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The Barrel Boys will be entertaining at the Fiddle Contest Finals on Saturday, August 12. They will be joined by local favourite Bruce Ley, a long-time professional musician and current music director for Trinity United Church in Shelburne. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE HERITAGE MUSIC FESTIVAL

Heritage Music Festival – ready, set, play!

BY MARNI WALSH

“This change was made based on feedback from contestants and audiences that a 1 p.m. start time works better,” says Ferguson. “Although, we have tried to get the word out about the change in start time, we hope that folks will understand and it will not cause too much confusion.”

As the Shelburne Heritage Music Festival (HMF) starts to ‘play,’ co-chair of the Festival, Bobbi Ferguson, is hoping to get the important news out to patrons that the Friday, August 11th Canadian Open Fiddle Contest Playdowns will start at 1 p.m. instead of 10 a.m. as originally stated.

The Rotary Club of Shelburne is hoping that the residents of Shelburne and area come out and support the Heritage Music Festival as money raised is used to support local causes.

Sports teams, kids groups, seniors organizations, the Christmas Hamper Program, Breakfast Club, The Door, Headwaters Health Care, and many more benefit from the money raised by the HMF.

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SLIDING IN – The Mansfield Cubs Bantam team host the Bradford Storm on the diamond in Mansfield on Monday, July 31. The season is winding down to the last few games of the schedule before teams head into the playoffs. The Cubs took a loss in this game. For this week's Sports, see Page 8.



PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

NDACT eases concerns over new aggregate application

BY MARNI WALSH

Local concern grew this week over Bonnefield's time-limited option for Strada Aggregates to acquire a 50 acre parcel of their farmland should Strada's application for aggregate expansion be approved by Melancthon Township.

Bonnefield, the farm investment firm that purchased 6,500 acres of Melancthon farmland out of the ruins of the Highland Companies' glutinous 2,400 acre mega quarry proposal

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FEATURED ITEMS

New Parade Route at this year's Heritage Music Festival

BY MICHELLE JANZEN



Be sure to mark your calendars so you don't miss this year's Heritage Music Festival's parade being held on Saturday August 12, starting at 1 p.m.

As in the past, the Parade assembles at the Natasha Peterson Memorial Park. There is no entry fee to be in the parade and there are several prizes to be won by all who participate.

As in previous years, this year the route has changed slightly, with a section to the east of town being shortened.

Instead of heading west on Centre Street over to Jelly Street, this year the parade will now turn north on James Street and head to First Avenue where it will head West before proceeding north onto Williams Street.

Always one of the highlights of the weekend, this parade typically features many floats, with a good representation from Town of Shelburne businesses and organizations, small Bands, marching bands, dancers, horses, and, in most years, the Shriners have shown up driving their souped up go carts to the delight of the crowds.

The event is often so popular you will find chairs lining the parade route well before the start time, just so spectators ensure a front row seat to this summer spectacular!

After the parade, you can enjoy the open-air market that is being organized by Lindsay Wege-ner, owner of Spaw-fect Grooming.

"This year we have around thirty vendors offering unique products, ice cream and hot dogs, a bouncy castle, face painting and a reptile show sponsored by the Shelburne BIA," says Lindsay. "There will also be live music after the parade in Jack Downing for your listening entertainment."

If you want to enter a float into the parade, pre-registration is preferred and forms can be obtained from Holmes Appliances and Music Shop located at 135 Main Street West or by emailing shfparade@google.com.

Heritage Music Festival: Playdowns to start at 1pm Friday

Continued from FRONT

To assist in fundraising, raffle tickets are on sale for a 1st prize trip to Dominican Republic - value \$3,000; 2nd prize a weekend for two at the Millcroft Inn - valued at \$1,000; 3rd prize an Art Piece by local artist Kerstin Stinson valued at \$500; and 4th prize is a Best Buy gift card. Tickets are available from all Rotary members, Holmes Music and Appliance Shop, at all HMF Events, and will be sold along the

parade route.

"This year, we are very excited to say that we are starting to raise money for a Splash Pad for Shelburne," says Bobbi Ferguson.

Attendees are also reminded that "The Barrel Boys" featuring musician Bruce Ley will be playing at the Fiddle Contest Finals on Saturday, August 12.

Bruce, an incredible talent and long-time professional, "is a local favourite and the musical director of the United Church in Shel-

burne," says Ms. Ferguson.

Scott Woods, the Master of Ceremonies for the Canadian Open Fiddle Contest, will be entertaining as part of the Fiddle finals.

Scott Woods is an international entertainer and top Canadian talent from Fergus, ON, who "has been the Fiddle Contest Champion a number of times," says Bobbi Ferguson.

"For 67 years, the Fiddle Contest has been an important part of our community and put Shelburne 'on the map' internationally," says the co-chair. "Although we have added entertainment of many different genres to the Heritage Music Festival, the Fiddle Contest is an important and highly entertaining part of our week of festivities."

The Heritage Music Festival promises to be a great week of food as well as entertainment.

Food events include, among many: Kinettes booth at Fiddle Park campgrounds; Roast Beef

Supper Thursday at the Agricultural Hall; Jamaican Jerk Thursday at the Legion; Lunch at Trinity United Church Saturday; Roast Chicken Dinner by Lavender Blue Catering in the arena Saturday afternoon and evening before fiddle finals; finishing with a Pork Chop BBQ Sunday on the Fairgrounds from 11:30 am - 1:30 pm.

