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First featured in the Shelburne Free Press for his own cross Canada adventure film, 'Saved By The Status', former CDDHS student, Jesse Sebastiani is now making waves in the U.S!

Rising YouTube star hails from Shelburne

BY ALEX SHER

What began as a few students at Centre Dufferin District High School who videoed themselves during ridiculous feats of craziness, turned into an MTV series called, Careless Teens. When that contract ended, one of the four stars involved, Jesse Sebastiani faced the cold reality of an uncertain future. Recently featured in the Shelburne Free Press, Sebastiani's next move, a life changing decision, to go out on his own. Tapping into his social media connections, Sebastiani began a cross country trek across Canada, filming his adventure, called Saved By The Status.

Continuing to inspire, Sebastiani contacted the Shelburne Free Press with an exclusive update. Upon receiving positive feedback from 'Saved By The Status', and great response from his fan base, Sebastiani and three friends from the surrounding area, Kyle Forgeard, Nicko Martinovic, and Marko Martinovic then caught the attention of California You Tube and video head hunters, and it wasn't long before the group accepted an invitation to star in the new series of well thought up pranks in a new Prank show called, NelkFilms.

"Three weeks ago the four of us said, ' Lets Go BIG!' We flew out to LA, California with the money in our pockets with the hopes of becoming "youtube famous" in the best film industry in the world. With all our fans back

home from the GTA supporting us, watching our story, we managed to succeed last night with a world- wide viral video called "7 Ways To Compliment Boobs". We uploaded the video and in under 24hrs it hit 1 million views! It was then featured on a TV show called "Right This Minute" and hundreds of other big sites such as Elite daily, Cosmopolitan, Break, Playboy, Chive, Redit, Dude Comedy etc. Radio stations around the world were talking about our video pushing the second night to over 2 million views now and counting. We grew our subscriber base to almost 100 thousand now and can comfortably live in LA and produce funny videos in only three weeks of being here," commented Sebastiani via email and Facebook.

Don't let the title of the video fool you! The friendly and intelligent content of Sebastiani's video can bring audiences back to another well loved comedy prank show called, Candid Camera. It's really "LOL" in the true sense! Fresh, intelligent, brave, humorous, Sebastiani sums up the adventure to fame, "We are a YouTube prank channel called "Nelkfilmz" and we are shooting our whole adventure, making it a TV Show, and pitching it to MTV. It's called "No Shame". We are all out here in LA in hopes of landing the MTV show and blowing our YouTube channel up!"

Once again, Canada must be on the watch for these rising stars who walk the road rarely

travelled, and can proudly boast being from Orangeville, Mississauga, and Shelburne. Follow and support this group of young Canadians on their journey and contact Sebastiani via e-mail dahlez@live.ca. Links to live content are as follows: Viral video- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oChIeqBFNvQ>, Youtube Channel, <https://www.youtube.com/user/NelkFilmz> and watch the whole story at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=71XeDXOxVvY>.

"Just thought I would share our story because it really is inspiring to anyone trying to chase their dreams and need that little story of achievement to help them make that leap like we did. Because sometimes it really does work out!" commented Sebastiani.



(L to R) Kyle Forgeard, Nicko Martinovic, Jesse Sebastiani, Marko Martinovic, taking a walk down the road less travelled, these four young Canadian men take film comedy and kick it up a notch in LA, becoming the next YouTube sensation while on their way to being MTV's next stars of prank comedy!

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Christmas blessings at local churches

BY MARNI WALSH

Churches of the Shelburne Ministerial are steeped in the blessings that surround the Christmas season; observing and celebrating the traditions of their faith. Several have shared their Christmas events, and those yet to come, with our readers.

Abiding Place Fellowship held their annual Christmas café, December 21, in the auditorium in the Mel Lloyd Center where Abiding Place meets every Sunday. The event included Christmas carols, solo performances, poems and readings, and skits were performed as well as a puppet play. On December 23rd, Abiding Place was part of The Dufferin Oaks Christmas service and on December 24 @ 7pm they will hold a candle light service @ 213 Homestead Drive in Shelburne. Pastor Gord Horsley and all the folks at Abiding Place Fellowship, "wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a very blessed new year!"

At Crossroads Church, the Christmas season started on Sunday November 30th as they lit their first Advent candle. Pastor Don Hume says, "As we followed through the lighting of

these candles, we were constantly reminded that Jesus is truly the "Reason for the whole Season." Crossroads held a carol sing on December 21st and participated in the Operation Christmas Child shoe box program which sends millions of shoe boxes filled with essentials such as hygienic products and school supplies to third world countries. Pastor Hume wishes everyone "a very merry and truly blessed Christmas and 2015 as you allow Jesus to be the light of your world - blessings from all of us at Crossroads Community Church."

"Christmas at St. Paul's, Shelburne begins with the season of Advent which consists of the four Sundays before Christmas Day," says Rev. Stephanie Pellow. "We kick off the celebration with a Christmas lunch and bake sale. On the first Sunday of Advent, a tree is set up in the church. It is usually lit but not decorated. On each Sunday, parishioners are encouraged to bring in various gifts that will be donated. On the first Sunday, the Gifts of Joy consist of toys to be distributed through our local Fire Hall program. On the second Sunday Gifts of Warmth - hats, mittens, socks, even children's coats and new clothing are collected. Sunday three is for Gifts of Beauty such as

shampoo, soap, and other toiletries. The Gifts of Warmth and Beauty are donated to Family Transition Place, the Caledon/Dufferin shelter for women and children located in Orangeville. On the final Sunday, we collect non-perishable food for the Shepherd's Cupboard food bank in Shelburne."

