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SHELBURNE SANTA PARADE 2013 HUGE SUCCESS – What a fabulous turnout for Shelburne's 2013 Santa Claus Parade! What began as a dark and cold evening became an hour and half of fun filled excitement as children and parents alike lined the streets of Shelburne to catch a glimpse of the well lit floats and of course, Santa and his reindeer! To view a short video of Santa and his reindeer at the Santa Claus Parade go to the Shelburne Free Press Facebook page. For additional photo highlights, see **PAGE 2**.

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Budget pared to match OMPF reduction

BY WES KELLER

Shelburne council has been able to avoid a rise in the tax rate for the 2014 year by taking a carving knife to some of the originally budgeted items in a sufficient amount to match the reduction of almost \$80,000 in an estimate of entitlement to its allotment of the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF).

Holding the line on the tax rate does not, however, translate into no increases in the actual dollar amounts of residential taxes.

In fact, because of reassessment, the average change in taxes levied against existing properties will be 1.5% based on the same rate applied to the newly assessed value.

This average change will not be the same for each property. The individual change, up or down or a variance from 1.5%, will depend on each specific change to a new assessment.

Whichever, it could have been worse. The overall budget for 2014 is actually up by about 5%. The revenue, using the same tax rate, will increase by a matching 5%, according to councillor and committee chair Randy Chambers.

Treasurer Carol Sweeney confirmed Tuesday that Shelburne's new growth will generate enough tax to account for the required revenue.

Monday night's reductions in the budgets for about a dozen items resulted in saving of \$79,300 for taxpayers in 2014.

Annual Museum Concert this Sunday

This Sunday, December 8, at 2 p.m. come to the Historic Corbetton Church on the Dufferin Museum & Archives grounds, which has been beautifully decked out in holiday finery, to enjoy seasonal music. Guest performers are always local (and great!) and the music and song will bring back treasured memories of Christmases past. Ticket price includes admission to the Museum, the "Holiday Treasures" art and craft show, and reception complete with yuletide goodies and hot cider. Contact us to purchase or reserve your tickets. Tickets: \$10.

The Dufferin County Museum & Archives is located at 936029 Airport Road – Corner of Highway 89 & Airport Road – in Mulmur.

New electricity rates could be shocking

BY WES KELLER

Ontario homeowners are going to be hard-hit by hikes in electricity costs within and possibly beyond the foreseeable future, according to various mainline news reports and comments on Monday's announcement of the Ontario Long-Term Energy Plan 2013. But it's not entirely cer-

tain just how much it's going to hurt. Estimates of rising costs vary from 36% to 42%. The Sun chose 42% and published a chart which it said was sourced from the Plan.

The chart shows typical family costs of hydro starting at \$125 a month this year, rising to \$137 in 2014, and by about \$12 or \$13 a month until

hitting \$205 monthly in 2030.

In the face of calls from Dufferin County and the townships for a moratorium on wind farm construction, the new plan is to seek proposals from wind companies to provide an additional 600 MW capacity over the next two years.

That's equivalent to three times the capacity of the Melancthon farms 133, 1.5 MW towers. It would be new proposals, in addition to those already contracted but yet to be approved or constructed, such as Dufferin Wind Power.

As expected, however, the Canadian Wind Energy Association (CanWEA) finds that a good thing.

In a news release Tuesday, the association quoted its president as saying, "We agree with the Government of Ontario that new wind energy is a good choice when new electricity supply is required and we look forward to working with the Government to finalize the details of the initial procurement in the first quarter of 2014. "Ontario's wind energy industry is well positioned to provide Ontario with cost competitive and affordable power through this process."

He added that, "Ontario must continue to pursue options that provide reliable electricity, stabilize electricity prices, promote community economic development and protect the environment. Wind energy has proven to be an increasingly favourable option for addressing these important public needs."

Melancthon, apparently a windy township, will have

something like 166 turbines within its boundaries if or when current plans come to fruition. The council is on record as saying it already has more than its share of the towers.

On Tuesday, Mayor Bill Hill hadn't had an opportunity to digest the new Ontario plan, so he declined to make any specific comment on it. "If you want a specific comment, my specific comment is 'no comment'," he said.

CanWEA wasn't alone in lauding the new plan.

In a news release Monday, Enbridge Gas Distribution said it "welcomes Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan (LTEP) and the opportunity to work with the Government and other stakeholders to help ensure that residents and businesses in the province continue to benefit from clean, affordable and reliable natural gas in the future."

Enbridge seized the opportunity to say that it has been part of the energy mix, and has been saving consumers money all along. "A typical residential customer purchasing natural gas supply from Enbridge Gas Distribution is currently saving about \$500 on their total annual natural gas bill compared to what they were paying five years ago," Enbridge said.

Enbridge didn't mention the government's cancellation of two gas plants, but Premier Kathleen Wynne is still trying to live down the political reasons for the cancellations under her predecessor, and the resulting costs to taxpayers – which might be a factor in the rising electricity costs.

Hope for the Holidays helps grieving residents this season



BY EMILY WOOD

The holidays are a time for family. But for many people, the holiday season serves as a difficult reminder of lost loved ones.

In partnership with Drury Funeral Home in Alliston, Kent Funeral Home in Cookstown, and Rod Abrams Funeral Home in Tottenham, Matthews House Hospice hosted their Hope for the Holidays event at the Circle Theatre in Alliston. This was the third year for the event, which brings together grieving members of the community to help them get through this difficult time.

"With all the hype about Christmas and the holidays and all that, it can be really overwhelming on the best of days," says Shannon Pride of Matthews House Hospice. "But even more so when you're grieving because you don't have those people with

you, the ones that you've lost."

Pride says it's especially important to provide support at this time of the year, which can be stressful. As a time of family togetherness, recent losses are not the only ones that make the holidays difficult. People can be reminded of grief for loved ones lost years ago.

"We offer this support to let people know that they're not alone, and that it's okay to feel miserable or down during this cheerful holiday season," says Pride. "It's more of a community togetherness and awareness to bring peace."

The event featured readings and singing performances, and community members were invited to light a candle on the Tree of Remembrance to honour their lost loved ones.

Matthews House Hospice also features year-round bereavement support through structured 8-week sessions or casual drop-ins, as well as groups specialized for bereaved children. For more information contact Matthews House Hospice at 705 435-7218.

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FEATURED ITEMS

County warden will change next week

BY WES KELLER

Mono Mayor Laura Ryan will be hanging up her Dufferin County warden's gavel next Thursday evening, and Melancton Mayor Bill Hill is most likely to take it in hand.

Although anything could happen at next week's "inaugural" meeting when the warden and the committee chairs are chosen, Mayor Hill is believed to be the only member of county council to have advanced his name to succeed Mayor Ryan.

In phone interviews earlier this week, both said the plan should be no surprise.

Ms. Ryan said she had made it clear when elected as warden that she would spend only one year at the helm. Mr. Hill said he had stated upon his 2010 mayoralty election that he would seek the wardenship for 2014.

Ms. Ryan agreed that 2013 has been a year of challenges for the county, but said she has found it rewarding in many ways. It gave her a broader knowledge of the county as a whole, she said, and of the problems facing other municipalities.

As well, she got to know the county's senior staff better, and might have gained a better understanding of the challenges they face. On finances, she said the county used to have a 10 per cent or better discretionary use of its revenues but "now we're lucky if one per cent is discretionary."

One of the major problems Ms. Ryan sees now is infrastructure and the enforced Asset Management Plan.

Another could be the drafting of the county's mandated Official Plan. She would like to see the plan drafted and then fine-tuned. "It would be a living document." She said some residents feel it is being rushed, but the province has set the deadlines for completion.

The major stumbling block in the drafting has been the county's weighted vote. Ms. Ryan said the county should take a cue from what has been done elsewhere with the voting, rather than to reinvent the wheel.

Mr. Hill, who now lives in Melancton, had previously served as a councillor in Shelburne and also as a trustee on the former Dufferin County Board of Education for nine years.

