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Owner of Woollys Yarns, Maxine Walsh, Christmas Hamper Volunteer Coordinator, Lynn Topping, Store manager Lianne Matthews and Staff Member, Leanne Lange, (sitting) and Gladys Evans, dedicated donor, gather with friends, customers and staff members for their annual 'Knit a Mitt Day'. The very large heap of beautiful handcrafted knit wear is annually donated to the Christmas Hamper Program.

Woollys Yarns hosts 'Knit a Mitt Day'

BY ALEX SHER

Nine years ago an idea was born at Woollys Yarns in Shelburne by original owner Kathy Fisher. "Knit a Mitt Day" is an annual event where customers and staff gather to knit a mitt, crochet a hat, knit scarves, even sweaters and the finished products are donated each year to the Christmas Hamper Program.

Present owner Maxine Walsh is very proud of the program commenting, "People sometimes donate yarn and this can be used for the Hampers or we sell donated yarn for \$2 and donate the proceeds to the Shepherd's Cupboard.

Old Mill Knitting often donates end of the lines and that helps."

Over the years, Walsh concedes to having donated thousands of items and is quick to acknowledge all contributors as more than 30 knitters contributed this year.

"Special thanks to Gladys Evans and Hazel Keating for all their hard work and dedication."

Walsh adds that some ladies knit all year just to donate and help people stay warm.

The reason so many people are in need is a very simple one as Walsh explains, "There is not a lot of work in the area

and salaries are not going up while everything else is!"

Fortunately for Shelburnites, there is a group of generous knitters committed to Knit A Mitt Day.

Contact Woollys Yarns located at 138 Main St. W, if you have any questions at 519 925-6194, e-mail maxine@woollysyarns.ca or visit www.woollysyarns.ca



Need grows for seniors housing

BY WES KELLER

With Dufferin County's aging population choosing to remain in the county throughout their final years, Community Services is viewing a two-pronged approach to resolving an expanding and urgent need to provide affordable and in many cases assisted living.

The urgency of the need has been determined by a study of age-related census data from 2006 to 2011.

In that five-year span, the over-55 population grew by roughly 20.5 per cent - to 14,060 from 11,670.

The greatest percentage growth in that time was in the age 60-64 group (33.2%) and the 65-69 (29.1%).

Perhaps surprisingly, the age 80-84 population grew to 960 from 820, a 17.1% increase,

while the population of those aged 85-plus went to 860 from 730, a growth of 17.8%.

Although a Community Services report makes no attempt to project specific numbers into the future, it appears to presume that the five-year record is most likely to continue into the future, and sees the present availability of seniors housing as inadequate.

According to a chart, the county owns only 195 seniors units. These are in Shelburne, Orangeville and Grand Valley. It has 24 coming on stream in 2014, at the Dynes Gray Apartments (the former Shelburne hospital).

"The supply of Affordable and RGI (rent geared to income) seniors housing will need to expand in order to keep up with the rising de-

mand for affordable accommodations for those in and entering retirement," says Community Services Director Keith Palmer.

"The Dynes Gray Apartments in Shelburne will address some of the need in Shelburne and North Dufferin, however Orangeville's growth in population aged 55 years and older from 2006-2011 suggests more will be needed in Dufferin's largest urban area. As indicated in the County's forthcoming 10 Year Housing and Homelessness Plan, at least one new senior housing project should be added in the next ten years," Mr. Palmer says in his report.

At the same time, the county is creating a "hub" from which it can offer assisted living to seniors requiring it.

This hub, however, would be able to offer assistance within only two km of Dufferin Oaks, and then only to about 15 seniors who might wish to remain in their own homes but require assistance to do so.

Apart from the county-owned properties, the Lord Dufferin Centre has 78 beds, and Montgomery Village will have 135 when construction has been completed.

Those are not specifically long-term care facilities but Lord Dufferin has many amenities and social programs for seniors.

Avalon has 137 long-term care beds and 77 retirement units in Orangeville. Bethesda has 30.

Shelburne Residence has 60 long-term care and 28 retirement beds.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT ROCKS THE MUSEUM - On Sunday, December 8, at the Historic Corbetton Church on the Dufferin Museum & Archives grounds - which had been beautifully decked out in holiday finery, to enjoy seasonal music - guest performers took part in the Annual Museum Christmas Concert. Ticket price included admission to the Museum, the "Holiday Treasures" art and craft show, and reception complete with yuletide goodies and hot cider.



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FEATURED ITEMS

Working together for Shelburne's Christmas Hamper Program



PHOTO BY ALEX SHER

Volunteer Co-ordinator for the Christmas Hamper Program and the Christmas Assistance Program, Lynn Topping is gratefully accepting donations that all Community Service Clubs will work together collecting to ensure all families have a good Christmas. Drop off locations listed above.

BY ALEX SHER

Shelburne's Community Service Clubs pool resources, dedication, and labour generously donating their time to ensure Christmas can be enjoyed by as many as possible during tough economic times.

Lynn Topping, Volunteer Co-ordinator for the Christmas Hamper and Christmas Assistance Program revealed that last year's group of contributors included the Shelburne Rotary Club, Shelburne Kinsmen, Shelburne Lion's Club, Shelburne Kinettes, Shelburne's Police, Dufferin Wind Power, KTH, Dufferin, Retired Teachers Association, Trinity United Church (Women's Auxiliary), Hyland Heights Elementary School, Centennial Hylands Elementary School, Primrose Elementary School, Dufferin Dairy Farmers, Centre Dufferin High School, Woollys Yarns, Shelburne Masons and many generous anonymous donations resulted in helping approximately 200 people within the community of Shelburne over the holidays.

All donations for the Christmas Hamper Program and Christmas Assistance Program get processed at the Mel Lloyd Centre and Topping's gratitude is second only to her drive and determination to make it all possible as she points out, "We can't do any of this without community support and the group effort from all the Community Service Clubs working together. One of the most moving donations I received for the program came from a couple with adult children and instead of getting themselves presents they donated to us. It's really wonderful," commented Topping.

Drop off locations for toys, toiletries and gifts are the RBC Royal Bank, TD Canada Trust, People's Credit Union, Shelburne Town Hall, Woolly's Yarns, Hyland Heights Elementary School, Centennial Hylands Elementary School, Primrose Elementary School, Glenbrook Elementary School, Centre Dufferin High School,



Holiday Hours: Closed December 22 to January 5 inclusive. We re-open on Monday, January 6, 2014.

Our Book Gift Baskets sold very well this year. We created more than 35 and only have a few left for purchase. They make great hostess, housewarming, and holiday gift baskets or you can treat yourself. We include great little gift items in the baskets to further enhance their appeal. Come and look, there might be one just right for that hard to buy for person on your list.

Children's Programs: This Friday, December 13th will be the last Story time before Christmas. Story time will resume again after the holidays on Friday, January 10, 2014.

Christmas Craft Program: On Saturday, December 14th from 10:30 to 11:30, we will be hosting a Children's craft session. We welcome children from 5 to 12 to participate in this fun-filled session. Please sign up at the library so we can ensure we have enough supplies and treats for everyone attending.

Pizza & Pages, Our Teens Book Club: The Teens will be meeting on December 19th at 6 p.m. for a lively discussion about the two books they are reading - The Whipping Boy and the Wolves of Willoughby Chase. Do come out and join in and enjoy a slice of pizza with the others

New Books added this week - please check the on-line new Books Section of our catalogue as we had another large number added this week.