On Sunday, December 21st, the children of St. Paul's Sunday school presented a pageant to tell the story of the first Christmas. Christmas Eve Services will include a child and family friendly service of carols and Holy Communion at 4 p.m. and a later Candlelight Communion service at 9 p.m. - anyone is welcome to attend at either time. On the Sunday following Christmas, St. Paul's will gather at the regular time of 9:30 a.m. at 312 Owen Sound St., to sing more carols and learn about Christmas traditions. "All this helps to make the season a time of good companionship and joy," says Rev. Pellow.

Primrose United held a Christmas Carol Service in their lovely, historic church on the evening of Sunday, December 21st. Trinity United Church at 200 Owen Sound Street will hold their annual Christmas Eve Service led by Rev. David Howes and gifted organist/pianist Jen Smele leading inspirational music with the Trinity Church choir. Service begins at 7 p.m. All are welcome.



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Crossroads Community Church participated in the Operation Christmas Child shoe box program as they observed the season. Part of the Billy Graham initiatives, the program sends millions of shoe boxes to third world countries. Courtesy of Crossroads Community Church.



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SHELBURNE & DISTRICT FIRE DEPARTMENT'S TOY AND FOOD DRIVE - The Shelburne & District Fire Department's Toy and Food Drive set up at Foodland on Saturday, December 20th hoping to receive as many donations as possible before their drive comes to a close. (L to R) Captain Mike Morrell, Foodland Store Manager, Norm Darrach, Captain Dave Hardick, Fire Fighter, Tony Quesnelle (a.k.a Minion), fire fighter Steve Mods, Captain Dave Holmes, (a.k.a Jughead), fire fighter Arron Ferguson, and fire fighter Jason Duck. Foodland is a very helpful and generous community supporter on many fronts and is happy to help any way they can.



PHOTO BY ALEX SHER
"STUFF-A-CRUISER" RECEIVES GENEROUS SUPPORT FROM SHELBURNE COMMUNITY - (L to R) John's No Frills was the location where, Shelburnite, Linda Robinson, donated food items to Auxiliary Constables, Stephanie Colarossi and Denis Jeronimo on Saturday, December 20th during the Shelburne Police Christmas Toy and Food Drive, "Stuff-A-Cruiser" event in support of the Dufferin Christmas Hamper Committee, the Salvation Army and Dufferin Child and Family Services. "The Shelburne Community are very generous," said Jeronimo. "We really appreciate it especially as everything goes to such an important cause, supporting our community."

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Last broom ball game of the year



PHOTO BY ALEX SHER

The Shelburne Ladies broom ball team, Roy's Chicks and the Alliston Team played their last game for 2014 on December 21st at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex. Shelburne took Alliston in a 2-0 win resulting in a shutout for Roy's Chicks Goalie, Lesa Peat.

BY ALEX SHER

During the Shelburne Ladies Broom Ball League vs Alliston in the league's last game for 2014, Lesa Peat, goalie for Shelburne's, Roy's Chicks, ended on a high note with a shut-out, 2-0 for Shelburne.

The league has been up and running for over 25 years, consists of four ladies teams and is surprising a full contact sport. The Shelburne League travels to the hamlet of Keady, placing three teams every year in their annual tournament.

"The league is a travelling league, and one of our players plays for the world team," Peat explained, "Lindsay Sinclair, born and raised in Shelburne plays for the world team and has been to Austria and Italy so far. Hopefully this sport will become an Olympic Sport this year."

Peat has been running the league for 24 years, mentioning, "Also thanks go out to our Referee, Kyle Fleming and Time Keeper, Brodie Best." Ending the year on a charitable note, all broom ball players brought in donations for the Fire Department's Toy and Food Drive.



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CHRISTMAS WISHES FROM FOOD AND WATER FIRST – Newly elected Chair of Food and Water First Shirley Boxem had the future in mind for her family and yours when she made her Christmas wish list this year. Seen here with her grandson Benjamin when he was just eight hours old, Shirley said, "It's a compelling moment to hold a newly arrived human. As we feast over the holidays, many of us will take a moment to think about where our food and our children's food comes from. In the past year of his wee life we've seen terrific gains: The Liberal government has promised to implement the Farms Forever program to protect more prime agricultural lands near urban centres. We're waiting for details, but expect the plan to be similar to one in Pennsylvania which has protected more than 500,000-acres of farmland over the past 25 years. Voters in this year's provincial and municipal campaigns elected many candidates who support Food & Water First. MPPs from all three provincial parties demonstrated their support for the cause at the International Ploughing Match. Author Margaret Atwood visited nearby Midhurst to stand with local residents trying to protect prime farmland and a famous wetland from destruction. 2015 has been designated the International Year of Soils - putting a global focus on protecting the land that feeds us. A local food system that's healthy and accessible to all; good food and happy people -that's what I want for Christmas Santa. Wishing all of you and all the Bens out there a Food & Water First Christmas and New Year!"

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Taking action for our Veterans

Dear editor:
 Our Government will always stand up for our Veterans, and together with all Canadians, we will never forget their service and sacrifice. Since first being elected in 2006, spending has been going up, while at the same time the Veterans population has been declining.

We have taken concrete action to improve the quality of life of Veterans and their families. For example, we have delivered improved benefits and additional financial assistance for seriously injured Veterans for life, announced new job training support and priority job placement for Veterans as they transition into civilian life, opened 14 Operational Stress Injury Clinics and significantly enhanced long-term disability benefits for Canadian Forces members. These long-term investments into the welfare of our Veterans means that the programs and services will be operating for as long as our Veterans need them.