There will also be a bar with alcoholic beverages available for purchase Thursday evening during the Fitzgeralds' Show, on Friday for Corb Lund and Johnson Crook, and at the Fiddle Contest Finals, as well as Saturday night.

On behalf of the Rotary Club of Shelburne and the Heritage Music Festival Committee, Bobbi Ferguson encourages everyone to "come out to celebrate this important part of our Canadian Heritage." Events run August 9th to 13th. Pick up a full listing of events in stores along Main Street.

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Normac Chapter #311 OES: Beef Dinner this Thursday

BY JUNE TYLER

Normac's final meeting of the Celebrate the Seasons year was held on June 13 under the direction of Lenora and Shane Banfield.

Visitors from Districts 8, 9 and 10 were warmly welcomed. Grand Electa of Ontario Bea Andrews was present and filled the station of organist as Audrey Oldfield was not able to attend.

The year-end reports were given. The Worthy Matron's special project, the 85 Tornado Air Cadets Vimy Ridge trip, was given a donation of \$1,500.

The draw was made on the Worthy Matron's special project, The winners are: 1st

Hand Knit Afghan, Bill Gibson; 2nd Hand Knit Chair Covers, Olivia Ball; 3rd Magic Bullet, Shirley Wright; 4th Air Cadet Tea Basket, Liz Condie; and 5th Air Cadet Coffee Basket, Norman Acheson.

Preparations are being made for our Annual Beef Supper held on the Thursday night of the Fiddleville contest weekend which is August 10 at the Agriculture Building. Everyone is welcome.

The installation of officers will be held in the Chapter Room on September 12 with Susan and Dave Smiley being installed in the Sands of Time Year as the Worthy Matron and Patron. Everyone is welcome.

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2nd Annual Natasha Paterson Memorial Car/Truck show returning to Shelburne

BY MICHELLE JANZEN

Almost two years ago, 12-year-old Natasha Paterson lost her life when her beloved horse Toby reared up and landed on top of her as she prepared for the start of the 65th annual Shelburne Fiddle Fest Parade.

On Sunday, August 20, the 2nd Annual Natasha Paterson Memorial Car/Truck show will be held at the Natasha Paterson Memorial Park.

This show doubles as a fundraiser to help fund children's programs and families throughout Dufferin County.

"Our intent is to help other children in the community with funds raised from this event which Natasha would love nothing more than to be a part of," said Duncan Paterson, Natasha's father and the organizer of the event. "Last year's show raised over \$5,000 to help children's charities.

"I want to try and keep Natasha's memory alive."

Duncan explained that he wanted to do something that would not just help the community, but reflect both Natasha and his passions as well.

"Natasha loved nothing more than to go to the Dairy Queen in Orangeville for an ice cream in my 1934 Ford Tudor when it was a nice day out, and I think she would love this," added Duncan.

With live music, an ice cream truck, a silent auction, a massive raffle table that even those

without a car are able to bid on and win, Duncan plans on having games, possibly a fan belt toss, and trivia questions where you will also be able to win prizes.

This year's prizes include a 49" LED HD TV, a four burner gas BBQ with side burner, a 80 Amp Mig welder, a 1800 psi pressure washer, a three ton floor jack, a microwave and hundreds of gift cards and other items.

"Teresa and I have been very busy collecting all this stuff, but it's all worth it and for a great cause," says Duncan.

There is no charge for spectators to come and enjoy the event, but Duncan added they are asking for donations.

For vehicles, there is a \$10 entry fee, which will go to local children's charities in Natasha's name.

Last year, every vehicle received a door prize and this year entrants will receive a dash plaque and there will be awards for the top ten in the show where winners will be presented with one of the custom trophies.

The show is being held at the Natasha Paterson Memorial Park (formerly Hyland Park) on Gordon Street in Shelburne.

For more information on the show, contact Duncan Paterson by phone at 416-898-2163 or email at Duncan@89autosales.com. You can also visit their website at www.89autosales.com.

Come out and help keep Natasha's memory alive and support a great cause.



Duncan and Teresa Paterson's classic vehicles are pictured by the memorial tree at Natasha Paterson Memorial Park at the 1st Annual Car Show.

PHOTO BY MICHELLE JANZEN



Shelburne's own Dustin Bricker (a.k.a. "Elvis") performs at the Shelburne Heritage Music Festival on August 12, starting at 3 p.m. after the Fiddle Parade at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex. This summer he will compete at many competitions including the Tweed Elvis Festival August 25 - 27, and the Flaming Star Festival October 13 - 15 in Toronto. Dustin Bricker, a.k.a. "Elvis", will be "in the building" at The Shelburne Heritage Music Festival on August 12, starting at 3 pm after the Fiddle Parade at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex. For a complete list of events and fiddle competitions visit www.heritagemusicfestival.com.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

State of local roads "atrocious," says reader

The state of the traffic in Shelburne is atrocious!

I have never been so disgusted with the town planners and Council as I am today.

They pass bylaws to allow more housing and growth, but do absolutely no planning on what to do with the increased traffic!

Between weekend traffic with trailers, etc., and transport trucks through the main intersection of town, to the increased volume of people commuting to and from work, it is literally impossible to get around to do shopping in town.

I have heard over and over that the downtown shop owner want the passing traffic to increase business. That is an absolute joke! None of those commuters are interested in stopping in town!

No parking, inaccessible hours, limited inventory and no handicap accessibility are all deterrents for that group of people.

Now the problem becomes that the locals who have always shopped in town also find it cumbersome and impossible to visit the downtown shops, ironically for all the same reasons!