Fiction:

- The Mayan secrets by Clive Cussler
- Outlaw by Ted Dekker
- Worst Person Ever. by Douglas Coupland
- A Nantucket Christmas by Nancy Thayer
- Winners by Danielle Steel
- Identical by Scott Turov
- Atomic storybook by Ed Macdonald
- The Husband's secret by Liane Moriarty
- Saints of the shadow bible by Ian Rankin
- King and Maxwell by David Baldacci
- Non fiction:**
- The Edge of the precipice edited by Paul Socken
- The Politics of the pantry by Michael Mikulak
- The Can't cook cookbook by Jessica Seinfeld
- At home by Bill Bryson
- The Sea & civilization by Lincoln Paine
- Pure joy by Danielle Steel
- 13 things rich people won't tell you by Jennifer Merritt
- The 5 essentials by Bob Deutsch
- The War that ended peace by Margaret MacMillan
- Chuvalo by George Chuvalo
- The NHL: a centennial history by D'arcy Jenish
- Command and control by Eric Schlosser
- Remote by Jason Fried and David Heinemeier Hansson

and KTH.

These much needed and extremely appreciated hampers include food items, food vouchers, gift vouchers, new books, pajamas, socks, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves and as most parents can attest, kids and mittens, can you ever have enough?

Just another example of a

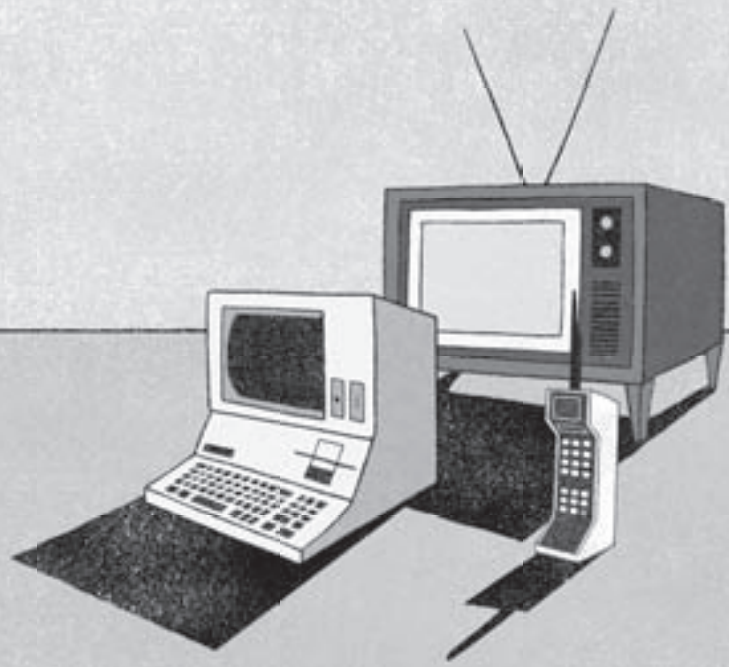
community pulling together, taking care of their own, and revealing yet again, Shelburne may be small but we are mighty!

If you have any questions, contact Volunteer Co-ordinator for the Christmas Hamper Program and Christmas Assistance Program, Lynn Topping at 519-925-2819.

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One stop healing source now open in Shelburne – Grand Opening this weekend

BY WES KELLER

The grand opening of One Energy Center at the refurbished longtime former law offices of Shepherd, Osyany and King at Shelburne's 155 Main Street West is promising to be both an educational and entertaining event.

The centre – a partnership venture of Jodi Jones, Megan MacRae and Thom Grace – appears to be an all-in-one alternative healing clinic that employs methods “from far-away places with strange sounding names” that many of us have never heard before.

In addition to the partners, there will be six other professions available in the broad range of disciplines.

Megan and Jodi are no strangers to Shelburne. Megan has practised locally for a decade, in partnership with Jodi for the past five years. Thom, who previously had a studio in the Caribbean, is a Master Reiki practitioner who also specializes in Shakra.

Some of us, conditioned

to rely on traditional internal medicine, might have a tendency to scoff when told that these non-invasive techniques work. But there used to be a physician in Shelburne who had become familiar with the ancient Asian and Indian methods, who said that he would be willing to practise them “if the College (of physicians and surgeons) would allow it.”

And there are testimonials available on the Internet from people who have received treatment, including acupuncture for addiction treatment among other things.

The new centre practises acupuncture, acupressure, registered massage therapy, aromatherapy, reiki, Indian head massage, medical intuition, psychotherapy, chakra balancing, EFT and reconnecting healing, according to a news release.

As well, “We have a studio in which we will be offering daily Yoga, Tai Chi and Zumba classes,” the release says, and “our Center has retail

space where we will sell supplements, Crystals, precious stones and custom jewelry.

Partner Jodi Jones says there will also be a variety of programs including art lessons for children, as well as musical ones such as guitar lessons and singing – programs “designed for and focused on personal growth and development.”

The Free Press two weeks ago featured Grade 12 artist Diane Davies with her unfinished mural at the centre. It depicted the natural interconnection of the whole being, based on the lesson of the tree from the leaf and branch system through to the roots. That completed mural now graces one wall at the centre.

Diane had been the winner of a competition at CDDHS for a design and creation of a mural for the yoga studio. Her design won her \$150 in cash plus \$350 in services at the clinic.

The partners evidently believe in sharing. They will be asking visitors to enter the

name and contact information of someone who would likely benefit from the healing systems, but might not be able to

afford it.

In a program the centre calls Helping Hands, one name will be drawn each month, and ser-

vices will be offered to that person for free.

The opening is this Sunday, Dec. 15, 1:30 – 4 p.m.



PHOTO BY ALEX SHER

GRAND OPENING OF ONE ENERGY CENTER – One Energy Center is proud to announce their Grand Opening will be held this Sunday, December 15th from 1:30 – 4 p.m. at their new location, 155 Main St. W. The diverse clinic will offer a wide variety of healing services ranging from Acupressure, Massage Therapy, Reflexology, Medical Intuition, Reiki, Indian Head Massage, Aromatherapy Massage, Psychotherapy, Chakra Balancing, and more. One Energy Center's Studio will also be offering daily yoga, Tai Chi and Zumba Classes. Reaching out to the community of Shelburne, One Energy Center has one main focus. It's their goal to offer services that will help guide their community in achieving and maintaining health and wellness and they want everyone to know about options available to them when making decisions on personal health care directions. Contact Jodi Jones, R.Ac, RRPPr. at One Energy Center at 519-925-1999 for more information.

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How are we listening?

Dillon Consulting is creating this Community Liaison Committee in Dufferin County to discuss the construction, operation and decommissioning of the Dufferin Wind Farm.

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- Exchange information
- Listen to community suggestions to minimize impacts; and
- Assist with identifying and resolving community concerns

The CLC will seek representation from Dufferin County residents & landowners, agricultural & business communities, aboriginal communities, municipalities, government agencies, local organizations, and special interest groups.

Become a member of the CLC

Interested in representing your community and discussing the Dufferin Wind Farm? CLC members will be responsible for attending a minimum of four (4) meetings over a two-year period. Meetings will take place on a weekday evening for approximately two to three hours each. Membership selection will be based on balanced representation from the various groups listed above.

Apply Today!

An application form is available at the DWPI project office and on the project website: www.dufferinwindpower.ca/community. If you are interested in volunteering for the CLC please apply in writing by December 15, 2013 using the following contact information:

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Thank you for supporting the Michael Tupling Memorial Tournament

Dear editor:
We would like to express our sincere and heartfelt thank you to all of those who participated

in the 3rd Annual Michael Tupling Memorial Tournament. We had another successful year, with eight teams participating.

Thank you to everyone who volunteered their time preparing and organizing the tournament, score/time keeping,

refereeing, bartending, and preparing and serving meals throughout the tournament. Your hard work, dedication,

and support is greatly appreciated. A special thank you to those who generously donated silent auction items, monetary donations, and those who showed their support by coming out to watch some hockey games.

The Michael Tupling Memorial Foundation was established to encourage youth involvement and leadership in the community. All the proceeds from this tournament will go towards recreation activities and community projects and help provide financial support for youth in the North Dufferin community who may not otherwise have the financial resources to participate.

