years ago, Aurora's Michelle Scott was a woman in search of answers.

She had been living with an eating disorder since her teens, but despite counselling programs couldn't find just the right person in the community with whom she could share her struggle.

One day, however, she found Eating Disorders of York Region, now Riverwalk Wellness Centres, online. At the time, they were hosting an information session and Michelle went through the doors not knowing what to expect.

"I heard a lot of people who are in recovery talk about their stories and share their experiences and there was just generally a lot of support," she recalls.

The supportive atmosphere of the meetings inspired Michelle to get in on the action not only to seek support for herself, as a volunteer.

As Riverwalk prepares to mark Eating Disorders Awareness Week beginning this Sunday, Michelle is preparing to take the next step in her involvement at Riverwalk - joining their board of directors this spring.

Eating Disorders Awareness Week 2014 runs from February 2 through February 9.

To raise this awareness throughout the York Region Community, they will bring in experts to hold courses on Emotion Focused Family Therapy, a new program equipping families of those living with eating disorders to provide vital support.

"My hope is to be able to reach out to younger

people, and anybody who might be struggling in the active phases of their eating disorder, to impart to them recovery is possible and there is hope," says Ms. Scott. "Feeling like you are going to be stuck forever and that there is no hope is a feeling everyone can relate to."

"Even though it feels like it is impossible to get out of that place when you are there, it is actually possible. I was lucky enough when I was recovering to have role models and people who have gone through the darkest parts of their journey to emerge on the other side stronger and wiser for t. I would like to play that role for other people, because I found it extremely helpful for me when I needed it."

One such person who has shared this struggle, and has indeed come out the other side stronger and wiser is Ingie Mehmet. Ms. Mehmet struggled with anorexia and bulimia but, after embarking on her journey of recovery at the age of 21, began work as an addiction counsellor and a counsellor in crisis management.

She joins the Riverwalk team as part of the Faces of Recovery program, which will meet twice as part of Eating Disorders Awareness Week, including a session at the Aurora Public Library on February 4. The event provides an opportunity to forge a connection between individuals trying to recover, as well as their friends and family, with someone who is proof positive there is a light at the end of the tunnel.

"Individuals can make a connection with individuals like myself that have gone through this and have been able to recover," says Ms.

Mehmet. "Recovery is an everyday thing, but it is important to feel strong in their recovery. When I was going through this, I felt very isolated and didn't want to get any help and I didn't feel anyone would have understood."

"In my role now, in terms of being a part of Faces of Recovery, I can help others who are going through that situation and struggling with an eating disorder not feel isolated and have an opportunity to talk to me along with others and seek that support. I never had any peer support."

She is all too aware, however, that recovery cannot be a "one-size-fits-all" plan or a piece of advice. Everyone's struggles are going to be very different, and the same goes for their means of recovery.

"There is never any definite answer as to what you can do to support someone and how recovery will look for different people," she says.

When I was struggling, there weren't a lot of resources out there. My hope is to give hope and support to those who are struggling now and be able to contribute and give them resources."

Programs won't stop following net week's Awareness drive, says Janice Morgante, Executive Director of Riverwalk. Volunteers and staff with EDOYR are also getting ready for their respective closeups as cameras roll in February for a short film the group plans to submit to the 2014 Multimedia Film Festival of York Region focusing on addictions, eating disorders and substance use, as well as mechanisms people use to cope.

"It will bring to light, in contrast to the darkness, what is the lived experience of so many families," says Ms. Morgante. "That is a really exciting project. For more information, visit [www.edoyr.com](http://www.edoyr.com)

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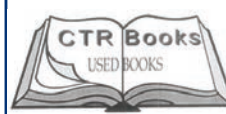
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### PEDV no surprise, diagnostic tool developed

BY WES KELLER

The detection of porcine endemic diarrhea virus (PEDV) in Ontario might not have been as much of a shock to the pork industry as it was to the media, a chronological review of events over the past 10 months would reveal.

