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Fire rips through Tupling Farms potato facility

BY MICHELLE JANZEN

The main processing facility and offices of Tupling Farms located in Melancthon went up in flames shortly after 1:30 am on the morning of Tuesday, March 7.

Firefighters with the Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department responded to reports of a large fire inside a building at the potato farm on Mulmur-Melancthon Townline and by the time they arrived on scene, the 45,000 square-foot facility had collapsed.

Fifty firefighters from five fire departments were called in from Shelburne, Dundalk, Clear-

view, Rosemont and Adjala Tosoronto to assist in fighting the blaze, which took six tanker trucks to haul water to the rural area. The crews finally brought the blaze under control about 9 a.m.

"There were about 1,000 skids located inside the building which helped to fuel the fire," says Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Chief Jim Clayton. "Upon arriving on the scene, our biggest concern was protecting the other storage facilities located only 30 feet to one side of the fire and a two-storey home located on the other side. We are just happy the wind was not blowing a different way or this could have been a lot worse."

With an estimated \$3 to \$4 million-worth of damage, the Office of the Ontario Fire Marshal has been called in to investigate. Although it is not known at this time how the fire began, Clayton said it is not being treated as suspicious.

At 2 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon, there was a forensic investigator was on scene with three excavators moving debris making sure there were no more hot spots.

There were no injuries reported and Clayton assured the Shelburne Free Press that there would be a fire watch at this location overnight in case of any flare ups.

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Bernier offers "bold, authentic" vision for Canada

BY BROCK WEIR

Maxime Bernier is a man of principle. One month away from a full year in the race to lead the Conservative Party of Canada, the Quebec MP, and former Cabinet minister, has had the opportunity to take his vision to Canadians from coast to coast; a vision rooted in four core principles: individual freedom, personal responsibility, respect and fairness.

"Canadians appreciate that," Mr. Bernier told the Shelburne Free Press on a campaign stop in the area on Tuesday afternoon. "I think Conservatives in Canada are ready for bold Conservative reform. I propose abolishing corporate welfare and having a policy that would be fair for every single entrepreneur, using the money to lower taxes for every single entrepreneur."

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Conservative leadership candidate Maxime Bernier (middle), with area residents Derek Lawr and Danny Brackett) was in Orangeville on Tuesday to discuss his ideas and platform with local residents. Setting up at MacMaster Buick GMC, Mr. Bernier took the time to explain why he feels he's the right fit to replace former Prime Minister Stephen Harper as the head of the Tories.

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For the Cupcakes:

- 2 cups + 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 4½ tablespoons corn starch
- 2 tablespoons cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¾ cup butter, room temperature
- 1½ cups sugar
- 3 eggs, room temperature
- 1¼ cup sour cream
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1½ tablespoons green coloring

For the Frosting:

- 12 ounces cream cheese
- 6 tablespoons butter
- 4 cups powdered sugar
- 2-3 tablespoons cream
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- Sprinkles
- Chocolate gold coins

Directions:

For the Cupcakes:

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and line 24 muffin tins with paper liners. In a mixing bowl, combine flour, corn starch, cocoa powder, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.

In the bowl beat butter and sugar until light and creamy. Add in the eggs one at a time, beating to incorporate each. Mix in the sour cream, vanilla, and food coloring. Mix in the flour until just combined, scraping the sides of the bowl as needed.

Spoon batter into cupcake liners and bake for 15-18 minutes or until toothpick comes out with only a few crumbs or clean. Cool completely before adding frosting.

For the Frosting:

Cream the butter and cream cheese together until smooth. Mix in the sugar and then the cream and vanilla. Place frosting in a piping bag fitted with a star tip (1M) and pipe onto cupcakes. Add sprinkles and top with a chocolate coin.

By Michelle Janzen




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Jalbert named Chair of Agricultural & Community Task Force

BY MARNI WALSH

As of this week, the North Dufferin Agricultural and Community Taskforce (NDACT) has a new chairperson at the helm.

The announcement came that Shirley Boxem, chair for the last two years, has stepped down and Alia Jalbert will be assuming the role.

Board members are reportedly “truly pleased that Alia has stepped up to the plate,” saying, “she has demonstrated terrific capability in her role on the board thus far.”

Brian Bell will continue on as the Vice Chair, and Karren Wallace has also joined the Board.

Ms. Jalbert retired to Honeywood in Mulmur Township in January 2013 at the conclusion of over 28 years of service with the Canadian Armed Forces. She still works part-time as a civilian contractor in Borden assisting with the training of senior Logistics Officers.