His initial service as a Melancton councillor began in 1998 when he was chosen to fill a councillor vacancy after the death of then-reeve Gordon Oldfield.

He was subsequently elected to the council and, in 2008, assumed the deputy reeveship upon the death of D.C. Broderick.

Then, in 2010, he won the mayoralty in a tight election race with Debbie Fawcett of Horning's Mills.

Although his political and civic background is significantly broad, Mr. Hill said in an interview that he wanted to serve on all county committees prior to becoming warden.

This, he said, will enable him to take the helm with knowledge of all county staff and of the condition of infrastructure and what challenges are being faced.

What happens after 2014?

Neither Mayor Ryan nor Mayor Hill would say whether they plan to seek re-election in October 2014.

Highlights from the 2013 Shelburne Santa Claus Parade



PHOTOS BY ALEX SHER
(L to R) Olivia Muse and her best friend, Avaya Flear, both 7, propped themselves on a snow bank with a warm drink waiting for Shelburne's Santa Clause Parade to start.



(L to R) Sophia Post, 6, Hannah post, 9, and Frances Post, 10, were a family of smiles waiting for Santa to arrive in Shelburne's 2013 Santa Claus Parade!



(L to R) Emeray and Jacob Broderick eagerly awaited the start of Shelburne's Santa Parade.

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Local rock band raising money to record their first album



PHOTOS SUBMITTED

ROCK AND ROLL – Motion Device is a rock and roll band with an unusual roster. Lead singer Sara Menoudakis (11), keyboardist and bass player Andrea Menoudakis (16), drummer David Menoudakis (14), guitarist Josh Marrocco (19) and guitarist Alex Defrancesco (19).



DROP THE BEAT – Andrea (16) plays her six-string bass at Nathan Phillips Square during the 2013 Scotiabank Toronto Marathon.



ROCKING OUT – Lead singer Sara (11) rocks out with sister Andrea (16), keyboardist and bassist live at the 2013 Muskoka Ribfest and Boat Show.

BY EMILY WOOD

Bolton rock band Motion Device is looking to bring rock and roll back into the music scene with their first album, and they've turned to their fans to help them do it.

But this is no ordinary rock band, they're family. Literally, related. Lead singer Sara is just 11, drummer David, 14, is her brother and six-string bass and keyboard player, Andrea, 16, is her older sister. Also part of the band is their cousin Josh, 19, on guitar. The other guitarist is not related by blood, but old family friend Alex, 19, is as close as family.

They describe their music as traditional rock and roll, even borderline metal music, with lyrics that explore what they think are important issues in the world. Not only do their lyrics explore the influx of meaningless pop music, but they also address political issues.

Motion Device has also recorded several covers of well known rock songs, including Dream Theater's "Sacrificed Sons" and Alice Cooper's "School's Out". Both covers were recognized and praised by the original artists themselves. Most recently the band has had its biggest response to a cover when they performed Black Sabbath's "Heaven and

Hell" on Youtube and the video was posted on late Black Sabbath singer Ronnie James Dio's facebook.

But Motion Device recognizes that they are one of the few bands around still creating music in this genre.

"Rock is dying a slow death. It's never been the biggest genre," says John Menoudakis, band manager and father to the three youngest band members. Menoudakis works in production for the Shelburne Free Press.

Ultimately, they want to avoid becoming pop artists. But their genre makes it difficult to break into the music world, one that's littered with hip hop, pop and rap singers.

Menoudakis says popular music today uses everything from auto-tune vocals to half naked dancers on stage in order to get the band noticed. That's not what they're interested in, and that's exactly why Motion Device has decided to self-record their debut EP.

"I want to take the role of taking them under my wing and protect them from what the music industry is doing," says Menoudakis.

By recording themselves, the band retains full control of the lyrics, music and image of the band. The final product will be exactly what they want



LIVE EXPERIENCE – Motion Device plays live at the 2013 Piloros Taste of the Danforth in the summer.

it to be, and the message they intended to send will remain intact. They also avoid the risk of a producer separating young Sara from the band as a solo artist because of her unique ability.

They expect having an album out will also get them recognized as the serious and devoted band they are. Motion Device has been together for three years, and has practiced for three hours every Tuesday since then. Band members also practice individually for at least an hour every day.

They had their radio debut in February, 2012 on Q107 and have performed at the Scotiabank BuskerFest twice, the Toronto Marathon at Nathan Phillips Square and several rib fests. Motion Device has also appeared on CTV Canada A.M., Rogers T.V., and CHCH T.V. Morning Live.

But recording an album is expensive, so Motion Device has turned to Kickstarter. It's a website devoted entirely to helping art projects get funding. The band has posted their project there to generate financial support, as well as interest and awareness for their project.

They must raise at least \$8,750 by Monday, January 6 to collect the funds from Kickstarter. So far they have raised

more than half of that, but they are still asking for help to raise the rest and be able to start the rock revolution they are dreaming of.

Take a look at their Kickstarter project by visiting www.kickstarter.com and searching Motion Device Debut EP. The page also has performance footage of some of their original material.

The Gardener's Corner: succulents simplified



BY JUDITH ROGERS

If you've ever had hens and chicks in your garden, you know how easy they are to grow and multiply. They're one of the many varieties of plants described in the book 'Succulents Simplified' by Debra Lee Baldwin. She feels succulents are seductive in their easy care maintenance and by switching to them for houseplants, one can go away for two weeks at a time without worrying about having a neighbour water. The fleshier a succulent, the longer it can, and should go between waterings. Outdoors, succulents grow well in containers and can therefore be moved to shelter if needed.

Many succulents such as echeverias, sempervivums, aeoniums and graptopetalums have rosette shapes resembling flowers but there is a whole host of shapes, textures and patterns available.

Some plants have edible or herbal properties such as the gel of aloe vera which has been used to soothe sunburn, prickly pear cactus pads that can be eaten raw or cooked and dragon fruit, a tropical vining cactus. Tequila agave when the plants are about to bloom, they're cut back so sugars will concentrate to be extracted as a liquid to ferment and be distilled to produce tequila.

Baldwin is passionate about succulents and the many coloured photos show rainbows of hues and bizarre shapes that inspire a gardener to collect them. The author

lives just outside of San Diego with a climate suited to growing succulents but the sections in the book on growing them as houseplants will give plenty of ideas for us with snow covered winters to grow them in our homes.

A large glass trifle bowl can look magnificent with different colours of sand layers topped by gravel and rock amid a few select succulents. Containers that don't have a drainage hole should be watered sparingly with distilled water so salts don't build up in the soil. Those with holes, need the salt leached through by thoroughly running water through the pot and out the bottom, as you would do with any houseplant.

Recommendations for potting, including soil mix, propagating and refreshing tired looking, overgrown containers are covered with easy to follow directions. As is troubleshooting for pests and diseases.

The section on repurposed containers and collectibles offers concepts as brilliant as using mint tins for a mini garden. The projects showcasing succulents include a cakestand centerpiece, living picture vertical gardens, dish gardens and hanging baskets. A topiary sphere shows how to glue a hundred hens and chicks into a masterpiece. Lastly, directions to make a bridal bouquet and corsage or boutonniere are given, and they are awesome. The last chapter lists 100 easy-care succulents with photos and care for each.

Baldwin has written two other books on succulents and shares more about the plants and events she is attending on her Facebook page also called Succulents Simplified. If you want to go beyond growing hens and chicks, this book is a must for exciting creativity.

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The Giving Back Project – an update

BY WENDY GABREK
I am very proud to say that we have connected 6 families this Christmas through our 1st Annual 'The Giving Back Project' initiative.

That is 12 different families in total that will wake up Christmas morning and know the true meaning of the holidays.

Although our program reg-

istration is now closed, we feel good about what we've accomplished – understanding where we went right and what we could do to improve the Project next year.

The things I am most proud of, with regard to The Giving Back Project – a system that connects families in need with families living in abundance – are: we did not make anyone

qualify their need for help. We did not scrutinize their T4 slip or make them prove their case. All they needed to do to get approved was simply ask. Of the giving families, I am most proud of the sheer willingness to give. Who do you know that's in need? How can I help? When can I get started? Is all they would ask.