And then there is the city drivers' mentality; they will let no one make a left turn, they block intersections, roadways and driveways so no one can get out or into parking lots or residence-

es.

Road signs are ignored, speed limits are ignored, and common courtesy is non-existent.

These super commuters (driving more than 90 minutes to and from work, are shopping where they work and in larger centres where the inventory is better and the prices are lower and they can buy in bulk.

All of this is just driving the local people out of town to shop where they can get parking, etc. It is crucial that the town and the county come up with a bypass before everyone stops shopping downtown Shelburne.

As a suggestion, maybe 5th Line, north on 124, would be a reasonable bypass with it coming out on Highway 10 from 4th Line or in that vicinity.

More parking in town would make it more accessible, and some beautification work; some benches in town where the seniors could sit; wheelchair accessibility; and proper patios for restaurants, not 2/3 of the sidewalk!

Please take this opportunity to make a better plan for our town!

**DAWN YOUNG
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Shelburne Legion News

BY LESA PEAT

Well, it is finally here!

The Heritage Music Festival begins at the Legion on Thursday, August 10. The Jamaican Jerks will be here serving their famous Jerk.

The Schooners will have a Dunk Tank on the Patio.

Come on out and try to dunk the President and whoever else is brave enough to get in it.

All proceeds will be split between the Legion and The Jr. Schooners Baseball teams.

Luke Ryan and Wasted Measures will also be here to entertain.

RED Friday Wing Night is "Country Night" with DJ Rod from Country 105 and a hopeful appearance by Canadian Idol Runner Up Jaydee Bixby.

Wings will be served until 12 midnight.

On Saturday morning, we will be serving breakfast from 9 am - 12 noon and

then a BBQ on William Street from 12 noon to 4 p.m.

The Fox and The Fiddle will perform on the Patio and the Piano Lounge Bar will be open.

On Saturday from 5 - 9 p.m., we will be serving Roast Beef Dinner. Thank you to Downey Potatoes for the donation of potatoes and to Amanda Coutts for making the dessert. Pub fare will be served from 9 p.m. to 12 midnight. Sean Bourke will be the headliner with Visual Negative and The Burne performing.

On Sunday morning, we will be serving breakfast from 9 am - 12 noon, followed by an Old Time Jamboree on the Patio.

Red Friday t-shirts will be available to purchase, \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. All proceeds from the t-shirt sales will go towards the insulation and air conditioning for the Warriors Hall.

We hope everyone has a GREAT weekend.

Ottawa Journal: NAFTA Council established to assist in negotiations

BY DAVID TILSON, MP
DUFFERIN-CALEDON

The renegotiation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) has been one of the most important issues of this year so far.

It has serious implications not only for Canada's economy, but also for Canadian jobs.

On August 2, 2017, the current Liberal government announced a new NAFTA Council to assist in Canadian negotiations on NAFTA, which are set to begin in mid-August.

The importance of the Canada-U.S. trading relationship for both Canada the U.S.A.'s prosperity can't be stressed enough and the current government must reinforce this message during the upcoming negotiations.

It's not surprising that Canada and the United States are the world's largest trading partners with over \$2 billion in trade crossing the Canada-U.S. border every day. Canada is also the top trading partner for more than 30 of the 50 U.S. states. U.S. exports to Canada increased by 179 per cent since 1993 when NAFTA came into force.

In terms of jobs, NAFTA has created hundreds of thousands of high-paying jobs in Canada, including: 550,000 in the auto sector, 400,000 in the forestry sector, and 211,000 in the aerospace sector. On the other side of the border, approximately nine million U.S. jobs depend on trade and investment with Canada.

The Conservative Party has always been a champion for free trade and NAFTA is a Conservative legacy. We will always work hard to protect this agreement which creates an enormous number of jobs and helps hundreds of thousands of Canadian families prosper.

Our current role as the Official Opposition is to ask the serious questions about the current Liberal government's priorities heading into the NAFTA negotiations. We also won't hesitate to hold the current government accountable for their failure to protect Canadian jobs, as we have done on important issues, such as softwood lumber.

Canadians can count on us to continue this watchdog role.

Regretfully, the current Liberal government has lost valuable time in its wait-and-see approach to the NAFTA negotiations.

The current government could've been a strong and assertive advocate for Canadian jobs right from the start, but instead have curiously chosen to focus on a trade deal with China over protecting a 24-year old agreement with our closest ally and largest trading partner.

We are fortunate to have dedicated public servants, such as Rona Ambrose and James Moore, to serve on the advisory council, taking an active role to help ensure these most serious negotiations receive the full attention they deserve.

Canadians rightfully expect the current Liberal government to have a clear plan for how Canada will approach the negotiations in a fashion that will preserve the benefits of the agreement for North America and protect Canadian jobs.

The current government must make every effort to engage the American Congress and utilize cross-border associations to remind American decision makers of the significance of the Canada-U.S. trading relationship to both Canada's and the U.S.A.'s prosperity.

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Energy costs continue to rise and hydro continues to be mismanaged

BY SYLVIA JONES, MPP
DUFFERIN-CALEDON

Recent events continue to remind us of the government's mismanagement of Ontario's hydro system and that Ontarian taxpayers are paying more and getting less.

First, Siemens, a wind turbine blade manufacturer announced it was closing its doors in Tilsonburg, meaning 340 jobs lost. Next, the Fraser Institute released a report showing that Ontario's electricity rates are the fastest rising in the country.

Meanwhile, as Hydro One is applying to raise electricity rates for Ontarians by \$141 a year, they were spending \$7 billion purchasing a foreign utility company.

