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CLASSICS AND COMMUNITY – More than 110 cars lined the Main Street of Shelburne on Saturday for the 8th Annual Classic Car Show & Street Festival, hosted by the Oatman's and The Town of Shelburne. For complete photo highlights and a list of this year's winner, see **PAGE 6**.

Firefighters aim at funding new Jaws

BY WES KELLER

Shelburne and District Firefighters are offering the public a chance to help save someone's life while, at the same time, winning an opportunity to become the owner of an ATV and trailer with a combined retail value of \$7,200.

Actually, the S & D Firefighters Association (SDF) is striving to meet what could become a dire need for a new Jaws of Life.

The members are offering draw tickets on a 2013 Arctic Cat 400 4x4 with a 2013 utility trailer for \$5 each. There is a second prize of \$500 in the Oct. 5 draw.

Only 5,000 tickets have been printed, so the odds of winning are better than any of the OLG lotteries. Proceeds will help pay for a \$30,000-or-so Jaws.

Firefighter Capt. Ed Walsh said the department has two Jaws of Life now, both of which have recently been certified for use. So why does it need a third?

One of the Jaws is 35 years old, he said, and the manufacturer would no longer be able to offer any sort of maintenance or repair, should that be needed.

A third Jaws would mean that the department's Rescue Vehicle would have the latest equipment, in addition to which there would be a second, serviceable, unit and the third unit – the one that's certified but for which repairs would not be available if it should break down – would serve as a backup.

"We would never be without (Jaws). We could be on two calls and still have a backup," said Capt. Walsh at the SDF display at Shelburne's Classic Car Show & Street Festival last Saturday.

He said this fundraiser would be the second time the SDF has raised money to purchase a Jaws of Life.

The first time was 35 years ago to obtain the first Jaws the department has had.

One never knows how quickly a firefighter or paramedic might be needed.

During this interview, there was a call for help as a child had taken a spill at one of the Main Street displays and sus-

tained an apparently serious head injury.

It took the firefighters about three seconds to check their equipment and then to rush off to assist the child.

No one knows to whom

an accident might happen, or when. Your \$5 draw ticket could win you a great 4x4 combination, or \$500 – or it might help purchase equipment used to save your very own life.



PHOTO BY WES KELLER

PROMOTING NEW 'JAWS' – Shelburne District Firefighter Jayson Duck tests the comfort of this 2013 Arctic Cat 400 4x4 as Captain/deputy chief Ed Walsh, left, and firefighter Eric Ferguson look on. The Cat comes with a 2013 utility trailer, for a combined value of \$7,200 and it's yours for \$5 if you're a bit lucky at 4 p.m. Oct. 5. Proceeds from the 5,000-ticket draw are to help buy a new Jaws of Life for the quint pumper, background.

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Do you have old Fiddle Championship pictures?

BY WENDY SOLODUIK

The Shelburne Free Press is looking for pictures from previous years of The Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Championship.

Maybe you have pictures that have never been seen before and would like to share your memories with the community as Shelburne prepares for another successful fiddling year.

The Shelburne Free Press will electronically scan your pictures and return them to you. Please drop by our office at 143 Main Street West by chance, or call 519 925-2832 to make an appointment. You can also send us your pictures electronically. Please e-mail them to: wendy@simcoeyorkprinting.com

All submitted pictures will be included in a photo spread that will run in the Free Press, Shelburne's community newspaper, in the Wednesday, July 31st edition.

The 63rd Annual Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Championship will take place in Shelburne from August 7 – 11, 2013. Tickets for this years event are available for purchase at Holmes Appliances at 135 Main Street, or online at <http://shelburnefiddlecontest.com/tickets/>

Events Schedule:
Wednesday, August 7
Battle of the Bands (Arena): 7 p.m.

Thursday, August 8
Everything Fitz with Special Guests Emily Flack and Nate Douglas (Arena): 7:30 p.m.

Friday, August 9
Fiddle Jam (Arena): 9:30 – 11 a.m.
Competition Playdowns (Arena): 1 – 4:30 p.m.
Competition Playdowns (Arena): 7 p.m. – midnight

Local Bands: Scott Donnelly Band, James Spilsbury Band, Grant Boyer Band & Ed Roman (Entertainment Gardens, Fairgrounds): 8 p.m.
Beer Garden (Entertainment Gardens, Fairgrounds): 8 p.m.

Saturday, August 10
• Please note that many roads in town will be closed by 11:30 am for the parade.

Fiddle Jam (Arena): 9:30 – 11 a.m.
Fiddle and Stepdance Show (Arena): 3:15 p.m.
Fiddle Championship and Entertainment by the Black Family (Arena): 6 p.m.

Glory Days – Bruce Springsteen Tribute and That 60s Show (Entertainment Gardens, Fairgrounds): 8 p.m.
Beer Garden (Entertainment Gardens, Fairgrounds): 8 p.m.

Sunday, August 11
Non-Denominational Church Service (Arena): 10 a.m.
For more information e-mail fiddleshelburne@yahoo.ca or call 519 925-8620.

Visit The Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Championship website at <http://shelburnefiddlecontest.com> or 'Like' them on Facebook.



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Shelburne Fresh Variety: more than a store in our neighbourhood



PHOTO BY ALEX SHER

Dynamic duo, Brent and Collette Gray create a perfect shopping experience making Shelburne Fresh Variety not just a store in your neighborhood, but create a feeling of visiting with friends.

BY ALEX SHER

Brent and Collette Gray, owners of Shelburne Fresh Variety, epitomize hard work, customer service, family values and old fashioned neighborhood dedication. On a first name basis with many of their customers, both Brent and his wife have spent thirteen years building their business nestled on the corner of Owen Sound St. and Jane St., providing the most beautiful hanging baskets, garden centre, fresh produce and neighborhood store with a friendly, family feel.

Travelling three times a week to the Toronto Terminal, Gray had this to say, "It's a lot of work. I'm up at 1a.m. and get to the terminal early. I see what I'm getting compared to the restricted choices many chain stores get to choose from. I know that product is getting picked Monday and I'm there to buy it on Tuesday. Working for yourself is not always what it's cracked up to be. It's seven days a week, non-stop. We deliver fresh produce to 45 restaurants in the area. Weekends are my

favorite because I enjoy being with all the people, the customers, and you have to be a people person in this business."

Although there is so much involved when making a business work, it helps to lighten the load working with a spouse who compliments you in every way.

"I told my wife when I married her I could never work with her. Live with her and work with her? It would never work! Boy! Did that ever back fire! Now look, it's worked out perfectly," Gray chuckled fondly at the memory.

Collette Gray also thinks working with her husband has worked out fabulously stating, "I enjoy all aspects of the business and especially love the garden centre in the summer. I really enjoy working with my husband."

Brent Gray's family have been in the business since 1959 when Gray's grandfather owned Leaders Clover Farm in Orangeville while, Gray's father ran the business. Gray himself has been learning

about the business since he was eight years old and has seen a lot of changes.

"Thirty years ago the sun was not so extreme. I've seen plants do much better in half sun, half shade when before, they thrived in full sun. Now they burn. I really enjoy customer feedback. I like to know how plants do after they leave here," said Gray.

And it's that kind of caring and sincerity that keeps people coming back for more. Having such a long history in the busi-

ness expanding to Orangeville since the late 50's, some people visit Shelburne making a day of it and they stop by to pick up great fresh product, flowers, and just chat.

The human connection, the sincere interaction, devotion and attention to detail are irreplaceable qualities Mr. and Mrs. Gray have down to a fine art and Shelburne is so grateful.

For more information, call Shelburne Fresh Variety at 519-925-3497.

Shelburne Library

Last Saturday, we had a very successful Book Sale in conjunction with the Town Street Festival and Classic Car Show. The weather was great and lots of folks took the opportunity to stroll along and look at all the vendors as well as our book sale. All the money of course, goes directly back in to purchasing new books for our collection. The books are donations from our patrons but before we put them into the sale we check to make sure

whether we have them or we need them for our collection. We also check the condition of the books on the shelf and if a donated one is in better condition, we replace the older one. We will be continuing the sale until library closing this Saturday, June 22.

All in all, your donations and your purchases support your library.

Our summer students Emily and Lindsay are working quite hard in preparing materials for their respective programs. Another 2 weeks and both the TD Summer Reading Club and the Teens @ Random will be starting and I am sure things will be very busy for the July and August. The first Teen Book Club, Pizza & Pages will start on Thursday, June 27 at 6 p.m. Please call in and register so we can order enough pizza!