The real surprise was in April 2013 when the first case ever in North America – or possibly in the Western Hemisphere – was identified in the Midwest of the United States.

Back then, there was no easy means to detecting the presence of the virus. But, but July, the University of Minnesota had developed a diagnostic test that, apparently, has only recently been publicly announced. As yet, however, there is no vaccine against the virus.

Because there had never been an instance of PEDV on this continent in the annals of history, there was no such thing as immunity. Not surprisingly, the virus spread to 23 States in a matter of weeks after April. But how did it spread?

“This virus spreads primarily through feces so any bit of manure that’s on a transportation vehicle, on a pair of boots, on clothing can certainly infect a herd of pigs so the main means of mitigation is to wash and make sure that when their vehicle is washed that it’s washed in a facility that does not recycle the water,” says Harvey Wagner of Saskatchewan Pork Development Board in Farmscape.ca

“The PED virus, it doesn’t take a lot of the virus to infect the pig; it’s actually quite extraordinary in that respect. If you have a little bit of virus on one truck it can infect all the wash water in the truck wash that uses recycled water so make sure the truck washes are using fresh water.”

The Farmscape report was in December. But, in about June 2013 the Canadian Swine Health Board (CSHB) advised producers to be vigilant.

“As this is a new virus to North America, there is no immunity in any Canadian swine herd. This

disease is similar to TGE (Transmissible Gastroenteritis). This appears to be a virulent strain, which causes widespread diarrhea with up to 100% mortality in nursing pigs.

“Good biosecurity is the most important step to keep this disease from spreading to Canada. Producers should ensure that incoming trucks are free of contamination,” CSHB said in late May 2013.

Technically, other sites have pointed out that PEDV is among the coronaviridae family, so-called because of its similar appearance to the corona of the sun. That is the similarity as noted by the Board with TGE (transmissible gastroenteritis coronavirus).

Although TGEV might be transmissible to humans, PEDV is not; nor, for now at least, is it transmissible to other animals, according to the scientists.

But if one pig is infected, even if showing no signs, all pigs around it are at risk.

So the University of Minnesota College of Veterinary Medicine has developed a second diagnostic test -- the first PEDV swine herd surveillance test announced in the U.S. -- and has brought PEDV diagnostic testing up to swine industry disease monitoring standards.

“The new test will allow the swine industry to identify which pigs have been exposed to PEDV and act accordingly, even if animals have not shown symptoms of the disease,” says a news release.

The latest figures put pig mortality from PEDV at an estimated 3 million pigs nationwide in the U.S. There is no known effective vaccine or treatment for the virus at this time.

To help combat the economic and animal welfare losses caused by PEDV diagnosis and spread, the University of Minnesota is making the newly developed diagnostic herd surveillance test available to the swine industry immediately at its Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory for less than \$15 per serum sample submitted.

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# Shelburne Library news

Alright, enough winter already! Friday night was horrendous as we all know and Saturday, we were closed knowing it was just too dangerous for anyone to be out. On Monday, those of our staff who live in town or me who could walk out and be picked up, persevered and kept the library open. We were open till 2 p.m., celebrating Family Literacy Day as promised, with hot chocolate and we did have quite a few patrons in.

### Lego Club –

January 29, @ 3:30

What a fun time last Wednesday was as we welcomed 24 youngsters to our first Lego Club! We had healthy snacks and then the big surprise was letting them open all the bags and boxes. It really was like Christmas; many oohs and aahs and a great deal of excitement for sure. Grace, our student assistant who is coordinating the program introduced the activities and programs for the coming weeks. The first week's theme was transportation. She also had coloring sheets and board games and puzzle challenges for them. We also mentioned there were only 2 rules... have fun and share! And share they did. It was most impressive how small groups sorted out to build different items and worked so well together. All in all at the end of the time, we realized how much fun the youngsters had and we did too.