In a letter from one family,

a single mother with a few small children, she said, "This Christmas, when my children ask, I can honestly tell them that there REALLY is a Santa Claus".

I don't think I've ever felt more proud. Proud of the connectivity this newspaper allows for and proud to live in a society that believes in Giving Back.

Good riddance Rob Ford

Dear editor:

It takes a certain type of person to stand by Rob Ford. Typically Blue Collar, hard working, part of the shrinking middle class. This type of person is being slighted by what seems like a continual deluge of not so fair by-laws, taxes, public transit woes and the list goes on.

They are the kind of people that feel they are continually unrepresented in city council as well as Queenspark. This, is how Mr. Ford pandered to 'Ford Nation'. "Stop the gravy train, look at all these entitled people making all this money and STILL demanding perks!". Thank-you Ford for eliminating the donut and coffee table from council meetings (that was definitely at the top of my list).

Not since Mel Lastman have we seen a man who seems more in tune with the needs of the middle class. But what has he done so far to ease the pains of said group? Ford and his brother Ford 2.0 continually claim they have saved the city millions. Actually, Ford 2.0 claimed to CNN's Bill Weir that it was billions. You don't see Ford Nation correcting that

mis-information do you? But when you scrutinize the numbers, Fords math is all smoke and mirrors. He abolished the vehicle registration tax and in the same breath he voted to raise property taxes by 1.6 percent. He has claimed to be one of the first Mayor's to maintain a balanced budget and cut off the infamous "Gravy Train". However, the city of Toronto is required by law to operate within a balanced budget, and that has been a law in the books since 1922.

He represents himself as an everyman's man, just another Joe Blow planting his butt down at the bar after another hard day at work. Taking on all those privileged and entitled people unlike himself is hard work right? Let's clarify the facts. The Ford brothers were raised in a very privileged family themselves. Doug Ford Sr. founded a company that maintained sales of just over 100 million at the time of his death. This legacy has been passed on to Ford and Ford 2.0. Rob had been working as a city councillor for 10 years before being elected Mayor, at which time his brother entered the political ring replacing Rob as

councillor for the same area. A part of the people? I think not. Part of the politico, duping the common guy into thinking he is out for their interests? Most definitely.

So who is this media frenzy helping? The Fords of course! What better way to distract from the blatant fool-doggery that Ford uses against his own constituents. He knows that none of us are going to do more than breeze through the papers formulating our opinions from sound bites and article headlines. On one side, we have Ford Nation crying foul, shame on the media, attacking our own. On the other side, we have the unrepresented liberal middle class crying foul, shame on Ford, how dare he air his dirty laundry in public and embarrass our city.

We are all missing the point. The democratically elected Mayor has been found to be colluding with known drug dealers, known crime organizations, showing up drunk to public events (not to mention the fact that he DROVE HIMSELF to these events). He has been recorded smoking crack, using homophobic slurs, making sexist comments and even a crazy rant about how he would kill someone as of yet

unmentioned while extremely 'inebriated'.

This is no longer an issue of right vs left, blue collar vs white, elite vs have-nots and certainly has nothing to do with weight, race, or sexuality. But Ford and Ford 2.0 love when people take that angle. That way they can continue to milk the tax payer for their salaries, associate with shady characters and make back room deals with little to no concern for the public.

Good riddance I say, now let's get back to city hall business. Let's find someone to make city council work together instead of polarize and divide them.

Darren Leblanc, Innisfil

Word on the Street

We asked: "What do you really want for Christmas?"



"I really want an iPad."
– Brianna Garrett



"Just to be happy and maybe a new car."
– Shelley Belanger



"I want a lot of sugar cookies. I wait all year for the Pillsbury sugar cookies."
– Cassandra Silverberg



"I want to protect endangered species like turtles."
– Emma Rodriguez

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THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

If you lived in Toronto, would you vote for Rob Ford in the next election?

a. Yes
b. No

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Results from last week's poll:

Do you support rocker Jon Bon Jovi bringing the Buffalo Bills north of the border?

a) Yes

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b) No

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Community Liaison Committee

We're Listening!

Dufferin Wind Power Inc. is making long-term investments in Ontario's green energy future and is seeking your participation. DWPI received Renewable Energy Approval from the Ministry of the Environment on June 10, 2013 for its wind power project in Dufferin County. The project will generate 91.4 megawatts of wind power, enough to power between 20,500 and 28,000 households per year. This notice is the first step in establishing a Community Liaison Committee (CLC) to provide a venue for meaningful and ongoing discussion between the project team and community members.

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. This will be an opportunity for approximately 20 selected CLC members to:

- 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.

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Community Commitments

Includes reference to CETA and supply management

BY WES KELLER

Canadian beef and pork producers might have felt a bit jittery when U.S. food giant Tyson Foods Inc. announced it would no longer buy slaughtered beef from Canada because of the high costs of the Country of Origin Labelling (COOL), but Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz has promised retaliation against COOL if other processors follow suit.

That might sound a bit like the tail wagging the dog, but some will recall that the USDA backed off a plan for inspection warehouses at border crossings because of Agriculture Canada's opposition on the eve of the signing of the original Free Trade Agreement.

And, according to Mr. Ritz, there is a long list of U.S. exports to Canada, with a value of about \$2.2-billion, that could be subject to retaliation – provided that the World Trade Organization approves.

According to the Canadian Press, those products include cattle, pigs, cheese, pasta, some fruits and vegetables, chocolate and maple syrup, 38 products in all.

Implementation of COOL has not only proven costly in terms of the labelling but also cumbersome in terms of production interruptions. Mr. Ritz told CP that Canada "has industry allies within the U.S., including the American Association of Meat Processors, along with other industry players, who have sought a court injunction in U.S. federal court against the implementation of the labelling requirements."

He is quoted as saying that 100 senators and congressmen have also signed on to support the industry-led court action.

Meantime, there's also a faint hope that the current U.S. farm bill, now before Congress, will fix the legislation and end the discrimination against Canadian and Mexican meat in the U.S.

In other current international farm-related issues, MP David Tilson says the Canada Europe Trade Agreement (CETA) is not going to impact Canadian supply management.

Mr. Tilson has served several years on the committee that devised CETA.

"I have spoken with Gerry Ritz, and he has assured me that supply management will not be disturbed."

He added that the continuation of supply management has been part of the agreement.

The stance on a quota system is likely good news for those who are already producing within the system, and quotas are said to be worth more than the acreage on which dairy products, chickens and so forth are produced.

But it might not be good news for young farmers trying to break into the supply managed farm industries.

Already, in fact, there is a move afoot among independent chicken growers in opposition to controls.

Orangeville Community Band

• Saturday, December 7: Make your shopping experience extra festive as the Orangeville Community Band plays your favourite holiday tunes! Bring the kids out to dance along and maybe even join in the music making before they visit Santa. A great way to get in the Christmas spirit! A free Christmas concert will be held from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Orangeville Mall in the food court area. For more information visit www.orangevillecommunityband.ca

Local police, local high school and the mighty moustache! Movember comes to a close



PHOTOS BY ALEX SHER

Phys-ed teacher Kristen Henry and history teacher, Eric Zeidler showed their school spirit as they participated in Centre Dufferin District High School's teacher versus student volleyball game raising money for 'Movember' in the fight against prostate cancer.



(L to R) Setting the tone of excitement in the air, band members for a day, Grade 9 student, Vincent Halis, phys-ed teacher Stan Karabela, Grade 10 student, Koen Leliveld, phys-ed teacher P.J. Kings and Grade 10 student, Matt Jones, rocked the C.D.D.H.S. gymnasium showing their support participating in Movember festivities that raised approximately \$1,000 in combination with Shelburne Police Department.



Centre Dufferin District High School teachers Matthew Rush and Jane Godbold helped organize the high school's participation in 'Movember' which resulted in a day of school spirit raising money towards the fight against prostate cancer.