Since I was humbled to become Canada's Minister of Veteran Affairs, I have met and listened to countless heroic Veterans who put their country first. My pledge is simple: provide the very best care and improve benefits and supports. I have heard from many Veterans who urged the Government to review the New Veterans Charter (NVC). Only months into my Ministry, I personally called for a comprehensive review of the NVC. Like so many others, I wanted to know if there were any gaps in the benefits and services available for Veterans and their families. When the committee issued their final report, our Government moved forward to implement the measures that could be implemented quickly, such as more than doubling the number of counselling

sessions for Veterans and their families, ensuring that Canadian Armed Forces personnel are not medically released until they are in a stable medical condition, and that more healthcare professionals are in place to provide service post-release.

Veterans also told me that additional mental health support is needed. I was proud to take action on that front, to build on our record, by investing significant funding in a comprehensive mental health strategy that will open 8 new front-line mental health clinics, open 7 family resource centres to medically releasing Veterans and their families, along with significant new investments for world class research. Our Government's investment is enhancing services from coast to coast – in the communities of Halifax, Pembroke, Brockville, Chicoutimi, Kelowna, St. John's, Victoria and Montreal.

We are acting on the advice of Veterans by ensuring fewer forms, phone calls and steps are taken to access the benefits they need. We make no apologies for reducing the bureaucratic footprint in our effort to reduce paperwork, to guarantee Veterans have their money in their pockets sooner and to ensure investments are moved to the front-line.

I am seized with the importance of caring for our Veterans and their families – to pay homage to the very people who fought for our freedom and defend our democracy and security. We will leave no stone unturned as we continue to take action to improve the lives of our Veterans and their families.

Julian Fantino, PC., MP
 Minister of Veterans Affairs

Grandpa Jelly's – T'was the Night Before Christmas

BY ALEX SHER

T'was the night before Christmas when all through the house,

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse,
 The stockings were hung by chimney with care,
 In the hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there.

While most children were nestled, snug in their bed,

Young William Jelly lay awake with a thought in his head.

For his Christmas stocking contained a special Christmas Wish request,

Truth be told, William's wish was very different from the rest.

"Dear Santa," it read as the story goes,

"We live here in Shelburne where it snows and snows.

I wish on this Christmas, on this cold winter's night,

For a snowman friend to be born, a friend who just might,

Live here in Shelburne, so happy each day,
 And we'll be best of friends, forever and a day."

When Santa arrived and read William's request,
 He said to himself, "I will do my best!

T'is too true, young William. For Shelburne winters are cold.

I shall give you a friend who will never grow old.

He will withstand all seasons, be a good and kind sole.

His nose, a carrot, for he is too sweet for coal.

Even when history has come and passed,
 Your name, young William Jelly will last and last."

And that night, a Snowman was created with a Santa tear of joy,

A wonderful snowman friend for William, a little snowman boy,

A magical Snowman forever young and so dear,

William Jelly Belly Snowman, filled with good cheer,

A big jelly belly, his name strong and true to be sure,

And an even bigger heart, one oh so very pure.

First thing in the morning the boy ran down the stairs

In the hopes Santa took heed to his cares.

One can't begin to describe the boy's joy that he felt

To set eyes upon his new friend who would never melt!

And so it is told how little William Jelly Belly came to be,

The magic is there for all of Shelburne to see,

And if you have a secret Christmas Wish, one very special request,

One special heartfelt wish, and hope Santa will do his best,

Be very kind to each other, strive for what is good and right,

Merry Christmas to all and to all a good night!

Happy Holidays from the Shelburne Free Press!

WEBPOLL

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Results from last week's poll:

Do you think the new council is doing a good job so far?

a) Yes **35%**

b) No **65%**

The results of this poll are in no way considered to be valid or infallible.

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you make, and keep, any New Year's resolutions?

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 b. No

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BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, December 16th, 2014

The Shelburne Public Library Board meets the third Tuesday of every month so our December meeting was held last Tuesday evening. This was also a time to welcome the new appointees from our municipalities and say goodbye to the members who have served with so much dedication over the past four years. In this case, instead of goodbye, I would rather say au revoir, until we meet again.

The new appointees are Gail Little from Amaranth replacing Heather Foster, David Besley from Melancthon replacing Bill Hill, Sharon Martin from Mono replacing Ken McGehee, Janet Horner from Mulmur replacing Lynn Hilchey and Geoff Dunlop renewed from the Town of Shelburne. We certainly will miss Bill, Ken Heather and Lynn who have contributed so much but look forward to new ideas and on-going work for our community with our new members. There will be 4 more appointees from the Town of Shelburne at their next Council meeting.

It is with mixed feelings we also said au revoir to Beverly Ford-Arnold who is leaving the Board after 25 years as an incredibly dedicated and committed Board member, volunteer, Holiday Home organizer and so much more.

