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This fabulous 1954 Ford F.100 belongs to local Shelburne resident and owner of Sawyers Feed Mill Ltd., Jim Sawyer. Having purchased the Ford in 1981 for only \$200, Sawyer says the Ford has most of its original parts. It did take two years to find four original wheels to accommodate specific hubcaps and it's been painted only a couple of times. "I drive it every day in the summer and put it away for the winter. I have a lot of fun with it," says Sawyer.

In Conversation with Jim Sawyers of Sawyers Feed Mill

BY ALEX SHER

Located on the quiet street of Adeline in Shelburne, Sawyers Feed Mill is a local icon, a 3rd generation family run business spanning over 50 years of maintaining a level of trust, high regard, respect in the community they serve and love, and of course offer quality products unparalleled.

During a candid interview with Jim Sawyers, this otherwise deeply private man revealed what is important to him, what he thinks it takes to run a business over the course of decades and explains how history can play a key role in a man's life.

Jim Sawyers is notably a quiet individual. He walks with the candor of a timeless film star from the 50's, and like a Gregory Peck, sure footed, portraying a level of accomplishment he exudes a quiet confidence living a life he himself describes as so "full", not only does he have no regrets, he wouldn't change a thing.

And how did it all begin? "I started running the Mill in Shelburne in 1975. Previously I worked at the watered powered Mill in Mansfield that my grandfather bought in 1920. In 1940 my parents married and purchased the Boyne Mill, which was named after the river and it ran until 1965," Sawyers explains, "Boyne Mill closed due to the farm community at the time getting smaller. Young people went

to Alliston and Orangeville. Following the migration of the farmer, my parents opened Sawyers Feed Mill in 1957 in Shelburne."

When asked how that move to Shelburne affected him, Sawyers describes, "Well, we, Marion and I married in 1964. We depended on the rural life and even though our rural life had changed, we have three kids, 7 grandkids and 2 great grand kids. Our community has been very good for us."

Sawyers reflectively answered with regards to the happiest time in his life. While most can cite an incident, a specific day, Sawyers response clearly indicated a different level of life appreciation.

"The first twenty years of our marriage was the happiest because the kids were young, everyone on Marion's side was still alive, and my side was still alive. I'm not sure about, 'the happiest' because I'm still happy today."

What advice does Sawyers have for young farming entrepreneurs starting out today?

"Well, you have to know something about farming and the farming community and learn about your product and as my wife reminds me, you have to be prepared to change as the times require. You have to recognize your market and work towards it."

Perhaps his most poignant reflection on the inner working of a successful business owner came when asked what

he would have rather done instead of taking over the family business.

"I've never had any other desire to do anything else other than what I've done here," Sawyers proudly commented. "I've been satisfied with the way my life has gone, pretty good health and good friends and family to socialize with on a Saturday night."

Obvious is his pride and respect for others, Sawyers encapsulates the definition of a gentleman, where a man's word meant something and a handshake, the very symbol of honor, was as good as a man's word. And though this kind of quiet, gentle spirited individual is a rare find in today's world, when asked about how he feels about his wife and their lives together, this quiet individual has quite a lot to say.

"Marion worked at a Real Estate office as a secretary when we started out. She made \$35 a week and I made \$25 dollars a week. Back then you couldn't burn \$5 worth of gas in a week, \$10 in groceries was almost too much! We were young happy and care-free. We're good friends. We have breakfast together every day. She is a terrific cook. I have tremendous respect for my wife. She is a very wise woman. We've gone through tough times, disappointing times, and she did far better than I could. She's a very family oriented person and

we have the same traditions. She's a sweet heart! I couldn't have done any of this without her. She's the backbone," and taking a moment to collect his thoughts and feelings, "Marion stuck by my side through thick and thin. I love my wife and my family. We'll be married 50 years in October 2014!"

What some might have called a watery, slightly tear filled eye when reflecting on the place Sawyer's best friend and wife holds, he was very certain in commenting on his children when asked if he is proud of his kids and their accomplishments.

"What impressed me the most about my kids? Well, I watched my kids grow up, watched them find work, support a household, they did all that and they did that well. They got married, raised a family."

And does the Mill see another generation perhaps carrying on the legacy?

"I don't know. I have a grandson who worked here at the mill for a while. He's in Ottawa now. We get along very well, but I don't think he'll take it on."

There is a distinct difference between a simple man and a man who chooses to live a simple life.

"I've always had two priorities in life including my family, our livelihood, and then of course the friends we've made along the way."

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Local women's shelter remembers victims

Each year, on December 6th, representatives from My Sister's Place, the local shelter for women and children, remembers the tragedy that began the National Day of Action on Violence Against Women. On that devastating day back in 1989, 14 women attending Ecole Polytechnique in Montreal were maliciously murdered at the hands of a sole gunman. The "Montreal Massacre" has since then represented a memory of all women and children who are killed each year from violence. These women continue to serve as a remembrance of the violence women all over the world face and why it is important for them to be heard. November is dedicated as the month of awareness for Women Abuse Prevention. A purple ribbon is worn in commemoration and tribute to all those women who have, or continue to experience abuse.

"People In Transition (Alliston) Inc., 'My Sister's Place' is hosting a vigil for the December 6th massacre. Please join us in remembering those 14 women who tragically lost their lives, as well as those who have died in the last year because of violence; at the St John's United Church in Alliston at 7 p.m. on December 6th," said Andrea Poick, Social Service Work Student.

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Museum Art Show features many new artists this year



PERFECT COMBINATION – Debra Gibbs displays her FINE Porcelain line, china porcelain that is both light and durable. She has been working with pottery for as long as she can remember.

PHOTOS BY EMILY WOOD



MODERN DAY BLACKSMITH – Anthony Moore displays his iron sundial at the show, a piece that took several days to create from flat iron pieces.



UNLIKELY INSPIRATION – Angela Roberge finds inspiration for her knitting patterns in some unlikely places. Having spent time downtown for school and working with street youth, she generates a lot of ideas based on architecture.



PHOTO BY ALEX SHER

The Dufferin County Museum and Archives is hosting its 10th Annual Holiday Juried Arts and Crafts Show & Sale from November 23rd to December 8. Artist and Photographer, Ellen Cameron who specializes in Equestrian Photography was on hand for the event's preview night on November, 22nd displaying her work which is so realistically captivating and mystifying, the imagination is challenged to determine the "how" behind the work. Every artist has their secrets and viewers will have to visit the show to decide for themselves!

BY EMILY WOOD

The 10th Annual Holiday Treasures Art and Craft show and sale at the Dufferin County Museum launched Friday, with many new artists featured this year.

The main gallery of the museum will display the work of many local artists, who all create something a little different. A wide range of products were available for sale, many that

would make excellent holiday gifts for family and friends.

Unique handmade paintings, jewelry, knitted clothing, holiday decorations, stockings, quilts and wreaths fill the space, but not everything is holiday themed.

Blacksmith Anthony Moore of Live Iron Forage in Holstein is one of the newly featured artists at this year's show and sale, displaying an out-

door iron sundial.

Another new artist was Debra Gibbs who is displaying her line, FINE Porcelain, mugs, plates and bowls all made from china porcelain. The unique material, Gibbs says, makes the dishware light as well as durable, with an interesting colour pallet, also of her own design. It also makes the dishes microwave, oven and dishwasher safe.

Fiber artist Angela Roberge also joined the show this year, selling knitted items like scarves, shawls and ornaments. The mother of three, including infant twins, doesn't find a lot of time to knit these days, but it's something she's loved to work at for most of her life.

Taught by her grandmother

at the age of 6, Roberge says she started to experiment with more complicated patterns later in life.

"I went to school downtown so I spent a lot of time on the bus, and that's where it kind of started," says Roberge.

She says she never follows patterns without making some kind of variation of her own, but prefers to create her own patterns from scratch. Roberge dyes her own yarn and is trying her hand at spinning yarn.

"The more stitches, the crazier the pattern, the better."

Many of these new artists say they've attended the show in the past to find Christmas presents, and find it to be a great success.

The show and sale runs until Sunday, December 8.



HANDLE WITH CARE – Carol Nesbitt of Glen Williams Glass studio displays her intricate glass work. Different colours and patterns can be seen in many of the pieces, a skill Nesbitt has been honing for the past 18 years.



TRADITION LIVES ON – Leah Mitchell has been creating traditional quilts for 20 years, from bedspreads to placemats and even wall hangings. She is now starting to create her own patterns, which she is able to sell.