Thank you again for your continuous support and generosity and hope to see everyone out again at next year's tournament.

The Michael Tupling Memorial Foundation

Band performs

On Saturday, December 14 join the Orangeville Community Band at their 6th Annual Christmas Concert. The performance takes place at the Salvation Army New Hope Community Church, 690 Riddell Rd. Tickets are available at Booklore, Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Korsten Jewellers or the Riddell Rd branch of Scotia Bank. Adults \$15 each or 2 for \$25; seniors \$10; children under 12 \$5.

Refreshments

Sanjay Lekhi, pharmacist/owner of Shelburne Town Pharmacy is hosting a Christmas refreshment drop-in on December 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. which includes free tea and coffee. All welcome.



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The Michael Tupling Memorial Foundation donated goalie nets to the North Dufferin Community Centre at the opening game of the Michael Tupling Memorial Tournament held in Honeywood on November 22 & 23. Pictured, from left: Chester Tupling, Shannon Tupling, Heather Hayes (Honeywood Recreation Board), Andrew Gallagher (Employee of North Dufferin Community Centre), Hudson and Myah Tupling.

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Results from last week's poll:
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Thank you for the reply, Dufferin Wind Power

Dear editor:
Thank you Connie Roberts for putting a voice to the rather obscure Dufferin Wind Power Inc. in your Letter to the Editor last week, regarding my letter of the previous week. I welcome your response to the matter of my "serious errors".

To your points:
Firstly: Thank you for clarifying that the 'Community Liaison Committee' was a requirement of the MOE approval process, not something DWPI thought up. Considering that the agenda of DWPI is to put up wind turbines, I would point out that the exercise is a mandatory 'requirement'. DWPI is only required to go through the exercise, not pay any attention to if the consensus is negative.

Secondly: You note that you have "guaranteed decommissioning of the project with a security". How much? In 20 years, with inflation, will it be enough? It's estimated that

each turbine will cost approx. \$3m and expected to return approx. \$7m. and today's decommissioning cost is approx. 1\$M x 49 turbines = \$49M. DWPI will have a healthy return on investment. Investors will have many ways to duck out the door on decommissioning. I only hope the township isn't left waving your guarantee in the air as you disappear.

Thirdly: My letter commented on a "30m dia. concrete base". The concrete base comprises of an 18.5m dia x 3.5m 'foundation' and a 22.5m dia x 1.5m 'crane pad', both of which you have to dispose of, rebar and all.

Lastly: Your argument about

water levels simply doesn't hold water. Ontario Hydro has no significant water starvation winter or summer. As for the adequacy of wind, I note you didn't challenge my assertion that wind turbines only work, on average, 28% of the time and 85% of the time when not needed. When the wind don't blow, the turbines don't go! The sad truth is that their power output is nevertheless prioritized. Ergo, the consumer pays 11.5¢ per kwh, while hydro is 4.5¢ kwh, nuclear 6.5¢ kwh. Ontario shuts down hydro and sometimes nuclear to accommodate wind. We buy wind at 11.5¢ and sell it to the USA for \$2.8¢ kwh! To date, at a loss of over \$3B and growing fast.

Perhaps you'd be so kind as to tell this audience what their plight is in 20 years when turbines wear out, there is no more government subsidy and wind generation has disappeared. What is our infrastructure for supplying electricity? Ontario will have blown over \$60B for what? Dufferin Wind Power Inc and all the other wind companies will have a glass of champagne, pat each other on the back, while Ontario's consumers are left with the bill. If we spent the same amount on nuclear, we'd have a reliable source of clean energy for the next several generations.

John Wiggins, Collingwood

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Turbine tax allocations 'unfair'

BY WES KELLER

If preliminary figures compiled by Melancthon Township are accurate, could it be that most municipalities for wind farms are actually subsidizing the wind-energy industry?

Melancthon at the moment is host to 118 turbines, each with a production capacity of 1.5 MW. Although the true combined value of the turbines and related infrastructure probably totals in the order of \$200-million as a modest estimate, the maximum assessed value for industrial taxation is \$6,000 per turbine – or \$708,000.

The usual tax rate for occupied industrial property in Melancthon is a combined

3.403385, with about half of that going to support school board and the balance virtually split between the township and the county. Specifically, the Education tax rate is 1.59000; the county's, 0.876678; and the township's, 0.936707.

Mayor Bill Hill this week would not comment about a letter he had recently sent to Provincial Treasurer Charles Sousa and Premier Kathleen Wynne, suggesting the assessment cap should be revisited as it now provides "an unfair advantage to (the wind energy) industry," beyond saying the township is still awaiting a response from the province.

He did, however, confirm that the information contained

in the letter is based on figures taken from the financial statement. (The county and tax rates for those authorities are not set by the township, but by the authorities.)

In the letter, Mayor Hill does state that \$289,000 annually of the tax on the capped assessment is being paid to authorities which are not in any way burdened by the presence of the turbines – the county and the school boards.

"As a result of the 118 turbines in our municipality, the County will receive for 2013 approximately \$103,000 and the four School Boards in our municipality will receive approximately \$186,000 based on their percentage allocation.

"With all due respect to those bodies, the turbines have no impact on the school system.

"(As well), after the construction phase, there is very little impact on the County as there is minimal traffic to the turbine units. Even during construction, the County issues should be covered by

their development charges and permit fees."

The mayor goes on to say that the township would be much better off financially if it didn't have to send \$289,000 to "unaffected parties."

The township does receive, apart from taxation, payments of \$1,000 per turbine in Phase 1 of the Canadian Hydro de-

velopment and \$4,000 per turbine for Phase 2 and other developments that use 1.5 MW generators.

It is apparently negotiating with Dufferin Wind Power for similar "amenities" payments based on the larger capacity of its generators – as is the case with Canadian Hydro's Wolfe Island development.

A new rest stop for reindeer?

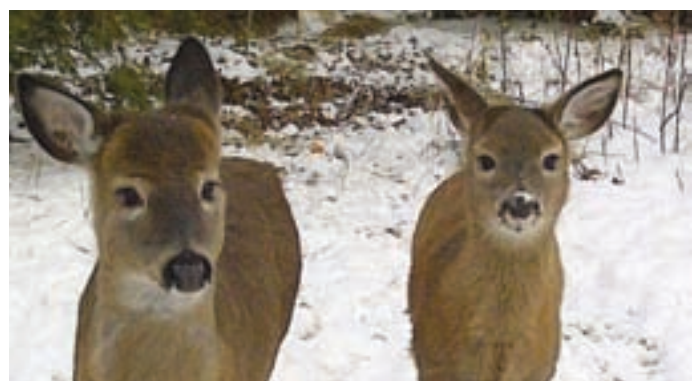


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Willow and Hawthorne at home in the new deer enclosure at Procyon Wildlife Rehabilitation Centre in Beeton.

Rudolph and his pals will have a new place to stop for a rest and a hearty meal this winter if they need it.

After many years of dedicated fund-raising, Procyon Wildlife Veterinary and Rehabilitation Services in Beeton finally received enough money to build a much-needed sanctuary for orphaned deer. Shell Oil provided about half of the funds through their Fuelling Change grant. The remainder of the money came from caring donors eager to help save orphaned and injured deer in our area.

Construction of the new deer enclosures started this past summer when our crew of volunteers marked out the enclosure perimeters and cleared the area for fencing to be erected. In the fall, the crew from Simcoe Fence Company constructed 2 one-acre deer enclosures, each of which can house up to eight adult deer. Volunteers built gates and installed electric fence to keep

predators out. Lee Sheds donated a small barn to provide shelter from the wind and cold. At last the enclosures were ready to go!