Shelburne Police joined forces with Centre Dufferin District High School in the fight against prostate cancer raising \$1,000, and finishing 'Movember' off with a public shaving event. Samantha Kicks had the honor of shaving Constable Darryll Rutledge and Constable Corey Courtney.



BY ALEX SHER

"Movember" is the cause which raises money each November to help in the fight against men's prostate cancer by sponsoring men to grow mustaches for the entire month. Each year organizations are finding new ways to raise money and this year was no exception as the Shelburne Police Department paired up with Centre Dufferin District High School to raise money in a new and exceptionally fun way in addition to growing mustaches for the month.

As November came to an end, CDDHS was the place to be to shave mustaches, play volleyball- teachers versus students, and enjoy the music. Women couldn't be left out of this worthy cause and this year several female teachers daily auctioned their face to be the canvass of a new mustache and the student who won the bid, got to paint the mustache

on the teacher's face for the day.

Other female teachers and students donned fake mustaches and together with the Shelburne Police department, CDDHS can celebrate their Movember efforts yielding a whopping \$1,000 in contributions for the cause.

Constable Darryl Rutledge first contacted the high school

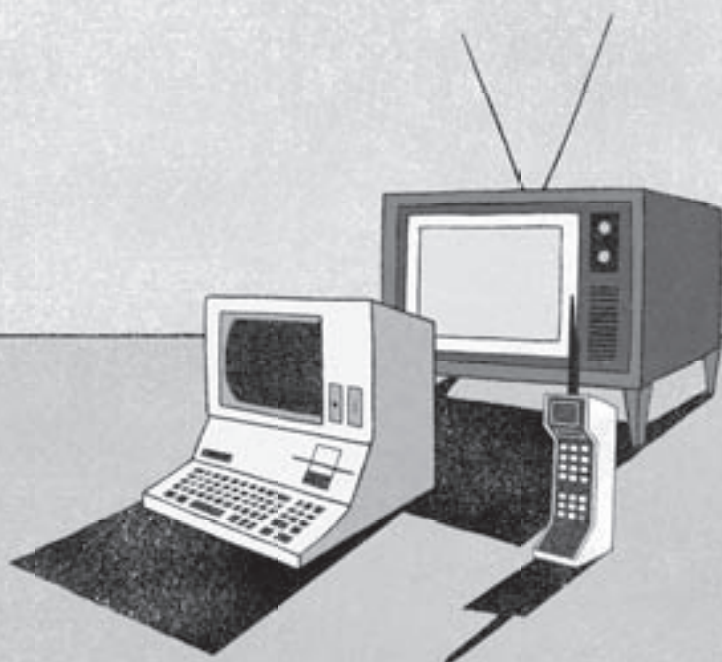
who immediately and eagerly participated as Teacher, Matthew Rush commented, "We'll definitely do this again next year. It's such an important cause."

Rutledge couldn't be more pleased with the amount raised. "I set a goal of \$1,000 and we reached it. I'm very pleased with that. I'll definitely do this again next year."

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SLOW DOWN: Always drive according to weather conditions. Keep a safe distance between you and the vehicle in front of you to avoid

having to brake suddenly.

STAY IN CONTROL: Make sure you know how to handle your vehicle in all weather conditions. Keep windows and lights clear of frost, ice and snow.

Remember to be Road-Ready and Weather-Wise

- Make sure your vehicle is winter ready. Keep a winter survival kit in your vehicle.

- Listen to the radio for road and weather updates and check conditions before leaving.

- Plan extra time to get to

your destination and consider delaying your trip in bad weather.

- Notify a friend or family member of your destination and anticipated arrival time.

- Watch for the flashing lights of winter maintenance vehicles.

- When approaching winter maintenance vehicles from behind, slow down, stay back and be patient. DO NOT PASS around or between them.

- Move over for emergency vehicles

Deer hunting season is open

Monday December 2nd was opening day for some controlled deer hunts and muzzleloader deer seasons across much of Southern and Central Ontario. The Ontario Conservation Officers Association (OCA) wants to take this opportunity to remind hunters to always practice safe and responsible hunting.

All hunters are responsible to ensure they are always handling firearms in a safe manner at all times. "Safe use of firearms can't be stressed enough" says OCA President Joe McCambridge. "All hunters heading out need to remember to practice safe firearm handling at all times".

The OCA would like remind all hunters to remember ACTS and PROVE:

- Assume every firearm is loaded

- Control the muzzle direction at all times

- Trigger finger must be kept off the trigger and out of the trigger guard

- See that the firearm is unloaded – prove it safe

- Point the firearm in the safest available direction

- Remove all ammunition

- Observe the chamber

- Verify the feeding path

- Examine the bore

"We want everyone to have an enjoyable hunt and by remembering these safety rules we can ensure that the sport of hunting will continue to be enjoyed by all outdoors people in Ontario" concludes McCambridge.

Anyone with information

about a natural resources or public safety related offence is encouraged to call the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources violation reporting line at 1-877-TIPS-MNR (847-7667), contact their local CO directly, or call Crime Stoppers at 1800-222-TIPS (8477).

Resident falls victim to Internet scam

On Wednesday, October 30, at 11 a.m., Grey County OPP received a fraud complaint after a Meaford resident was defrauded of \$1836 in what is known as the "Microsoft Scam". More online...



PHOTO BY DEBBIE FREEMAN

STUFF A CRUISER – Shelburne police officers Dennis Jeronimo and Catlin Conner, accepting donations of food, toys and money, for the needy at Christmas. They spent four hours outside Shelburne's Foodland store on Saturday November 30th in the freezing cold to accept donations from the public. All donations will be given to the local Salvation Army, Shepherds Foodbank and Dufferin Child & Family Services.

Prowling the highways and byways for 100 years



PHOTOS BY BRIAN LOCKHART

100 YEARS OF MOTORING – Clarence Moore takes the drivers seat of his 1914 Ford Model T at Trillium Ford Lincoln Ltd. in Alliston last week. Mr. Moore inherited the car, which has been continuously operational for 100 years, from his grandfather who bought it brand new in Creemore.

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

In 1914, Clarence Moore's grandfather, William Ingles bought a brand new Ford Model T sedan.

Most likely, he was the envy of the town as he cruised the Main street in his new state-of-the-art horseless carriage.

Few people had an automobile back then.

It was black of course. As automobile baron, Henry Ford said, "Any customer can have

a car painted any colour that he wants so long as it is black"

It wasn't that Ford disliked other colours, the new assembly process used black as it was the fastest drying paint.

Most cars eventually just wore out and were relegated to the scrap heap or stored in an old barn - only to be rediscovered and restored years later.

This car, however, was special.

Mr. Moore's grandfather

liked his Model T so much, he kept up the maintenance and drove it right up until 1952 – two years before his death.

Mr. Moore inherited the car in 1954.

"He bought it brand new in Creemore for \$600," Mr. Moore explained. "When he passed away, he willed it to me."

The car has been restored over the years as some things wear out. The seats have been re-upholstered and a new convertible top was added to re-

place the old one, but the body, engine, and frame work are all the original.

Mr. Moore demonstrated how you place the old car into gear with three pedals on the floor, a gear shift to change gears, and the throttle on the steering wheel.

You really get a sense of how old this car is when you see there are coal oil fuelled lamps attached to the sides of the car and the head lights need to be lit with a match to get them going.



A century old Ford Model T takes centre spot in the Trillium Ford showroom in Alliston. The antique automobile has been continuously run and maintained since being purchased brand new in 1914, and kept in the same family for the past 100 years. Ford owner Clarence Moore, who inherited the car from his grandfather in 1954, receives a certificate of recognition from Notriga Kasad, Ford District Sales Manager, during a special visit to the Ford dealership.

The powerplant is a four cylinder motor that uses 30 weight oil – a lubricant so thick it is like molasses and would choke a modern car to death.

Mr. Moore doesn't use the Model T as his regular mode of transportation of course, but he says it's a great summer ride.