NOTICE

Hunting in the Dufferin County Forest

All users of the Dufferin County Forest are hereby advised that Dec. 2-6 is the continuation of the shotgun/muzzle-loading gun season for deer in 2013. During this time there will be a number of hunters using the Dufferin County Forest properties. Please use caution in the forest and wear bright-coloured clothing. Suspected violations of the Fish & Wildlife Conservation Act should be reported to the Ministry of Natural Resources at 877-847-7667 (877-TIPS-MNR). Other inquiries should be directed to the County Forest Manager at 705-435-1881.

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Average residential county tax bill to rise \$25 in 2014

BY WES KELLER

Not everyone on county council was totally pleased with changes made to reduce "scary" hikes to something more palatable for taxpayers in 2014, but the end result of what now amounts to an average \$25 increase in the levy might mean that all municipalities will pay less for waste disposal than they did before the county took over that responsibility.

Those with landfill sites would, however, continue to be burdened with the need to budget for eventual closure of the sites or, as an alternative, to offer the sites for sale.

Not much was said about waste disposal at the meetings at committee and at the council on budget discussions last Thursday except for noting, as previously reported, that waste management costs have reduced as a result of recyclable sales, in part because of the nature of the contract with Green for Life and in part because of the success of the recycling program.

As well, Community Development Chairman Allen Taylor gave a lot of credit to Alyssa Broadfoot for her co-ordination of public information and creation of a 3-award-winning program.

Outside the meetings, however, Treasurer Alan Selby agreed off-handedly with a suggestion that the average household levy of \$25 should mean that the county's levy has not risen on anyone beyond what waste disposal had previously been costing.

"If their taxes are rising, it won't be because of waste management but because of other (costs)," he said.

Related to waste management, Mr. Taylor insisted that "DEEP is not dead," although the hoped-for Alter NRG gasification facility has died for lack of investor interest and York Region has been dragging its heels on the planned-for composter.

"Another possibility is that the next council might look at all of York's organics," he said in defending a reserve for the necessary highway access improvements when Dufferin Eco Energy Park is eventually developed.

However, the consensus of councillors was that \$900,000 should be taken from that reserve for other capital purposes. That fund was money saved from gas tax for the purpose. The county's gas tax share is about \$1.75-million annually, according to Mr. Selby, who said in an interview that there will be no remaining gas tax reserve, so everything starts afresh.

Should the understanding on compost with York become a solid agreement, the road work would become an emergent funding need.

The deletion of work on County Road 12, a \$600,000 item, proved to be controversial.

"It's always roads that get the boot here. I resent that," said Grand Valley Mayor John Oosterhof. "We have to do more than (15 km) every year. Take out Stanton. Spend the \$10,000 and take it somewhere until enough money has been raised (to pay for a permanent placement)."

Shelburne Mayor Ed Crewson pondered, "how often have we called on road reserves (to pay for other things)."

Mono Deputy Mayor Ken McGhee noted that "there is nothing in the report that looks at new programs. We've already committed the public to a lot of debt (by initiating several projects) all at once."

On that note, Amaranth Mayor Don MacIver said that "the hospital is an item that could be left (for a future budget). It's not a critical issue for (Headwaters to receive the money immediately). What is critical is the burden on taxpayers."

His suggestion didn't gain much traction as others felt the hospital issue should be a priority. Said Amaranth Deputy Mayor Walter Kolodziechuk: "The donation for Headwaters should be a line issue (within the budget)."

An early budget item for the Stanton Hotel raised eyebrows around the table, but it might have been worse as Museum Curator Wayne Townsend interjected that he would feel comfortable if it were \$500,000 – his earlier estimate of the ultimate restoration costs in total.

But CASSH, the Community Association to Save Stanton Hotel, has said from the get-go that Mr. Townsend's estimate is exaggerated. CASSH is committed to continuous fundraising.

Its plan entailed moving the hotel away from Airport Road and 5 Sideroad to the museum property at minimal cost until more funding, including a possible Trillium grant, became available.

So how did the cost of a simple move become \$250,000, the Committee wondered.

CAO Sonya Pritchard explained, "the reason it's so high is council wants it on its final location. A significant amount of work needs to be done at that site. It could be moved to a different site at the museum." She said Victor Snow had suggested a different site.

Mr. Snow is a Dufferin resident and specialist in historic restorations. It was he who had

discovered the historic value of the structure.

Mayor Oosterhof, who chairs the museum board,

wasn't pleased that the building might be placed, however temporarily, in some corner of the property.

But the Committee opted for a temporary move to reduce the Stanton budget by \$200,000.

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'It's a Wonderful Life' to be performed in Alliston

Dear editor:
How many people do you know who have had a dream come true? Well Sarah O'Donnell, who lives in Beeton, is one of them. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theatre Education and Acting.

And even before receiving this degree, she yearned to have her own theatre company.

And that dream came true beginning in January of this year when she opened Crazy Pants Theatre School.

It is a company of young performers, aged 8 to 18. You may have seen one or both of her plays performed this year at Circle Theatre in Alliston – Shrek, and Willy Wonka. They attracted large audiences of children and adults.

The exciting news is that on Friday, December 6th and

Saturday December 7th, Crazy pants Theatre, with director Sarah, will present that great holiday classic, "It's a Wonderful Life", as a 1940's radio play. This will also happen at the Circle Theatre.

I was able to watch one of their rehearsals on Nov. 12th in the large upstairs hall of the Beeton memorial Arena. They also rehearse in the Rotary Hall in Beeton.

It was impressive to see Sarah lead her performers in a series of stretch exercises before the actual rehearsal began. She told me she does this before all rehearsals.

"It's a Wonderful Life" is essentially a moving examination of the worth of a single man's life, namely George Bailey of Bedford Falls. It's dark and bright, full of passion and despair and joy. I'm sure

you'll remember how well Jimmy Stewart filled this role in the movie.

Because of its adult themes, this was a major challenge for the actors in the Crazy Pants Theatre School.

There are 26 in the cast, and I noticed that whether it was a major or minor role, as an actor was rehearsing Sarah would explain how that person should be feeling to make the part come alive. I wanted to know how the young students felt about performing a play with a definite adult theme as compared to the two that were much lighter.

The first reaction when I asked was, "It's cool". Others added, "You learn things," and, "It opens your mind", also "It's a challenge". Indeed it is, and one that Sarah O'Donnell has measured up to and inspir-

ing her young performers to do the same.

You can see the show on Friday, December 6th at 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 7th

at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. All at the Circle Theatre, Alliston. Advance tickets: \$12 child; \$15 adult. At the door \$20 child and \$25 adult. Sarah advis-

es going online for tickets to avoid long lines at the theatre – www.crazypantstheatrecompany.com

Betty Anderson, Tottenham

Word on the Street

We asked: "What is your favourite holiday family tradition?"



"Getting together with the family and opening presents."

– Emma Timmins



"We usually have a big brunch where all our family comes from all over Ontario."

– Kersten-Mary Skilton



"Food – the food is more of the tradition. And we all get up in the morning and wait for everyone before we open the presents."

– Wanda Lefrom



"Probably going to my grandparents house on Christmas. There's a lot of people there I normally don't get to see."

– Megan Timmins



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Ford debacle draws attention away from gas plant fiasco

Dear editor:

It doesn't take any guts to badmouth Mayor of Toronto, Rob Ford. All the sanctimonious types are piling on. He is a fat, stammering white guy who dared to derail the gravy train milked by every hoity-toity, wine and cheese parasite in Canada. How politically incorrect of him! Ford has had more scrutiny than Al Capone. No mayor of Toronto or anywhere else has been subjected to anything like the media harassment that Ford has had to put up with. The media was out to get Ford the second he declared that he would run for mayor of Toronto. Scumbags hounded his home and his family in a continuous siege of media intimidation. It's been going on for years. Now he's the target of every cheap shot weasel from the Toronto Star to NBC talk show host, Jay

"Moose Jaw: Leno. Like I say, it doesn't take guts to pile on. Cowards just get to kiss the right butt. Get the chapstick out.

To be sure, Rob Ford is the author of his own misery to a great extent. There is strong evidence that he desperately needs to make big changes in his lifestyle. He needs to lose 100 pounds. He needs to get off that deadly gateway drug, alcohol and stay off it. He needs to be more discriminatory as to whom he associates with. For all this, he's going to need to go for rehab and then come back and launch the biggest comeback in Canadian political history.

One thing that is never mentioned. If Rob Ford was black, or an Aboriginal, or a homosexual, there would hardly be a mouse's peep from the Toronto Star or the CBC or CTV

or Toronto Council or any other politician. They would all have developed laryngitis. Each transgression by Rob Ford would be overlooked and/or ignored. Police chiefs would turn the other way. Yankee talk show hosts would develop blindness.