We have lots of new books and several more boxes arrived today. Here are just a few.

Fiction:
The Cuckoo's calling by Robert Galbraith
White Horse by Alex Adams
Deadly business by Quintin Jardine
The Aftermath by Rhidian Brook
Deeply Odd by Dean Koontz
Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
The Book of stolen tales by D.J. McIntosh
Murder as a fine art by David Morrell
The keeper of secrets by Julie Thomas
Inferno by Dan Brown
The Ides of April by Lindsay Davis
Non Fiction:
Gettysburg: the last invasion by Allen C. Guelzo
Slim for life by Jillian Michaels
Blood and daring by John Boyko
Cesar Millan's short guide to a happy dog by Cesar Millan
1812: a traveler's guide to the war the defined a continent by National Geographic

Amaranth, Mulmur mulling pits

BY WES KELLER

There was public opposition voiced to two Dufferin County gravel pits, involving the north and the south of the county, both at the same time last Saturday.

The northerly pit would be on Airport Road in Mulmur. The southerly one would be on the Eighth Line of Amaranth. In both cases, the proponents are longtime property owners in each municipality.

Saturday's Mulmur event at Honeywood was the township's mandated public information session on required Official Plan and zoning amendments for conversion of the Adam Krehm-owned Arbour Farms to a below-water-table gravel pit.

The Amaranth event was proponent Jim Brown's information session for his proposed Eighth Line gravel pit.

In both cases as might have been expected, there was public opposition. But the strongest concerns were at the Mulmur session where the pit would be 20 metres (66 feet) below the water table, and the operation would be on a stretch of Airport Road that had 62 traffic fatalities in the past 25 years.

The Mulmur site is for about 42 ha to be licensed, with 36 ha of that the extractive area. Arbour Farms Planner Brian Zeman said there would be a buffer zone of 38.2 ha. The area, he said, had been mapped as "mineral resource, and the quality of farmland was Class 4 to 7.

"It is not prime agricultural land. From a planning perspective (it is ideal for extraction)." He said it is also ideal from a social perspective as there are only a few houses within a kilometre, and it's not in a scenic area.

The crowd reacted in raspberry fashion to Mr. Zeman's statement that "Airport Road was intended to accommodate high traffic volumes including trucks, and trucks (from the pit) would be a minor contributor." There would be up to 16 trucks and hour, he said, "eight in and eight out."

But they applauded Dick Byford who said the Arbour promise not to ship on weekends "doesn't accommodate people or school buses."

Adjacent Lisle Creek is a coldwater stream and spawning ground. Residents were concerned not only with their own wells but also about the condition of the stream.

Mr. Zeman said extraction below the water table would be adjusted during drought conditions and at critical times for fish. Following the mining, the area would be rehabilitated to "increased biodiversity."

One speaker was incredulous that this would include a 21.4 ha pond according to the planner. "That's not a pond. It's a lake," the speaker said.

Carl Cosack, appearing as an individual and a volunteer, said: "I've had my fill of consultants. Everybody forgets about people. Why not put it to a binding referendum if you think people want (the pit)?"

Don Woods of township consultant Cuesta said it is "understood that not everyone is in favour."

A resident questioned rehabilitation. "There are 10,000 abandoned pits and quarries. It will take 325 years to bring them back (to normal)," she said.

Mr. Woods responded that he was also puzzled by the rehabilitation plan. "Most abandoned pits on Highway 6 are a legacy of MTO. Only half a cent per ton goes into rehabilitation. It's not enough. Maybe (it should be) two cents a ton to find people to do the job."

Brian Ward, also of Cuesta, said the province is putting an effort into rehabilitation, tightening controls and creating timelines.

Jane Pepino said the pit simply should not be approved until Airport Road is brought up to current standards.

Ms. Pepino is head of CORE (Conserve Our Rural Environment), which was formed in 2002 to oppose the gravel pit. She seized the opportunity to promote the organization and to point out the costs of fighting pits and quarries applications.

Meantime in Amaranth, the Brown pit is opposed, among others, by Paul Sullivan and Donna Garner who operate a horse breeding farm adjacent to the pit.

Mr. Sullivan said in an interview he wouldn't speak for his neighbours but had heard from many that they were concerned about traffic from a pit.

His own concern is for the effects a mining operation would have on his breeding of hot blooded horses, show jumpers and dressage, and in particular on mares with foals

He said the pit operation would be fairly close to his paddocks, where the horses would be, but the pit studies are relative to his barn where the horses would not be.

He said the couple had not been aware of a pit application when they moved to Amaranth from Lexington, Kentucky, at the end of February.

The pit would be on the east part of Lots 1 and 2, in the eighth concession, and would be licensed for 27 ha (66.7 acres).

Jim Brown's daughter Shelley Dodds said in a phone interview the site had undergone "every test possible" since it was first considered as a pit about seven years ago.

She said the family has been here for the past 30 years and intends to remain here for at least another 30, so they don't intend simply to remove aggregates and then go away.

What about the water table in the generally wet Amaranth terrain? She referred the question to their hydrogeology consultant, Jay Flanagan, who said the pit would technically be below the water table as it is within 1.5 metres.

Nonetheless, he said, the "pit floor would remain above the wetland, and there would be a 30 metre buffer from the wetlands at the south of the property."

The township's public information meeting was scheduled for Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.



PHOTO BY WES KELLER

DOES YOUR BACKYARD NEED A LITTLE MORE GRAVEL? – Kay Sayer presents her daughter Autumn to a crowd of 200 at the Mulmur public meeting Saturday. Autumn, the youngest presenter to speak, asked who would like a gravel pit in their backyard. The response to Autumn's question was essentially, "it was a good question".

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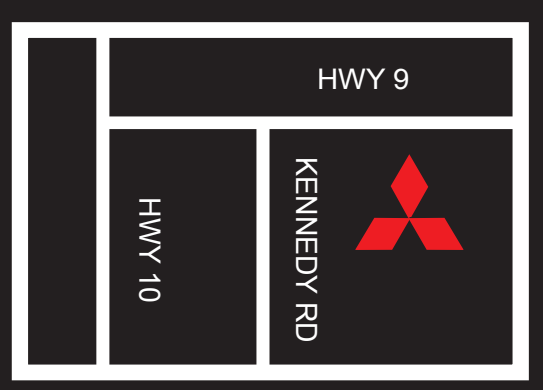
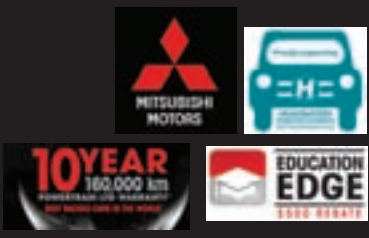
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Old age: I've got my eyes on you

Shelburne Speaker



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Recently, I took my family to get their eyes checked.

I hadn't been to the optometrist since OHIP stopped paying the bill (years ago) and the children, 13, 12 and 9 had never been.

I knew before I went that the news wasn't going to be good for me. Everyone in my immediate family wears glasses or

contacts and bad eye sight was just something we have learned to put up with.

"Can you read this to me? I don't have my glasses on", "What does that sign say?", "Does that say pickles or peanuts?" – these were all common phrases in my household growing up. As a teenager, I took a sick pleasure in knowing that I had 20/20 vision and was exempt from joining the ranks of the four-eyed freaks that I lived with – even if I meant I was the official "reader" of the family.

Arriving at the eye doctors, I knew that was about to change.

Before our appointments, an assistant took us in to have our eyes measured. Of course I had an astigmatism (Wikipedia: an optical defect in which vision is blurred due to the inability of the optics of the eye to focus a point object into a sharp focused image on the retina.

This may be due to an irregular or toric curvature of the cornea or lens). Basically, my eyes are shaped like ovals. The 13 year old had a slight astigmatism as well. The younger ones were fine.

We then took turns in the optometrists chair and placed bets on who had the worst eyesight (a rather strange but ritualistic way my family shows love through ridicule). The kids went first, oldest to youngest, and I went last.

The oldest had poor vision, and will probably require glasses in the next few years. The two younger kids passed their exams with flying colours (and are not colour blind).

I took my seat. It was dark outside, and I was tired. I had been staring at a computer screen for 8 hours that day and was nervous about what I would learn about my eye health – I already knew it was

rapidly deteriorating.