"It rides very smooth," he said, "It's very easy on the road because it's such a light car."

It's not the kind of car you drive every day, but when it is taken out on the road, it turns heads.

"One of my favourite rides was when my daughter got married 28 years ago and we

used it in the wedding," Mr. Moore said."

The Ford Motor Company was so impressed that one of their automobiles has been running for a century, they presented Mr. Moore with a certificate of recognition in the showroom at Trillium Ford in Alliston to commemorate the car's 100 years on the road.

While a vintage automobile like this is priceless in the eyes of car enthusiasts, this car will be staying in the family.

"I will pass this down to my grandson, who is now 15 years old," explained Mr. Moore.

With a little TLC and regular maintenance, this automobile could be on the road for another 100 years.

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FLU CLINIC SHELBURNE – Lois Netzki, right, receives her flu protection from Nurse Darlene Foster of Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health as the first in line at Tuesday's Mel Lloyd Centre clinic. It didn't faze Ms. Foster that there was no long line awaiting their turn. She said the immunization has also been provided at the Shelburne Centre for Health, practically next door on the same floor under the same roof, and at both in-town pharmacies.



Coming up at the Shelburne Public Library

If I could fill this whole column with Thank yous, this would be the time. Thank you, thank you, thank you to all our generous donors for the incredible selection of items, the original paintings and artwork, collector items and gift certificates from local businesses and so much more. A big thank you also to the many supporters who came in and purchased items to support this fundraiser for our collection purchases.

We do have a few Book Gift Baskets left and they are still available for purchase, Not bad considering we had 35 for sale this year. We receive so many almost new and very current, prize winning books some of which we add to our collection and some of which I will combine into thematic, affordable and gift worthy baskets. They make great hostess, housewarming, and holiday gift baskets. We will include great little gift items in the baskets to further enhance their appeal.

Children's Christmas Craft Program: On Saturday, December 14th from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., 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.

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:

- In falling snow by Mary-Rose MacColl
- The long shadow by Liza Marklund
- The secret of Ella and Micha by Jessica Sorensen
- Bastion by Mercedes Lackey
- Doing hard time by Stuart Woods
- We are water by Wally Lamb
- The silence and the roar by Nihad Sirees
- Accused by Lisa Scottolini
- The last dark by Stephen R. Donaldson
- Christmas bliss by Mary Kay Andrews
- The Luminaries by Eleanor Catton

Non fiction:

- The sweetness of a simple life by Diana Beresford-Kroeger
- Writing on the wall by Tom Standage
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Ontario SPCA launches 'iAdopt for the Holidays'

The Ontario SPCA is pleased to announce the launch of their new adoption campaign, "iAdopt for the Holidays" (www.iadopt.ca); the goal of the campaign is to get as many animals into new homes over the holiday season as possible. iAdopt for the Holidays is running from November 1, 2013, to December 31, 2013.

Since more families bring a new pet home during the holiday season than at any other time of the year, the Society is making the process easier than ever for new pet parents. All dogs, cats, puppies and kittens adopted during iAdopt for the Holidays will go home with an adoption kit. Included in each kit are tips to help

make the pet's transition into their forever home as easy as possible for both pets and pet parents. Cat adoption fees are \$99 at Ontario SPCA Branches across the province throughout the duration of the campaign. "It's important to educate the public on the importance of pet adoption," says Tanya

Firmage, Director of Animal Welfare & Operations. "We would like to see as many animals as possible find their forever homes this holiday season and iAdopt for the Holidays is a great way to make this happen." To learn more about iAdopt for the Holidays, please visit www.iadopt.ca

Service providers review proposed inspection station changes for 2015



PHOTO BY ALEX SHER

Auto Service Providers from Shelburne and the surrounding area gathered at Napa Auto Pro Auto Centre on November 26th for a question and answer period with Ministry of Transportation's Enforcement Officer, Glenn McKee to discuss Motor Vehicle Inspection Station proposed revisions that will take effect in 2015.

BY ALEX SHER

Napa Auto Pro Auto Centre in Shelburne was the host to a very important group of people as fellow Auto Service Providers gathered for a question and answer period on proposed upcoming changes with regards to Motor Vehicle Inspections Stations (MVIS) rules and regulations. Ministry of Transportation's Enforcement Officer, Glenn McKee was on hand to discuss the many changes that will be enforced as of 2015 and also took many questions regarding present rules and regulations.

So dedicated to their community, approximately 25 shops from both local and surrounding areas were represented at the meeting taking part in the second annual gathering in almost four years.

Owner of Napa Auto Pro Auto Centre, Steve Bowles explained, "We feel it's an honor to be part of the Ministry of Transportation's pledge to safety. It's important to us to keep very involved with the M.T.O, upcoming changes they may have and it's important for Certified Inspection Stations to have a personal relationship with their local enforcement officer. It's very convenient to address many auto service providers at one time and a great opportunity for all involved."

"Since we've been doing this, and this is only our sec-

ond time, only good things have come of it. This way, we all get to learn from each other," commented Enforcement Officer Glenn McKee. "Some Technicians bring questions to us indicating situations we might not be aware of and that helps," McKee explained. "Creating an environment like this meeting where Technicians can ask much needed questions creates camaraderie of curiosity and Technicians are far more comfortable calling the office to check on something. Every ten years rules and regulations get amended and it's up to every shop to know about upgrades so I encourage everyone to call and err on the side of caution."

The stakes are serious and quite high as falsified certifications are not only worthy of charges, blatant disregard for safety can cost people their lives. According to McKee, the economy also affects people's decisions to get their vehicles certified, playing a huge role in many trying to get an extra month out of a vehicle's tires especially, and sadly this can result in traffic violations if caught and more importantly death if an accident occurs. McKee points out the arrival of winter weather is the time to make certain tires are road worthy. As Christmas approaches, many forget their family's safety is the best gift

this time of year can afford and the industry of Service Providers often sees much needed repairs being put off until January.

The MTO relies on Auto Service Providers to be the best they can be to ensure the vehicle they have deemed safe, is indeed safe, and if they come across a vehicle they are unable to provide a safety in the interest of keeping the public safe and notify them of the vehicle's specific details to watch for.

There are many kinds of every day heroes and as the public places their lives in the hands of Auto Service Providers every day, it's comforting

to know they take their jobs seriously standing united, working together with the Ministry of Transportation to help keep their communities safe. From lights, to darkened windows, trailers, vans, air bags, brakes, steering and tires, the reason these local safety professional heroes gathered to discuss these important issues is simple as McKee explains, "All of this is to keep the roads safe and people safe, that's the bottom line. Changes are coming and they are all for the good."

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SHELBURNE SPORTS



PHOTOS BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Wolves Atom LL2 team battle it out with the team from Collingwood at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex over the weekend. Shelburne minor hockey is in full swing right through to the new year.



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PLAYER OF THE GAME – Shelburne Wolves Atom Local League #2 player Andrew Bruce was named the 'Player of the Game' on Saturday, November 30th against Collingwood #1. The final score was tied, 2-2.

Wolves Novice Rep having tough season – but still having fun!



PHOTOS BY BRIAN LOCKHART

WOLVES WIN SOME, LOSE SOME – The Shelburne Wolves Novice Rep team take on the squad from Flesherton on Sunday afternoon at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex. The Wolves took a loss a day after winning in their first weekend game against Coldwater.



BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Despite a loss to Flesherton on Sunday, a show of hands in the dressing room after the game gave a 100 per cent thumbs up to the satisfaction of a young team who still enjoys the game despite losing more than they have won this season.

The Shelburne Wolves Novice Rep team may not be on the plus side, but they are do-

ing well for a squad that had to scramble to get a team together this season.

The squad went up against Coldwater on Saturday and had a come from behind win in the final frame.

"We came from behind - it was a 4-1 game. It was 4-1 in third and we came back and beat them 5-4, so that was really good," said coach Dean Baird.

The Novice division has a few very strong teams this season including the Flesherton team who are in the top two of the division.