The reader will note that the lesbian Premier of Ontario, one Kathleen Wynne, has bilked the Ontario taxpayer out of over a billion dollars in the gas plant fiasco. Yet the scumbag media is virtually silent. No weasel peeks over her back yard fence. No mouthy reporters trespass on her driveway or terrify her children. No idiot from the CBC's "22 minutes" plays with plastic swords on her property.

How come?
Gord Kinnon,
New Tecumseth

Big and burly men

Dear editor:

So, if you're the mayor of Toronto, and you do something really dumb and do something really stupid, then you do

something really dumb and do something really stupid, and then you do something really dumb and do something really stupid...

And you can manage an approval rating of 42%!

Is this the new reality – elected officials who can repeatedly make a mess of everything

and the average 'joes' – the big and burly men – will love the fiascoes and disasters.

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Baby groundhog found abandoned by Dufferin Wind Power's construction crew



A young groundhog was discovered on a chilly morning in October by a worker with the Dufferin Wind Power project. The small animal was curled up and lying on the newly constructed parking lot. The worker immediately notified Sean Robinson, the Environmental Monitor for the project.

At once all work stopped and no one approached the animal. "I took a good look at him and called Procyon Wildlife rehabilitation centre (in Beeton). While there was no answer, there were some great

general instructions on the voicemail. It said to minimize human contact and to keep the animal warm but don't feed it or give it water. So I gathered him up and put him in a box with a towel and some paper towels to keep him warm and moved him far away from the work activity."

Sean monitored the young groundhog throughout the day until Procyon replied to his voicemail message, then he drove the groundhog to the clinic. "He was a pretty tiny little guy, only about a foot

in length. They didn't know what was wrong with him but his condition was not a result of any construction activities or anything we were doing onsite." The groundhog could possibly have a disorder or a brain parasite said the volunteers at Procyon, but they are keeping him over the winter and will release him in the spring. Sean has been told the groundhog is improving and eating well.

Since this event, Sean Robinson has spearheaded a charity drive with the cooperation

of Dufferin Wind Power and Mortenson Construction and to date over \$300 in donations have been raised. They will give the money to Procyon Wildlife at the end of the month.

"The volunteers and medical team at Procyon do really good work. It's a great facility and the animals look really happy. They have everything from raccoons and deer to squirrels and an exotic pet someone didn't want any more. I was totally impressed with the facility," says Sean.

Poppy box returned, movies with Santa

I am happy to announce that one of the two people who stole our poppy box, wrote a letter of apology and replaced the money. Things are getting busy around the branch, with euchre and bingo on Mondays, Vets get together on Wednesday. Our Dart league is on Wednesday evenings, spares are always welcome. This Friday Nov. 29 is a wing night in the back hall with entertainment by Late Night Radio Show. Nov 30 and Dec 1 the ladies auxiliary are having their annual Christmas Craft sale. Breakfast and Euchre will be on December 1st. Dec 14th is the zone darts tournament. Dec 15th free Movie with Santa at 2 p.m. pictures with Santa to follow after the movie. Dec 31st New Years Eve Party with entertainment by High and Low \$25 each, tickets available at the bar. Early bird is almost over, you have until Saturday Nov. 30th to renew your membership for only \$45.

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NEW FIRE CHIEF – Essa Township mayor Terry Dowdall and retiring township fire chief Paul Macdonald presented the township's new fire chief Cynthia Ross-Tustin with her stripes at last week's council meeting where she was officially appointed as the township's fire chief. She is the first female fire chief ever in Ontario.

The Giving Back PROJECT

Whether we want to acknowledge it or not, there are many people in need within our community. These people may be single parents, parents with special needs children, singles, seniors or large families. The holidays should be a time of joy, but for many it can be a time of hardship and a reminder that money is tight and times are hard. Nobody deserves to be down at Christmas. This year, your community newspaper is starting a new holiday tradition. We call it, "The Giving Back Project".

Here's what we're proposing: there are people living in abundance, and people who need a little help to get through the holidays. We want to match these people anonymously. Each week, we will list the families who have come forward for help – no names, just family statistics, including the number of children (if any), their ages and the number of adults in the household. Community members, looking to sponsor a family, can then select the family they'd like to sponsor and we will "match" them. Once matched, the family will be removed from the list of available families.

Although there is no guarantee of getting a match, we hope that community members in need of help will come forward and ask for the assistance they need. Likewise, we hope that those living in abundance will select a family to help – in recognition of the true meaning of the holiday season.

All gifts will be dropped off, labelled for their intended recipient, at our office (either Beeton or Shelburne) before December 19th. Once here, the receiving family will be notified and they can come and collect their presents at a separate time.

If there is an issue collecting the gifts, due to a lack of transportation or shyness, they will be delivered to you.

Local businesses who wish to add to the gifts available can also donate gift cards or items, for a specific family or just in general. 100 per cent of all items collected will make it into the hands of those in need.

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Deadline for submissions is November 29th.

Feel free to call me with any questions at 1-888-559-2287. Merry Christmas.

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This week in police news...

Stuff-a-Cruiser Toy and Food Drive: The Shelburne Police Service is hosting its annual "Stuff-a Cruiser Toy and Food Drive" on Saturday November 30th and Saturday December 14th.

The event has had overwhelming response from the community over the past years. The items collected are donated to the Salvation Army

and Dufferin Child and Family Services.

The members of Shelburne Police are encouraging their community to help support these worthy causes by bringing any of the following items to one of the events:

- Non-perishable food items
- New toys in original packaging
- Cash donations

Here are the dates and locations:

- Saturday November 30th - noon to 4 p.m. at the Foodland/Giant Tiger Plaza
- Saturday December 14th - 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at No Frills Parking Lot

Thank you for your support!
Domestic Disturbance Call Results in Two People Facing a Total of Six Criminal

Charges:

On Wednesday November 20th Shelburne Police responded to a domestic disturbance call which resulted in two people facing a total of six criminal charges including assaults, probation breaches and obstructing justice.

One of the adults charged was on probation for several domestic related convictions from earlier this year.

The identities of the accused are being withheld for the benefit of the victims in this domestic violence case.

Assault at CDDHS Results in Two Criminal Charges:

A Grade 9 student at Centre Dufferin District High School was assaulted on Monday November 25th resulting in numerous injuries including a broken nose.

The investigation resulted in a 15 year old facing two criminal charges: Assault Cause Bodily Harm and Criminal Harassment.

If anyone has information on this or any other incident, please call Shelburne Police at 519-925-3312 or leave an anonymous tip through crime stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

\$5 million in marijuana taken off the streets

Following a lengthy investigation into large indoor marijuana grow operations in Simcoe, Dufferin and Grey Counties, members of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Drug Enforcement Unit (DEU) and the Community Drug Action Team (CDAT) recently executed three search warrants in Adjala-Tosorontio Township, Amaranth Township and Grey Highlands.

rested and charged two adult males and two adult females with several marijuana production and possession offences under the Controlled Drug and Substances Act.

During the execution of the warrants, police located two indoor grow operations, one in Adjala-Tosorontio and one in Grey Highlands.

Over 5,000 plants were seized with a value of approximately \$5 million. At a third

location, where a warrant was executed, police seized packaged marijuana valued at \$4000 dollars.

Also at this location, police seized marijuana growing equipment, a sports utility vehicle and enclosed trailer as property related to the offences.

In June 2013 as part of this ongoing investigation, police executed a warrant in Amaranth Township which resulted

in the seizure of 80 marijuana plants with a street value of \$80,000 dollars.

Charged in this investigation are 48 year old Joao Saraiva of Amaranth Township, 29 year old Nick Watman of Keswick, 59 year old Susan Douglas of Flesherton (Grey County) and 43 year old Ji Hie of Amaranth Township.

The accused persons have court dates in Owen Sound, Orangeville and Bradford.

Impaired Driving – know the consequences

Impaired driving is the act of driving a motor vehicle while your ability is affected by alcohol or drugs. In Canada, impaired driving is the #1 cause of criminal death. Impaired driving seriously injures hundreds of people monthly. If you are arrested for an impaired driving offence, you will lose your licence for 90 days, and your car will be impounded for 7 days. A driver convicted of impaired driving can lose their driver's licence, be fined, or spend time in jail.

The most common impaired driving offences are:

- Impaired Driving – driving while you are impaired by alcohol and/or drugs, including prescription or illegal drugs
- Over 80 – Driving with a blood alcohol level that is

more than 80 milligrams in 100 millilitres of blood

• Refusal – Failure or refusal to do physical sobriety tests or give a breath or blood sample when demanded, without a reasonable excuse.