The words were small, the room was dark, and the children were snickering. "Mom, you're blind," my youngest said. I silenced him with a death look (oh yes, I can see that far when giving the "go to the car" look) and all chatter stopped.

"Okay, Wendy, read the top line for me," said the eye doctor.

"Um...", I was already struggling, "I think it says 'E' 'O' 'I' 'P'?"

"Hmmm..." said the doctor. "Let's try this."

Placing various lenses, in various combinations over my eyes he would repeat himself, "Is this better, or, is this better?"

Nothing was better. Yet everything was better? The longer the exam went on, the more confused I got.

The test concluded (finally!) and the lights came on. With frozen eyeballs I sat, awaiting

the bad news.

According to the doc, I was both near sighted (can't see far away) and far sighted (can't read what's in front of my face). Yep. I was blind (according to the rough translation of the word as offered by my youngest earlier).

Although I needed bifocals I opted for a pair of reading glasses – reading was more important to me than seeing the TV and I couldn't afford two pairs.

I picked out a nice pair of frames, deciding that if I needed to wear glasses I may as well have fashionable ones. And left the office. Driving home that night I started to recognize how blurry the street signs were and knew that the need for a second pair of glasses wasn't far off. This sucked.

The kids were happily chatting over their DQ Blizzards I had bought for them on the way

home – a special treat for being so "nice" to me at the eye doctors. They were happy I was the most "blindest".

My glasses came in about a week later. They were relatively comfortable. A good thing, I thought, since they were to become a permanent fixture on my face.

Since I've started wearing glasses my dependency on an "extra set of eyes" has grown tremendously. I literally can't see without them now and I find myself wearing them everywhere I go. They just stay on. That way, I'm never looking for them, and those pesky fingerprints that appear from out of nowhere don't pop up.

Call me four-eyes, but at least I dealt with my vision loss. I guess I should be grateful it wasn't earlier and it isn't more severe.

When was the last time you saw the eye doctor?

Classic Car Show a success – thank you to our sponsors

Dear editor:

We would like to take this

opportunity, and thank everyone for coming out and sup-

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The Oatman Family



Photo by Wendy Soloduik

Next Step's Literacy Council: Learn these words

1. impugn: challenge or call into question a statement, action or someone's character
2. abscission: the act or instance of cutting off
3. seine: a fishing net for encircling fish
4. horripilation: goosebumps
5. homologate: admit; cdon-

6. maelstrom: a great whirlpool; a state of turbulence or confusion
7. germane: relevant
8. nacre: mother-of-pearl
9. wildebeest: a gnu
10. vinaigrette: a dressing served with salads and cold meats, made with oil, vinegar and seasonings
11. quinoa: starchy seed grown by the Indians of the Andes
12. proselytize: attempt to persuade others to adopt one's

13. slough: a swamp or quagmire
14. solder: a fusible alloy used to join less fusible materials
15. ukulele: a four-stringed Hawaiian guitar

16. own beliefs
17. In the 1960's, the Hari Krishna were known for their tendency to proselytize on street corners.
18. The cattle stood listless beside the dried up slough.
19. The stained glass artist used solder to join the pieces of the panel together.
20. The quinoa salad was served with a delicious vinaigrette.
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Ask a psychotherapist

QUESTION: My sister is an abused woman. Her husband has a terrible temper and I've seen him scream at her and call her names out in public even when their kids are with them. I'm sure much worse goes on at home. Here's my problem: in one breath, she says she's abused and in the next, she says she can't leave him because she loves him! Meanwhile, I can see the toll this is taking on her and the kids. What gives? And what can I do to help her?

ANSWER: The reality of the situation – an all-too-common one – is that there is only a limited amount that any sympathetic person can do to help if the emotionally abused adult is not ready to make a change. In the case of domestic physical assault, if police are called to the scene, they are obliged to lay a charge. If children under the age of 18 are witnesses of domestic violence, the Children's Aid Society (CAS) can be called to investigate the situation. They may impose sanctions on one or both parents to seek therapy, anger management training and/or parenting instruction.

But from what you have said, the abuse sounds more emotional than physical and while arguably just as damaging to both victims and child witnesses, it is harder to prove. One of the effects of ongoing emotional abuse is the steady erosion of the victim's self esteem. Paradoxically, to observers, the meaner the abuser gets, the less capable the victim feels of managing on their own. This has been well-documented in hostage-taking events where hostages shift from hating their captors to idealizing them. It even has a name: The Stockholm Syndrome.

So what can you do for your sister at this point? Remind her that she does not deserve to be treated this way. Build up her self-esteem by telling her what you like about her and what she does well. Ask her what effects her husband's angry outbursts are having on her kids. Urge her to go to therapy or call the Assaulted Women's Hotline to chat about her situation with a professional. Written materials and advice for witnesses to domestic abuse can be had from both My Sister's Place and from The Elizabeth Fry Society.

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This week in police news...

Project '10-4' Results:

Shelburne Police partnered with various OPP detachments, Peel Regional Police and Owen Sound Police in a 5 day traffic blitz along the entire length of highway 10. This traffic safety initiative took place from June 10th to June 14th. The goal of this joint effort is to reduce the number of motor vehicle collision which plagues this busy roadway.

In Shelburne, this highway is known as Main Street and Owen Sound Street. Officers from Shelburne Police focused their traffic enforcement efforts on these roadways during the week and here are the Shelburne results:

Speeding: 45 Charges
Inattentive Driving (cell phone / careless): 3 Charges
Licence/Documents/Log-books: 10 Charges

No Insurance: 1 Charge
Licence Suspensions: 1 Suspension
Total 60 Charges

Bike Helmets Must Be Worn – It's not only the law, but a proven to increase safety

The Shelburne Police is reminding everyone that approved helmets need to be worn (and worn properly) by everyone riding a bicycle under the age of 18 years.

This is not only a law under the highway traffic act that could result in an \$80 fine, but a simple safety practice that appears to be under estimated by many youth and their parents in the Town of Shelburne. Officers are observing many of our children, especially between the age of 12 and 17 riding the streets of Shelburne without a proper bicycle helmet. This issue extends fur-

ther as many youth are taking advantage of warm days biking on the ramps and mounds located for that purpose at Greenwood Park.

A study released in May 2013 in the U.S. by Reuters indicates that wearing a helmet while cycling can reduce the severity of a head injury by up to 88%. The study also shows that states with mandatory bike helmet laws report 20% less cycling related fatalities.

The mandatory helmet law in Ontario indicates that not only does the helmet need to be CSA or SNELL approved, but must be fastened securely with a strap under the chin.

Regardless of where, how fast or what style of riding is being done, the Shelburne Police Service is encouraging everyone to wear a helmet at all times.

When something goes

wrong the only thing between your head and the concrete or pavement is your helmet. But only if you are wearing it properly!

Noise Complaints on the Rise as Weather Warms Up

As the weather is warming up more people are enjoying their evenings and weekends in their backyards, or indoors with windows wide open. As what appears to be a direct result noise complaints go up as well.

The most common complaint relates to amplified music.

The loud music by-law states that any excessive operation of any type of amplified music is prohibited at all times of the day – both weekdays and weekends in residential areas. The fine for excessive noise is \$90.



PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

GET YOUR FIDDLES READY – The Rosemont Fiddle and Dance Club held its final jamboree of the season before taking the summer off. The dances are held on the third Tuesday of each month in the hall on Highway 89 right in the middle of Rosemont. The dances will resume in September.



PHOTO BY ALEX SHER

RACING KITCHEN ON WHEELS – This 1971 Opel GT was made by Opel, a German subsidiary of General Motors. Canadian Motor Sports Park spectator, enthusiast, and local resident, Don Roberts, hand built this customized trailer complete with kitchenette to attend as many Speedway events as possible.

Generator recovered

On Wednesday June 12, at 11:06 a.m. Dufferin OPP were dispatched to report of theft of generator on A line in East Garafraxa Township. The white diesel generator, mounted on a trailer, was parked at the site of a house under construction and valued at over \$12000. On Thursday June 13, at 8:32 p.m. Police recovered the stolen generator in a nearby gravel pit on A Line in East Garafraxa Township.

Driving without insurance?

A recent trend that traffic officers are coming across is people driving their vehicles without insurance. Did you know?