We look forward to each Wednesday at 3:30 again. Interested participants can register by calling the library: 519-925-2168.

### March Break Activities:

We have our March Break activities lined up but you will need to wait a little while before we have tickets and more information ready. We have Robin Hood this year as the Theatre Production, Creature Quest as our "animal show" and Erick Traplin, a musical performer.

We will have lots of other in-library activities for our youngsters. So stay tuned as they say!

### The Best Laid Plans – Terry Fallis

With so many folks watching the Best Laid Plans on CBC, we have renewed interest in the books so do place a hold if you are interested in reading or re-reading the books.

### New Fiction and Book Club Selections

- Cavewomen don't get fat by Esther Blum
- The Whole Enchilada by Diane Mott Davidson
- Organize & Create discipline by Justin Klossy
- What we lost in the dark by Jacquelyn Mitchard
- The Nightmare by Lars Kepler
- A Song for the dying by Stuart MacBride
- The Invention of wings by Sue Monk Kidd
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Through a five-year agreement, Ontario is making it easier for Ducks Unlimited Canada to repair or build small, low-risk dams. These dams help protect and preserve important habitat for waterfowl.

This new approach is designed to save time and money, and allow government to focus its resources towards reviewing large, complex dam applications.

Protecting the environment will enhance the quality of life for Ontario families and ensure a dynamic, green economy for future generations. This is part of the government's plan to invest in people, build modern infrastructure and support a dynamic and innovative business climate.

The Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) is responsible for how dams are managed in Ontario. Dam owners must get MNR approval for the construction of new dams and certain repairs and alterations to existing dams.



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David Oraziotti, Minister of Natural Resources, and Mark Gloutney, DUC's director of regional operations - eastern region, sign an agreement in Toronto on January 23.

# NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

## Seeking to be more like Jesus

To what extent should a follower of Jesus Christ ("Christian"), seek to be more like Him? The interesting thing about this question is the varied response you get when it is asked. Answers range based upon an individual's personal level and willingness to commit to such an undertaking. Also involved, the level of understanding and beliefs a person has concerning who Jesus is. What we think and what we believe and what we say matters, because it impacts our actions which determine the outcomes in our life.

In looking at this concept of seeking to be more like Jesus, what types of things should be included? We have the obvious from Scripture:

- Philippians 2:5, "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus"
- John 13:34-35, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. {35} By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

- 1 John 2:3-6, "We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands. {4} The man who says, 'I know him,' but does not do what he commands is a liar, and the truth is not in him. {5} But if anyone obeys his word, God's love is truly made complete in him. This is how we know we are in him: {6} Whoever claims to live in him must walk as Jesus did."

What does seeking to be more like Jesus, or "walking as Jesus did," look like today? The Apostle Paul sums up the practical aspects of the love principle and really the humility principle as well in 1 Corinthians 13:4-8, "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. {5} It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. {6} Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. {7} It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. {8} Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away."

What are some other aspects in Jesus' life that

it would be good for us to include in our own lives?

It is not my intention to provide an exhaustive list in this article. In fact I will exclude, for the sake of space, many ideas I am sure you could easily list off the top of your head. My intention is to introduce to you briefly a couple of important ideas you might not have considered, for your further investigation.

I would suggest to you in seeking to be more like Jesus, you might consider the importance of defining your God-given dream, goal, vision, mission, or purpose in life. When Jesus was twelve years old, Mary and Joseph made the assumption Jesus was part of the group travelling home from the Passover celebration in Jerusalem.

Discovering he was missing after a days journey they turned back to search for him and when they finally found him in the temple with the religious leaders and scholars, Jesus response was, "Why were you looking for me? Didn't you know that I had to be here, dealing with the things of my

Father?" (Luke 2:49 "The Message"). Jesus knew from an early age He had a mission and purpose in life. Throughout His ministry He moved with definiteness towards fulfilling that purpose. In seeking to be more like Jesus it is important we do not simply drift through life, but earnestly seek to discover what God is calling us to do in the fulfillment of our unique purpose in life.