These are all offences under the Criminal Code of Canada, and hold a minimum punishment of a \$1000 fine, a one year license suspension, and an education/treatment program for first offence. If a person is convicted for a second or third time, they will spend time in jail and their license could be suspended for life.

Local police are committed to reducing impaired driving. Through R.I.D.E. programs, education and aggressive enforcement, we hope to stop this serious criminal offence

before it is committed. You can help, by using a designated driver, taking public transportation or a taxi, or staying over

at a friend's. If you suspect an impaired driver, call 9-1-1.

With your help, we can stop tragedy before it occurs.

1997 Ford van stolen

On Tuesday, November 26, Grey County OPP received a report of a stolen vehicle from a property on Grey Road 40 west of Grey Road 12 in the Municipality of Grey Highlands.

The vehicle, a 1997 Ford ARO van, blue in colour, vehicle registration number (VIN), 1FMDA41X1VZA13081, Ontario plate BMXL 465,

was stolen sometime over the weekend.

Anyone with information regarding this theft is asked to contact the OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

Should you wish to remain anonymous, you may call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS), where you may be eligible to receive a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

Create your own safe-driving car kit

While we all dread the approaching winter and its driving hazards, now is the time to prepare a winter kit for your car. The Canadian Automobile Association, the CAA, recommends having the following items in your car, in case of emergency • Warm winter gloves, toque and boots and a blanket or extra clothing • Bag of sand or kitty litter • Small shovel with an ice scraper and/or snow brush • Candy or chocolate bar for energy • Extra windshield washer fluid • First aid kit • Hard-copy local map (not just a GPS unit) • Flashlight and batteries • Flares and waterproof matches • Battery jumper cables

Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey retires from OPP

The OPP may be saying goodbye to retiring Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey this month but the outstanding contributions he made during his distinguished 33-year career will not soon be forgotten, says OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis.

Beechey has been the Provincial Commander of Traffic Safety and Operational Support since January, 2008. During his tenure in this position, he carried the responsibility and oversight of all OPP traffic programs in the province. He was also responsible for the Communications and Technology Support Bureau, the Security Bureau which oversees all corporate and Dignitary Protection and the Field Support Bureau which is charged with all major event planning.

Beechey also oversaw important OPP specialized units and programs such as Emergency Response Teams, Tactics and Rescue Units, the Aviation Services program, the Auxiliary program and Offender Transport.

After joining the OPP in 1980, Beechey served in Bracebridge, Brantford and Sault Ste. Marie Detachments. He also served as Area Commander in Ottawa and held the positions of Manager of Staff Development and Director of Support at East Region Headquarters.

Beechey's ambition and dedication to the OPP did not go unnoticed and in 2004, he was promoted to Commander of the OPP's East Region. Over and above his numerous roles and responsibilities within the OPP, he was the Chair of the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police (CACAP) Traffic Committee and was a member of various International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) traffic committees including World Regional Chair of the IACP for North America.

Beechey was born and raised in St. Thomas, Ontario and is one of a number of family members who serve/served with military/paramilitary organizations. His father was in the military, his brother is a retired police officer who served with the St. Thomas Police Service and his sister works at the Ontario Police College. Retiring Deputy Commissioner Beechey is married and has two children.

OPP Chief Superintendent Brad Blair has been promoted to rank of Deputy Commissioner, Provincial Commander for Traffic Safety and Operational Support, replacing Deputy Commissioner Larry Beechey.

"We undertook a thorough competition process to arrive at this decision and have made an excellent choice. Brad Blair has had a distinguished career with the OPP and I am looking forward to welcoming him as a Provincial Commander, where I know he'll continue to serve the people of Ontario and the OPP well," said OPP Commissioner Chris Lewis.

Originally from Essex, Ontario, and a graduate of the University of Windsor, Blair is currently the Commander of the OPP's Central Region, but will transition to his new role in the near future as one of four Provincial Commanders supporting Lewis.

A 27-year veteran of the OPP, Blair began his career in the far north at the Red Lake and Sioux Lookout Detachments and went on to hold a variety of command positions with increasing responsibility. In 2011 he was promoted to Commander of Central Region after serving for several years as Commander of the Aboriginal Policing Bureau.

As Provincial Commander, Blair will assume responsibility and oversight for all OPP traffic programs in the province, the Communications and Technology Support Bureau, the Security Bureau which oversees all corporate and dignitary protection and the Field Support Bureau which is charged with all major event planning.

His new command also includes important OPP specialized units and programs such as Emergency Response Teams, Tactics and Rescue Units, the Aviation Services program, the Auxiliary program and Offender Transport.

"My career with the OPP has continuously challenged me as a police officer and a leader. I am excited about the future and humbled by the responsibility," said Blair.

Employee commits fraud by crediting her own credit card

On Saturday, November 23rd, South Simcoe Police were called to a Bradford grocery store to meet with a loss prevention officer.

Police were advised of a store security investigation regarding suspicions that an employee had been committing fraud by crediting a personal credit card for returned items which were never purchased to begin with. Police were provided with information that confirmed the suspicions.

The store employee was arrested at the scene and taken to the police station for further investigation.

A 30 year old Barrie man was charged with Fraud Under \$5000.00 and released from custody to appear in court at a later date to answer to the charges.

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Modern business strategies for store owners of today



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Artisan and entrepreneur, Andrea Elmhirst, owner of Creature Comforts Can is taking part in Dufferin County's 10th Annual Holiday Treasures Juried Arts and Crafts Show & Sale running from November 23rd through to December 8th where shoppers can get an up close and personal look at the high quality craftsmanship and creative variety of felted products Creature Comforts Can Offers. Also visit <http://www.etsy.com/shop/CreaturecomfortsCan> to see Elmhirst's online store.

BY ALEX SHER

Small business owner, Andrea Elmhirst owns Creature Comforts CAN and is taking advantage of new brave business concepts pairing technology with convenience making society reflect on the age old expression, 'location, location, location'.

Etsy is an online website featuring arts and crafts for sale allowing business owners to take advantage of featuring their products, creating an online store, handling all monetary transactions for a minimal fee per transaction, and lending a professional touch to modern day online shopping.

"This frees up a lot of time," explained Elmhirst. "It takes a while to set up and get going, but when you are set up, it's really

convenient."

Elmhirst couldn't be more right. This store is always open and so it doesn't matter where the market is, this location is available to everyone, everywhere, all the time. Of course, this also means that many businesses are looking to pursue this route rather than going the traditional route of renting retail space, acquiring insurance, and all the other more than occasionally inconvenient time required factors retail life includes.

Elmhirst will be featuring Creature Comforts Can products of the felted variety (a process of manipulating yarn producing a number of creative results) at the Dufferin County Museum and Archives as she is participating in their 10th Annual Holiday

Treasures Juried Arts and Crafts Show & Sale running from November 23rd to December 8th.

"I'm very proud to be Canadian so that's where the 'CAN' comes from in the business' name. I got started about five years ago helping a friend crochet hats and felting. I use very expensive quality Merino wool for the most part and make a variety of products such as hand bags, hats, bangles, and have a variety of felted soaps," commented Elmhirst. "I make things that give you that warm and fuzzy feeling. My products are handmade with care. A purse can take between 12-15 hours. Felting is an ancient practice, and the end result is that old world high quality feel, made in tradi-

tion but modern, practical and long wearing. It's everyday functioning and of course, it's pretty!" Elmhirst proudly explains.

Unique to Elmhirst's line of products are the huge variety of personally designed felted soaps and felted dryer balls which can be thought of Eco Friendly and because Elmhirst's product lines are vastly one of a kind, a customer can also choose personal contact with the business owner making a special request by appointment.

Visit Dufferin County Museum for a closer look at Creature Comforts Can's Product line, visit Etsy to peruse Elmhirst's online store at www.etsy.com/shop/CreaturecomfortsCan, or call 905 936-3000 for more information.



Giving a child the gift of comfort this holiday season

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Scrubs is small, brown, and furry, and doesn't say much, but this cute teddy bear has a big mission. Scrubs has the ability to soothe a small child during a visit to Stevenson Memorial Hospital's emergency room and he acts as an outreach ambassador to the community.

"Scrubs is our 'It takes you... Campaign' ambassador," explained Fundraising Assistant Kristan Barata. "Scrubs is a way to bring awareness to our Campaign to raise funds for

new equipment."

During the Foundation's recent mail fundraising campaign, Scrubs was offered to donors who gave at a certain level. One of the first donors to receive Scrubs graciously offered him back as a donation to a child treated in ER. This gesture became the inspiration for many other donors and over 35 bears were donated back.