The Wolves have several new players and are still in a learning curve mode when it comes to playing against some of the squads with more experienced talent.

"We're getting a lot better," Baird said. "We're starting to play our positions and learning puck control. Positioning has been our biggest thing. At that age group they want to funnel to the puck."

Novice players are all eight years old.

"With our group we just need to develop the team. The wins and losses don't really matter a whole lot at this age. The parents are actually commenting how they can see an improvement with the team."

At the Novice level, just being out there and playing is the big plus for the squad.

"I asked them if they all had fun, and they all put up their hand," Baird said. "I enjoy it, I just love coaching them. They're getting better, they're developing, their having fun."

The loss to Flesherton on Sunday was just another experience for a team that is getting through the season, learning, and having fun playing the game.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



Name: JOE WOOLLETT
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Position: GOALIE

For Shelburne Wolves Bantam LL1 goalie Joe Woollett, being in net is the best position on the ice.

"For me, it's a lot more fun than playing out," he said.

He has been a goalie for the past three years.

"My first year in Pee-wee, I played out, then I switched to goalie. I like taking the shots - that's fun for me."

The 14 year-old Centre

Dufferin District High School student has played soccer in the past but prefers to be on the ice.

He also plays for the local Bantam Rep team.

"I like the physical play of it really," Joe said of why he likes life on the ice, "and the fun of skating around with the puck."

"The team aspect is also a lot of fun," Joe said, saying he likes being a part of a team.

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Sunday, Dec. 8th

Novice Rep vs Georgian Shore.....2:00pm – 3:05pm
Tyke LL3 vs Dundalk.....3:15pm – 4:20pm
Midget LL1 vs Collingwood.....7:15pm – 8:55pm

Monday, Dec. 9th

Tyke LL2 vs Flesherton.....7:00pm – 7:50pm
Pewee LL2 vs Georgian Shores.....8:00pm – 9:00pm

For complete schedule please visit www.shelburneminorhockey.com

(Schedule and game times are subject to change.)

Expansion plan moves ahead with endorsement from Central LHIN



PHOTO SUBMITTED

WE'RE BEHIND THE GROWTH – A group of staff, volunteers, physicians and Board Directors from Stevenson Memorial Hospital gathered at a new billboard on hospital property recently, to show their support for a plan to expand the emergency department, operating rooms, laboratories and diagnostic imaging department. The proposal submitted by the hospital last January received an endorsement from the Central Local Health Integration Network Board of Directors on Tuesday, a step that hospital President and CEO Annette Jones calls “a significant step forward” in the process.

Stevenson Memorial Hospital’s expansion plan has cleared a hurdle in the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care’s capital planning process, receiving an endorsement from the Central Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) Board of Directors.

The LHIN Board endorsed the Pre Capital Submission (Schedule A) project that includes the expansion of the Emergency Department, Operating Rooms, Laboratory and Diagnostic Imaging departments at Stevenson. That support will now be communicated to the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC).

“This is a tremendous accomplishment and I believe it reflects the hard work that has been done over the past two years,” said Annette Jones, President and CEO at Stevenson. “The endorsement of the first stage of our project by the Central LHIN is very good news for the hospital and the

community. Further approvals will be needed from the Ministry and the LHIN at future stages, however, now that the LHIN is officially behind the expansion project, I believe we have taken a significant step forward in the process.”

Stevenson submitted its Pre-Capital Submission – Part A in respect to the redevelopment project to the LHIN for review last January and endorsement received this week from the LHIN Board of Directors was required in order to move the project forward. The hospital will now complete the Pre-Capital Submission – Part B (Physical and Costs Elements) within the next few weeks, seeking approval from the Ministry.

The current facility, located on Fletcher Crescent, was built in 1964 with a 4,000 square-foot Emergency Department designed to accommodate 7,000 visits per year. In 2012, the number of emergency department visits

reached 29,888. That number is expected to top 30,000 visits this year.

Also, the catchment area of Stevenson Memorial Hospital is identified by the Province as an area of high growth both currently and in the future and includes a higher percentage of seniors than other Ontario communities. Growth has a significant impact on Stevenson’s Emergency Department in terms of increasing numbers of patients seeking treatment in the more urgent classification categories.

“Our community has simply outgrown the aging facility, and it is clear that we have broad public support for both this proposal and the fundraising effort that will be required to make it a reality,” Jones said. “A new Emergency Department continues to be this community’s number one priority,” she added, referring to an extensive period of community engagement conducted by the hospital prior to the

Pre-Capital submission.

The Emergency Department is the “most relied upon and essential service” at Stevenson, accounting for over 50 per cent of total visits to the hospital.

Other hospital emergency facilities are more than 45 minutes away, and there is no public transit within or between communities. The current population of the catchment area is now greater than 55,000 and is projected to reach 90,000 by 2031.

“Our staff is doing a tremendous job, and through their hard work and minor renovations completed over the past four years to improve patient flow, Stevenson now has the second shortest wait times out of 74 high volume emergency departments across this province,” Jones said. “We are extremely proud of that accomplishment, but we also realize there is simply no more room to expand our ER within the existing building.”

Samsung turns sod on 250MW green energy project

BY WES KELLER

Not everyone in Ontario is opposing the development of wind farms.

In Haldimand County, Samsung has just turned sod for a \$1-billion, 250 MW wind and solar installation, comprising 67 turbines and a 736-acre “solar park.”

The project, expected to employ 1,200 persons during construction, was enabled in part by county council’s vote a few years ago to make the county a “green hub,” the Simcoe Reformer reported recently, as well as Samsung’s controversial agreement to invest \$5-billion in renewable energy in the province.

The 1,200 employment figure includes those employed at the Tillsonburg’s Siemens rotary blade plant, a facility that might have been built because of the now-outlawed Made-in-Ontario provision. That provision was recently ruled invalid by the World Trade Organization.

The energy park is close to Port Maitland, well within the disputed Haldimand Tract. As such, it required approval by the Six Nations, which reportedly drove a hard bargain to collect \$65-million over the next 20 years.

This might generally equate with the total to be collected by the county over 20 years. County Mayor Ken Hewitt said the county’s Community

Vibrancy Fund will received \$1-million annually, similar to the amenities payments received by Amaranth and Melancthon for the 200 MW Canadian Hydro/TransAlta wind farm. But Haldimand should also be receiving taxes, capped at assessments of \$40,000 per MW capacity.

The RCAF museum near the site is also a beneficiary of sorts. In return for ceding its landing/takoff rights at an airstrip, it received an authentic 1940 NA 64 Yale fighter-train-

er. An inscription on the side says the plane “starr(e)d” in the movie Captain of the Clouds with James Cagney, according to the Reformer.

The Reformer reported that South Korea’s consul general, Chung Kwang-Kyan, was part of the sod turning for the project, along with Samsung Vice-President Jung Soo Kim.

It quoted the consul-general as saying, “The Korean government is paying great attention to Samsung C&T as one of the greatest economic

co-operation projects between Korea and Ontario.”

Wells produces second area pictorial book

BY WES KELLER

Noted photographer Donna Wells captured the natural beauty of north Dufferin in her depiction of landscape that a mega-quarry would have torn asunder, and used the photos for her first local publication.

The experience of exploring the countryside convinced the “part-time Dufferin resident” that the vista of the whole watershed area is worth preserving and inspired her to produce a second photographic publication.

She is calling the current publication “Watershed Communities of the Headwaters Region,” and has covered a lot of ground in the 98 pages of full-colour photos, many with a single photo but others with two or as many as four.

She says she toured and took photos, “several hundred,” between June and September 2012 for the production of this book.

Commenting on her first book, “Landscapes and the proposed Mega-Quarry,” she says in her introduction, she says she was surprised that The Highland Companies had said the area “did not exhibit a complete or intact cultural landscape of significance.”

Donna, who holds a PhD, is a retired academic with a residence in Toronto and a farm in Dufferin. Her daughter Sarah, who penned commentaries for the book, is a lawyer and human rights activist.