NEW BOOKS

Fiction:
A Quilt for Christmas by Sandra Dallas
Serpent's rising by David A. Poulsen
The Umbrella mender by Christine Fischer

Guy
Wars of the Roses: Trinity by Conn Iggulden
Seventh grave and no body by Darynda Jones
Silent murders by Mary Miley
The Silent boy by Andrew Taylor
Until the sea shall give up her dead by S. Thomas Russell

The Witch and other tales re-told by Jean Thompson

A Song for Issy Bradley by Carys Bray
The Zone of interest by Martin Amis
The Seventh Sigil by Margaret Weis
Proof positive by Archer Mayor
Run by Andrew Grant

Non Fiction:

Playing big by Tara Mohr
The Chain by Ted Genoways
Better Homes and Gardens kitchen & bath renovation guide

Bittersweet sands by Rick Ranson
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Canadian Geographic Biggest and best of Canada

Stars between the sun and moon by Lucia Jang and Susan McClelland

Scrum: the art of doing twice the work in half the time by Jeff Sutherland

The Necessary war by Tim Cook



Message from the Mayor

BY MARNI WALSH

On October 27th, Shelburne voters cast their ballots in overwhelming favour of Ken Bennington as their new Mayor. Deputy Mayor since 2006, Bennington convinced voters that he had the experience to do the job over his challenger Frank E. Hunt winning 1128 votes out of 1428. Mr. Bennington promised voters years of council experience, passion for the Town, accessibility to his constituents, patience to ensure long term goals, and fiscal responsibility to the job.

He pointed to challenges in the coming term that would require continuity, including sewage capacity as the new subdivisions are built; developing the local economy; replacing experienced staff who may retire in the next term; balancing the budget as development slows down; and replacing Ed Crewson as the Town's Mayor and ambassador. His genuine affection for Crewson as Mayor and mentor may have won him as many votes as his experience.

Born and raised in Shelburne, the new Mayor is restoring a heritage house across the road from his childhood home on Main Street. The father of a 19 year old son, currently pursuing his own goals in the Quebec Major Junior Hockey League, Mayor Bennington works for Honda in cost containment and manufacturing efficiency. Retired from the Shelburne volunteer Fire Department after 17 years of service, he also served the community as a coach of Shelburne Minor Hockey. He entered the world of politics at the age of 29 and was first elected as a Councillor in 2000. After two terms of office, he was elected as Deputy Mayor representing the Town at Dufferin County Council - as he will continue to do along with newly acclaimed Deputy Mayor Geoff Dunlop.

At his first County Council meeting as Mayor on December 11th, Bennington and Mayor White of Melancthon introduced a notice of motion to hire an expert to give accurate quantitative measurements of the electro magnetic energy surrounding the DWPI transmission line that runs along the County owned rail corridor from Melancthon to Orangeville. Both newly elected, the two

Mayors were faced with on going issues regarding Dufferin Wind Power Inc. (DWPI) in their first two weeks of office. Citizen concerns about alleged stray voltage from DWPI turbine transmission lines prompted the motion, which asks that a report be presented to County Council detailing levels and safe exposures. At Town Council, challenges with upgrades to Hyland Park ball field is just one of many issues that have the new Mayor hard at work looking for solutions.

Despite this busy start to the new term, Mayor Bennington took time out to reminisce and send best wishes for the season to the residents of Shelburne:

My favourite Christmas memories are not of the gifts I received, but of the family and friends I was fortunate to spend the holidays with. Gathering with family, Aunts and Uncles, Grandparents and cousins, as we celebrated Christmas years ago, helped to forge the family traditions that we use today.

Christmas is a time best shared with loved ones, and I hope each and everyone has some special to spend the holidays with.

On behalf of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne, Council and Staff, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

– Mayor Bennington



Shelburne Mayor Ken Bennington

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Christmas Greetings from Crusty Ramblings of Rawhide Adventures Prince of Wales Rd. near Shelburne: "Well Howdy Wranglers, Cowpokes and City Slickers! To me it feels as much like Thanksgiving as it does Christmas and the Holiday Season! Living out here, it is really little wonder. With the first snowstorms under our belt, and a lot of water in most of the fields, there are reasons every day to be appreciative and thankful. Right now I feel thankful when I come in cold and wet and the wood fire is roaring, filling my soul with instant warmth, and Love. That reminds me of a quote from Bob Hope: "My idea of Christmas, whether old fashioned or modern, is simply loving others. Come to think of it why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?" We have had another outstanding year! We have made new friends and got reacquainted with folks who rode here decades ago. To all of you from all of us here, Happy Hanukah, a very Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and may 2015 bring peace, contentment and the wish for our paths to cross again."



PHOTO COURTESY OF SHELBURNE LIONS CLUB

Madelyn Niedzwiecki of Shelburne was the winner of this year's Lions Club Rocking Horse draw. The ticket was purchased by her grandmother, Brenda Nixon, seen here, who has been purchasing tickets every year since the inaugural draw. Brenda picked up her prize from craftsman, and long time Lions Club member, Jim Cheyne. Jim has been making the beautiful rocking horses for the annual draw for over 22 years. All money raised from this event stays in the community, helping purchase Seniors' Christmas gifts for Shelburne Residence, contributing to the Jennifer Widbur Hockey Tournament, providing funds for high school bursaries, glasses for needy students and much more. The second prize of a 18 to 20 pound turkey, donated by Lion Murray Sheardown, was won by Maurice Oldfield of Dundalk.



Hands on Catering business owners, Greg and Billy Joe Hand look on as 95 year old, Frank Lloyd happily heads back to his room at Shelburne Residence with his treat during the shopping experience/craft show where vendors came to Shelburne Residence in support of seniors.



(L to R) Shelburne Residence staff nurses, Wendy Moreland and Michelle Whiteway manned a table where baked goods, were made from the seniors of Shelburne Residence, and books were donated during the Shelburne Residence Craft Event.



PHOTOS BY ALEX SHER

BRINGING SHOPPING TO SHELBURNE RESIDENCE – Many vendors turned out in support of Shelburne Residence's Craft Show bringing shopping to Seniors for their convenience on Saturday, December 6th.