The second thing I would suggest you consider in seeking to be more like Jesus is, to not allow anyone or anything to discourage or distract you from living and being your best for God. You are personally responsible and accountable to be a faithful steward of everything

God allows to be part of your life. Jesus never considered Himself a victim and neither should you. Jesus went to the cross of Calvary because He chose to. He would not allow anyone or anything to stop Him from completing His mission and purpose in life. He died a victor and rose from the grave as a victor. The Apostle Paul

wrote in Romans 8:28-37, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. {29} For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. {30} And those he predestined, he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. {31} What, then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us? {32} He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all - how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? {33} Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. {34} Who is he that condemns? Christ Jesus, who died - more than that, who was raised to life - is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. {35} Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? {36} As it is written:

'For your sake we face death all day long; we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.' {37} No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us."

In seeking to be more like Jesus, look beyond the obvious to discover other things you can work on in your life so God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Rev. Bob McLellan  
Grace Church of the Nazarene, Shelburne

### Additional Note:

On Sunday January 26, 2014 Rev. Bob McLellan accepted a four year pastoral extension from the local church leadership team in conjunction with a meeting of the presiding denominational.

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## Crossroads Community Church

Joy always fills our hearts when we come into God's presence. We worship in spirit and truth when the Lord meets with us. Bob lead beautiful choruses and our hearts were humbled to receive God's message. Pastor Don began with sharing announcements and prayer requests; we praise God for keeping many safe and sheltered this weekend. As many were stranded due to Friday's storm, the emergency shelters set up in local arenas were a great blessings. We continue to pray for families during this difficult season, may God bring comfort and healing. Then Pastor Don Prayed over the service asking God to teach us and humble us.

We began our year with this resolution: "To Grow in a closer relationship with Jesus Christ in 2014 God will help us achieve it if we trust Him, (Proverbs 3:1-10). King Solomon wrote this to his son, and we can definitely feel the importance of "Trusting God". In vs 1 He stresses not to forget his teaching and to obey, vs 2 he states the results of following those instructions, a long good life, obviously it doesn't mean life will not have its share of troubles but obedience to God will certainly guide us through them. Now in vs 3 he speaks of loyalty and kindness as characteristics so valuable that they should be nurtured deep in our hearts and mind so that they are naturally displayed by our actions. Our actions should match our words just as Jonathan showed his loyalty towards David. Although it was Jonathan's birthright to be King after his father, he was loyal even after he knew that God had chosen David to be king over Israel, (1 Samuel 18:1-4). Back to Proverbs 3, vs 5 instructs us to trust God with all our being and to not rely on our own ideas or reasoning, trusting God is secure. This does not signify leaving sound rational thinking or judgement but these should align with God's wisdom. When we consult God, listen to Him and follow through with his guidance it shows that we trust Him.

In vs 6 to 10 we find a promise that when we seek God's will he will show us the way and give us success. A great example of this is when King David sought God before fighting the giant, David trusted and obeyed and the Giant was defeated with a sling, 3 stones and a whole lot of faith, (1 Samuel 17:45-47). Other depictions of trust are all over the Bible from Noah to Joshua to the Apostle Paul, (Genesis 6:22, 1 Kings 3:10-12, Hebrews 13:5-6). It is our desire here at Crossroads, to see many from our community come to trust God and seek to know Him and gain wisdom from His guidance because we know the blessings of a growing relationship with Jesus.

When we take a close look at this 3rd Proverbs we can deduct that God's instructions are all inclusive, we are to seek Him in all things, please Him in all things and give Him all things, not just what we want, or when we feel like it or just our leftovers. After all God freely gives all things to us, we should have the same attitude towards Him. That is the best attitude to be a good steward of the Gifts He gives us.