“The habit of service is hard to change, so with time on my hands and no posting every two to four years to worry about anymore, I wanted to get involved with local organiza-

tions,” she told the Shelburne Free Press.

Her first venture into local volunteering was the Honeywood Beef BBQ, where she says she “met several people who steered me towards NDACT.”

In November 2014, Alia was accepted to the NDACT Board, and, in addition to attending board meetings helped organize NDACT’s participation in the Toronto Green Living Show, and with the Pegram Barnfest.

Shirley Boxem, who also carries out the busy role of Lead Project Manager for Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA) says it has been an honour to serve as the Chair of NDACT for the past two years.

“The world of Agricultural land protection was quite busy during this time with the various stages of the Coordinated Land Use Review process and all of the supporting activities around it,” she says. “I had many wonderful opportunities to connect with like-minded organizations and protection efforts that were happening across the province.

“Of particular note are the many public engagements and connectivity to the public were always enjoyable. NDACT has remained committed to monthly newsletters which provide support to partner organizations and keep our supporters in the loop on current events. We continue to monitor the pulse of all land protection legislation, particularly as it pertains to the lands of North Dufferin.

“Key to that land protection is the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA), which was at the heart of the Highlands Quarry application. Our work on the ARA modifications remains active as that legislation winds through its phases. NDACT remains committed until its mandate is fulfilled.”

New Chair Alia Jalbert says NDACT is at a crossroads right now, and if all goes well there will be interesting developments to share this summer.

“The first thing I would like to do is acknowledge the hard work of my predecessor, Shirley Boxem” says Ms. Jalbert. “She has set a high standard and left me with big shoes to fill. NDACT is very appreciative of all her hard work, and pleased to have her remain as a sitting director on the Board.

“Looking ahead the Board sees NDACT, through our branch campaign ‘Food & Water First,’ getting ready to bring the issue of farmland and source water security to the forefront in the upcoming Provincial election. We cannot cease our vigilance, or children born today will see prime farmland in Ontario disappear in their lifetime: gone to development or other non-food producing exploitation.

“I look forward to working with the Board, and all of our membership, to preserve Ontario’s rich farmland and protect the source water that is so vital to all of our well-being.”



Shelburne’s Bobbi Ferguson (left) presents Rebecca Hall, representing Dufferin Oaks, with a cheque for \$7,000 towards the Music & Memory Program, which assists residents at the home who are dealing with memory issues due to Alzheimer’s and dementia. The funds were raised over the past several months by the efforts of Orangeville Music Theatre through the production of a calendar and stage performance of Calendar Girls at the Orangeville Opera House.

PHOTO BY MARNI WALSH

A \$7,000 gift with music in mind

BY MARNI WALSH

Orangeville Music Theatre (OMT) proudly presented the gift of music to Dufferin Oaks on March 3 with a \$7,000 cheque from the proceeds of their calendar and stage production Calendar Girls.

The money will be used to support Music & MemorySM, a music therapy program which helps with memory issues in Dufferin Oak’s residents suffering from Alzheimer’s and dementia.

Dufferin Oaks become certified as a Music & MemorySM home last year “and was in need of funds to purchase iPods, music, head phones, and appropriate storage facilities to be able to expand the program to all residents of Dufferin Oaks,” says OMT Board Member Bobbi Ferguson.

Rebecca Hall, Photographer and Unit Leader Nurse at Dufferin Oaks Long Term Care Home never hesitated when asked to do the photography for the calendar, saying “My art and profession came together in this calendar and I couldn’t be happier with the results.”

Written by Tim Firth, OMT successfully presented Calendar Girls at the Orangeville Opera House in mid-January.

Ferguson says, the project began “with a crazy notion that Orangeville Music Theatre should put on the “crowd pleasing” Calendar Girls “despite the fact that there was no musical version of the play.”

“[Local choral group the Sweet Adelines] jumped at the opportunity to provide the musical aspect of the performances, not only for their love of singing but for the overall experience and revealing a side of the Adelines that most have never seen,” says Ms. Ferguson.

The Sweet Adelines are featured as “Misses October” in the calendar which launched

in September of last year and included icons from all over Dufferin County posing for beautiful, tasteful and humorous “nude” photos.

Calendar Girls is a true story of a Women’s Institute in the UK which raised £3.5 million featuring poses of women from WWI. The play is usually performed in conjunction with a calendar sold to raise money for a local charity and “Music & MemorySM was the perfect and logical choice” for OMT says Ms. Ferguson.