Many rural businesses, families and agricultural operations look to natural gas as a way to protect themselves against high hydro bills. Unfortunately, there is growing evidence that the government's energy mismanagement is impacting natural gas as well.

On July 1, the Ontario Energy Board approved a Natural Gas rate increase. The rate increase will mean an average Enbridge customer will pay \$36 more a year to heat their home. It is a sad reality that energy costs still continue to rise under the Wynne Liberals. Natural gas is essential for many rural businesses and agriculture.

These rising energy costs can be attributed to the Liberal's cap-and-trade cash grab.

The government knew that their cap-and-trade scheme would raise heating costs in Ontario so they hid the cost of their plan. That is why the PC Party has a Private Member's Bill before the Legislature to add a separate line item on natural gas bills to show the true cost of cap-and-trade on Ontarian's heating bills.

The government has failed on its promise to expand natural gas. The government originally promised \$230 million for the expansion of natural gas but slashed the program by \$130 million in February 2017. It is also worth remembering that at this time last year the Globe and Mail was reporting on a leaked Cabinet Document showing that the government was considering banning the use of natural gas.

The government's "cabinet confidential" plan called for "new building code rules that require all homes and small buildings built in 2030 or later to be heated without using fossil fuels, such as natural gas. This would be expanded to all buildings before 2050."



HOW IT WORKS

Local children who attend the Hyland Day-care summer camp were treated to a tour of the Shelburne Free Press on Wednesday, August 2, where they learned all about what goes into getting a paper made and out on the streets in Shelburne weekly.

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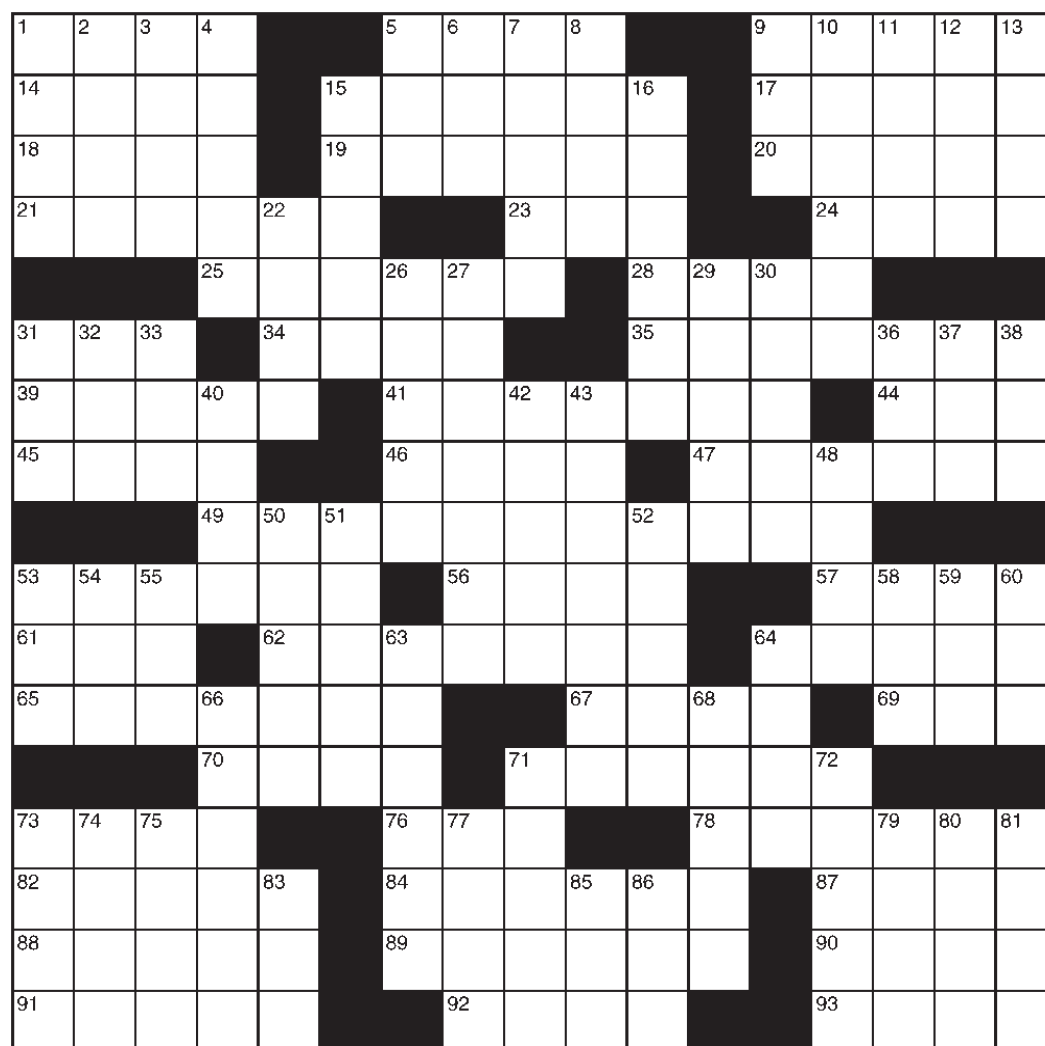


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28. Showed up
31. Honored fighter pilot
34. Low-lying area
35. Not consumed
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47. Young swan
49. Great work
53. Seaside pool
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57. Fleet
61. Have property
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65. Violent noise
67. Surmounting
69. Gull's call
70. Close attention
71. Grand property
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63. Ready to assemble
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Shelburne Farmers' Market: Growing success - despite rain

BY MARNI WALSH

Shelburne Farmers' Market Chair Jennifer Crewson told the Free Press this week that "despite the fact that it has rained almost every Thursday since the Shelburne Farmers' Market opened we have had an overwhelming increase in attendance."