Respecting Private Property act passes key vote

BY SYLVIA JONES, MPP DUFFERIN-CALEDON

On December 4th, my private member's bill, Bill 36 the Respecting Private Property Act passed second reading in the Legislature and has been referred to the Standing Committee on Justice Policy for further debate and public consultation.


My bill received support from residents and a wide range of stakeholders, including the Ontario Federation of Agriculture and the Peel Federation of Agriculture.

If enacted, my bill would amend the Trespass to Property Act by creating a minimum fine of \$500 for trespassing and by increasing the maximum compensation for damages to \$25,000. Currently the Trespass to Property Act has no minimum fine for those who trespass, and has a maximum limit of \$1,000 on compensation for damages.


We cannot expect property owners to be responsible for the bill when trespassers caused the damage. In addition, we cannot allow trespassers to get away without facing a penalty for committing a crime.

We need to ensure property owners are fairly compensated for destruction to their property, and we need to signal that trespassing is a serious issue and will not be taken lightly.

I would like to hear your thoughts on Bill 36 the Respecting Private Property Act and would appreciate your support. If you are interested in reading the bill or have any questions, please visit: www.sylviajonesmpp.ca



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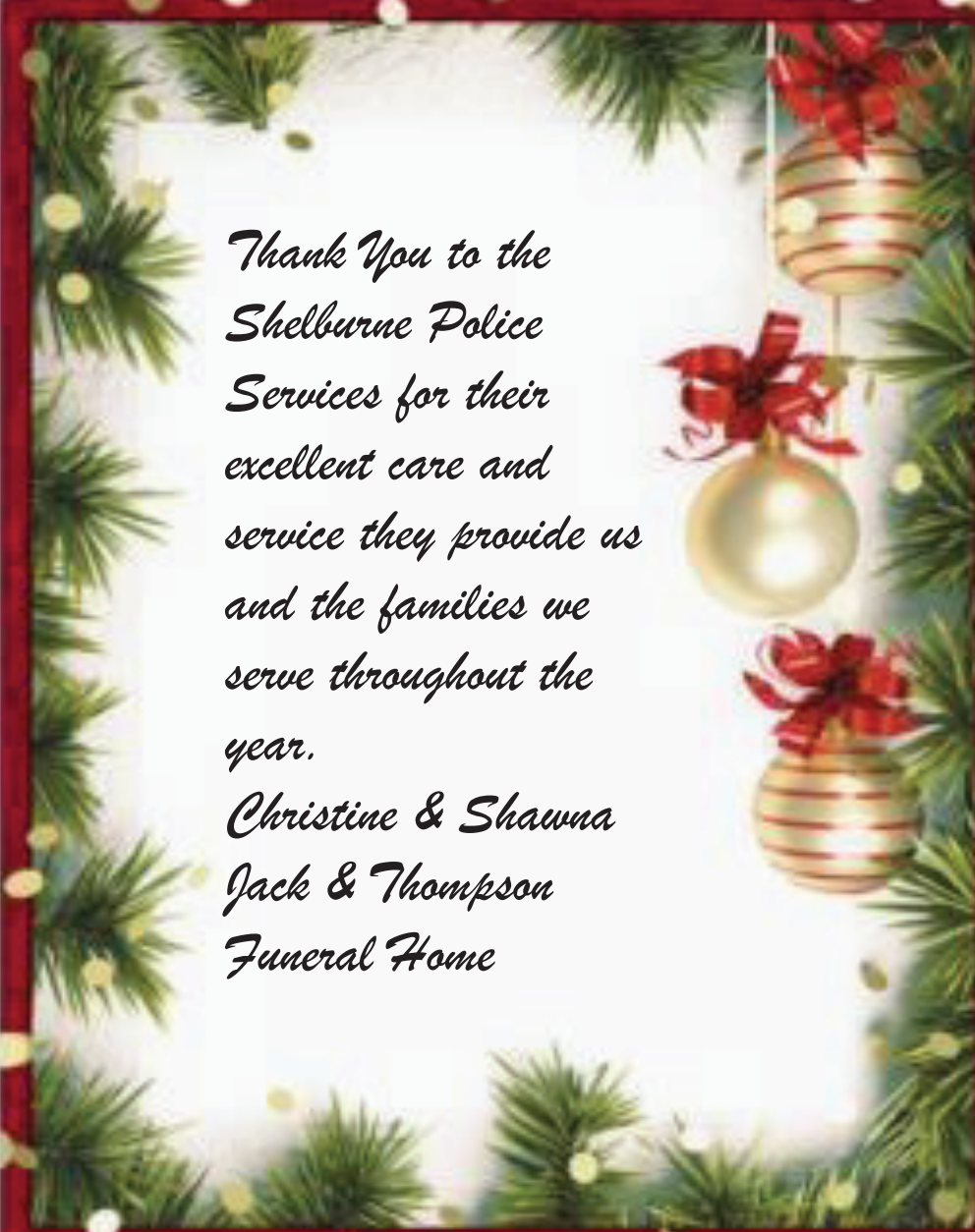
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SHELBURNE SPORTS



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The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals junior girls volleyball team travelled to Orangethorpe to take on the Thunder at Westside Secondary School on Wednesday, December 17. The Royals had to settle for a 3-0 loss in the match. The CDDHS girls team are currently in third place in the Division 4 standings.

Shelburne Wolves Atom Local One update

Our players have done it again! With both skill and determination our boys and girls picked up another 4 points this weekend putting us back into first place.