And none too soon, either. Only a few weeks before the enclosures were finished, we received a young fawn who was paralyzed in her hind end. X-rays showed no sign of spinal fracture but we think she had been hit by a car because she had wounds on her back. We treated her for pain and swelling to see if her condition would improve. We housed her in a small enclosure large enough for her to move around but small enough to prevent further injuries. Our volunteers provided physiotherapy twice a day, holding her up and encouraging her to walk on the lawn outside her cage. One volunteer named her Willow because it was her favourite food. We monitored her progress and, though we thought we saw slight signs of improvement, we were

concerned that she may never walk again. Then, suddenly one day when I went out to feed her, there she was – standing in her pen, waiting for her breakfast! Success! We were all thrilled!

Now Willow is walking almost normally and we acquired a friend to keep her company during her stay at Procyon Wildlife. His name is Hawthorne. He's a very handsome boy, a little older than Willow. For Willow it was love at first sight; she was so happy to have a new friend! They're inseparable and they're enjoying their new home in one of the new enclosures.

Two enclosures are great but we're not stopping there. There is such a great need for deer rehabilitation in this province that we have two more enclosures planned. And so the fund-raising continues. If you'd like to help, call us at 905 729-0033, mail your donation to Procyon Wildlife at 6441 7th Line, Beeton, ON, L0G 1A0, or donate through our website, procyonwildlife.com

So, we expect to provide homes for orphaned and injured White Tail Deer at Procyon Wildlife for years to come. And we've never seen reindeer this far south. But we sure wouldn't mind if Rudolph and his pals stopped by for a rest on Christmas eve. The hay and (deer) cookies will be waiting!



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This week in police news...

9-1-1 Call Results In Six Criminal Charges: On Saturday December 7th Shelburne Police responded to a 9-1-1 call in Shelburne.

When officers arrived on scene an investigation began that revealed numerous domestic related assaults, mischief and harassment dating as far back as August 2013.

As a result a 46 year old male was arrested and charged with one count of sexual assault, two counts of assault, one count of mischief, one count of criminal harassment and one count of breach of a peace bond. The male was held for a bail hearing.

The name of the accused is being withheld for the benefit of the victim.

Final Stuff-a-Cruiser Toy and Food Drive Date This Saturday: The Shelburne Police Service is hosting its final "Stuff-a Cruiser Toy and Food Drive" on Saturday December 14th for this year.

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 is the date and location:

- Saturday December 14th – 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at No Frills Parking Lot. Thank you for your support!

OPP remind residents to be wary on door-to-door salespeople

On November 27, 2013 a female Mono resident reported to police that she felt she may have been victim of an attempted fraud scam.

The resident found a scratch ticket in her mailbox.

She scratched the number and called a phone number on the ticket to receive a free water treatment inspection and a prize.

Approximately 20 minutes later two males attended her residence. Upon arrival they presented the complainant with a piece of paper for a three day two night stay at a hotel with ninety destination choices in Canada or the United States of America.

The suspect was described as an African-Canadian male, 40 years of age, wearing a black leather jacket and well groomed. The second male suspect who took notes entire time was caucasian male sloppy dressed.

The suspects claimed to represent Eco Water Systems of Mississauga which does exist but not in Mississauga as the suspects claimed. They attempted to sign up complainant for a 10 year contract at \$38 per month. When complainant refused to sign a contract both males left. Both suspects refuse to provide photo identification or business cards confirming they were working for Eco Water Systems. Complainant advised that they had a large piece of water testing equipment and were in the kitchen and basement area of the residence. Further investigation revealed that employees worked for Eagle Industries of Mississauga.

Police are warning residents to:

- To be vigilant and don't be pressured into signing contracts on your doorstep.
 - Be cautious letting strangers into your residence who may want to inventory your residence looking for valuables for a future break and entry when you are not home.
 - Ask for photo identification and business cards.
 - Don't let anyone in your house that you are not comfortable with and keep door locked and speak to them from behind locked door.
 - Research and get references on any company you are dealing with and check with other customers.
 - Check with the better business bureau
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GUIDES, PATHFINDERS AND POLICE HELP THE LOCAL FOOD BANK – The 1st Shelburne Guides and 1st Shelburne Pathfinders raised \$170 and collected six big plastic bins of food and toys this past weekend during a Food Drive in conjunction with the Shelburne Police. The goods were taken to the Shelburne Food Bank on Tuesday – where the girls also got a tour of the Food Bank and stayed to help sort the food from the boxes. Pictured: Officer David Geronimo (right) with Abigail Hagell and Annamae Terpstra and "Frenchtoast" (Angele Bernier-Hagell) in the Santa hat and volunteer Nick Glassford. Also present, but not pictured, are: "Gingerbread" (Debra Terpstra) and "Blue Ruby" (Brenda Krushnisky).

Crime of the Week: convenience store robbery in Barrie



Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka along with the Barrie Police Service are requesting the assistance of the public in solving this crime.

On Sunday November 10, just before 5 p.m. a lone male suspect entered the Jean's Variety Store at 144 Burton Avenue in the City of Barrie.

The male produced a note demanding money and alluding to being armed.

An undisclosed amount of money was turned over by the

store clerk and the suspect fled the store in an easterly direction.

The suspect is described as a white male, 20 – 30 years of age, 6' tall, 220-240 pounds, dirty blonde hair, unshaven with reddish hues and dots on his face. He was wearing a black nylon jacket with a fleece inlay and hood, blue jeans and black or grey shoes. He had a black knapsack with a grey design.

Barrie Police are continuing their investigation and are re-

questing anyone with information about the person responsible to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or go to www.tipsubmit.com to send an anonymous web tip.

Crime Stoppers does not subscribe to call display and you will remain anonymous. Being anonymous, you will not testify in court and your information may lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

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Traffic tip of the week: what is a roadside test?

When a police officer stops a car, and the odour of alcohol is detected on a driver's breath, or the driver admits to recent consumption of alcohol, a roadside test can be conducted. The driver is issued a "demand" by the officer to supply a sample of breath into a Roadside Screening Device. The device measures the amount of alcohol in the sample, and depending on the reading, allows the officer grounds to continue

the arrest and conduct further breath tests; suspend a driver's licence for a period of between 3 days and 30 days; or release the driver outright. A roadside screening device is an instrument, approved by legislation, that offers a quick, accurate, and efficient valuation of the Blood Alcohol present in the given sample.

If a driver "fails" a roadside test, he or she will be required to supply further samples into

an "approved instrument" sufficient for analysis. Failing or refusing to supply a suitable sample in either case is an offence under the Criminal Code of Canada.

Drivers under 21 years of age are required to have a 0% Blood Alcohol Concentration. A Roadside Screening Device will be used to obtain evidence to prove this offence.

If you drink, don't drive.

Trailer and snow blowers stolen

Grey County OPP is investigating the theft of a Kargo Max 6x12 trailer and a quantity of Cub Cadet Snow Blowers, stolen from a Farm Services business located outside of Maxwell (Grey Highlands) on County Road 4 sometime between the evening of Saturday, December 7th, 2013.

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Simple ways to transform holiday stress into joy



BY ELLEN BRAKEL
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The end of year holiday season is a busy time for many of us; parties to go to, money to spend and many people to consider at this time. It can be a time of great joy with family and friends or a time of stress and overwhelm from outside "expectations" or "obligations" of us. Here are a few helpful guidelines to help us through the holiday season:

1. Slow down and breathe-exhale – any stress, impatience or frustrations as cloudy smoke, Inhale – a feeling of lightness and soften into compassion for yourself & others.

2. Focus your mind on what makes you feel joyful – what makes you smile inside?

3. Create a sensation of joy and ambiance in your home with pleasant smells, sounds & visuals – bake with spices you love while listening to your favourite holiday music. Diffuse holiday essential oils in your home, such as frankincense, myrrh, cinnamon, clove, pine, balsam fir, lavender or juniper. Decorate and make simple changes in your home with colours and art that you love.