- Officers now have access to databases across the Province which may assist them by showing whether or not a vehicle holds a valid insurance policy?
- A conviction for a first offence of operating a motor vehicle on a highway with no insurance carries a minimum fine of \$5000 and \$10,000 for a second offence?
- Surrendering a false or counterfeit insurance slip also carries a \$10,000 fine?
- If you are driving while under suspension or unlicensed, your insurance policy is in most cases considered null and void
- A criminal driving conviction can seriously affect your ability to obtain insurance coverage?

Remember, insurance is not only to protect your vehicle, it is also there to help protect you against civil liability. It is not uncommon to see civil law suit awards in the two million dollar range. Check with your insurance agent or broker to ensure your coverage is complete and valid. It could save you both money and legal trouble.

Seniors and door-to-door salespeople

We've had a number of calls recently from concerned citizens who are suspicious of aggressive door to door salespeople. Using high pressure sales tactics, these unscrupulous individuals often prey on seniors and other vulnerable members of our community. Here's what you can do to protect yourself.

- Never allow anyone into your home if you feel the least bit intimidated
- Ask for photo identification
- Contact the parent company and ask about the employee
- Never make snap decisions, no matter how "quickly" the salesman says you must act
- Call police if you have any suspicions
- Call a neighbour to come over
- Ask them to return after you've spoken to a trusted family member
- Most utility companies (gas, electric, phone) don't send unsolicited employees
- Get a second opinion, or a second quote Remember, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Secure houses while away at cottage

Dufferin OPP remind residents to ensure that their residences both primary and seasonal are secured while they are away on vacation.

- The more private an area or entrance is the more likely it is to attract the attention of a criminal. Trim all trees and shrubs that block sight lines to your windows and doors.
- During the evening is keep visible interior or exterior lighting that gives the impression that you are home.
- Install outside lighting to eliminate dark areas around windows and doors. Use motion sensor lights set on timers.
- The security of windows at the sides of doors can improved by adding poly-carbonate film to strengthen windows from attack.
- Ensure all your exterior doors have a deadbolt with at least a one inch throw the screws that secure your entry doors should be 2 1/2 inches long
- Every entrance door should have clear view through a wide angle peep hole.
- Thefts from garages are one of the most common yet easily prevented crimes. Keep garage doors closed and locked
- Keep ladders in the garage
- Mark all valuables with an engraver and post Safe-Guard Ontario stickers on your windows and doors to deter theft and assist in the recovery of stolen goods if they are lost or stolen.

Call the OPP Communications Centre immediately at 1-888-310-1122 to report any suspicious activity. Dufferin OPP has two trained Safe-Guard review officers who by appointment are able to do Crime Prevention Audit on your residence and make helpful cost effective suggestions on how to better secure your household or season residence.

Notice of Project

The Ministry of Transportation has awarded Contract 2013-3003 for Grading, Drainage, Granular Base, Hot Mix Paving, Electrical and Structural Work on Highway #89 from east of Mount Forest (Conn) to west of Shelburne (Keldon).

Occasionally there could be delays due to single lane traffic.

Construction activities are to commence June 2013 with an estimated completion for the Fall of 2014.

Please drive with caution.

For additional information, please contact:

Looby Construction Limited at (519) 345-2800 or Remy Consulting Engineers Ltd. www.remyeng.com or the Site Office in Shelburne at (647) 627-0963.



For General Road Information, please phone the Ministry of Transportation, toll free, 24 hours a day, at: 1-800-268-4686.

Shelburne Classic Car Show features 110 beauties

BY WENDY SOLODUIK

The 8th Annual Classic Car Show & Street Festival, sponsored by Oatman's and the Town of Shelburne, took place over the weekend.

The event, blessed by a warm sunny day, drew hundreds of classic car lovers, families and daytrippers alike to the community.

For the children, there was an ice cream eating contest.

The rules were simple: "don't rush, enjoy your cone. All you have to do to win is eat ice cream!"

The winners of the children's ice cream eating contest are:

• 1st Place: Nick Williams – winning \$100

• 2nd Place: Ashton Crouse – winning \$50

Classic Car Show winners;

• Best in show: Ron Passer '57 Buick

• 2nd: Ron and Diane Payne '28 Ford

• 3rd: Peter Larcombe '69 Chevy Nova

• People's Choice: Martin Mollot '69 Chevy Nova SS

• Best Modified: Gord Macdonald '51 Chevy Pickup

• Best Original: Martin Mollot '69 Chevy Nova SS

• Farthest Travelled: Terry Pattison 1980 Chevy El Camino

• Most Unique: John and Deb Peterson '29 Ford Model A

• Best HotRod sponsored

by Hot Rod Builders: Bill and Bev Robbins '31 Ford 5 window coupe.

"I would like to thank all town staff and works staff for all of their efforts in making this show possible," said Shawnette Crouse, Special Events & Committee Coordinator, Town of Shelburne. "I would also like to thank Josh

& Jim Oatman and volunteers for their ongoing support and commitment to the event. A special thanks to Crewson Insurance and Dufferin Country Auto Centre Inc. for their generous sponsorships."

Also see our 'Letters' section for a special thank you to event organizers from the Oatman Family.



Photos by Wendy Soloduk



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County mulls name for former hospital

BY WES KELLER

The former Shelburne District Hospital will be getting a new name but it's uncertain whether the name would honour a prominent personality or simply identify where the converted building is located.

The recommendation of county staff was that it should be designated "301 First Avenue," which would be consistent with other county properties such as the seniors apartment on Lawrence Avenue and 43 Bythia in Orangeville.

The Community Services Committee agreed with county staff although the committee chair, Shelburne Mayor Ed Crewson, disagreed, and East Garafraxa Mayor Allen Taylor suggested at county council that "sometimes we have to look beyond the mundane."

County council last week rejected the recommendation and sent it back to committee for reconsideration.

Mayor Crewson says his preference would be to name the converted hospital "Dynes Village" in honour of Elmer Dynes who was a major factor in the original construction and who penned a detailed history of the hospital's first

quarter-century. He says, for example, that "Dynes Village would be consistent with McKelvie Burnside Village at Dufferin Oaks."

Shelburne Veterans Association, meantime, continues to believe the conversion of the building to residential units is an error. Spokesman Ken Mesure, possibly as a personal opinion, doesn't appear to care what it's called, as long as the word "Folly" is included.

How did it happen that the hospital has given way to creation of 24 dwelling units under the umbrella of Dufferin Housing Authority?

Mayor Crewson said in an interview he would have preferred that the building remained a medical facility.

He didn't say that the Ministry of Health is regulated from the top down, but did draw a comparison with the military, in which the minister would be "the general."

"If I had my druthers; if I were the general, I would (have kept the hospital as a medical centre." However, he said, long-term care (such as Dufferin Oaks) is the only county responsibility, and the town itself does not have a health-care function.

To review the Shelburne situation, he said that in the early 2000s while the old hospital was still functioning as a hospital but without an emergency facility, there were two physicians practising in what had been the emergency department. It was apparently too cramped. The two doctors didn't get along together there, he said, and finally both left. Dr. Sinajon moved in and Dr. Nadine French wanted to come to Shelburne but, based on prior experience, it wasn't felt the former emergency room would not be a prudent move.

At the time, the hospital was still functioning as the Headwaters Shelburne campus. The Centre Dufferin search committee could not convert another part of the building to a medical office. So Dr. French was given space in the Brian Wing of Dufferin Oaks (now the Mel Lloyd Centre).

Had the county owned the hospital building at the time, it is likely that it would have obtained funding for creation of medical offices there.

In about 2004, an application was made to the province for funding to convert a part of Mel Lloyd into a medical

office. After about six months, then-minister George Smitherman announced funding of \$700,000.

That led to establishment of the Family Health Team, followed more recently by the direct involvement of Central West LHIN and the Orangeville Family Health Team and creation of the Shelburne Centre for Health (SCH) along with specialist and after-hours clinics and the Telemedicine Network.

Now the SCH has at least six medical practitioners and more coming. As well, said the mayor, there is talk of a walk-in clinic. "It's all well and good to say what should have been done. But we have never had six doctors in Shelburne before. They are finally coming. If six are recruited and they're happy, why disrupt them (to move from the Mel Lloyd)," he asked rhetorically.

Nevertheless, the mayor had gone to Ottawa on his own nickel to plead with "General" Deb Matthews, the current minister of health. He said both he and Amaranth Deputy Mayor Walter Kolodziejchuk were there when the minister bluntly stated that there would be no hospital in Shelburne.