According to the program, the personalized music playlists help patients with responsive behaviours, sleep and rest as well as providing moments of joy and comfort.

The \$7,000 cheque was presented to Dufferin Oaks at OMT’s annual Awards Dinner Friday night when the theatrical group celebrated the achievements of their four productions from the past year: Mary Poppins, Shrek Jr, Calendar Girls, and Beauty and the Beast Jr.

“Putting on a play instead of our usual musical had challenges, but we learned a lot and are very pleased with the results of every aspect of the project,” says Ms. Ferguson. “From the sales results of the calendar, to the community involvement, to the audience reaction to the fun cast of Calendar Girls, it was truly rewarding. When you receive compliments from audiences such as ‘the cast genuinely looked like they were best friends,’ you know you got it right.”

Watch for details of OMT’s June 2017 shows: All Shook Up (featuring Elvis songs) and Disney’s Aladdin Jr. at orangevillemusictheatre.com. A few calendars remain and can be purchased for \$20 in Shelburne at Enchanting Esthetics, Dufferin Oaks or by emailing bobbiferguson@xplornet.com

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Ottawa Journal: Liberal Government Inaction on Ukraine

BY DAVID TILSON, MP
DUFFERIN-CALEDON

The previous Conservative government took quick and decisive action to support Ukraine when its sovereignty was threatened by Russia's illegal occupation of Crimea.

Canada became a world leader in its strong support of the country in its struggle to restore political and economic stability.

Several of the initiatives our previous Conservative government put in place to support Ukraine are about to expire and we call on the current Liberal government to take immediate action to demonstrate Canada's continued support through a Ukrainian Defence and Aid Package.

The previous Conservative government had a strong record of action on supporting Ukraine by: sanctioning over 270 individuals and entities; providing the country with more than \$600 million in aid; contributing four CF-18 fighter jets to Baltic Air Policing; assigning the HMCS Fredericton to the Baltic Sea and deploying 120

Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) members to Eastern Europe as part of NATO's assurance measures in Eastern Europe; donating 30,000 coats, 30,000 pairs of pants, 70,000 pairs of Gore-Tex boots and 4,500 pairs of gloves, purchasing tactical communications systems, explosive ordnance disposal equipment, tactical medical kits, and both night thermal goggles for the Ukrainian military; providing \$5 million in non-lethal material assistance to the Ukrainian Border Services (helmets, body armour, sleeping bags, etc.); and launching Operation UNIFIER, a military training mission comprised of 200 CAF members deployed to Western Ukraine.

The current Liberal government's record of action on Ukraine has not been nearly as strong, as it: cancelled the supply of life-saving radar-satellite imagery; has yet to extend Operation UNIFIER beyond its March 2017 deadline; failed to sign the Canada-Ukraine Defence Cooperation Agreement; ignored Ukraine's calls for lethal defensive military equipment, while providing the same support to the Kurdish military; backed down

from its election promise to adopt Magnitsky sanctions; moved to normalize relations with Russian President Vladimir Putin, despite his ongoing illegal occupation of Crimea.

Russian aggression has continued and Ukraine, therefore, needs the continued support of Canada.

This is why we are proposing a Ukrainian Defence and Aid Package, which calls on the current Liberal government to: extend and expand Operation UNIFIER, Canada's military training mission to Ukraine which is set to expire on March 31, 2017; restore the practice of providing RADAR-SAT-2 Imagery to the Ukrainian military; add Ukraine to the Automatic Firearms Country Control List and supply the Ukrainian military with lethal defensive equipment; strengthen sanctions to hold corrupt foreign officials to account by implementing our Magnitsky legislation (Bill C-267

in the House of Commons and Bill S-226 in the Senate); sign and implement the Canada-Ukraine Defence Cooperation Agreement; increase the number of OSCE monitors to report on violations of the Minsk Agreements; provide additional humanitarian assistance to support the 1.6 million internally displaced people in Ukraine; and call on Russia to respect Ukraine's sovereign territory and abide by all aspects of the Minsk Agreements.

Canada has and must continue to steadfastly support Ukraine, as its sovereignty remains threatened by Russia.

I join my Conservative colleagues in calling on the current Liberal government to take immediate action on the Ukrainian Defence and Aid Package that will show Ukrainians that Canada will continue to stand united with them.

"We need to be ourselves," says Conservative leadership frontrunner

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Canadians also like the idea that [of having] a government in Ottawa that respects the Constitution, not interfering in Provincial jurisdiction."