4. Choose healthy foods and

drinks of the season that create warmth and joy for you, like warm apple cider and teas, spices of ginger and cinnamon, hormone free meat (beef, chicken or lamb) and vegetable stews, warm grain cereals with dried nuts or fruits and maple syrup, preferably made with locally grown, organic, non-GMO ingredients.

5. Stress and immune support – supplement your health with Vitamin D3, magnesium and trace minerals, Astragalus, Echinacea or Mushroom Complex formulas, and Holy Basil teas to uplift and provide adrenal support.

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Ellen Brakel is co-owner of Soaring Heart Wellness, a Natural Food and Healthy Living Store in Shelburne. She has been a health practitioner for the past 18 years with certification and training in massage and cranial sacral therapy, yoga, art and meditation, nutrition, reiki, re-connective healing, acupuncture, psychotherapy and counseling.



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SHELBURNE & DISTRICT FIRE FIGHTERS ASSOCIATION' HOST 3RD ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FOOD & TOY DRIVE – Captain Mike Morrell, fire fighter Jason Duck and captain Dave Hardick braved the cold on Saturday December 7th as they collected new, unwrapped toys at the No Frills grocery store in Shelburne. The toys will be distributed as part of the 3rd Annual Shelburne District Fire Fighters Association Christmas Toy and Food Drive. Shelburne's fire fighters will also be collecting at Foodland and local schools as they hope to help make everyone's Christmas special.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

CDDHS Royals hockey team take loss to ODSS

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

It was one of those games where the score doesn't really tell the whole story.

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals boys hockey team took a 6-1 loss to Orangeville District Secondary School at Tony Rose arena in Orangeville on Thursday, December 6.

The Royals came to the game with a 2-3-1 record and a seventh place in the District

4 / 10 hockey standings.

After going down in the first period, the Royals lit up the board on their side early in the second period, but that's all they could do for the game.

The squad played a strong game but had trouble getting through a tough ODSS defensive squad.

"We're defending OFSAA champions, but we lost ten guys since last year," said coach Bill Bradford of the fact

that the team has dropped in the standings this season.

Several key players moved on to Junior level hockey this year which makes them ineligible to play on a high school team.

"I thought the first period we were a little apprehensive," Bradford said. "We played a really good second period. We sort of had a couple of bad shifts were we broke down in our own zone. We lost that

composure and they got a couple of quick goals. We still going through some growing pains and trying to get our line combos together. It's matter of refining what we have to do."

The team still turned out a

good performance despite the loss but will have to get on the plus side in the remaining games to move up in the final standings.

The Royals will be back on the ice on Tuesday, December

17, at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Centre in Shelburne where they will host the squad from Westside Secondary School in Orangeville.

The game is scheduled for 2:00 p.m.



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WAY TO GO! – Shelburne Atom LL2 Consolation Champions, in recent tournament in Shallow Lake.



PHOTOS BY BRIAN LOCKHART

ROYALS LOSE TO ORANGEVILLE – The Centre Dufferin High School Royals boys hockey team battle it out against the squad from Orangeville District Secondary School. The Royals notched a single goal in the second period but had to take a 6-1 loss to Orangeville.



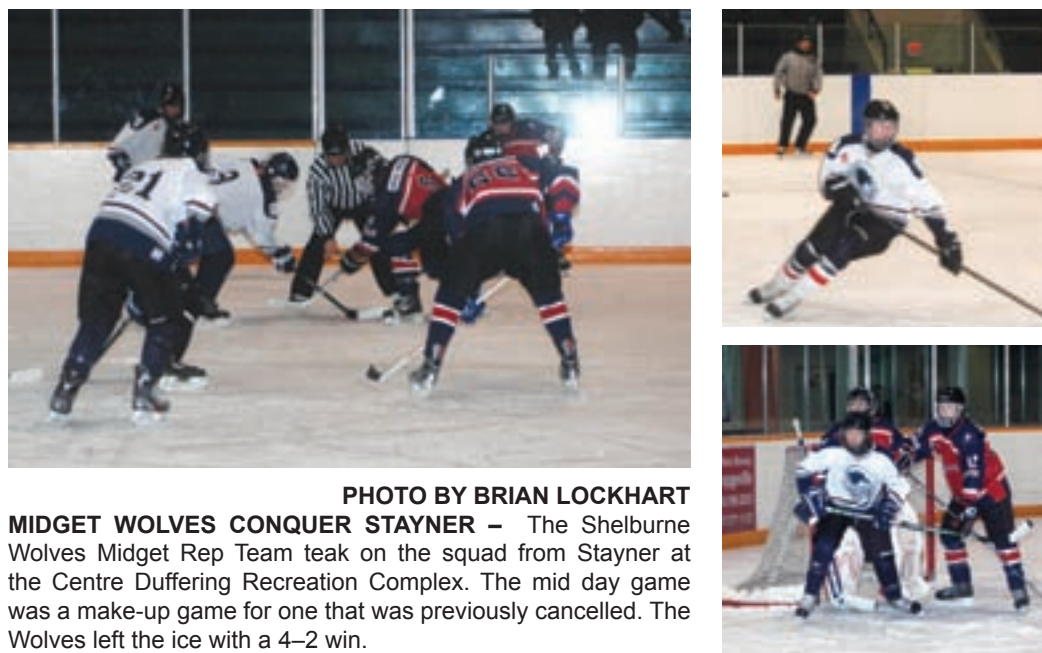
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OPP FALL CLASSIC A SUCCESS – OPP acting Chief Supt. Mark Van Zant drops the puck with Staff Sgt Steve Sills Detachment commander, Sue Snider Dufferin Safe Communities while Det Constable Mark Taylor Tourney organizer looks on at the OPP Fall Classic Hockey Tournament at Honeywood Arena. Proceeds from Tournament went to Safe Communities of the Hill Country and Dufferin OPP Kids Program. "We would like to thank following sponsors: Hi Rise Group Inc; Evans and Adams Law Offices; Timmerman Haskell and Mills Law Office; ADFEX Rubber Inc; IPRO Realty(Chris Reed); Sunlife Mutual Peter Quinlan; Champ Burger; Jamieson and Sons Roofing; Molson Brewery; Creemore Springs Brewery; Global Expressions(Paula Cameron); AIM Appliance Install Masters(Mark Tardiff); Hand Book Keeping; Pillar to Post Home Inspections; Living Spaces Magazine; PowerPages; Verico Mortgages; Suttons Group Brampton. The Tournament was a resounding success.



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MIDGET WOLVES CONQUER STAYNER – The Shelburne Wolves Midget Rep Team took on the squad from Stayner at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex. The mid day game was a make-up game for one that was previously cancelled. The Wolves left the ice with a 4-2 win.



Coach aims to teach skills but still let kids have fun

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

As a former Junior level player, Shelburne Wolves Atom LL1 team coach Tony Fernandes knows what hockey is all about.

At the same time, he knows that it is just a game and the best thing about it is leaving the ice with a good feeling

about what you have accomplished.

"The biggest strength on the ice for these players is going out and having fun and to enjoy themselves," he said of the young players he coaches.

While the LL division is mostly for players who enjoy the game but don't necessarily

want to move up, Fernandes also teaches skills that help players who might be interested in moving to a rep team.

"One of those things we teach to kids who want to move to a higher level is positioning – positioning is a big thing. Also shooting and being aggressive – instead of waiting for the puck we teach them to go for the puck."

Learning to skate properly is a big part of the game Fernandes explained.

"A lot of it has to do with the skate you buy for ankle support. Your stride, and how you push with your skates, there's so many different skill they need, that's why we teach them in practice."

As a player, Fernandes played in Brantford and Elmira.