Honeywood

Three happy events happened at Honeywood United Church on Sunday, June 16, 2013. Carolyn (Lavery) Johnson was able to attend, and be part of the worship service. We all continue to pray for good health for Carolyn. Rev. Jennifer Laverty and children from Saskatchewan were also in attendance. The baptism of Derek Richard Martin, son of Steve and Kate (Armstrong) Martin, was held during the service. Family and friends gathered after church at Steve and Kate's home.

All are welcome to the Annual Honeywood Strawberry Supper on July 1 on the arena floor.

Shelburne Café was filled to capacity this morning, Monday, June 17, when two birthdays were celebrated, Alex Aldcorn and Dennis Leitch. Following our coffee and muffins, we all enjoyed excellent music provided by local musicians.

Sunnybrook Hospital Fundraiser:

Saturday, June 8, 2013 was a beautiful day for the Sunnybrook Hospital fundraiser. A huge crowd came to Avery's Act of Kindness fundraiser at Stan Coe's Farm (Redickville). It was a fun day. Face painting, bouncy castle, Ms. Weaver's exotic animals, little lambs to pat, and Bossy Bingo were some of the activities.

Dufferin County's Ambulance and Paramedic displayed some of its equipment. Honeywood Fire Department gave tours of their fire trucks and other equipment. Wagons drawn by teams of horses or mules gave families a ride through the maple bush.

A lunch of hamburgers or hotdogs, baked potato, pop or coffee was available all day.

At 2 p.m. butterflies and purple balloons were released by family and friends in memory of Avery.

The silent auction had many lovely items such as a large star mirror, an electric fireplace, leather jackets, Blue Jay tickets, golf for a day, child's rocking chair, handmade baby quilts, balloon ride, an airplane ride, tools, framed pictures, and a large selection of other items.

A tug of war pitting horses against man ended the day with Larry Keating and his team of horses against fifteen strong men.

All donations and money raised at this fundraiser will be used to buy a new incubator for Sunnybrook N.I.C.U. and aid Family Services.

Brad and Ashley Pullen and their daughter are so grateful to everyone for their donations and support. It was an amazing day.

Shelburne Legion – raffle & bingo

Congratulations to Philip Norris on his retirement, we hope to see him around the branch more often now that he has all this free time.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers who helped with wings and breakfast last weekend. As always, a job well done. We will be hosting open euchre every first and third Sunday of the month through out the summer. Bingo will continue every Monday night with a jackpot of \$700. There will be a Fiddle Ville volunteer meeting on June 22nd at 3 p.m., anybody interested in helping out with any event that weekend please come and attend the meeting.

Two more weeks left to get your Fridge/\$200 cash raffle tickets. The tickets are available at the bar.

Amanda's Country Bakery comes to Shelburne



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Amanda Coutts, owner of Amanda's Country Bakery is pleased to announce she will be at Shelburne Fresh Variety Thursday, June 20th and invites you to treat yourself to Amanda's Country Bakery Products.

BY ALEX SHER

Owner of Amanda's Country Bakery, Amanda Coutts, is proud to announce that she will be selling her wonderful variety of hand baked goods beginning this Thursday at Shelburne Fresh Variety from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

This six year old wholesale business is thriving and even though it is based in Dundalk, Coutts supplies many outlying area restaurants, coffee shops and can also be found at many farmers markets throughout the summer covering the areas of Shelburne, Orangeville, and Alliston.

"Originally I started bring

baking in to where I was working and the popularity grew so quickly, I started taking orders. Following that, we were in retail in Orangeville for approximately three and a half years and as we continued to grow, we felt whole sale was the way to go and we relocated to Dundalk," says Coutts.

Important to support Canadian industry, Coutts adds, "All our products are handmade. We make breads, pies, cakes, and our wheat comes from Hanover. We buy fresh fruit from local people. It's very important to us to partner with local people like Shelburne Fresh Variety and we

will also be at the Orangeville Farmer's Market Saturday from 8 a.m. – 1p.m."

This working mother of one, with one on the way, is not new to the art of baking having worked at Mrs. Mitchell's and Hockley Valley Resort. Coutts encourages people visit Farmers Markets to pick up her wonderful baking products noting that a complete schedule, pricing, and list of variety and services is available on their website. <http://amandas-countrybakery.ca/> Coutts also mentions that while special orders are welcome, catering is available and deliveries can also be made to offices.

The Gardener's Corner: Emerald Ash Borer Strategy



BY JUDITH ROGERS

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency has approved the release of two tiny wasps from China to eat tree-killing beetles which have no natural predators in North America.

The emerald ash borer is eating its way through our ash trees and in many places, they have been cut down to stop the insect.

The Agency has approved both a eulophid and a braconid wasp which are so tiny, they're barely visible. They lay their eggs inside other insects such as moths, butterflies and beetles. The wasps hatch and then eat their way out of the host which kills it.

It is expected to be an acceptable long term strategy of control for ash borers to bring them back to a manageable level in the environment.

Until now, the only defense against ash borers was the slow and expensive process of injecting a beetle killing chemical into each tree every two years.

Michigan, which has been battling this pest longer than Ontario reports that testing with the wasps there has been successful. The wasps have formed fast growing populations which have parasitized an increased percentage of the borers over a five year study.

The borers actually first appeared in Michigan back in 2002. They lay their eggs under the bark of all varieties of ash and the immature beetle tunnels under the bark.

This destroys the part of the tree that intakes water and nu-

trients, causing it to die.

Biological control is when one non-native species is brought in to kill another. Sometimes there is a risk that the restraining species will spiral out of control but the Canadian Ministry of Agriculture has likely done extensive research on what these wasps are interested in through testing their life cycles.

The photo is from a gardening associate who is also an arborist. He notes that in the fall, the tree in question showed no visible signs of borers or decline. By April of this year the whole trunk was riddled with holes. Apparently woodpeckers discovered the borer larvae over winter and made their own holes in the bark to extract the food.

The cut out section clearly shows the damage done by so many larvae feeding on the tree.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS



PHOTOS BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Dufferin County Family of Schools held it's annual track and field day at Orangeville District Secondary School on Friday, June 14. Three schools from the Shelburne area participated in the events which included the long jump, triple jump, ball throw, shot-put, and running events. Students from Hyland Heights Elementary School, Primrose Elementary School, and Centennial Hylands Elementary School, competed in the days activities.



Home Builders on the links



PHOTOS BY BRIAN LOCKHART

A golfer tees-off at the annual Greater Dufferin Home Builders Association golf tournament held at the Shelburne Golf and Country Club on Thursday, June 13.

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Around 120 developers, trades people, designers, and builders, traded their hammers and blueprints for golf clubs to take part in the annual Greater Dufferin Home Builders Association golf tournament held at the Shelburne Golf and Country Club on Thursday, June 13. "Every year we do this tournament and choose a charity to support," said Home Builders executive officer Margaret Janssen. "This year we chose Family Transition Place in Orangeville. We have around 40 member groups participating with 119 golfers registered. At the end of the day we hope to give around \$1000.00 to charity."

Best ball, closest to the pin, and a putting contest, added to

the excitement of a day on the links.

It was also an opportunity for people who work hard all week long to take a day off and enjoy some fun in the sun.

"We have around 45 people here including trades and sub-contractors," said Andy Kidd, president of Devonleigh Homes. "Because we don't have our own tournament we like to make this one ours. Margaret has been organizing this for the past five years and she has been doing a great job."

Most golf tournaments are not taken too seriously by participants, at least not in a competitive nature, as the goal is to have fun and raise money for a good cause.

So participation, regardless

of your level of skill on the golf course, is more important.

Of course there are still the die-hard golfers who try to play their best game ever time they are on the links.

"We have around 40 tournaments each year of different sizes," said Shelburne Golf Club head pro Sam Young. "We also have around 80 guys that come out for men's night every Wednesday night."

The Shelburne Golf Club went through an expansion last year that includes a new dining room, conference facilities, and a venue for weddings.

After spending a day raising money for charity, the home builders will be back on the job and trade their golf clubs for tools – until the weekend.



The Greater Dufferin Home Builders Association held its annual golf tournament at the Shelburne Golf and Country Club. Around 120 golfers took part in the event with the proceeds going to Family Transition Place in Orangeville.

Cubs drop game to Clearview



PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Mansfield Cubs are trying to get out of a slump after losing six in a row. The play at first base in a game against the Creemore Braves ends with the base runner making it back to the base in time. The Cubs had to settle for a loss to the visitors.