God is Trustworthy and entrusts us with much, and He promises to provide for us and

care for us and if God promises it then we ought to trust it. Even in our most difficult times God will be there to teach us to go through them.

Beloved in these situations we can be like the Psalmist and praise the Lord because He understands whatever it is we are living through, (Psalms 56:4). If we allow ourselves to be vulnerable and confide in Him, if we Trust him, he will help us and He will make our lives radiate like the dawn, and the justice of our cause will shine like the noonday sun. He can do this just as He did for so many during His time on Earth, He does it for anyone who trusts and believes,

(Mark 9:23, 24). We should also trust Him because of His great love for us so we should not take Him for granted or become complacent. We should always seek to please Him, joyfully serve Him and trust Him just as He trusts us. This week beloved whatever it is that you are going through, whether good or bad seek the Lord, praise Him for the good and trust him with the bad, Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act. He will not fail to be by your side, Asherey Shalom!

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## Canada's 'Singing Priest' coming to Shelburne

Father Mark Curtis, better known as 'Canada's Singing Priest' is coming to Shelburne's Trinity United Church (200 Owen Street) on Sunday, February 9th at 2 p.m. to lead the 'Come In From the Cold and Warm Your Neighbour's Heart' prayer service, brought to you by the Shelburne Ministerial Association. Good will offerings will be accepted for the local food bank.

Father Curtis, affectionately once known as 'Canada's Singing Priest', was considered the country's leading Christian entertainer and recording artist, between 1998-2007. He has recording more than 15 recordings throughout his 30 year career.

Father Mark's music has also earned him radio and television airplay across the country. His concerts and recordings raised awareness and funds of more than \$11 million for various charitable organizations across Canada and the United States.

His humanitarian efforts were recognized by two Prime Ministers, Jean Chrétien and Paul Martin as well as Rotary International with the reception of the Paul Harris Fellow Award in 1998, The Rev. Norm Choate Distinguished Graduate Award from the University of St. Jerome's, Waterloo in 1996 and Milton's Citizen of The Year in 1994.

His performance highlights include singing 200 concerts annually, singing for the Royal Family, two Prime Ministers of Canada, a regular national anthem performer for the Toronto Maple Leafs hockey games, the Toronto Blue Jays baseball games, CFL football games and other prestigious sporting events such as the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame and the NHL Alumni.

Beyond the concert stage, Father Mark served two terms in municipal politics in 2003 and 2006. He has also served on numerous committees and boards within his community and throughout the province. He was especially known for his role as musical ambassador to Rose Cherry's Home, Ontario's first hospice and respite for terminally and chronically ill children. He and his wife Rita also co-hosted Nite Lite Live, a late night national televi-

sion program on the CTS Television Network, which was committed to reaching people in their darkest hour of need.

In 2007, Father Mark retired from his full time professional musical career as he was appointed by the Attorney General of Ontario to the office of Justice of the Peace. In 2010, his musical accomplishments were recognized by the Milton Historical Society, with his induction into the Walk of Fame. The Walk of Fame recognizes those Miltonians whose accomplishments are national and/or international in scope. In February, 2013, Father Mark's musical talents were further recognized with his reception of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal, which was presented during Queen Elizabeth's 60th Anniversary to honour her service to this country while at the same time, honour significant achievements made by inspirational Canadians. Today, he continues to serve as an Honorary Assistant priest at Grace Anglican Church in Milton and is married to Rita and has three children, Courtnie, Laura and Grant.

## Call for entry - Emerging Artists Exhibition

Club Art is looking for entries into the "Black, White & A Splash of Colour" emerging artists exhibit. Final deadline is Thursday, March 6th at 3 p.m.

This show is open to all artists between 15 and 25 years of age. Any interpretation of the 'Black, White & A Splash of Colour' theme is acceptable. All mediums and sizes acceptable. Each piece must include completed sign-in sheet with contact information. Art must be priced to sell at \$100 or less. Entry fee for each piece is \$5 which helps to support Club Art.

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