"The feedback that I have received from the vendors is that the 2017 Shelburne Farmers' Market is the best year they have ever had," she says.

The Market returned for its third season at First and Owen Sound Streets in Shelburne, on Thursday, May 25.

It has run every Thursday afternoon from 3 - 7 p.m. in everything from drizzle to down-pour throughout the season.

The excessive rain, combined with a lack of warmth and sunshine has several growers across the province saying many of their vegetables are not as well developed as they should be at this point.

This has not deterred the Market attendance at Shelburne, where more and more patrons eagerly await Thursdays for beautiful, bountiful, fresh, locally grown vegetables, fruits and flowers.

Additionally, the Market has seen an increase in vendors offering baked goods, gluten free and organic meats and produce.

The Market Chair expressed her thanks to the Farmers' Market Board which includes: Rebecca Landman, Co-Chair; Joey Lemieux, Market Manager; Brian Besley, Treasurer;

and Alexandra Georgakopoulos, Advertising and Promotions, "for all their hard work" leading up to the weekly event.

Jennifer Crewson gives credit to Alexandra Georgakopoulos, who she says has "diligently and creatively implemented a marketing plan that has been a great success. Whether it is Facebook posts, our post card mail out, logo tote bag give away or Instagram frame, Alexandra is always putting together something that is new and creative to help encourage people to visit the market," says Jennifer.

The Chair also sends out a huge thank you to "our community event organizers, including Jade McCabe of Jade's Junkyard Jems, who has worked so hard to design children's crafts that are both interesting and nature focused. Also, to Brenda Beattie Gray of Healthy Cravings Holistic Kitchen for educating attendees on the importance of shopping local, eating organic, and creating homemade food."

The theme for the 2017 Shelburne Market has been "bringing community together; the Chair and Board have certainly accomplished that goal this summer despite all odds.

There are lots of Market days left in the growing season yet, and Jennifer Crewson says residents should, "Stay tuned for more great food from local vendors along with our community events."

Follow Shelburne Farmers' Market on Facebook to stay informed on Community Kids, Community Cooks and Community Spirit events.



Another rainy Thursday has not dampened the "growing" success of Shelburne Farmers' Market, says Market Chair Jennifer Crewson. PHOTO BY MARNI WALSH



Police thank citizens for immediate response to missing child

On Monday, August 7, Shelburne Police responded to a call for a missing four year old child in the late afternoon.

The child had been missing for about 10 minutes by the time police were called.

Shelburne Police responded immediately to gather more information and search for the young boy.

"I was truly impressed by what I observed as I and my co-workers arrived in the neighbourhood the child went missing in," said Sgt. Paul Neumann. "I saw dozens of citizens actively out searching their own properties, their neighbours properties, walking and driving the streets to help the concerned family find their loved one."

Officers searched the area and, at the same time, asked everyone they observed if they had seen the little boy.

This activated dozens more citizens to begin searching.

"The child was located safe and sound in less than ten minutes of police getting the call. It was one of the local citizens who took it upon themselves to search the streets who found the boy," said Sgt. Neumann. "In that ten minute period, it appeared that close to 100 residents of the surrounding neighbourhood were out lending a hand in the search."

"On behalf of Shelburne Police Service, I want to thank all those who searched for their selfless and caring response to this scary moment the boy's family endured. This impressive response clearly helped bring the boy home in short order. Yet another reason I am proud to serve this fine community!"

tered the R.I.D.E. spot check caught the officers attention resulting in a roadside investigation.

As a result, a small amount of marijuana was seized together with drug paraphernalia. A 25-year-old Erin man was arrested and charged with Possession of a Controlled Substance.

He was released on an appearance notice with a first appearance court date in late August to answer to the allegations.

The second incident took place shortly after midnight during R.I.D.E. spot check Sunday, August 6.

This time a vehicle with four occupants entered the spot check.

A roadside investigation resulted in approximately 15 grams of marijuana being seized along with drug paraphernalia. Three of the four occupants, all men from Brampton, were charged with possession of a controlled substance.

They were all assigned first appearance court dates in early September to answer to the allegations.

"Shelburne Police takes drug possession very seriously, especially when it is found accessible to the occupants of the vehicle being driven," states Sgt. Paul Neumann. "Sometimes we even find occupants of vehicles actively consuming marijuana."

"I have often heard excuses that marijuana is soon to be legalized. My answer, first of all, is that it is not legal yet, and secondly once it is legalized it will be heavily regulated with strict penalties for those breaching the rules.

"Under the Liquor Licence Act, it is illegal to have unsealed liquor accessible to the driver. We are treating marijuana in the same way. If marijuana is located in your vehicle, you can expect to be charged."

If anyone has any information in relation to this case or any other matter, they are encouraged to contact the Shelburne Police Service at 519-925-3312 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.crimestoppersdm.com.

FOUR CHARGED WITH DRUG POSSESSION IN TWO R.I.D.E. PROGRAMS

Shelburne Police is very active with R.I.D.E. programs this summer.

In the past few days, four men were charged with drug possession as a result of these spot checks.

The first incident was on Friday, August 4, shortly after midnight.