Emergency Room staff have kept these donated bears on hand and when a little one is brought in for treatment this bear can help

relieve the stress of a sudden hospital visit.

"As nursing staff, we look for children who will have something that might be painful such as blood work or having an arm cast," said Joy McCarron, Stevenson's Manager Emergency Room and Medical Surgical Unit. "We will use the bear as a distraction. Scrubs is a great reliever of stress. Sometimes fear and anxiety is even greater than the pain they will experience."

Four year-old Tyson Lea made several visits to Stevenson's ER and although a few minutes can seem like hours to a young child, a small distraction can help pass the time.

"It was a particularly busy time in the emergency room that day," explained Tyson's mom Judy of the first time Tyson made a hospital visit.

"It made our stay and wait for the doctors so much more manageable. He was concentrating on the bear and not feeling any discomfort. My eyes started to water when the nurse brought it in - it made a huge difference."

"I think it's a great idea to have these teddy bears," said Wina Hartman who donated her bear back to the hospital.

Ms. Hartman knows firsthand how important a small distraction can be for a young patient.

"My grandson got a little toy," she explained. "He had to go through some tests, but the toy was what stuck in his mind."

As a community member, Ms. Hartman said donating to the local hospital is important. The funds, she said, "go to where ever they need

it the most."

To purchase Scrubs for someone in your life, or to buy one for Stevenson's ER, contact the Foundation at 705 435-6281 ext. 1262

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4-year-old Tyson Lea meets Scrubs, the Stevenson Memorial Hospital Foundation ambassador. The bears are given out to some Foundation donors, however many are donated back to the hospital to be given to young patients to help ease their time spent in the hospital and emergency room. Scrubs is bringing awareness to the campaign raising funds for new equipment. You can visit him at: Angus Home Hardware, Dec. 7th from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. and at Drysdale's Tree Farm, Sideroad 56, on Dec. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Muralist has inspiring message



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INSPIRING – Diane Davies poses with her soon-to-be finished mural at Shelburne's new Health and Reiki Center, which is set for its official grand opening on December 15th. Diane's mural proposal was selected in a CDDHS competition organized by the centre's co-owner Jodi Jones.

BY WES KELLER

If you have an opportunity to meet the muralist who's decorating the soon-to-be opened Health and Reiki Center that's being established by Jodi Jones, Megan MacRae and Tom Grace at the former site of Shepherd, Osyany and King on Shelburne's Main Street, the first thing you are likely to notice would be her boundless enthusiasm for art.

And, yes, Grade 12 CDDHS art student Diane Davies, daughter of Glen and Kathy, loves art so much that she aspires to teaching it as a career.

But she also loves nature, and hers might be a classical story of a brave young lady who gained a greater depth of gratitude for the beauty of this area because of adversity.

She suffered a concussion some time ago when, she says simply, "I fell into a brick wall."

She doesn't talk much about the accident or the prolonged treatment but says she would take back all the doctors and the medications but keep the

life lessons she learned.

The essential lesson appears to have been one of being grateful for the beauty and all the things that nature has provided.

To some extent, Diane's nature lesson is reflected in the mural.

It is a simple mural, reflecting not only the beauty of a tree but also the connection to the spreading root system. It might be described by a non-artist such as this writer as an illustration of how all things in nature are interdependent.

Diane says her art aspirations were inspired by both her mother and her grandmother

and by nature itself. She began drawing early in life and took her serious interest in art by Grade 8. One of her earliest memories is of drinking her mother's prepared water colours as a child; she doesn't recall that it had any taste but did decorate her lips.

Now she is striving to succeed; to attend university, advance her art, and become a teacher of it.

Diane considers her mural project to be "a real opportunity," and she's grateful that her proposal was chosen in a competition at CDDHS. "It's exciting to see it come to life."

She said her art teacher, June Surrey, approves the project.

Gardener's Corner: decks the halls with boughs of holly



The mantel at Mrs. Mitchell's Restaurant

BY JUDITH ROGERS

Using natural elements for holiday decor is a trendy and possibly inexpensive way to decorate. Red twig dogwood and boughs of pine, cedar, spruce and holly are available at a nursery or can be trimmed from trees and shrubs on your own property.

Pine cones and seed heads provide rustic additions and wiring the pine cones allows them to be placed anywhere on a branch. For several years now small birch logs have found their way into designs as a strong vertical element. When assembling a winter arrangement, just keep in mind that "less is more".

Add a big fluffy bow for contrasting colour and there you have something festive for an urn or hanging basket by the front door.

Bring boughs inside for mantles and swagging along a staircase and include some fresh fruit perhaps. There are special clips that can be purchased to fit over the handrail

and hold strings of evergreens in place. The new LED lights don't get warm to the touch and arrangements can be made with exceptional faux candles on the market today.

Use pine cones surrounded by a bit of greenery for place card holders on the dinner table and add some sparkle by painting or spraying glitter on the tips of the cones.

For hostess gifts, potted plants and boxes of chocolates are old standbys but why not try something different this year! Show your friends, or boss how clever you are by making a homemade offering.

Here is a recipe for Holiday Potpourri: 4 oranges, 4 lemons, 1/2 cup of cloves, 1/2 cup of whole allspice, 10 cinnamon sticks broken, 10 bay leaves crumbled, 4 jam jars with decorated lids.

Peel the fruit carefully, removing only the peel. Cut it into 2.5 cm pieces and spread on a paper towel lined pan. Preheat the oven to 175 de-

grees and place the pan inside. Dry the peels for 1 1/2 hours turning occasionally. The peels should be leathery or crunch when done. Now spread them on clean paper towels to air dry for 24 hours. Combine with the rest of the ingredients and fill the jars, screwing the lids on securely. The lids can be decorated with rounds of festive fabric or coloured paper.

To use, remove the lid to fragrance a room or put one heaping tablespoon in a heat-proof container of boiling water.

There are endless ideas for homemade hostess gifts, especially if you browse Pinterest.

I like the layered dried soup mixes in a jar with a label to attach giving directions on how to prepare the soup. Cookie mixes can also be assembled this way.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Wolves Bantam LL1 defeat their opposing Bantam LL2

A strong defence makes a game very tense, especially when both teams have it. Shelburne's Bantam LL1 barely won against their own Bantam LL2 on Sunday November 24th at their home arena in Shelburne. Bantam LL1 finally scraped by with a 4-3 win after a very tense game of tag from start to finish. Bantam LL2 scored the first goal and set the precedence for a game filled with action and had the crowd sitting on the edge of their seats. Many shots on the net had goalies from both teams Jarred Baleka and Joe Woollett, on their toes and the defence on Bantam LL1 had their work cut out with the speed of the opposing team. First goal for the winning team came from Tyler Fournier in the 2nd period, following suit, 2nd goal was shot by Sawyer Kirsten, Bryson Landriaut made the 3rd and finishing up the 4th goal was Kyle Burke. Coach Cavey from the Bantam LL1 kept the players on their toes and his constant encouragement from the bench proved a success.

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Peewee Local League #1

The Shelburne Wolves Peewee LL#1 team travelled to Angus Sunday November 24 to take on the Essa Eagles. The Eagles took the early lead however just 20 seconds later Brody Best tied it up on a nice pass from Tristan Cameron. Just one minute later, Best put the Wolves ahead assisted by Cody Bryan. With just a minute to go in the first, Eric Evans added another for Shelburne on a nice set up from Thomas Semple. The only goal in the second was Evans again. At the 10 minute mark of the third Essa scored to bring themselves within two. With 5 minutes to go, Cameron added some insurance for the Wolves on a great pass from Best resulting in a 5-2 Shelburne victory. Doing a great job between the pipes was Braden Doiron.



PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART
HOCKEY DAY IN BEETON – The Shelburne Red Wings took on the Beeton Stingers Bantam team during Beeton Hockey day held at the Beeton arena on Saturday, November 23. The event featured a full day of hockey capped off with the evening coaches game. The event was held in memory of coach Glenn Bakalar.

Wolves Bantam LL1 drop home game to Midland



PHOTOS BY BRIAN LOCKHART
WOLVES LL1 LOSE TO VISITORS – The Shelburne Wolves Bantam LL1 team take on the squad from Midland during Saturday afternoon hockey action at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex. The Wolves came up short losing 3-1 to the visitors.

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Despite having some good opportunities, the Shelburne Wolves Bantam LL1 team couldn't get past the squad from Midland during Saturday's game at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

The Wolves managed to score only one goal against the Midland squad who dominated the game for most of the

second and third period.

"We should have beat that team six or seven to one," said coach Shawn Cavey. "We just had no effort."