His Atom team is doing well this year and is currently tied for third place in the league.

Most of the players are ten years old in Atom division and while they like to win, at this level, taking a loss really isn't that much of a disappointment.

But as he said, "having fun and enjoying themselves" is the biggest part of what he like to have the kids experience on the ice.

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As a second year left winger on the Shelburne Wolves Novice Rep team, eight year old Tyler Higginson knows what his job is on the ice. "I like setting up the plays," he said. "I like hockey because it's active and its fun."

As a Novice player, Tyler said he follows the coaches advice to "get in deep."

"Then I go to the net to try to score."

He's had plenty of practice since first putting on his skates and hitting the ice when he was only three years old.

He enjoys playing with friends on the ice and likes taking part in a team sport.

When he's not on the ice, Tyler also keeps busy in the summer playing road hockey with the Shelburne Shooters Ball Hockey Club.

Tyler attends Hyland Heights Elementary School in Shelburne.

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OP committee mulls options to suit all

BY WES KELLER

The Dufferin County Official Plan steering committee appears to be aiming at satisfying the provincial dictum without wresting local planning decisions away from the lower tier.

In general terms, this might amount to the county replacing the province as the approving authority for lower tier official plan amendments, subdivision approvals and other such things.

So far, such a concept might sit well with the lower tier. For one, Amaranth Deputy Mayor Walter Kolodziechuk said in effect that approval at the county level would be preferable.

Yet, two of the county's towns – Mono and Orangeville – are unlikely to be enamoured. Now, those two are exempt from provincial intervention in their official plans, possibly because they have established planning departments.

The steering committee would prefer to continue those exemptions but it has yet to be learned whether the ministry of municipal affairs and housing would react positively to a

request to give the county authority within the official plan to grant exemptions.

In that vein, MMM consultant Chris Tyrell told the committee Tuesday that Owen Sound is the only municipality in Ontario that is exempt from upper tier approval of official plan issues. He explained that the Georgian Bay city had been a city within Grey County (as Guelph is within Wellington) and had retained its independence upon joining the lower tier.

Dufferin CAO Sonya Pritchard warned that the committee can't simply go to the ministry and say it wants something. "It has to justify (what it is asking for)." She reiterated in several contexts, including the provincial demands for intensification.

According to the province now, Dufferin should aim for 40% intensification. Not practical, suggested East Garafraxa Mayor Allen Taylor. "People don't move to the county to live in a high rise or on a 30-foot lot."

Would the county's official plan interfere with some lower tier aspirations?

There are three sides to that

equation, if that's possible. The first, with respect to land use, would be related to the local official plan; the second would be whether the municipality has the service capacity to satisfy the needs of the aspiration; and the third would be whether there could be a population allocation.

Mayor Taylor said a developer had proposed a subdivision at Marsville that would rival Shelburne in size. The council had rejected the plan but it could come back in 2015 and possibly win approval from a new council.

In such a case, to the mayor's disenchantment, the official plan for the settlement area should be amended before the county plan takes effect in August 2014. The ministry doesn't rubber-stamp official plans or amendments overnight.

But a major expansion of Marsville would require confirmation of servicing ability. Ms. Pritchard pointed out that Grand Valley and Shelburne have prepared themselves for population allocations. Would it be fair to remove those.

Grand Valley Mayor John Oosterhof warned that he had

started laying the groundwork for expansion in 2000, and "we're just putting it in place now."

In other areas, the weighted vote at the county has been a common concern, according to the consultant.

But the official plan can't speak to that issue, he said, although other upper tiers with weighted votes have found

ways to cope.

He didn't elaborate, but Ms. Pritchard there is a way within the legislation to deal with it. (The weighted vote formula is part of the Dufferin County Act.)

Mr. Tyrell indicated there will be a draft of the committee's report in about February, followed by a draft of the official plan in March.

Before then, there will be open houses in Shelburne and Orangeville, on Jan. 7 and 15

respectively. Mayor Taylor would like to have an additional one on Jan. 18.

But Deputy Mayor Ken McGhee said he wants all lower tier councillors to have all the answers prior to the open houses.

Ms. Pritchard said the committee will discuss how this can be accomplished. She didn't point out that the committee meetings are open for attendance by interested councillors.

Messages from the angels



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Lindsay Wegener owner of Spaw-fect Grooming, Abby 'Santa's Little Helper' and the Shelburne Christmas Hamper Fund organizer Lynn Topping.

Dear editor:

My name is Lindsay Wegener and I hosted the Me 2 U sale sponsored by Spaw-Fect Grooming that took place at the cdrc on Nov 23rd.

I'm writing to inform you of the success of the sale despite the event of a snow squall the day of the sale.

We had 30 vendors offering everything from gently used items such as clothes, house wears, and nic-nacks to new items like purses, baked goods, and bath products. The goal was to support and promote small local business and local mom's. Offering Shelburne a unique sale from both the vendor and shopper aspect.

We had a great turnout of locals looking for a great deal and a unique gift for someone on their Christmas list.

A box was provided for non perishables donations which was graciously filled and coffee was provided at a small donation fee with all proceeds going to the Shelburne Christmas hamper fund. A donation of crochet blankets was also received.

I am pleased to announce that with the help from local people I was able to present Lynn Topping with a donation of \$130 accompanied by the non perishables and crochet blankets.

The Shelburne Christmas

hamper fund provides food, toys, and clothes gracefully donated by our local community for those in our community that need it most.

I would like to take this time to thank each and every one of the local people that braved the storm and supported local! Always remember Stay, Shop, Support, Shelburne.

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Bantam LL1 vs Dundalk.....	2:10pm - 3:25pm
Bantam LL2 vs Oro.....	3:35pm - 4:50pm
Pewee Rep vs Georgian Shores.....	7:30pm - 8:35pm
Midget LL1 vs Collingwood.....	8:45pm - 10:35pm

Sunday, Dec. 15th

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Atom LL2 vs Osprey.....	4:30pm - 5:35pm
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son. She said the following:

"The angels are asking us to get to our authentic self. They are tired of people pretending to be something they are not and blaming others for their own problems. We need to take responsibility for our own lives. They ask us to come into the heart center and work on loving ourselves. If you cannot love and accept yourself first, you won't have healthy relationships with others. Ask your personal guardian angel to help you with this. Forget about your outer image and material things and do inner spiritual work. You are here to help each other and to be caretakers of the earth and the animals and creatures on the earth. Help your commu-

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Horsley, Helen Elizabeth

Peacefully at Brampton Civic Hospital on Sunday, December 8, 2013 in her 60th year. Beloved wife of Eric. Devoted mother of Trevor, Andrew and the late Jeffrey. Loving grama of Tyler and Cody.

A celebration of Helen's Life will be held at the Shelburne Legion, Back Hall, 203 William Street on Friday, December 13, 2013 from 5-8 p.m. Arrangements entrusted to the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne <http://www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com/>. Cremation with interment at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations to Camp Dorset would be appreciated by Helen's family.



Irwin, Kathleen L.

Passed away peacefully with her family by her side on Saturday December 7, 2013 at Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre. Kay Irwin loving wife of 60 years to Orval. Cherished mother of Paul (Carol) Irwin and Mary Irwin (Michael McConnell). Proud grandmother of Kristopher (Melissa), Jason, Steven Irwin, Ryan and Megan McConnell and great grandmother of Nathan and Brandon Irwin. Kay will also be fondly remembered by her sister Joyce Strickler, nephews, nieces and wonderful circle of friends. Friends will be received at ADAMS FUNERAL HOME, 445 St. Vincent St., Barrie (just north of Cundles Rd.) on Tuesday from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 1 o'clock p.m. Visitation from 12 p.m. until time of service. Memorial donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family. Messages of condolence may be forwarded to the family through adamsfuneralhome.ca

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Predator control bylaw proposed

BY WES KELLER

General Government Services Committee has received a draft of a new predator control bylaw that reflects much of what Dufferin Federation of Agriculture President Bill McCutcheon had said he would expect to be included.