Donna trained with several famous Canadian photographers to hone her photographic fine arts capabilities and has attended at least one National Geographic workshop in Washington, D.C. She is a member of Dufferin Arts Council, Dufferin County Museum, Bruce Trail Conservancy, and several digital photography clubs in Toronto.

Anyone wishing to purchase a copy of the new book can order directly from Donna at donnawells1@mac.com. The cost is \$50, she said in an email.

Supplies might be limited but, “I will request printing on an as ordered basis,” she said.



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Donna Wells displays a page in her new pictorial book depicting Shelburne at Fiddle Time. The book is the second in a series to preserve views of the watershed communities for posterity.



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McGugan, Patricia Francis Elizabeth

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The family will receive friends at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne on Saturday from 12-2 p.m. Funeral service in the funeral home chapel on Saturday, December 7, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. If desired, donations to the Hospital for Sick Children would be appreciated.

DEATHS



Pirrie, Lily

Peacefully at Dufferin Oaks, Shelburne on Sunday, December 1, 2013 in her 88th year. Predeceased by her husband Donald Arthur Pirrie. Loving mom of Marilyn Lock (Donnie Sanderson), Donna (Ian) Scott, Wayne Pirrie (Margo Newell) and Lynda (Dean) Clayton. Proud nanny of Steven, Dwayne, Mark, Kerry, Shawn, Daniel, Jillian, Wade, Nicholas and Matthew and great grandmother of 11 great grandchildren.

Arrangements entrusted to the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne (519) 925-2830. A celebration of Lily's life will be held in the spring. If desired, donations to the Heart & Stroke Foundation or the Diabetic Association would be appreciated.

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In October 2013 Ryan Maharaj, Honours B.A. in Psychology and Honours B.A. in Humanities graduated summa cum laude from York University Toronto with a Master's Degree in Humanities. Ryan is presently attending Laurier University in Waterloo studying for his Master's Degree in Social Work. Ryan is the son of Vas and Jo-Anne (Moore) Maharaj of Markham and the grandson of Clarence and Pat Moore of Shelburne. Congratulations Ryan!

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Ottawa Journal: Taking action in our community to end violence against women and girls

BY DAVID TILSON, MP
DUFFERIN-CALEDON

As the Member of Parliament for Dufferin-Caledon, I strongly encourage everyone to participate in this year's 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence campaign. It began on November 25th with the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

This annual campaign provides a reminder of the many women and girls for whom violence – and the threat of violence – are daily realities. As Canadians, we each have a role to play in eliminating gender-based violence because it affects us all.

It ruins lives, destroys families, and takes a heavy toll on the economy.

The need for action is clear. Consider these disturbing statistics: on average, every five

days, a woman in Canada is killed in a domestic homicide. The costs associated with spousal violence against women in Canada are estimated to be at least \$4.8 billion per year. In addition to spousal violence, women and girls are particularly vulnerable to other forms of violence, including sexual violence and stalking.

In response, our Government has taken significant actions to make our communities safer for women and girls. The Government has recently introduced legislation that will give police and prosecutors new tools to address cyberbullying. This legislation would create a new criminal offence prohibiting the non-consensual distribution of intimate images.

Recently my colleague, the Minister of Status of Women, the Honourable Dr. Kel-

lie Leitch, announced a call for proposals entitled Cyber and Sexual Violence: Helping Communities Respond. This funding will support projects at the local level to help prevent violence against women and girls.

In addition, our Government passed the Safe Streets and Communities Act to improve

the safety of all Canadians, launched the National Action Plan to Combat Human Trafficking, and increased penalties for violent crimes.

Since 2007, we have provided more than \$62 million through Status of Women Canada for projects ranging from engaging men and boys in ending violence to address-

ing violence against women and girls in rural and remote communities. We have also supported projects focused on reducing violence on post-secondary campuses, and in high-risk neighbourhoods.

This year, please take some time to participate in the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence by observing

a moment of silence, attending a vigil, or joining in another local event. Doing so will show support for victims of violence, raise awareness, and help inspire change.

By working together, we can get closer to our goal of eliminating violence against women and girls, and make our communities safer for all.

Cows said a benefit in restoring carbon content to soil

BY WES KELLER
STAFF REPORTER

A relatively small California cattle ranch owned by a multi-millionaire family that began as an environmental experiment has wound up as a profitable beef-growing venture but, in the meantime, has shown what farmers knew centuries ago: that cows are good for the soil and for the environment.

Herds of ruminants, ranch owners Tom Steyer and his wife, Kathy Taylor, demonstrated not only that they add natural fertilizer through their droppings but also trample decaying vegetation into the soil where it composts and becomes a fertilizer, and the soil retains the carbon content, rather than allowing it to release into the atmosphere, according to a New York Times report from Pescadero, Calif.

Mr. Steyer is the billionaire retired founder of Farallon

Capital, a U.S. hedge fund. Ms. Taylor is also chief executive of One PacificCoast Bank, the community development bank she and Mr. Steyer started.

She likes to be called Kat, and disregarded her husband's advice when she made a decision to sell grass-fed beef from their 1,800-acre TomKat Ranch.

Contrary to Mr. Steyer's predictions, their Leftcoast Grassfed beef has proven to be a profitable outcome, and Mr. Steyer has wound up eating crow as, he now confesses, "We could sell 10 times the amount we raise, in 10 minutes," he told the Times.

But the couple did not set out to raise prime grass-fed beef at TomKat Ranch. The plan was to create a model conservation project, demonstrating ways to improve soil health, use solar energy and conserve water.

"This wasn't about cows," Ms. Taylor said.

In Canada, Mr. Steyer is probably better known as a major opponent of Keystone XL Pipeline than as a financial manager and purveyor of beef. He has produced a number of anti-pipeline videos and is reported to be a strong supporter of President Obama.

But their belief in the value of cattle in reversing the trend of lower levels of carbon in soil, a worldwide issue that coincides with the growth of greenhouse gas emissions in the air, has been supported in a book by Julius Ruechel, according to the Times.

The book, "Grass-Fed Cattle: How to Produce and Market Natural Beef," theorized that soil was enriched as a result of the migration of giant herds of ruminants and other animals across the world's great plains.

"According to the book,

large herds of heavy, hooved animals help force dead plant materials back into the ground, where they are broken down by microorganisms in the soil. Herd migration also churns up the earth, allowing rain to penetrate it further and slowing runoff, and natural 'fertilizers' containing additional microbes are left in the herd's wake," the Times said.

This was likely demonstrated on the Canadian Prairie when the herds of bison were killed off, the "buffalo grass" was ploughed under or burnt, and massive depths of topsoil turned to dust during a prolonged drought and blew away.

And, in the latter part of the 20th century, the Dryland Association in Alberta blamed the loss of deep-rooted vegetation and over-irrigation for the expansion of salt flats across the Plains of Alberta and Montana and elsewhere.

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NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

Good news, so smile

**JAN OOREBEEK
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Several years ago I drove a truck throughout the greater Toronto areas. It was a genuine dirty job since I had to pick up waste cooking oil for recycling. Our biggest client was a large Pizza retailer with dozens of locations all over Toronto. Many employees were often recent immigrants who worked long hours for minimum wage. They were East Indian immigrants, newcomers from Russia and some recent arrivals from Asia. I always tried to make a point of having a conversation with the workers when I came by. I had the impression that many were not very happy: the long hours the small pay cheque, rude customers and demanding bosses were a fact of life for these people. I tried to bring a smile to their face and leave them a little better or cheerful than I first found them when I would walk in. I am not sure if I achieved my goal but I know more often than not many people were happy to see me, just to show up with a smile and a kind word seemed to make a difference.