Friday night's game was end to end hockey with Angus nipping at our heels the whole game. Alex's 4th goal of the game with less than 2 minutes left to play sealed the win. Also providing goal support was Trent with two and singles from Spencer and Tucker. Assists came from Mikaela, Spencer and Tommy. Mikey represented the Wolves between the pipes and was supported by Marisa, Tommy, Leah and Max on defense. Once again, Max's powerful slap shot was heard throughout the arena.

Saturday's victory proved to be much more decisive...

Alex and Trent were forces to be reckoned with on the ice with a combined 9 points on the day. The boys were stick-handling and passing like pros. Spencer scored his fourth goal with a beautiful tip-in and Mikaela dug out a rebound and popped it in the net for her

goal. Assists went to Max, Siara, Trent and Spencer.

Tommy was stellar in net, making several saves. Marisa prevented breakaways with her wheels and poke-checking. Max and Leah were a defensive wall that Angus just couldn't penetrate. Mikey played his position perfectly, digging the puck out of the corners and clearing it down the ice. Siara and Tucker were invaluable, setting up plays, battling along the boards and giving and 120% every time they touched the ice.

Coaches Tony and Ken were proud of each and every one of their players. Keep up the great work, team!

We have been invited to attend the Silver Stick Invitational in Niagara Falls from January 8 - 11, 2015. We are doing a bottle drive on December 28th from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. We will be going around town to collect empties to help support the team to pay for their admission into Silver Stick. Thank you in Advance for your continued support of our young hockey players.

Skate Canada seeking new members



PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Patricia Hunt, centre, representing Auto Centre Dufferin and CanSkate president Susan Wallace, far right, along with members from the Skate Canada Shelburne, are reminding you to make sure your car is topped up with windshield cleaner fluid. The Auto Centre donated 40 cases of the windshield cleaner to the club which they are selling as part of their fundraising activities for this year.

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Learning to skate isn't just a matter of strapping on the blades and heading out on the ice and trying to keep your ankles straight.

There's a lot of skill involved and members of Skate Canada Shelburne learn the techniques to make them better figure skaters as well as improve their skills for playing hockey.

Skate Canada is inviting new residents in the area to come out to the arena learn about the program.

"We're offering free skates for the rest of the season for any first year new members," Said Dawna Findlay, Skate Canada Shelburne Fundraising co-chair. "We're inviting new residents in Shelburne to come out to the arena and see what it's all about."

Along with co-chair Aileen O'Neill, they reach out to the community to help in the fund-

raising activities for the season.

This year as part of their fundraising efforts they are selling windshield washer fluid and it's turning out to be a big hit as everyone needs to keep their windshield clean.

Steve Bowles, of Auto Centre Dufferin on Industrial Road in Shelburne donated 40 cases of the washer fluid to the club and they in turn are selling it at the arena based on a suggested donation.

"People have been really generous," Findlay said. "Some have been giving us \$30 and \$40 per case."

The funds raised go to support the program and ice time. There is still plenty of winter left and the ice will be in the arena for a long time, so if you have any kids with an interest in skating, now is a good time to visit and get signed up for the program.

Auditions in Shelburne

The Tipling Stage Company is holding open auditions at 2 p.m. on January 4th, 2015 at Grace Tipling Hall, Shelburne for parts in *But Why Bump Off Barnaby?* a hilarious mystery-farce by Rick Abbott, directed by Jean Jardine Miller.

We will be casting four men and six women of various ages. Some characters should be British or able to do an upper class British accent. Others are American or British expats living in America and two can be any nationality.

Everybody interested in theatre is invited to

come out and audition. More information is available at www.tiplingstagecompany.com. Please use the contact form on the website to register, or e-mail info@tiplingstagecompany.com - we need to know how many people to expect! You'll be asked to do a cold read from the script.

Rehearsals will be Sundays from 1 - 5 p.m. and Thursdays from 7 - 10 p.m. January 8th to March 22nd with tech week March 23rd to 26th (preview night) and performances are March 27th and 28th at 8 p.m. and March 28th and 29th at 2 p.m.

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"There's a lot of challenges to providing service due to the changing technology in the industry. It's never repetitious," Steve said of why he enjoys the business.

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Christian Perspectives: Christmas 2014

BY REV. STEPHANIE PELLOW

A mother who has carried a child within her body already has a bond of attachment with her child. That bond is strengthened as mother and child get to know one another day by day. Every child is unique and a parent soon learns some of the character traits of his or her child. But these traits are not fully developed, they are all about potential. We cannot know exactly what the grown person will be like, what they will achieve just from knowing that tiny baby.

Sometimes I think that at Christmas we can get stuck on Jesus the infant, lovely and completely enthralling as any human infant can be. But the potential for a true relationship with an infant is limited and one sided in the beginning. It is all give on the part of the parents and all take on the part of the infant. If we focus on the relationship we have with Jesus the infant, we can miss what we are able to learn and draw from a relationship with the mature Jesus of the gospel stories, the Word made flesh as the gospel of John expresses the realized potential of that infant.

If we only receive the infant Jesus, then we can miss out on knowing the Jesus who offers us wisdom for life. We would miss him saying to us, "Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or about your body, what you will wear. For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! And how can

any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?"

If we only received the infant Jesus we may not have heard wisdom that teaches us to be responsible. We are quick to blame our circumstances and others for our faulty behaviour. But Jesus in the words of Matthew's Gospel teaches us. "Listen and understand: It is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles."

If we only got the infant Jesus, we would miss out on the wise Jesus telling us to keep our priorities straight, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

If we knew only the infant Jesus, we would miss out on understanding the fullness of his love – the way in which he accepted those who came to him for help. Jesus welcomed the children when others wanted to whisk them away. Jesus was not afraid to interact with beggars, the poor, those who were sick, even those with dread diseases like leprosy. He extended welcome, hospitality and healing to all.