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Mansfield Cubs are getting their bats back after a mini-slump that left the squad struggling over a few games.

The return to the diamond at the Mansfield ball park on Wednesday, June 12, proved that the team has what it takes to score runs.

After taking an early 5-1 lead over the Clearview Orioles, the squad ran into some defensive trouble and ended up losing the game in the later innings.

"We didn't have the pitching tonight," said coach George Linger. "I guess our guys just had a bad game. We did get the hits but we left a lot of guys on base."

The Cubs were on base in the third with a man on first and single on a hit from Wade Pirrie, but they couldn't bring

anyone across home plate.

After a top of the fourth that saw the Orioles bring in three runs on two hits that found the way to the deep field area, the Cubs had an at-bat that saw some nice hits but again they couldn't finish and bring in a run.

Rob Kinsley delivered a nice hit to centre field for a double that brought the Mansfield club close to scoring with a man on second and third.

A Cubs batter took the walk into to first after being hit at the plate to load the bases, but the inning ended with a hard drive that was picked off by the Clearview shortstop to end the inning.

Mansfield's Billy Hawkins found a hole between left and centre field in the sixth inning to make it to second base on a fast double.

In the end the Cubs had to settle for the loss – their sixth in a row.

The good news is that the squad is back in good form at-bat. Now they just have to work on finishing and getting runner across the plate.

The Orillia Majors have moved into first place in the North Dufferin Baseball League standings taking a lead over the Bolton Brewers. The Majors have a game advantage for the points total so the Brewers could push them aside again depending on what happens over the new few games.

The Cubs will return to their home diamond at the Mansfield ball park on Wednesday, June 19, to host the Aurora Jays.

The first pitch is scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

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More highlights from the 2013 Classic Car Show



Photos by Wendy Soloduik

Book it to the Shelburne Public Library



PHOTO BY WENDY SOLODUIK

A READERS HEAVEN – Book worms browse a selection of books for sale at the Shelburne Public Library on Saturday, during the 8th Annual Classic Car Show & Street Festival. The sale ends this Saturday, June 23rd, and books are \$2/bag.

BY ALEX SHER

A fantastic variety of used books are on sale now at the Shelburne Public Library. The fundraising sale began Saturday June 15 and runs through to Saturday 23.

Head Librarian and CEO of the Shelburne Public Library, Rose J. Dotten, is hoping for a great turn out for this year's book sale. "All proceeds go directly towards the purchase of new books. We do of course

welcome the donations of books and we carefully sort through to see if the books can become part of our library collection before separating them for book sales," commented Dotten.

Books are only \$2 per bag and the selection is vast. Dotten also adds that shopping for books is made easy thanks to the help she has received and gratefully mentions, "We have two wonderful volunteers, Jim Worobec and George Barton who have sorted the books into very organized categories."

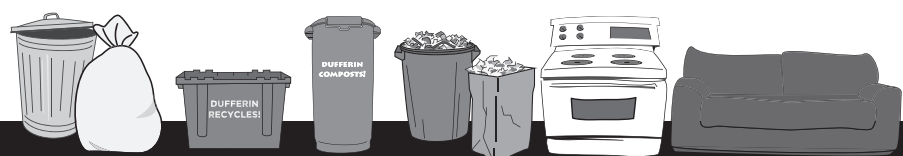
With a huge selection of magazines, and books this event is not just for avid adult readers, parents looking to stock up on literature for children can take advantage of this wonderful fundraising sale.

just a reminder...

New waste collection program is in effect

June 1 marked the start of a new curbside collection program in Dufferin County.

- Blue Boxes, Green Bins and garbage are collected every week.
- Your current municipal bag limit has remained in effect and converted to a weekly limit (as opposed to a bi-weekly or yearly limit) where applicable.
- Your collection day may have changed.
- Yard waste is collected in rural areas on a monthly call-in basis. Yard waste is collected in urban areas bi-weekly in spring and fall and monthly during the summer.
- Bulky items and white goods are now collected on a monthly call-in basis for a fee.
- Clear bags are required for garbage. Each clear bag can contain two small opaque "privacy" bags and garbage can be placed at the curb in a container, if desired.



Contact Dufferin County Waste Services for more information.
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Encouraging Canadians to give

BY DAVID TILSON, MP

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This is why it would probably surprise no one to hear that Canada—according to a report released in 2012 by the U.K's Charities Aid Foundation—ranked as the third most charitable country in the world, based on the percentage of people who donated time or money to a charity in the previous year. In fact, on average Canadians give roughly \$446 per person to charity each year and Canadians aged 75 and above give roughly \$725 per year. Those are remarkable numbers that we should be truly proud of.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper and our Government are also tremendously proud of Canadians and that's why we want to encourage even more giving—particularly from those who have yet to give. As a part of Economic Action Plan 2013, we've set out to achieve this through our First-Time Donor's Super Credit.

The First-Time Donor's Super Credit is a temporary, one-time credit that provides an additional 25 per cent tax credit—over and above the normal amount—on charitable donations under \$1,000, so long as it is made by someone who has not made a donation since 2007. This means that young Canadians and new Canadians have an opportunity to connect with the causes they believe in or have an opportunity to go out and find a cause to support.

It's my belief that this initiative could spark a lifetime of giving by those who were previously unengaged and it is estimated that charitable donations will increase by \$110 million per year until the Super Credit expires in 2017; that's \$110 million more per year to help make Canada a better place!

Charities across Canada have come out in support of our Government's initiative. In fact, Imagine Canada, an organization representing thousands of registered charities, said that our Government's Super Credit, "is a real step in the right direction."

Our Government believes in the important role that charities play in our communities. The First-time Donor's Super Credit is just one of the many measures we've introduced to support Canadian charities. In years past, our Government put in place several measures which increased the transparency and accountability of charities, allowing the public to have increased trust in their operations and encouraging them to give more.

I encourage everyone who has not donated to charity since 2007 to take advantage of the First-Time Donor's Super Credit. Together we can make Canada the most charitable country in the world.

Every year, millions of Canadians will visit their doctors with diseases and illnesses ranging from the common cold to the terminally sick. While many are easily treatable, some of the worst are those that still remain without a cure. One such disease is Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS) or Lou Gehrig's disease as it is often called.

ALS is a fatal neurodegenerative disease. ALS causes the degeneration of motor neurons; the nerve cells in the brainstem and spinal cord that control muscle contractions. As the disease progresses, victims experience muscle atrophy throughout their body due to their inability to voluntarily initiate muscle movement. The disease targets muscles all through the body, which can lead to extreme difficulty eating, swallowing, and even breathing. While the order and rate of symptoms varies from person to person, eventually most patients are unable to walk, get out of bed on their own, or use their hands and arms. However, as individuals living with ALS become increasing paralyzed, they do maintain their senses, as well as their intellect.

June is ALS Awareness Month. Groups and communities across Canada will develop public awareness projects and participate in a wide range of activities to raise awareness within their communities. For many citizens, this is a month close to their hearts, as the disease affects approximately 3,000 Canadians. The majority of these victims will eventually succumb to respiratory failure within three to five years of their diagnosis. To make matters even more pressing, the occurrence of the disease is increasing proportionally to Canada's aging demographic, as is true of other neurodegenerative diseases like Parkinson's and Alzheimer's. In fact, according to the World Health Organization, neurodegenerative diseases are predicted to surpass cancer as the second leading cause of death in Canada by 2040.

Currently, ALS claims the lives of two to three Canadians each day, including the life of my father who succumbed to ALS a number of years ago. Since my personal encounter with the terrible disease, I introduced a Private Member's Bill to have June officially designated as National ALS Month. Given the mysteries surrounding the causes and cure of ALS, it is my hope that the Bill will serve to raise awareness and support for the many ongoing ALS research initiatives.

Due to the vast number of unknowns and a lack of effective treatment available, the importance of spreading awareness of this disease across Canada is crucial. I encourage all Canadians to take advantage of the wonderful weather June offers and participate in one of the many outdoor ALS fundraising events hosted by the ALS Society of Canada. Along with these organized events, you can also show your support by purchasing a cornflower, deemed ALS' flower of hope. For more information on these wonderful events, or ALS in general, please visit the ALS society of Canada's webpage at www.ALS.ca.

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Environmental commissioner Miller encourages people to get engaged



Gord Miller, Environmental Commissioner for Ontario

By Mark Pavilons

Despite our green goals, Ontario is still waging an uphill battle to combat climate change.