A vehicle with a single occupant that en-



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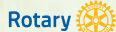
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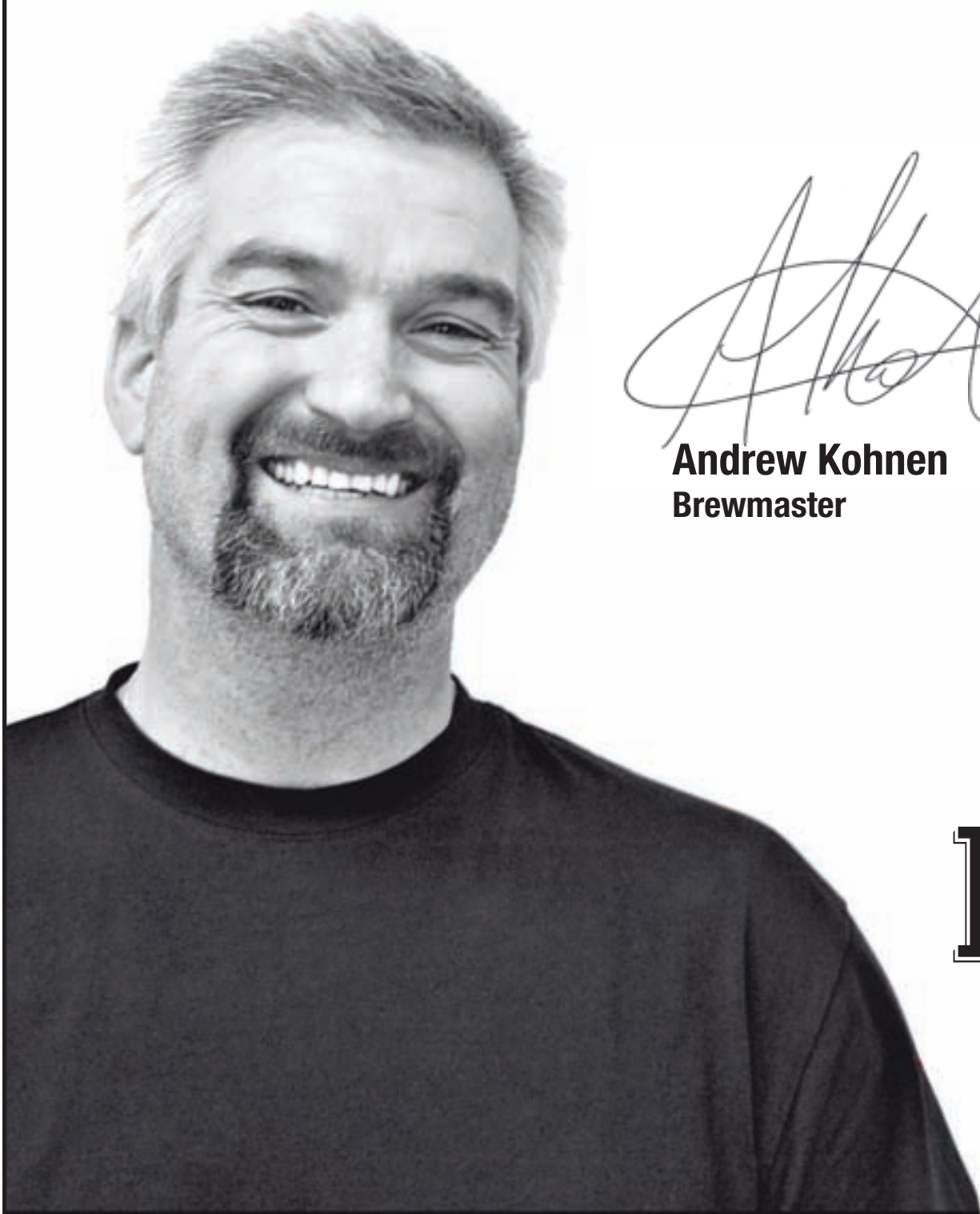


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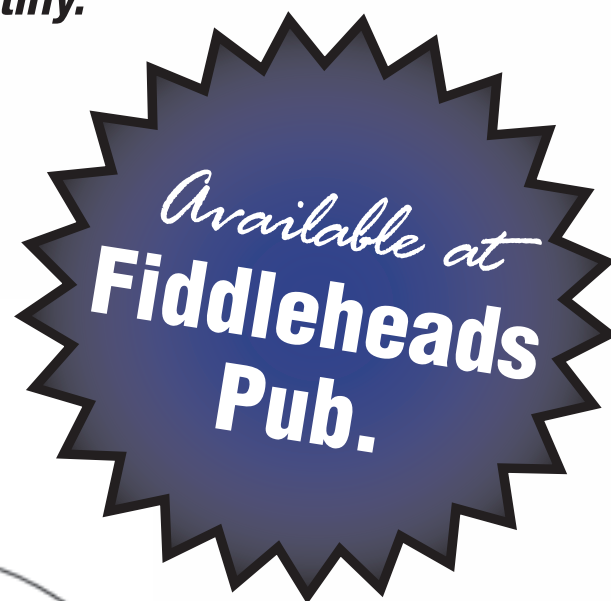
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A POOL OF GOLD AND BRONZE – Shelburne's Adeleeca Aberdeen participated in her final swim competition for the 2016-2017 season the Dr. Paul Hauch Invitational. This was hosted by the London Aquatic Club at the Thames Park Pool a 50 meter outdoor facility in London Ontario from July 14-16 2017. Medals were awarded for placing 1st to 3rd. Adeleeca competed in 8 individual events and 2 team relays in the 12 yr girls age group. See right for how she placed in these events.