In particular, the bylaw appears to have adequate safeguards to avoid inadvertent slaughter of innocent wild animals. It was drafted by county staff in consultation with the federation.

In short, the hunting or trapping of coyotes would be done as quickly as possible after a livestock kill, and then only for a short time and within a restricted distance of the kill.

These are generally similar to safeguards previously practiced. The principal difference between the old bylaw and the proposed new one is that the Ministry of Natural Resources is no longer involved in predator control. Now the county has the authority and bears the cost.

As in the past, however, the county and/or local municipality would be reimbursed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs for the livestock killed by predators.

Under the new control bylaw as presented to the committee, the cause of the death of livestock would be determined by an evaluator.

According to a provincial government web page, there are unmistakable clues as to whether the death was caused by dogs or by wild predators, and also whether the dead animal was killed by a predator or died of natural causes, even if scavengers had been feeding on it.

When it has been determined that the death is by predation, the owner is free to hire a licensed hunter or trapper once authorization has been obtained from the county.

And then the hunt would be confined to a 5 kilometre radius from the site of the kill, and only for four weeks.

Ears from the coyote would be submitted for payment along with the prescribed application form. Payment recommended would be \$50 per animal to a maximum of 10 predators in any one claim.

The county and federation do not desire, and the county hasn't provided for, wholesale slaughter of coyotes. The county's 2014 budget provides for total payments of \$2,500, according to the report.

Agricultural Society AGM

One of Ontario's oldest fairs will host its annual general meeting on Saturday December 14th, noon, at Caledon Village Place (Huronario and Charleston Sideroad) with a pot luck dinner to follow. Visitors are invited to attend, learn more about the Caledon Agricultural Society's (CAS) mandate within the community and the growing number of CAS events including the award winning SnowFest Family Day on February 17, 2014, the annual Caledon Fair held June 6, 7, 8 and July 1st Canada Day Strawberry Festival featuring Classic Car Show. For more AGM information call Clarence Pinkney, tel: 519-925-3461. For general information on CAS involvement, volunteering and or sponsorship call: Tim Forster, tel: 905-838-5183, tim@talktotim.ca

Christmas refreshments at Town Pharmacy

Sanjay Lekhi, pharmacist/owner of Shelburne Town Pharmacy is hosting a community Christmas refreshment drop-in on December 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. which includes free tea and coffee. All welcome.

Hit and run



BY JENNIFER HOWARD

It's that time again. Rutting season, hunting season, feeding. All get the deer on the run into the paths of the heavy metal 4 wheel killing machines.

Also other animals are busy getting ready for winter and running into our paths.

We need to be aware and ready. We need to pay attention to those deer/moose crossing signs along our road

ways where ever you may be. They are posted for a reason.

This deer was not so lucky as are many many other animals spring and fall. It is a horrible thing to see these majestic beautiful animals lying there, gone from our world because we couldn't stop. But what's worse is whoever hit this beautiful creature just hit and ran. She lay there for hours while everyone just drove by paying no attention. There was

no blood. Quite possibly she lay there for hours suffering.

When you hit an animal of this magnitude, stop, call police, if it needs to be euthanized (a better way of putting it), they will help that animal either way it needs help. They will have it picked up. It won't lie there for everyone to gawk at, for children to see and be traumatized by. For possibly a predator animal to come along and also get hit. To cause another accident, maybe killing somebody.

Where is the human compassion out there? I see less and less of that, people are just in a hurry and if anything gets in their way "look out".

Hit & Run. Do they stop to see if it needs help, move it off the road? Carefully of course. Safety is always #1. Only a handful of caring people do that. And kudos to all of you! It is very sad how this world has gone.

Recently we all saw a horrible story on TV about a very

young black bear, the man clipped it, and it tried to run off. He inhumanely took it upon himself to hit the bear over and over with a big rock. It took a while the witness said. While people stood there and looked on. No one tried to help the animal, no one called police. Possibly that bear could have been helped at a wildlife rehab facility, or humanly put down. But no, it was hit over and over suffering with every blow till it succumbed to his cruelty. And now nothing is being done

about this man's horrible behavior. That was just a young bear, and quite possibly it was not hit that badly. Of course I don't know the whole story. I wasn't there. But our laws are so slack here it makes me angry. The government just keeps "removing" what is important. Cutbacks they call it.

These animals do not know any different than to run free and wild. After all, that's what they are, "wild". And they should be free! But more and more now they are being forced into close contact with

humans and cars on roads that were never there before. Not so free.

Our world is getting bigger every day with developments everywhere going in and human populations expanding. With this, their world is getting smaller, leaving them no choices, and forcing them into our paths.

So slow down and watch out for them. It's not so hard! It could also save your life and your children's lives. Yes hitting a large animal or even a small animal can kill you.

Centre Dufferin New Horizons Club news

The club recently celebrated Christmas early with a wonderful dinner, served by the Primrose United Church Congregation and Friends.

144 Members attended, a great time was had by all.

The entertainment was provided by The Shelburne Jam-boree Band.

Our last Euchre Night was well attended. We had 13 full tables.

Winners are as follows:
 • Blue cards – 1st Prize Janet Rogers, 2nd Prize- Pat Bachelor, 3rd Prize Bob Jamison
 • Pink Cards – 1st Prize Loretta Foster, 2nd Prize Ruth Kidd, 3rd Prize-Lois Allen.

This was our final Euchre Night for 2013.

The New Horizons Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 6th 2014 at noon, in the New Horizons Room.

The meeting will begin with a Pot Luck Lunch. All members are encouraged to attend.



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- Socrates

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BY BROCK WEIR

It had been a day she was dreading and preparing for much of this year, but when the moment finally came on Thursday night local time, the news of Nelson Mandela's death was no less shocking to Aurora's Mae Khamissa.

While getting some last minute groceries that evening, Ms. Khamissa got the call from her daughter. Describing her reaction as one of "shock" and "disbelief", she admits she made "a bit of an ass" of her-

self as people approached her to make sure she was okay. She describes the scene with a bit of a chuckle in hindsight, but the news conjured up many memories of growing up in South Africa at the height of Apartheid.

"This man was our hope," she told the Auroran, our sister newspaper. "He was the father of our nation and he gave us so much encouragement and hope."

Ms. Khamissa and her husband, Raz, are the owners of

NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Crossroads Community Church



PHOTO SUBMITTED

Christmas is quickly approaching; as we prepare for this joyous occasion we invite you to a night of caroling and candlelight service on Sunday December 22nd 2013 at 6:30 p.m. followed by refreshments. Bring the family. We hope to see you there!

A brisk morning brought us together as we sought the comfort of God's sanctuary. Pastor Don greeted everyone, and Fred came forth to light the advent candles; the first of Hope and this week's candle of Faith, scripture reading was from Romans 10:13-17. Announcements were shared and prayers lifted up to God. We pray for the elderly who in this season have difficulty getting around, we pray for those suffering with life threatening illnesses and for those who suffer consequences from long time injuries. We know God is a healer and comforter. Amen. Many wonderful choruses were sung and Bob read Psalm 98, and Matthew 5:14-16.