In many stories about Jesus we read that when he would show up all kinds of good things happened. In Matthew ch.11 John the Baptist is wondering if Jesus is the Messiah. Jesus sends the following message back to John who is in prison:

"The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cured, the deaf hear the dead are raised and the good News is preached to the poor"

In Jesus' day ordinary people had very little to feel good about: The Romans had conquered their nation, the religious leaders placed impossible rules and burdens on the people. Tax collectors grew rich by taking advantage of their own people. The ordinary people were ready for some

good news. In Matthew 9:36 it says:

When he (that is Jesus) saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Don't you feel a little like that as well.... Harassed and helpless.... We all know about taxes. Political leaders that only seem to care for themselves and whose family has not been touched by cancer or alzheimers.... Turn on the TV and all you hear is about disasters, war and starvation.

Are you not ready for some "Good News". Don't you long to hear "the feet of those who bring good news and those who proclaim peace and salvation; who bring good tidings (Isaiah 52:7)

Hear the words of Isaiah in Chapter 61:

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;

They shall build up the ancient ruins; they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations."

It is clear that these words from the prophet Isaiah were prophetic words fulfilled by the birth of Jesus Christ who came to proclaim the Good News of salvation. When we look at Jesus throughout the Gospels we see how He came and bound up the broken hearted, He proclaimed liberty to those kept captive by their sins and diseases. He set people free from their addictions and bad habits. He came to restore and to rebuild the ruins of their broken and devastated lives... "For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him" (John 3:17)

This is Good News! It is The Good News of Christmas. I am sure that some of you reading this can testify to fact that Jesus has been and continues to be "Good News" in your life. He has been a source of strength, encouragement and real help. The question is what we are going to do with the Good News we have heard. I would imagine we really have two choices....

We can keep it to ourselves, or we can share it. But do we really have a choice

How can we who have been shown so much grace and love from God keep silent knowing there is such a need out in the world around us. Like the shepherds who were told by the angels to check out this baby in the manger and afterwards they spread the news of what they heard and seen. They could not stop talking about it

And so it should be with us we need to share our love for Jesus. It has to be on display each and every day for all to see so you can share it with all around you.

I love the quote from JC Ryle: "A holy believer is a walking sermon. He preaches far more than a minister does, for he preaches all the week round."

When we are getting ready

to celebrate Christmas, I would encourage you to become "Good News" for the people around you. Here are 3 suggestions on how you can be "Good News" to those around you:

"Smile" smile a lot. You have heard the good news of Jesus' birth and how He came to save you.... that is "Good News" is it not? So notify your face and smile.

When you speak, speak words of hope and encouragement, words to lift people up. Talk about Jesus and what he has done for you. Share your favorite Jesus story or parable.... And remember to smile.

Lastly, be provoked into action. Jesus took action when confronted with the hurts and pain in this world. He moved to forgive, restore, heal and make things right. Jesus did not reject or was offended nor did he compromise. Be a Jesus follower and imitate Jesus in word and deed. (did I mention to smile..)

This coming Christmas season let us be Good News so that thru our words and deeds people may see Jesus.

And of course all this is not exclusively reserved for this holiday season. Let's be "Good News" each and every day of the year. (and remember to smile.)

Normac Chapter

The regular meeting of Normac Chapter, Shelburne "Magic of the Midnight Sun" was held on October 12 with visitors from Alliston and Flesherton being present under the capable direction of our Worthy Matron Colleen Wood and Worthy Patron Maurice Oldfield. Due to the inclement weather in the Barrie area, our D.D.G.M. was unable to attend so our Official Visit has been put over till December 10.

Please don't forget to come out and support the officers who have worked hard.

Donations were made to the three food banks for their Christmas Cheer, Dundalk, Shelburne and Grand Valley. Congratulations to Isabel Ireland who received her 50-year pin on behalf of the Grand Chapter of Ontario.

It was an honour for her Sister, Pearl Newton, to present their Mother's 50-year pin to Isabel. Our Charter was draped in loving memory of Sister Lillian Wheeler who passed to her eternal rest on July 17, 2013. Great food, and fellowship followed, provided by the Grand Valley Gang brought another great evening to an end.

people's hearts would have compassion for those suffering. The worship was festive and joyful, and the first Advent candle was lit by Kathleen and Al; Isaiah 9:2, Galatians 4:4 were shared. Bob read Isaiah 40:3.

This morning Pastor Don gave a lesson on the observance of Advent. Advent is preparation time for the arrival of an important person, a King. As we celebrate the Advent season we use a wreath of evergreen symbolizing the eternity of God, (Revelation 1:8) The color green is Hope everlasting. The wreath is garnished with 5 Candles, 3 purple, 1 pink and 1 white. The purple are for Hope, Faith, Love and the pink is for Joy, the white one placed in the center stands higher than the others reminding us to place our focus on Christ. So why do we follow Advent? It is to remember the anticipation the Hebrews had for a Savior and now it is ours anticipating Jesus' return. Advent is part of our spiritual journey; it affirms that Jesus came and will come again. Each day until Christmas we will be reminded that something new and exciting is coming, it will remind us to center our thoughts on Jesus, the reason for the season, the first candle is Hope founded on God's promises of new life through a Savior.

The Book of Luke tells us the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth, he was a priest in God's temple and was eagerly praying for a son. In their advanced age they were losing hope. "In the time of Herod king of Judea there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly division of Abijah; his wife Elizabeth was also a descendant of Aaron. Both of them were righteous in the sight of God, observing all the Lord's commands and decrees blamelessly. But they were

childless because Elizabeth was not able to conceive, and they were both very old," Luke 1:5-10. However one day it was Zechariah's turn of duty in the temple and he received a promise that would not only change his life but restore his hope, (Luke 1:8-10). Hope is always linked to God for he is a God of Hope and we are his blessed recipients, and it connects us to our faith in Jesus, (Romans 15:13, 2 Thessalonians 2:16).

When Zechariah was in the temple he had a vision, God had given him a promise, the promise of a son who would be set apart for God's special purpose, (Luke 1:11-18).

I am sure we have all at one time or another hoped for something incredible, some have been fulfilled quickly, others were delayed and there are still some yet to be fulfilled, but it is in God's time that prayers are answered. (Psalm 121:1-2).

Zechariah's priestly duties included daily prayer, we can assume those prayers were also about his desire to have a son and for the coming Messiah, and that day in the temple God sent the angel Gabriel to give him hope, he told him of the son he would have, but Zechariah doubted, (Luke 1:18-20). Hence his doubt caused him to be silent until the baby's birth, meanwhile those waiting for him to come out wondered what was delaying him, when he came out they realized he had seen a vision (Luke 1:21-25). When Zechariah completed his time of service he returned home and his wife Elizabeth soon became pregnant thus fulfilling the prophecy of "the one" preparing the way of the Messiah which also fulfills the one about His coming. (Malachi 4:5,6).

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There is nothing more Canadian than a well-known musician and author turning his love for hockey in a new book Keon and Me: My Search for the Lost Soul of the Leafs. Dave Bidini, co-founder of the rock band Rheostatics, National Post columnist and author of three books about baseball and hockey, confronts

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According to sports personality, Ron MacLean, Dave Bidini is "One of the great voices of hockey and music, in

our country."

Bidini will be at the Alton Mill Arts Centre on Sunday, December 8th, 2 - 4 p.m. for an afternoon of talk and reading.

The Rubber Brothers will be on hand to perform as well as artist Mark Grice creating a painting of Dave Keon in action at the same time. Refreshments provided.

Tickets at \$10 and available at BookLore at 121 First St, Orangeville and Shaw's Creek Café at the Alton Mill. Proceeds will be donated to the Alton Millpond Restoration Project.

For more information contact Nancy Frater at BookLore 519-942-3830.

Crossroads Community Church

This Sunday on the first day of the Advent season, Alan and Kathleen Mills lit the first candle of Hope in the birth of Jesus at Christmas.

It was a blistery snowy morning but our hearts were full of joy as we entered God's presence. Pastor Don shared announcements and prayed over the service, we pray for those suffering of unseen chronic illnesses such as brain trauma, fibromyalgia, migraines, depression, anxiety, digestive issues and autoimmune disorders, although these have no visible outward scars they are very debilitating conditions, we pray for the Lord's protection and sustenance until complete healing takes place and ask that

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