The Wolves have stumbled of the past few weeks with a couple of losses after started the season strong and putting seven wins behind them.

"There was no effort there at all. We had a game plan which

we did in the first period but after that, we gave up on it," Cavey said. The loss will drop the Wolves down to second place.

The Midland squad turned out a solid performance in defence which seemed to stymie the Shelburne players and they had trouble getting out of the corners when they did get it into the Midland zone.

The game, Cavey said, wasn't indicative of what the team is capable of.

On the offence, the Wolves had some opportunities but couldn't capitalize on them and strong Midland goalie stopped what chances they had. The team will return to home ice on Saturday, November 30, to host Oro. Puck drop is 2:10 p.m. at CDRC.

Muskies struggle to get on the plus side

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

After losing seven games in a row, the Shelburne Senior AA Muskies finally came out the plus side with a 3-2 win over the Shallow Lake Crushers on Saturday (Nov. 23) night at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

The Crushers have had a disappointing year so far after nine games in.

Opening the season with a 6-2 win over the Ripley Wolves back on October 11,

the Muskies went into a slump.

Three more games in October ended with losses to Shallow Lake, Elora, and Durham.

The move into November saw the month star with the Shelburne squad taking it on the chin with a 7-1 loss to Elora. Three more losses in November dropped the Muskies to the basement of the North Division of Western Ontario Athletic Association Senior League. The two points won on Saturday places them one

game ahead of the Goderich Pirates who in the bottom of the League.

Leading the Muskies in points is Black Lovell with three goals and seven assists after seven games - good for ten points.

Forward Tristan Fairbairn and Chris Greer are right behind with nine points each - both with five goals and four assists for the season.

The Elora Rocks are currently in first place in the WOOA

North division with 18 points and an 8-3 record.

They are followed by the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks with a 7-2 record and the Mapleton-Minto 81's in third place with 12 points and a 6-2 record.

The Muskies will be back in action on home ice this Saturday, November 30, at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex when they will host the Ripley Wolves. The puck drop is scheduled for 8:00 p.m.

Primrose Elementary – a Gold Eco School & food champion!

CREDIT: FARM TO SCHOOL CHALLENGE

Primrose Elementary in the Upper Grand District School Board, is without a doubt, a local food champion. They are a Gold Eco School in a rural and agricultural area, so the links between food and the environment are embedded in their thinking, locally pro-

duced food all the more so. Primrose also boasts an incredible School Council Secretary, Jennifer Payne, who has coordinated the farm to school efforts (Jennifer jokes that her interest is cross-pollination as she is also Co-Chair of the Education, Literacy and Access working group of the Headwaters Food & Farming

Alliance). However, Jennifer doesn't take all of the credit for the success, affirming, "We have a very engaged parent community and lots of eco/foodie/activist moms and dads, so when you issue this bunch a challenge, we respond!"

To start the day off right, Primrose has a breakfast pro-

gram. They are able to have local foods on the menu every day, thanks in part to donations from local suppliers.

In October, the breakfast menu included local ingredients from Martin's Family Fruit Farms and Norfolk Fruit Growers' Association, Bredon's Maple Syrup, eggs from the Wallace Family Farm, Alliston Creamery's Golden Dawn butter, Mulmur Hills honey, and Greek yogurt and milk from Sheldon Creek Dairy. Speaking of milk, as of September 2013 Primrose said goodbye to their milk machine and is now serving local Sheldon Creek Dairy every day all year round.

In October, Primrose also started "Fresh Food Friday" morning announcements with the goal to raise awareness about local food. A wonderful example of this was posted on the Ontario Farm to School Facebook page:

"Hey Primrose Elementary School, today we have a special treat for you, in recognition of Eat In Ontario ... (don't eat out... eat in!)."

The carrot you are about to receive was one of about 400 generously donated by Carron Farms, a family farm located in Bradford. Did you know that many families at Primrose live or work on farms? If your family grows food, raise your

hand... everyone look around, and thank those people for growing your food. Local food from the ground is better than food from the factory, fast food restaurant or from half way around the world, so look for Products of Ontario when you shop and check out dufferinfarmfresh.com for local food producers.

This nutrition break treat is brought to you by the Ontario Farm to School Challenge (and some moms, and Mrs. McGarry's Grade 5 class, and of course Carron Farms).

Enjoy, and Eat Local Primrose! And please take home any remaining carrot that you don't finish, so you can snack on it later and help reduce our waste."

Primrose shared many more inspiring food projects during the Ontario Farm to School Challenge.

The list included: serving the "locarest" food possible at their fall BBQ by having a mom/chef prepare their school garden harvest; winning "most entries" at the 2013 Shelburne Fall Fair with veggies from their school garden; a local food video that the grade 8's created; and a Grade 1-4 Nutrition Detective workshop and sensory exploration with local seasonal veggies.

Primrose Elementary has taken farm to school to a new level and is an inspiration for schools across the province. We look forward to seeing what schools are up for competing against Primrose in the spring round of the Ontario Farm to School Challenge.

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After spending most of his life on the ice, Shaun Appleton could be considered a veteran hockey player.

"I've been playing hockey for eight years starting in Tyke," the grade nine Centre Dufferin District High School student said.

As a left winger for the Shelburne Wolves Bantam LL#1 team, Shaun said he likes the physical part of the game.

"I like the contact and I

like working as a team," he said.

When the ice melts, Shaun also plays road hockey, soccer, and enjoys wakeboarding. He also goes snowboarding during the winter months.

As for his position on the Wolves, Shaun said he has confidence in what his team will accomplish this season.

"We're going to win in Buffalo (tournament) and we're going to win the 'A' division."

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WOLVES LL2 HOST STAYNER – The Shelburne Wolves Bantam LL2 team host the squad from Stayner during Saturday afternoon minor hockey action in Shelburne.



Police following-up on pet poisonings

BY WENDY SOLODUIK
The Shelburne Police Department is taking allegations of pet poisonings seriously. In recent weeks, three Shelburne residents have stepped forward, wondering if the untimely death of their cat could have been the result of poisoning.

The police have consulted with local veterinarians who, although concerned, are not aware nor can confirm that this has become an issue for Shelburne.

The University of Guelph Veterinary College has been consulted and police are waiting for autopsy results from a feline sent for postmortem ex-

amination. That information is expected in the next few days. Until then, Shelburne Police Office Paul Neumann says, “Know where your pets are at all times.”

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Shelburne soccer players get same grass used by pros

BY WES KELLER

When Brazil and Chile kicked off to their friendly FIFA game in Toronto’s Rogers Centre last Tuesday evening, they played on sod that was grown not far from Dufferin, at Alliston, Beeton and Cookstown.

And, when the 500-strong Shelburne Soccer League gets to use the town’s new, regulation size, field next spring, the sod that was good enough for FIFA when it covered the concrete pad in the Rogers Centre is the very sod the Shelburne players will be using.

CTV Barrie reported last Tuesday that 13 transport trucks carrying 600 rolls of sod from Zander Sod of Kettleby had arrived at the Centre before sunrise, and a crew of

about 40 set about placing the “extra thick, extra wide” sod in the 11 hours available before the evening game.

After the game, they’ll have just four hours to roll the sod back up and then to truck it directly to Shelburne. It couldn’t immediately be learned whether the Zander crew would spread the sod on the Greenwood Park pitch or if that would be left to Shelburne’s contractor, Advanced Landscaping. In either event, the local league is likely to consider itself lucky, as this isn’t just any old sod.

According to CTV following interviews with Claus Zander and the project manager, it is a special sod, “designed to withstand the turns, pivots and dives of elite soccer players.

The grass is highly regarded because it repairs itself quickly.”

The new Shelburne soccer field is a long-awaited and debated half-million-dollar project, a third paid for with federal Community Infrastructure Improvement Funding, Development Charges, and about \$80,000 from other sources.

It is not just a field. It will have spectator seating, lights for night games, and ample parking. It will also have an irrigation system and ample drainage.

Soccer is said to be Canada’s fastest growing game, and the national team has qualified to compete in the 2014 World Cup in Brazil, although it has been dropping in the rankings in the past few weeks.

Barrie’s Timothy Christian School host volleyball tourney

Barrie’s Timothy Christian School was a buzz of activity last week as students participated in the annual North of Toronto Christian School Volleyball Tournament. Teams from Alliston, Barrie, Holland Marsh, Orangeville, Orillia and Owen Sound competed throughout the day.

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With almost one-third of lighter customers saying that graphics and colour are somewhat to extremely important when making a purchasing decision, the “BIC Flicktacular Contest” invites Canadians to fire up their creativity and try their hand at inspired designs.