50 meter Backstroke 1st Gold Medal
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 200 meter Backstroke 1st Gold Medal
 100 meter Butterfly 1st Gold Medal
 50 meter Breaststroke 2nd Silver Medal
 50 meter Butterfly 3rd Bronze Medal
 50 meter Freestyle 3rd Bronze Medal
 100 meter Freestyle 3rd Bronze Medal
 200 IM relay 1st Gold Medal
 200 Freestyle Relay 4th.

Mansfield Junior Cubs leading championship series

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Mansfield Junior Cubs are one game away from claiming the 2017 NDBL Junior Division championship.

After finishing in third place in the regular

season standings, the Cubs entered the play-offs with a 7-9-2 record behind them.

They went up against the Midland twins in the opening round and won the best-of-three series in two games.

Opening with a 5-0 win over Midland in

Game One, the Cubs returned to take the second game 12-2 and earn the right to go to the championship against the New Lowell Knights.

The Knights finished in the top spot in the regular season with a 13-5 record.

They met up with the Lisle Astros in their first round series.

After giving up a 9-4 loss to Lisle in the first game of the series the Knights returned for a 17-5 win in Game Two.

The series was over when the Knights manage a 10-3 in the third game of the match and earned their spot in the final.

The championship series between Mansfield and New Lowell got underway on Monday July 31, and ended with a 4-1 for the Cubs in the opening game.

The teams returned the following night at the diamond in Lisle for game two of the series. The Cubs went ahead 2-0 after leaving the field with a 13-3 win.

The third game of the series was scheduled for Thursday, August 3, in New Lowell. However, after a check with local weather predictions it was decided to postpone the game as it was reported that heavy rain was going to enter the area.

That didn't happen and the fields were in good condition and the weather was cooperating nicely but the teams had already been informed the game would have to be rescheduled.

The next available date for a rescheduled game was Tuesday, August 8, however details of that game were not available at press time.



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Shelburne Vets wrap up regular season

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Vets have wrapped up another season of lacrosse in Shelburne.

The organization had a full slate of activities this year with house league and six divisions including paperweight, tyke, novice, peewee, bantam, and midget age players taking part in local and league games.

Teams also take part in tournaments through the season including the Tyke tournament hosted by the Vets that provided a full day of action for the young players.

The Club was founded in 1998 with the first games played in the summer of 1999.

In one of the fastest growing sports in the province, the Vets go up against teams from around the

region and more towns are establishing lacrosse clubs.

While the regular season has come to an end, the Club is now sending teams to compete at the Provincial level.

This year the Provincials are hosted in Whitby.

The Peewee and Bantams are in competition over the weekend of August 4 - 6, with the Tykes tournaments getting underway on August 6 - 8.

The Midget and Novice teams will head to the Provincials on August 11 - 13.

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Everything came back negative, which was a relief, but there were still no answers to what was happening.

Further tests pointed to MS, Multiple Sclerosis. Much less was known about this condition back then than now. Most people simply conceded to a concept of less than a full, bright future. I was blessed, because when I was sent home to wait for what would be a full battery of tests over a six month period, my wife declared, "We will find answers," and she began the process of research.

The internet as a research option was still a few years away at that time. We worked at implementing positive solutions and people prayed.

As the six months of tests proceeded, the test results showed neural abnormalities, but became inconclusive as to a positive response

for MS.

God was allowing my body to heal itself. We moved in the fall of 1995 and changed neurologists. After completing a set of tests, he was abrupt about me wasting his time.

There were no markers for MS to be found anywhere in my body. His position was, people never get over MS. God had healed my body and I continue live a very active and full life, for which I am extremely thankful and grateful.

Why did I share this? Perhaps it relates to the timing. But really, it is about the process of thinking and the belief God would work things out I would like to point you towards. My immediate family, my local church family, in fact the whole family of pastors in the Ministerial Association I was part of back then, refused to accept the verdict of diminished mobility and reduced functionality for my body in the future.

I was introduced to a concept which I confidently declare today, in full faith to its importance. I really had no clarity or real understanding back then, but when you apply a universal Biblical principle in your life, it works anyway.

Let me repeat it for you now. "What you think, and what you believe, and what you say, and the intentions of your heart matter, because they impact your actions, which determine the outcomes in your life."

This is in fact the underlying foundation of what Jesus declares in Matthew 7:7-8, "Keep asking, and it will be given

to you. Keep searching, and you will find it. Keep knocking, and the door will be opened to you. {8} For every one who asks receives, and the one who searches finds, and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened."

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BY ROSE DOTTEN

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However, this year we will be open on Sunday, August 13!

NEW Signage @ YOUR Library

Next time you enter the library, look up above the circulation desk. You will notice our new TV and the rotating signs promoting our events, letting you know when we are closed and other messages to capture your attention. This was made possible through the generosity of one of our patrons. We think it will enable us to use less paper with signs around the library entrances and also provide an attractive visual display.

Partnering with Hats On DUFFERIN

We are excited to partner with that great initiative here at the Library. You can pick up yarn here to create hats for the children in the schools as a poverty awareness issue. The yarn and drop-off bins are in front of our fireplace. I have great hopes that we might have people

drop in, sit in front of the cozy fireplace this winter and knit, crochet or loom and have fun talking and learning some different craft.

Trans-Canada 150 Trek Update

Thanks to our great group of Trekkers, we have now made it to Shebandowan, ON, which is over 5,100km from where we started. For those who don't know, that's past Thunder Bay! Of course, the steps from last weekend's group hike helped us along with that. On to Manitoba we go!