In the face of a warning from Ontario's environmental commissioner, there is hope and optimism, which rest in the hands of the public and municipalities.

Gord Miller, Ontario's environmental commissioner, visited Nobleton Library last week, letting residents know about his role, the state of our environment, and the power that taxpayers have within their grasp.

Miller, who's in his third term as commissioner, pointed out Ontario is unique in the world regarding its environmental policies and watchdogs. Our Environmental Bill of Rights is unique to our province and this legislation enshrines many rights. One of the more important ones is the

right to ask for a review of any provincial policy or legislation. All it takes is two citizens to file a request and Miller's office forwards it to the appropriate ministry, which must respond.

He added there are also provisions regarding the right to sue, if harm to a public resource can be proven. The bill also has strong whistle-blower protection.

"Citizens have power and pressure works," he said. Requests from the public give him great moral authority to proceed with inquiries.

Oak Ridges-Markham MPP Helena Jacek concurred, noting the key to getting attention at Queen's Park is repetition. She said constructive submissions from a number of residents does make a difference. The government's focus on the environment means Jacek wants to hear from constituents on

moving forward. Miller's office reviews environmentally significant regulations and legislations, and he pens several annual reports presented to the legislature.

While he can be the government's best friend, he admitted he's "ruthless" as a critic.

He even picks out subtleties in revamped legislation. He pointed to recent changes in regulations government livestock compensation – animals killed by predators. The list includes some odd creatures, some of which are not even native to southern Ontario.

From land use planning and green energy to protecting wildlife, Miller's office handles it all. He offered a list of marine animals native to Ontario that most residents, and some ministry staffers, aren't even aware of. Ontario is home to polar bears, orcas, seals, walrus and belugas.

But Miller is patient and he "plays a long game."

Of particular importance to King, and southern Ontario, is the scheduled 2015 review of major pieces of environmental policy – the Niagara Escarpment Plan, Oak Ridges Moraine Plan and Greenbelt plan.

The ORM plan is a good one and serves as a successful model, he said. The problem moving forward is to protect the integrity of each plan in the whole and recognize the unique Moraine policies.

Special interest groups and municipalities should begin a review of these policies now, in preparation for 2015 by gathering data and lobbying the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, which is not known for being particularly progressive.

Residents and municipalities can motivate the ministry into action. But they need a push.

Public consultation events are planned for the review and Miller urged everyone to "take

advantage of it."

Miller said the province is in a "huge state of flux" and he's often frustrated by policy statements that conflict with scientific evidence. The recent announcement about resurrecting the Pickering airport is a case in point.

More emphasis is needed on conservation.

That point was brought home in Miller's 2013 annual report, "Failing our Future."

The government's long-term energy policy could wipe out some of the gains that have been made in reducing greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions.

In its 2007 Climate Change Action Plan, the Ontario government established three targets for the reduction of greenhouse gases:

- 6% below 1990 levels by 2014 (to approximately 166 megatonnes or Mt).

- 15% below 1990 levels by 2020 (to approximately 150 Mt).

- 80% below 1990 levels by 2050 (to approximately 35 Mt).

"The government is on track to meet 91% of its 2014 target, but I am worried about what comes after 2014," said Miller.

Failing our Future highlights that the Ontario government will only achieve 60% of the reductions necessary to meet its 2020 target for reducing GHG emissions.

"One of the reasons for this shortfall is the increased reliance on natural gas to generate electricity," he added.

According to the Ontario Power Authority (OPA), natural gas is expected to play an important role in meeting electricity demand in the future, especially when nuclear plants are refurbished in and around 2020/2021.

"This increased use of natural gas could lead to a rise in GHG emissions of between 4 and 16 Mt, depending on fac-

tors such as the existing generation capacity and weather," says Miller.

"I think the government should use the recently announced review of its Long-Term Energy Plan to make sure its energy planning is co-ordinated with the GHG reduction targets that are contained in its Climate Change Action Plan."

Miller also said the alternative energy groups need to be more proactive and vocal in their support for green energy in the form of solar and wind. One of the arguments against wind turbines is their damage to birds, yet his investigation revealed that a single turbine is responsible for 2.5 bird deaths a year, a tiny amount compared to those lost to buildings and hydro lines.

Heading forward, Miller said our best arsenal consists of program evaluation methods and tools. For every government program there should be a way to evaluate, monitor and analyze the efficiency. There's no shame in failure, but we need to know how programs are working.

Regarding the controversial peaker plant in King, Jacek said it is operating at between 2% and 5% per month so far in 2013.

Miller said the problem with peaker plants is companies are being paid for 100% of the time they are in operation, and not just when they're producing energy. Taxpayers are on the hook for these inefficiencies.

Miller also criticized civil service cuts in vital areas such as the Ministry of Natural Resources. The public has to decide on its priorities and tell the province these impacts hurt.

The key to progress is to be involved.

"Stay engaged," Miller stressed.

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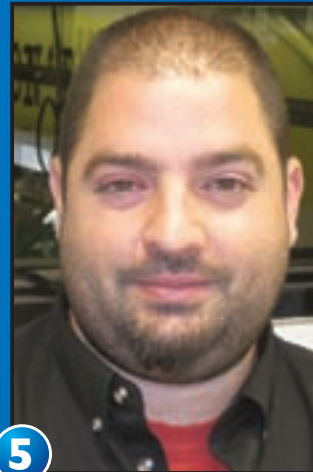
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Watch for baby animals crossing the roadways

BY JEN HOWARD

After a long cold winter we look forward to warmth, green grass and flowers. But there is another thing I look forward too. The return of our feathered friends, the birth of new lives everywhere. Feathered and four legged.

As a naturalist/photographer, I am blessed to be able to capture these miracles of life. But what disturbs me at this time of year. Is the fact that people and more than I care to mention, do not see this beauty or respect them.

Last week I watched in horror as a family of Canada geese tried to get their little ones across Lakeshore in Barrie. No one wanted to stop. I see this all too often. (It's just a goose). No, it's a living breathing being, it loves it cares it feels, just like we do. It just sat in snow sleet rain and high winds, never moving off those eggs for 28-32 days. The male guarding over her the whole time. And after all that. They sometimes are lucky to raise one babe as predators eat them up from on land and from under water. They fight to the end for their goslings but sometimes they are no match for another hungry animal trying to feed its young ones. That is their world.

Mother fox with her kits, the bond is incredible. She cares for them as we do our own, we watch them we protect them, they do the same. I dare say they have a bigger job with a few young ones than we do with one. And every fox family I have had the opportunity to watch always has one bold one that she must scold to keep safe. Oh we all have one of those rights. I have watched goslings hatching with mom keeping them safe and warm, the first moments together, it is incredible, tender moments, and birds that run themselves ragged feeding all those hungry mouths, fighting off predators if even it ends up taking their own life doing so.

It is a tough enough world for our wildlife friends without us adding to it.

To see a new born fawn walking in the woods with it mother is totally amazing. They don't have a scent so mom can leave them curled up while she goes off to feed and a predator can walk right by them, never knowing they were ever there. More and more people are invading their space; more and more habitat is disappearing. They are forced into our world. So why can't we learn to live with them.

I grew up with wildlife all around me. Best thing my parents could have done for me. We were taught from day one how to respect them and give them their space. To watch quietly and very still. How rewarding. And my children the same.

When I am in their world taking photos, it is peaceful; it gets me away from the hectic world I live in. They are very special and their habitat is also our habitat. So as they have to live so close to the human world. Let's all watch out for them with their little ones especially at this time of year, but all year as well. Slow down, pay attention, and give them time to cross the road and always make sure a little one is not in tow before you head off. It may just be the experience of your life. Let them live!



PHOTO BY LYNN CODD

EVERYDAY HEROS – Hyland Heights nominated Tara McCabe for a Everyday Hero Award this year because of her work as the school's Child and Youth Worker and her volunteer activities. Tara not only runs the Breakfast Program at the school, she runs Rainbows, Boys and Girls Groups, the Me to We club and does individual counselling as well. Her tireless efforts helps both staff and students at Hyland Heights. **(BELOW):** Coaches (pictured left to right) Rob Scott, Steve Stewart, Bill Bradford and Erik Zeidler, of the Centre Dufferin District High School Boys Hockey team recently received an Everyday Hero Award from the Upper Grand District School Board. Their leadership in the Hockey Program at the school is a model for coaches across the province and their recent OFSAA Championship Boys Hockey Gold Medal is a first for Centre Dufferin in team sports.