BIC is also introducing eight limited-edition “Flick My BIC” funky designs to mark BIC Pocket Lighter’s 40th birthday. Representing the carefree style of the ‘70s, look for them where BIC lighters are sold. Other unique wrap designs include hockey team logos, beer brands, and fun, colourful mosaics.

The Knights (Barrie’s Timothy Christian School) boys’ team fought hard, but fell short during the semi-final game and were narrowly beaten out by the Owen Sound’s Timothy Christian School.

Three games were played in the championship round and winners were determined based on the best two out three.

The boys’ championship game saw tough competition between Orillia Christian School and Owen Sound’s Timothy Christian School.

The boys from Orillia Chris-

tian School beat the Owen Sound team two straight with a score of 25–17 and 25–20.

In the girls’ division, the championship game saw The Knight’s (Barrie’s Timothy Christian School) face Holland Marsh Christian School. After a very close game Holland Marsh Christian School took the title.

The scores were the best two out three games in the final round were: Barrie vs. Holland Marsh were Game 1 = 25–22 for HM, Game 2 = 25–23 for Barrie, and Game 3 = 15–11 for HM. Super close!

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Bantam LL2 vs Elmvale	3:35pm – 4:50pm

Sunday, Dec. 1st

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Atom Rep vs Wasaga Beach	3:15pm – 4:20pm
Pewee Rep vs Midland	4:30pm – 5:35pm
Bantam Rep vs Elmvale	5:45pm – 7:05pm
Midget Rep vs Oro	7:15pm – 8:55pm

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(L to R) Judy Porteous, Area Manager of Ontario Osteoporosis Strategy for Osteoporosis Canada and Jocelyn Hunt, Education Co-Ordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin Canada hosted a "Healthy Bones and Brains Seminar" at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Centre on November 15th hoping to raise awareness, provide tips for healthy living and promote the concept: Live as well as you can for as long as you can!

BY ALEX SHER

The Annual Healthy Brains and Bones Seminar took place on Friday, November 15th at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

Jocelyn Hunt, Education Coordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County and Judy Porteous, Area Manager for the Ontario Osteoporosis Strategy, Osteoporosis Canada, combined efforts supplying the audience with informative and health promoting presentations followed by question periods. Raising awareness for these

two very important issues our society faces and providing informative, positive tips promoting healthy lifestyles can make all the difference to many in later years.

"Alzheimer's and Osteoporosis will likely affect all of us in our lives at some point, whether we will become caretakers or experience either of these ourselves. The more information, the better," commented Hunt.

Also in attendance, Kathryn MacDonald of the Self Management Program presented on "Living a Healthy Life",

followed by a question and answer period. "Our logo is: Get information about living as well as you can for as long as you can," commented Porteous, "It's really about making the healthy choices we need to make now so we can improve our quality of lives later. Basically follow the simple steps of a healthy diet, participate regularly in healthy exercise and hopefully we will benefit from this way of life."

Managing Director of Eagan Funeral Home, Baxter and Giles Chapel, Peter J. Walton, not only supplied a feast for

lunch, but was also there to support both causes commenting, "We do this each year. We like to be involved with reaching out into the community and be there to help."

For more information on Healthy Brains, contact the Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County at 519 941-1221, visit the website at www.alzheimer.ca/dufferincounty or email info@alzheimerdufferin.org

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TURNER

Many thanks to all our friends, relatives and neighbours who helped us celebrate our 60th Anniversary. Your good wishes, cards and gifts were very much appreciated. Thanks for the memories of that special day.

Muriel and Doug

THANKS

I have been overwhelmed by the kindness, caring and generosity of my family and friends since my fall, resulting in a severely broken ankle.

Many thanks for the visits, phone calls, cards, special treats and meals.

I am grateful for the expertise of David and his team at Shelburne Physiotherapy. We are so fortunate to have such caring, dedicated professionals in our community.

Sincerely Bernice Cunningham

OMPF allotments announced

BY WES KELLER

The recent provincial posting of its 2014 allotments of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) might have held good news for some municipalities but, in Shelburne's case, it has delayed approval of the town's budget for 2014. The draft budget had included an estimate of more

than \$900,000 from OMPF. The awarded amount will be \$840,700, or about \$100,000 less than had been locally budgeted.

This resulted in a deficit of nearly \$80,000. So there'll be a bit of pencil sharpening, and a further budget meeting on Monday.

The OMPF is also the source

for county funding of various social programs including Ontario Works and disability support, among other things. In total, the province pays Dufferin a bit more than \$3-million for those responsibilities.

The fund has been functioning under its present name since 2005. It was previously known as the Community

Reinvestment Fund, or CRF. In February 2005, the provincial government heralded the change as "a more equitable model," and as a 6.1% increase in funding to municipalities over 2004.

It began with an infusion of \$200-million into the OMPF. Payments to municipalities since the beginning have been

on a declining basis, as had been known to municipal treasurers.

For 2014, Shelburne appears to be the largest beneficiary within Dufferin County with \$840,700. It is followed by Mono, \$512,700; Grand Valley, \$457,400; Mulmur, \$345,700; Melancthon, \$259,100; Amaranth,

\$232,600; and East Garafraxa, \$203,000.

Oddly, Orangeville appears to have been left out of the mix. Orangeville treasurer Brian Parrott said there are several areas in which the town doesn't qualify for funding. He will be seeking a current clarification of the ministry's stance.

Asset Management Plans may lack direction

BY WES KELLER

Despite rumours to the contrary, Dufferin County has not "run out of money" to continue its scheduled work on County Road 11, Public Works Director Scott Burns told the committee Wednesday morning.

The first section of the road, from CR 109 to CR 10 had been contracted and had been completed to 5 Sideroad. The onset of winter has delayed completion of the contract north from 5 Sideroad, but Mr. Burns said the contracted work would resume in the spring.

There's a new question troubling some members of Dufferin's Public Works Committee, related to climate change and what effects that might have on infrastructure.

It might have arisen because

of the Ontario Good Roads Association's current questionnaire on Asset Management Plans: "In order to gain a better understanding on the progress our membership is making with the development of an asset management plan and your use of Municipal DataWorks in meeting your asset management needs the Ontario Good Roads Association has prepared the following questionnaire," the introduction states.

This initially raised the question of "what constitutes an acceptable AMP," and Amaranth Mayor Don MacIver said there is no consistency in plans across the province. He pointed out that there have been no guidelines from the province on calculating the

lifespan of infrastructure.

"There's no oversight. If you say a bridge will last 80 years, (you would amortize at 80 years therefore set aside less money than if you say it would last 50 years)," he said.

But, opined the Nobel-winning environmentalist, the roads and bridges are not going to last their projected lifespan under climate change. Perhaps as that discussion came at the end of the meeting, and hadn't been listed as new business, it's not known what follow-up, if any, would be pursued.

Just as pressing, chairman Ken McGhee says he "would like to know whether the province will reconsider downloads (especially Highway 9, now county 109) as part of its review."



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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

All scripture is inspired by God

I would like to wade in on a very controversial topic, "is the word of God to be trusted?"

Should I believe every word coming from our pulpits? And what does this old history book have to do with the culture in which I live; was it not written for a culture in times past, how can it be relevant to the hour we live? Is it not living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discernment of the thoughts and intents of the heart. Hebrews 4:12.

I believe you cannot pick and choose from the Bible what you want to believe is or is not inspired. The Bible does not present itself that way. You either read what you believe, or believe what you read! In the hour we now live, I have come to the conclusion that a lot of what is spoken over the pulpits, and in our studies, is a doctrine of believing our own interpretations into what we read! Not just believing what we read as the true word from God. Because some people pick and choose, they claim, they know better than God.

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power to make us godly. 2 Tim 3:5

Even more, the Bible will have no sustaining power for life if we make ourselves the Arbitrator of what we will and will not believe in the word of God.

All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right. God uses it to prepare and equip his people to do very good work. 2 Timothy 3:16, 17.

One of the most strategic attacks the adversary wages against the Church (Body of Christ) has to do with the inspiration of scripture. It is the greatest issue of every new generation. The same tactic the Devil used through a serpent on Eve in the Garden of Eden is the method he employs today in an even greater way.

Gen. 3:1-5 Did God really say? We question whether the word of God is relevant to the times we live, forgetting God is the same yesterday, today and forever. He never changes only we do, yet we want and act as if He should change for us! If Satan can get us to doubt the truth of God's word, then we have no standard by which to live, no clear message of salvation, and no guidelines for the over-sight and advancement of Christ's Church. If the truth of

the bible is muddled or cloudy in our minds, we only have our wits and our human understanding to count on! This leads us into all kinds of debauchery and separation from God. One of my mentors, who I call my Pastor, said to me once,

"A mist in the pulpit puts a fog in the pews"

Clarity of truth must be preached for the sake of God's people.