Children's Programs

Come and enjoy YOUR award winning Library. There is still a ton of summer fun and reading to be done. This week we are learning all about Agriculture and how it is an amazing, important part of Shelburne and Canada as a whole.

Join us for Story time on Friday, August 11, for songs, dances, crafts and, of course, stories! Participate in our 2nd Annual Carnival on Saturday, August 19 @ YOUR Library!

We are also still offering Book Club on Mondays, Craft Club on Tuesdays, LEGO Club on Wednesdays and Movie Madness on Thursdays.

Teen Scene

Our Teens learned the art of creating a bag without sewing last week! With a few simple tricks they each went home with a book bag fashioned out of a t-shirt!

Up this week: Teen Iron Chef, Thursday, August 10 from 6 - 7 p.m. and a guest visit by Alfonso Espinos, a local graphic novelist on Friday, August 11 (1:30-3:30pm). Alfonso will be giving instruction on creating your own graphic novel, and it is open to individuals of all ages, but registration is required as the maximum number of participants is 20.

Registration for our Teen Iron Chef challenge were accepted until Wednesday, August 9th @ 5pm due to the fact that there is a lot of preparation for this event.

Adult Events

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NDACT eases concerns over new aggregate application

But is that their role?

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has stirred up a lot of old concerns for residents who fought alongside the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) to protect land and water.

NDACT's August Newsletter acknowledged that the Strada aggregate application, which included the option on Bonnefield land "raised concerns that the rare agricultural soil we fought so hard to protect could be at risk once more."

However, NDACT sought to ease concerns by telling members, "we have been assured this is not the case."

Bonnefield representative Lisa Courtney Lloyd told the Free Press the investment firm "continues to enjoy an open and transparent relationship with NDACT and Food & Water First. They know the background and facts on the land in question, they understand that we remain true to our central mission of protecting farming for farmland and are communicating it to their members."

However, NDACT members continue to surface who claim to have had no idea about the deal with Strada, including key NDACT supporter Karren Wallace who says, "I have only been on the Board for a couple of months, perhaps the issue was discussed before that, but the news caught me completely by surprise."

In a July 31 Letter to the Editor of the Orangeville Banner, Tom Eisenhauer, President & CEO of Bonnefield investments insisted that his company had been publicly forthright

and "clear that the 50-acre parcel in question was of limited use as a farm and would likely be sold given that it was surrounded on three sides by existing Strada Aggregates operations and lands."

He said the company had made efforts to lease the land to local farmers, but received no interest.

NDACT Chair Alia Jalbert says NDACT was "aware that Bonnefield had granted an option to purchase that parcel to Strada and that the parcel was not part of the tract of land intended for quarrying under the Mega-quarry application, however given the parcel's composition and location, the sale to Strada was logical."

NDACT's stance, however, raises the question as to whether "easing concerns" over any new aggregate application should be the role for the grassroots organization, which has garnered international attention as a guardian of food and water. Should NDACT rather, continue to push the question: Does this province need to lose any more farm land to aggregate? Even 150 acres?

NDACT's Karren Wallace who was raised on a potato farm in Melancthon, concedes that this application is "a drop in the bucket," but asks, "Why do we keep letting this happen?" She points to a recent study by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing (MMAH) Provincial Planning Expert Victor Doyle, wherein he states, that despite intense lobbying by the aggregate industry, there is "more than sufficient" existing aggregate development to "accommodate pro-

jected growth to 2031 and likely to 2041" and that "any claims to the contrary are not borne out."

Strada sales representative and lifetime Melancthon resident Ken Galbraith told the Free Press the reason for the proposed Strada expansion was "to meet the company's own needs in the city." Not Ontario's need...Strada's need.

While he was unaware of the public concern over their new 150 acre application, he did say in light of the township's history with the Highland Companies, he understands it. He says Strada contributes to the community and wants residents to know that that the new application is merely an extension of Strada's current operation.

"Essentially we are just making the sand-box bigger," he says, "there will be no changes in the license - the rules will be the same. Mr. Galbraith says Strada will host an open house in August to "discuss the extension application and alleviate concerns."

Alia Jalbert says, "As NDACT understands it - there will be no extraction below the water table. Strada will now go through a more rigorous ARA process, thanks in part to NDACT's efforts to ward off the Highland mega quarry application, which will provide the Township the opportunity for due diligence concerning haul routes and the rehabilitation of the land subsequent to extraction."

Melancthon Mayor Darren White says, "From the township's perspective, we have deemed the application complete and it is in

the early stages of review by our staff and consultants."

"All documents will be made available" to the public at the upcoming open house and the Township will review the application "fairly and objectively like we have done in the past while keeping in mind proper protections for local natural areas as well as sensitive waterways and local wildlife," he adds.


Sixth generation Reddickville farmer and founding member of NDACT Ralph Armstrong says he thinks people often only see things in general terms - they don't see the specifics.

"This new aggregate will just be transported to cover up food land somewhere else," he says. And so, the loss of farmland continues - at an alarming rate of 350 acres per day in Ontario, according to the 2011 census.



Karren Wallace says the problem is that despite NDACT's ten years of hard work, "our politicians still don't grasp how rare prime agricultural land is."

MPP Sylvia Jones, who was criticized for her ties to the aggregate industry during the last Provincial election "has been silent on the aggregate issue to date," says Wallace.

According to Mayor White, Strada Aggregate currently has over 200 acres operating in Melancthon Township and acceptance of the new application would see that rise to 350 acres. This leaves residents to wonder, if each extension renders the farmland on the fringe less desirable...where it will stop? 500 acres? 1,000 acres? Perhaps...2,400 acres?



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