If we only had the infant Jesus, we would not have heard of love expressed as forgiveness. Remember the wonderful story he told of the

prodigal son, the one who took his share of the family fortune and squandered it, and in abject poverty and humiliation returned to ask his father to hire him as a servant. Instead the father was so overjoyed he welcomed his son with open arms. If we only had the infant Jesus we would not have learned that love is expressed in that sort of forgiveness. Forgiveness opens the door to renewing relationships that are suffering from everyday neglect, the purposeful hurt and the thoughtless disrespect we inflict on those we say we love. It is the mature Jesus who also tells us the way to peace is also to love our enemies and to figuratively turn the other cheek in humility to those who injure us. It is the grown up Jesus who encourages us to go the extra mile and to give our shirt as well as our coat if someone is in need of it. Such sacrifice is at the opposite end of the scale to the 'me first' demands of an infant.

Jesus came into the world as a tiny infant – as we read in the Gospel of John, the potential of light shining in the darkness, light that is not overcome by darkness; the Word that was with God, now made flesh. As we get to know this light, gradually entering into relationship with Jesus we come to know him as the one who loves humbly and generously. Then we too can begin to notice the revelation of light, wisdom and love in our lives as well. The potential is there in the manger. The fulfillment is in the life of Jesus the Christ and in his life reflected in each one of us.

(Quotes are from the Gospels of the New Testament; The Holy Bible, NRSV translation)

Crossroads Community Church Shelburne

Sunday December 21st, 2014

The warm anticipation of Christmas met with us this morning, as we continue to prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ in our hearts year after year. We humbly lit the candle of Love reminding us to love our neighbors as ourselves. Pastor Don shared announcements and prayed, "Dear Father God, oh how we love You; your Love knows no limit and you are Love incarnate in your Son Jesus who was born in a manger to live a life of love, help us live as He lived, in Jesus Name Amen."

"God's laws are simple, they can be summed up into 2; Love God, Love others as yourself. (Mark 12:30-31). The family of God should feel warm, be inviting and loving. At Crossroads our desire is to Leave Others Valued Every day, and we feel that this is what Christmas is all about, it means loving others as God loves us, helping those in need, listening to them and giving of our time to them. We have lit 4 candles in anticipation of Christmas: Hope, Peace, Joy and today is Love, it is foundational to God's message towards us. Love is unselfish service unto others, a tribute to who God is, "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1John 4:7-8. The Biblical kind of love God shows is Agape love, an all-inclusive sacrificial perfect and unconditional love. That kind of love from a genuine heart comes from God which he showed us by sending

His Son, it is manifested by action. Jesus once said, "The world will know you are mine by your love," so let us explore this wonderful love.

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." 1 Corinthians 13:1-7. This scripture is widely recognized and has been used for many weddings, and it states 8 attributes that love is in contrast to 8 attributes it is not. There are 3 Basic concepts of love, How you deal with others, life and yourself. The beneficial attributes are Patience, Kindness, Humility, Truthfulness, Selflessness, Protectiveness, Trusting, Hope and Perseverance.

The more we come close to Jesus the more we grow loving and forgiving towards others.

Patience means we are long tempered and tolerant showing self-restraint in face of provocation. Kindness is to show oneself useful in a non-selfish way without expecting anything in return. Humility is thinking of others more highly than our selves. Truthfulness is to be honest and genuine, and selflessness is giving without considering the cost to one self. Protectiveness seeks the wellbeing of others above our own and standing up for those who can't do it for themselves. Trusting means to give while reserving judgement; without doubting or have ulterior

motives. Hope is encouragement and believing in the goodness of others because of the God we serve and finally perseverance is to never give up and never turning our backs on any one even if they fall short or we find it challenging.

In Romans 2:4, it tells us how God is kind and tolerant but often we seem amazed at the patience God has with others and we sometimes may become impatient with God when we rather should be humbled with the patience He showed us. The apostle Paul says it like this, "I, too, try to please everyone in everything I do. I don't just do what is best for me; I do what is best for others so that many may be saved." 1 Corinthians 10:33.

Beloved this season and throughout the year let our goal be to love like Jesus, let us not adopt an unforgiving attitude. After all God did so love the world that He gave His One and only Son, that whoever

believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. That is what we celebrate at Christmas; we love others and forgive others as God did for us. We Hope in what God has done and will do, we have Peace because we know we can trust God, and Joy is ours for the taking when we focus on its source that is Jesus our Savior, but love which inspires all the good we do flows from the loving relationship we have with Him. So this Christmas if we only celebrate the Holiday and not Christ it is like receiving a gift, admiring the beautiful wrapping but never opening it up to enjoy the gift inside. The greatest Gift of Christmas is the Love of Jesus Christ! May you have a most love filled Christmas! Asherey Shalom!

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BY DAVID TILSON, M.P.

The Christmas and New Year's holiday season is a wonderful time of the year. Part of what makes the season special is the many festive foods. By the time New Year's Eve arrives at the end of the holiday season, a common resolution many of us make is to try to eat better and exercise more in the New Year. However, it can be difficult to stick to such resolutions when many of our favourite holiday foods are still available, coupled with the onset of winter which often tempts us to stay indoors and not be as physically active as we would like to be. The Healthy Canadians website can help each of us successfully maintain our better health resolutions throughout the year ahead with some helpful tips and guidance.

Healthy Canadians (<http://healthycanadians.gc.ca>) is our Government's website to provide Canadians with reliable, clear, and concise health and safety information. It's a resource which provides information on a wide spectrum of topics ranging from drugs, health, and consumer products to food and nutrition.