Pastor Don came with a big smile and said, "There is great

excitement in the air when we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, but I wonder if Mary felt the same some 2000 years ago when the Angel Gabriel announced that she had been favored by God to give birth to the Son of God, (Luke 1:26-33). This must have been difficult to believe and this is where faith comes in, what we read in scripture is that Mary was a virgin and pledged to be married. History tells us customary betrothal would happen at about 14 years old and she would remain with her parents until the wedding day. History also says Mary was humble and devoted to God. She was from Nazareth, a far from prestigious town by general opinion and that Mary was in love with Joseph, (John

1:41-46). "Also the time of engagement was just as binding as the actual marriage, only divorce could dissolve it. So why Did God choose Mary? God needed a young virgin to bring forth His perfect Son so he would not be overshadowed by the sin of man. Jesus needed to be Holy and remain sinless, he could not have come from man, just as Adam came perfect from God before his sin, Jesus came perfect from God so He would not inherit the sin from Adam. By remaining sinless he brought us life through forgiveness, (Colossians 2:13). By becoming human he is able to identify with all our humanity, (Hebrews 4:15).

Now let's go back to Mary, now that she has heard the angel, many things must have crossed her mind, what will Joseph think? Or will she be killed, abandoned, ridiculed, shunned and left to a less than honorable life? How could she explain her pregnancy? Never the less, she asked a very legitimate question, "But how can this happen? I am a virgin." And the angel replied, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the baby to be born will be holy, and he will be called the Son of God, For nothing is impossible with God" Luke 1:34-37. At such an incredible answer can we assume that she was immediately re-

assured? Maybe, for it was prophesied by Isaiah, (Isaiah 7:14, Matthew 1:21-23). As we read through this passage, Mary still hadn't accepted this incredible request from God, and despite the doubts and fear she may have felt, she proclaimed the boldest statement of Faith ever recorded, "Mary responded, "I am the Lord's servant. May everything you have said about me come true." And then the angel left her, "Luke 1:38. She was faithful and obedient and said yes to the Son of God.

Beloved After 2000 years this is still true, "Nothing is impossible with God!" It may be true that the human need is great, times are difficult, but Hope and Faith in God lets us believe in miracles. Miracles happen even today, and that is what Christmas is all about, from the Angel visiting Mary, to the star in the sky to the miracle of virgin birth to the Angels singing Glory to God in the Highest and Good will to all men to people given new life through Jesus we just need to be ready, faithful and obedient servants of the Lord. This Christmas, dare to be spiritually correct and share the miracle of Christmas, Jesus our New Born King! Have a blessed season of Advent as you prepare your hearts for Christmas, Asherey Shalom!

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Gifts from God

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I love to watch the videos that we recorded when our daughters were too young to understand the concept of a "wish list" for Santa. Christmas morning was a wonder to them as they woke up to find stuffed stockings and gifts under the tree.

One of my favourite videos was made on December 25, 1989. As my girls come into the living room it is obvious that they are overwhelmed by what they see. But I as I watch it now, I notice the deep appreciation they have for every little thing.

They start to empty their stockings and examine everything carefully. The items are small and inexpensive but received with great joy. I see my oldest daughter take out a car for Fred Flintstone. She puts it carefully aside. When she

finds Fred to go with the car she exclaims with happiness. She stops to put Fred IN the car. Other things can wait... even the larger, mysterious presents under the tree.

As children grow, their focus can change. They start to write letters in which they ask for specific items. In our home the girls knew that they could ask for as much as they wanted but Santa only brought three gifts. So they usually chose to keep their list short. And they were always very happy when they opened their presents and found "exactly what they wanted".

Children change as they grow older. I didn't notice it too much with my girls but I do remember that when I started to ask for specific items for Christmas, I appreciated all the other gifts just a little less. Stockings were just a pre-

lude to the "main event" rather than a source of simple things to enjoy. And if, for some reason, Santa was not able to bring me what I really wanted, then that disappointment weighed on my mind.

In Matthew 18, Jesus reminds us that we need to change and become like children, but not just children... LITTLE CHILDREN. As I think back on past Christmas celebrations, I wonder if one of the reasons is that little children really do live and rejoice in the moment and in the smallest of delights. They might not be able to express the emotion of gratitude but they obviously experience it. They smile and laugh and thoroughly enter into the blessing of whatever has been given to them, whether it is a simple cookie or a wonderful new toy.

One of my daily prayers on my Christian journey is that I will be like a little child. I need

to take time to be grateful and to enjoy all the blessings that God gives each day. It can be too easy to be like an older child, focused on getting what I have asked for, instead of delighting in everything else that I have been given.

Laura Ingalls Wilder wrote that "...we are better throughout the year for having, in spirit, become a child again at Christmas time." I pray that God will help me to remain a child in spirit, not just at Christmas but in all the months that follow.

May each of us allow God to fill us with wonder each day. And as we present our petitions to God may we also have grateful hearts for the main simple blessings that come our way.

Blessings on you all this Christmas as you celebrate Immanuel: God with Us.

"Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" 2 Corinthians 9:15

Auroran woman shares her tribute to the "Lion of Africa", Nelson Mandela

Aurora's Omar's Shoes. In the days after Mr. Mandela's death, they set up a makeshift tribute to the iconic leader in their storefront, featuring photographs, flags and memorabilia from his visits to Canada. But behind the photos and t-shirts is a very human story, one shared by South African expatriates the world-over.

Ms. Khamissa, whose family settled in South Africa from India, was one of 10 children. Her family lived near South Africa's border with Botswana until the late 1950s until they were evicted by the authorities. Many years later, she recalls the trauma of the segregation that was imposed on them.

"We had a beautiful home my father had built, we had great relationships with the local Africans there. My family had to gather what they could but we lost everything we had."

They were settled on the outskirts of Johannesburg in a small township specifically reserved for people of South Asian descent. This is the environment in which she was born in the early 1960s. She was just a small child when Mr. Mandela was in the first days of his 27 year imprisonment.

Although the mere mention of his name was almost taboo under the strict eye of authorities and educators, the young Mae soon began to hear stories of a "great man who had given up everything."

"During my teen years, I didn't know exactly what he looked like because the government had a ban on any literature to do with Nelson Mandela," she says. "Then, in 1979, the ANC (African National Congress) youth movement started spreading in the schools and words started getting around.

"We were frustrated with the facilities we grew up with. Our school was filled with asbestos, our textbooks were handed down older textbooks from white schools, some of them had missing pages, but we had to make due. We were tired with the poor education. When we heard about this great leader who gave up everything, his family, to fight for his fellow South Africans, that momentum just dove into our hearts and we wanted better."

It wasn't mere sentiment. These teens struck out to do something about it. Eventually they organized themselves so that one day at the stroke

of Noon, the students would simply stand up in the middle of a lesson and walk out of the school. This turned into a six month boycott of the school.

"We would get locked up in school as it wasn't a school where you could just walk in. There were fences and barbed wire. When you went in in the morning they would lock the gates up so students couldn't leave. On several occasions, the police would come in with their riot squad trucks and we would get a good whacking. That happened to me once. Other times we had a decent principal who would open the gates and we would run away."

The momentum continued for Mae and her family. An elder brother fled to Canada in the 1960s to become a physician as there was a strict quota on "non-white" doctors under Apartheid. He was joined by the rest of his family in 1982. In Canada, Mae quickly got involved with a chapter of the ANC in Canada, now in the full knowledge of "Madiba" and his goals.

As a high school student, she would head down to The Danforth on the weekends to volunteer, send out mailers and literature, organizing people

who had been exiled from the country and generally spreading the word. Her efforts extended into the group Canadians Concerned with Southern Africa who marched among the public to make people aware of Apartheid and press Canada to stand by boycotts of South African products.

"But there was always this dream of this great man someday being released," she says.

When that day finally came in 1990, there was no place Mae and Raz, wanted to be than back on The Danforth with people who had advocated so hard from so far away.

"I can't even describe the emotion and the feeling of thousands of people walking up and down the street in celebration, the tears, the cheers, and the happiness," she recalls. "While being here and helping out at the ANC on the Danforth, meeting all those people in exile, now they could finally go back home, some of them after 40 years, and they could see their parents and their families. It was a dream come true."

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