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Crossroads Community Church

"Dads are like chocolate cream filled candy, a little hard on the outside but soft and sweet on the inside"

Father's Day turned out to be a wonderful sunshine filled day, Pastor Don came to greet everyone, share announcements and prayer. The worship was filled with praises to our heavenly Father. Pastor Don read the weekly verse Exodus 20:12, "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the LORD your God is giving you." To honor your parents means to speak well of them and show them respect. Unfortunately many of us have had rebellious stages in our lives and have not always done so. In today's generation respect for fathers is shown less and less. Just a few generations ago Fathers were revered when the Father's Day holiday was established by President Calvin Coolidge on June 19th, 1924. This was the result of a 25 year effort by Senora Smartdod who had been raised by her widowed father.

Let us now examine the story of The Prodigal Son and focus on the example of the father in Luke 15:11-32; we know that he had 2 sons, and that one of them claimed his inheritance thinking he would fare better on his own and set off away from home. After sometime he had squandered all of it. He then found himself

broke and hungry working at a less than adequate job, that is when he realized how much he truly had back home. Not knowing what was waiting for him if he returned he was even ready to humbly ask his father to hire him as a servant, he was remorseful. This is a story for all of us, reminding us that a Father may seem a little hard on the outside but soft on the inside, like a cream filled candy. The Father in this story shows us what the love of a father will do for his child. The first characteristic he displays is his ability to provide for his family, (1 Timothy 5:8),

If someone would ask us if our father was successful what would we say? Would we base our answer on how extravagant our house was or cool our car was and how much money he had? There is a huge difference between wants and needs, if you had a father who provided food, clothes and shelter you had a good father. The true measure of success is a man's good honest reputation and the respect he has from his family.

So if this father was a good man, doesn't it seem unwise for him to give his son all that money? By today's standards maybe, but in the end the father knew his son had lessons to learn on his own. As parents we need to learn to let go of our children trusting that God is leading them and protect-

ing them. Even when they get into trouble God is watching over them and teaching them. Eventually they all learn to respect and appreciate what they once had. Most of us can attest to this, the hard knocks of life bring us back to the one that takes care of us, we become remorseful and repent. After we repent, there is forgiveness and salvation. As in this story, the father received his son so does our heavenly Father. He welcomes us home with great joy and celebration, with open arms and unconditional love. This father portrays the perfect Father, God's unwavering love, unending patience and generous forgiveness.

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Pontius Pilate and Jesus Christ

BY JACK GAULT,

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Do we really believe that what we believe is really real? What is reality anyway? If someone tells us a lie, and we believe it, does it make it real just because we believe it? Would we be willing to admit we might be wrong?

Normally we can believe what we see with our own eyes, what we can smell, touch, and sense. Perhaps we only believe an illusion. Can we always trust our own senses? Magicians rely on quickness of hand, smoke and mirrors to confound and amaze audiences when the impossible appears to happen right before everyone's eyes ... and with today's computer

graphics anything can be made to look real.

Perhaps we might believe something is real if someone we fully trust says it is. Are we more likely to believe something that an older or more educated person tells us or would we rather trust our peers? Who really does know? Do this world's experts always have the right answers? How do we know who really is an expert anyway?

How does one judge relationships? Can we trust what someone we've just met tells us? Are we sure that the middle income person living down the street isn't really a millionaire? How do we know if a person is really who he says he is? Do we ask to see their credentials at the door? We might believe something from someone we know that has a good track record of always

being truthful.

Can science really have all the answers? If most people you know believe something is right does that automatically mean that it is? Can public opinion polls be used to determine what reality is? What is a myth? Some myths that people have believed for many years have been proven to be wrong on the TV show "Myth Busters" – or have they really proven it?

Now I have stirred up a lot of questions in your mind. Some of the answers are just good sense and you may have already thought through many of these. There may be others that we may need to at least ponder.

Well, what did our Lord Jesus Christ say to Pontius Pilate about it? He gives an unexpected and an even startling answer. In John 18:37 He de-

clares that ... "I was born and came into the world to testify to the truth. All who love the truth recognize that what I say is true." [NLT] Actually, God has shown us true answers in the Bible about many areas we need to know of life such as ... who is God? Who is man? It also teaches about proper relationships affecting work, family, church, community, morals, ethics, and many more.

God invites us to ... "come to Him and reason together with Him". [Isaiah 1:18] He promises in Jeremiah 29:13 that "whoever searches for Him with all their heart will find Him". He doesn't expect blind faith but presents credentials about Himself in His Word and uses other ways to prove He is One who can be trusted. Finding God can be an exciting adventure and I challenge you to start your search.

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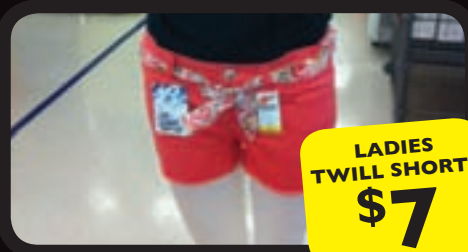
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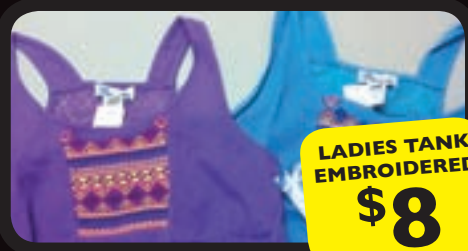
DIRECTOR'S CHAIR
\$25



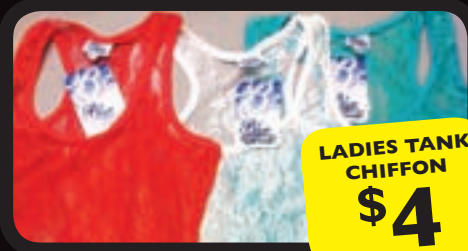
LADIES MESH TANK TOP
\$4



MENS OR LADIES SANDALS
\$5



LADIES TANK EMBROIDERED
\$8



LADIES TANK CHIFFON
\$4



KISKO FREEZE POPS
90 OR 100 PACK
\$2⁹⁹

FEATURED ITEMS



FOSTER GRANT SUNGLASSES
\$3



LADIES ATHLETIC SHORTS
\$3



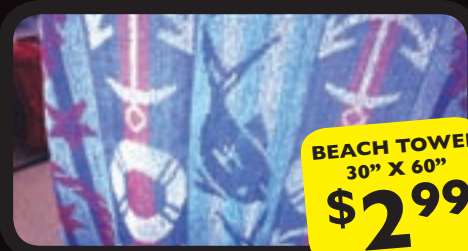
BLACK & DECKER 3PC PRUNING SET
\$12



BUCK COMMANDER CUPS - 2 FOR
\$5



TROPICAL DRINK MIX
1 LITRE BAGGED OR BOTTLED
\$2⁹⁹



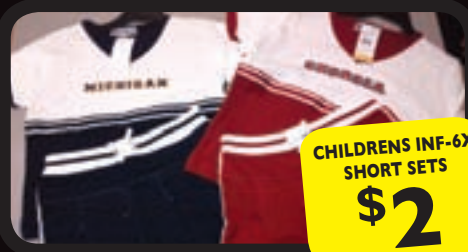
BEACH TOWEL
30" X 60"
\$2⁹⁹



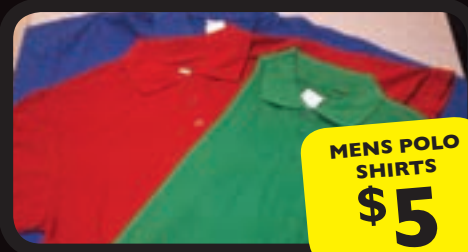
BUBBA BURGERS
850 G PACK
\$7



LADIES AND CHILDRENS CLOGS
\$4



CHILDRENS INF-6X SHORT SETS
\$2



MENS POLO SHIRTS
\$5



MENS CARGO SHORTS
\$10



OH CANADA
34 PIECES / 7.25KG
\$9⁹⁹



VULCAN JACKPOT
19 PCS / 1.7KG
\$19⁹⁷



3 PAK
\$19⁹⁷



PYRO BUCKET
\$14⁹⁷



HEAVY HITTER
34 PIECES / 5KG
\$7⁹⁹



24" SPARKLERS
\$2⁹⁷ EACH



BARBARIAN
15 PIECES
\$49⁹⁷

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