2 Corinthians 11:3, 4 But I fear that somehow your pure and undivided devotion to Christ will be corrupted, just as Eve was deceived by the cunning ways of the serpent. You happily put up with whatever anyone tells you, even if they preach a different Jesus than the one we preach, or a different kind of spirit than the one you received, or a different kind of Gospel than the one you believed.

I am reminded of the wise words to Timothy by his mentor Paul about the last days. I firmly believe we are drawing close to the end of this season of time, and entering into a new beginning with the return of Jesus Christ as King of Kings.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money.

They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

Wow! It scares me to think that this scripture is talking about the Church, Christ's body, not the unbelieving people lost to a loving Father that we know and cherish and adore.

How can that be? Let me share how this has happened through scripture.

1 Timothy 4:1, 2 Now the Holy Spirit tells us clearly that in the last times some will turn away from the true faith; they will follow deceptive spirits and teachings that come from demons. These people are hypocrites and liars, and their consciences are dead. 2 Tim 4:3. For a time is coming when people will no longer listen to sound and wholesome teaching. They will follow their own desires and

will look for teachers who will tell them whatever their itching ears want to hear. They will reject the truth and chase after myths.

For us, as leaders of Christ Church, we need to not add or subtract from God's word.

We need to Keep a close watch on how you live and on your teaching. Stay true to what is right for the sake of your own salvation and the salvation of those who hear you. 1 Tim 4:16 Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the Church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. James 3:1.

As a pastor myself, these are sobering words, shall I forget I read them, pass it off as a cultural thing of the past, or cry out for God's mercy and his loving grace to overcome my weakness as I bring the word of God each Sunday with such reverence and fear!

I need to talk straight with you: not everyone who wears a collar and uses a Bible is to be trusted. I tell my congregation to test what I say with the word of God, trust in the word of God, not me! Just because someone quotes verses doesn't mean his or her message is reliable. Remember even Satan quoted scripture to Jesus. Not every Church that has a huge following is blessed of God. And please, don't equate glitzy entertainment with truth. Even Satan appears as an angel of light. There are impostors on the loose, some are preying on Churches, and some are actually leading them! Watch out! Stay realistic, pay attention and use your gift of discernment.

I deeply sense God is drawing his people back to wholesome teaching of his word, which draws us to a death, death of self! A laying down of our lives, a suffering for the King and his kingdom.

I also believe what the scripture says, that many in the church these days only want a feel good gospel, a feel good message that makes them feel better about themselves, without dying to self, and living for Christ. My question is will these people be prepared for what's ahead? Are they prepared for the doctor's report that reveals cancer?

Or a call from the police, who say your son was in a head-on collision? Or for the day your spouse abruptly walks out on your marriage? Suddenly, all of the Christian niceties, clever sermons, dazzling performances, and twisted scriptures about having health, wealth, and prosperity offer no help! Why? Because we leaders of the Church will not stand up for truth that sets people free; our teachings are unrealistic, lack

depth, and have a façade of what following Christ really means. We are building a Christianity that crumbles under stress, instead of building a strong foundation on the word, nourishing people with biblical doctrine. God's people need deep truth to cling to, they need a solid foundation to fall back on, and we need to strengthen their spirits and souls so they can have spiritual muscles to keep them going in difficult times.

The Bible is our moral compass, a map of Godly Ethics and a way to find our true home.

Let's imagine that you and I are exploring the jungles of Africa.

We get into a deep, dense area of the jungle, so thick it's almost dark.

It isn't long before we have lost our way. If our lives depended on it, we couldn't tell if we were going north or south. There is no sun, no stars, and no trail or river to follow, and let's imagine a few nasty mosquitoes pestering us all the time. Do you have the picture? We are hopelessly lost! Suddenly, a twig snaps behind us, and we hear footsteps approaching. But we're relieved, when someone calls our names and walks into the clearing in which we are standing. "I am glad I found you!" He says, I have a map and a compass, I thought you might need them, would you like them? Now pause for a moment. How many of us would answer; "Are you kidding?" that map of Africa is really old. I am not sure I can trust it. I mean, look how wrinkled and worn it is! Plus the landscape is different to when the map was made! And look at that compass...it may or may not be pointing north...how can I know for sure? "No thanks" I think we will trust in ourselves and go where we think it is best for our own good. We would be thickheaded if we said that! And we would die completely lost in the jungle.

In spite of our feelings and regardless of the valleys it leads us through, the map always guides us correctly and the compass always points north! He and his word never change!

Without God and the inspired word, the Bible, we would never find our way!

May I urge you to become a better student of your Bible, familiarize yourself with its content. Filter today's difficult times through it! Read it for yourself! The better you know the word of God, the better you will recognize the truth from the lies, and you will recognize the trail signs to help you find your way through the jungle of this life and come out the other side.

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Crossroads Community Church

Crossroads joyfully prepared treat bags to handout at the upcoming Shelburne Christmas Parade on Saturday November 30th at 5 p.m.

The Lord blessed us with glorious sunshine this morning, and our hearts were eager to hear God's word. Pastor Don shared announcements and prayed over the service; we pray for hope and strength to persevere for those struggling with their health and praise God for sending help to the devastated Philippines. Worship was exuberant and powerful, Bob read Psalm 69:30-34, 1 Kings 19:10-13 and Matthew 4:10. Pastor Don resumed his teaching of "Putting on the Full Armor of God."

To be strong in our spiritual lives it is good to get to know the

full armor of God described in scripture Ephesians 6:10-18. Every part of us needs protection, we learned so far that we need to repent from our old ways so we can protect our hearts, be stable in our walk and be prepared for everyday struggles. Today we are learning to protect our minds by putting on the helmet of salvation. In warfare we know a sturdy helmet is essential for a soldier to protect his head, if he injures a leg or arm he can carry on, but if he loses his head what would happen?

In our spiritual warfare it is our mind that needs protection. This helmet of salvation is provided by the grace of God through faith, it is an undeserved gift. Salvation is a process, the initial salvation is when we come to God and made right before Him through Jesus.

The second phase is a daily process of being perfected away from sin becoming more and more like Jesus. The third is when we meet Jesus face to face and are made perfect and holy. The enemy the devil does not want us to become like Jesus so he battles against our salvation with all sorts of temptations. Good News; we can defeat him by taking up the helmet, the Bible says that as believers we have received the mind of Christ, this means that his spirit gives us guidance and understanding. (1 Corinthians 2:16 We also are instructed to guard our thoughts and bring them in obedience to Jesus because the devil tries to capture our minds and side track us away from God. (2 Corinthians 10:5). When we put the helmet Jesus provides it destroys doubt and gives us assurance of our salvation to defeat evil in this world and walk victoriously in faith, (1 John 5:4).

The ability to think is crucial for any soldier to follow tactical direction that will protect him and his troop ensuring survival, this also applies to Christian soldiers to protect our minds and understand God's direction. The best way to train our mind is by reading and meditating on God's word. "17 Put on salvation as your helmet, and take the sword of the

Spirit, which is the word of God," Ephesians 6:17. A Roman soldier carried two different swords that were equally powerful, offense and defense; so it is with God's word. (Hebrews 4:12). God's word is alive and able to defeat and to defend, that is how Jesus counter attacked the devil when he was tested in the wilderness by the devil. (Matthew 4:1-11).

If the devil tempted Jesus we can be certain he will tempt us, our best defense and offense tactic is God's word hidden in our hearts and minds. The devil tempts us with sinful desires and doubt and another attack is worry, but God has the answer to that too, (Philippians 4:6,7). God wants us to trust Him and come to Him in prayer with every worry or struggle and He brings us peace; and when we face overwhelming temptations He shows us the way out of it, that is the first step to victory it is turning away from whatever it is that is tempting us. (1 Corinthians 10:13). Prayer completes the armor of God for we need communication with our commander and like any good soldier we ought to obey Him, it is our ultimate assurance. The best time for prayer is anytime, anywhere, and in all things, scripture instructs us to pray without ceasing, to sincerely devote ourselves to it, (Ephesians 6:18, 1 Thessalonians 5:17, Philippians 4:6, Colossians 4:2).

Beloved if we want tactical advantage over the devil we need to "Put on the Full Armor of God" and the devil's attempts to divide, debilitate and destroy us will fail, we will remain undefeated by the grace of God. This week may we be reminded that with God's armor we can withstand the hardships that rage against us and with Jesus we will overcome. Have a victorious week with the Lord, Asherey Shalom!

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