The Healthy Canadians website also offers five tips to help Canadians stick to our New Year's resolution of eating better and exercising more. The first tip is to take small steps. If we are realistic about what we want to change with our eating patterns and behaviours, we're more

likely to succeed. The website also suggests becoming familiar with Canada's Food Guide (<http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/eating-nutrition/food-guide-aliment/index-eng.php>) and to start out slowly by identifying three small goals for ourselves instead of one large goal which may be unattainable, leading to frustration and eventually surrendering to old eating habits.

The second tip from the Healthy Canadians website is to be specific. This means giving greater thought to healthier foods to add to our diet, rather than focusing on what we want to remove. It is suggested to write those down or use My Food Guide (<http://healthycanadians.gc.ca/eating-nutrition/food-guide-aliment/my-guide-mon-guide/index-eng.php>) to create a customized plan for healthy eating that's best-suited to our own needs. By making small changes over a period of time, tracking success becomes easier to do and we have a sense of achievement when we've reached those goals. It will also encourage us to stay on our path to better eating.

Another tip is to tap into our network. This means if we have the right support system in place while we're making these positive changes, we will be in a better position to maintain our New Year's resolution. We can do this by having our families become involved or inviting a friend or colleague to join us on our reso-

lution for a healthier year ahead.

Fourthly, try and try again. It's natural to have setbacks when we're undertaking a resolution for better eating and living. However, the most important thing to keep in mind is to accept the setback and return to our healthy plan by trying again.

Lastly, the Healthy Canadians website suggests celebrating our success. When we've reached a goal, we can reward ourselves with an exciting family outing, enjoy some time with friends, or identify another way to celebrate reaching the milestone.

Another suggestion from the Healthy Canadians website for sticking to our New Year's resolutions is to shop and stock up for health. This means to plan ahead for the grocery store to ensure we make healthier choices, such as: planning ahead with a shopping list; keeping stock in our homes of foods we've bought and

cooked ahead to ensure we always have a "plan B" in the fridge, freezer, and pantry; and reading labels.

The Healthy Canadians website also suggests stepping our way to increased physical activity. It's a worthwhile investment that can help prevent heart disease, type 2 diabetes, and depression. It can be as simple as walking the dog or climbing the stairs. The key thing to remember is to start slowly and progressively increase the activity. For more tips on becoming physically active, please visit <http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/hp-ps/hl-mvs/pa-ap/04paap-eng.php>.

If one of your New Year's resolutions is to make better food choices and increase your physical activity, I hope these tips and suggestions from the Healthy Canadians website prove to be helpful for a healthier year ahead. I also wish you and your loved ones a very Happy New Year and all the very best for 2015!



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"CHRISTMAS AT THE BEACH" AT THE GRAND VALLEY DOOR YOUTH CENTER – Last Friday, December 12th, 35 teens from Orangeville Door, Erin/Hillsberg Door and Fergus Door gathered at the Grand Valley Door to participate in the "Christmas at the Beach" party. There was a "real" beach with "palm trees" and water. The teens played games, built sand sculptures and danced to summer tunes. Many of the teens and their leaders dressed for the occasion in their summer outfits. The teens enjoyed summer drinks (with tiny umbrellas) and ate pizza (Hawaiian). The Grand Valley Door is a satellite of Highlands Youth For Christ.

Dipping into the past...

150 YEARS AGO

Thursday, December 22, 1864

• From The Sun, Orangeville, compliments of Dufferin County Museum and Archives:

RAIDERS DISCHARGED – On the 13th inst., Justice Coursol ordered the men accused of taking part in the raid on St. Alban's, Vermont, and whose extradition under the Ashburton Treaty the United States authorities had applied, to be released from custody on the ground of the insufficiency of the warrant on which they had been arrested. According to the judge's interpretation of the law, the warrant for the Confederates' arrest should have been signed by the Governor-General, and not by an ordinary magistrate. Upon this decision being made, the Montreal Chief of Police handed over to them the \$90,000 which they had taken during the raid from St. Alban's banks, after which they had returned to Canada East. This affair created great excitement in Montreal, and the conduct of both Justice Coursol and Chief of Police Lamothe was severely criticized, an investigation having since led to the police chief's resignation. The Government, on hearing of the hasty and unexpected discharge of the prisoners, offered a \$300 reward for the apprehension of each of them. It is not, however, probable that they will be caught, ample time having been given for them to make their escape. In the United States, the news of the release of the raiders created great excitement and much ill-will against the Canadian Government. Major General Dix, on hearing of it, issued an order directing the United States soldiery to follow raiders for the future into Canada, and should their arrest be opposed, shoot them, before awaiting the decision of the Canadian courts.

THE VILLAGE ELECTIONS – Interest in the elections wains as the date for holding them approaches. The reason for this is obvious. The different candidates have already got through their "canvass," and it has become a settled conviction with the electors that our next Council will be composed of Messrs. Armstrong, Jackson, Jull, Thompson and Stewart. The latter gentleman may, however, be replaced by Mr. S. Wallace, if Dr. Hewat persists in his candidature; otherwise, no change can be made in the list we have given. Under these circumstances, many will regret that Dr. Hewat should continue the contest, and thrust himself on the electors unso- licited. During the past year he has shown his incompetency for the office.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES – The election of three trustees for the Village School, to fill the vacancies created by the retirement of Messrs. Rutledge, Jackson and Youmans, will take place in Bell's Hall, on Wednesday the 11th proximo.

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