As his platform continues to resonate with Conservative voters, Mr. Bernier says the fact that each platform plank is rooted in these four core principals is key to how he has been staying ahead a very crowded – and increasingly headline-grabbing – pack.

"I was [in the race] two days after Kellie Leitch and I have had time to explain our platform," he says. "Kellie Leitch campaigned on only one issue, so that is why we decided to get out there with strong policy announcements every few weeks. Because I am one of the frontrunners, I have more visibility now and I will carry on the same campaign. People can see [a distinction] between our campaign and other campaigns because we have a comprehensive platform based on Conservative principles; all the others have opinions on a lot of subjects, and some are only one-issue candidates. For me, it is about more than opinions on certain subjects; it is policies I want to be on the agenda of the Conservative government.

Case in point: his pledge to lower the cost of air travel and increase options by privatizing airports, which has gained a degree of cross-party traction.

"We are the only country in the western world where the big airports are not privatized," says Mr. Bernier, who also proposes the privatization of Canada Post. "We must do that because they will then be able to raise money on the capital markets, they will be able to lower fees for travellers, and I want to open our doors to frontline investment in the aviation sector.

"We don't have a lot of competition: there is Air Canada and WestJet. We need to have those low cost carriers we don't currently have in Canada.

This is for Canadian consumers; I want them to be able to travel across this country, paying less than they are paying right now. We are very competitive travelling from a Canadian city to another country, but the costs of travelling inside the country are huge. That is why I propose privatization, open it to foreign investment, and that will be good for consumers."

While Mr. Bernier says his vision for air travel will leave more money in the pockets of Canadians, so too will his plans for tax reform.

"We don't try to please special interest groups to get some votes," he says. "When we were in government, we did a lot of boutique tax credits to firefighters, kids who are playing hockey, and I don't think it is fair to have a policy like that to the people who are paying and are not receiving any benefits. Our platform is a fair one: we want to abolish all these boutique tax credits and lower taxes to every Canadian.

"The firefighter will have more money in his pocket than he gets with the tax credit and the family will have more money in their pocket. They appreciate our tax reform with a flat rate of 15 per cent for 90 per cent of Canadians earning between \$15,000 to \$100,000, and the rich will have another rate at 25 per cent.

"People are ready for these changes and they are telling me we don't have to be like the Liberals; we have to be ourselves and being a Conservative is a person who believes in individual freedom and personal responsibility."

Mr. Bernier has been Member of Parliament for the Quebec riding of Beauce. In the Harper Government, he served as Minister of Industry from 2006 to 2007, Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2007 to 2008, and Minister of Small Business & Tourism from 2011 to 2015.

"I am an authentic politician," he concludes. "I am doing what I have said for the past 10 years."

Wynne's Hydro Plan: Kicking the can down the road

BY SYLVIA JONES, MPP
DUFFERIN-CALEDON

On March 2, the Liberal government announced its plan to reduce your hydro bills.

The need for rate relief and the need for serious action to address the structural problems with the system has been clear as we watch costs escalate.

On March 2, the Premier finally admitted her government's mistake and that their policies are responsible for the 400% increase in hydro rates.

In 2015, there were 567,000 residential electricity customers in energy arrears. The independent officer of the Ontario Legislature, the auditor general, outlined in her 2015 report that Ontarians paid \$37 billion more than necessary from 2006 to 2014.

I have heard many "hydro horror stories" from families and businesses across Dufferin-Caledon. People are tired of having energy bills where the delivery charge is higher than the electricity they used. People are struggling with their hydro rates. Businesses are closing and seniors are having to choose between food on the table and the keeping the lights on.

However, I have serious concerns about the Liberal's plan to reduce hydro rates. Specifically, the plan does not address the exorbitant subsidies we give to solar and wind projects. The reality is that in order to address skyrock-

eting hydro rates, the government needs to stop signing more expensive wind and solar contracts. Under the current contracts, wind and solar energy averages 7% of our power generated, yet it makes up 21% of the cost of our electricity. Rather than stopping signing energy contracts we do not need, the government signed more expensive contracts on March 3, the day after their announcement!

The government's plan also doesn't address out of control executive pay. Currently, the CEO of Hydro One has a salary of \$4 million compared to Quebec CEO's salary of \$400,000. Nor, does the government's plan stop the selloff of Hydro One. Rather than addressing the structural problems of bad energy contracts, the government is putting an expensive Band-Aid on the problem.

In fact, the Premier admits that her plan will cost a staggering \$25 billion dollars in new interest payments. So, in summary, according to the Auditor General, Ontarians have over paid for electricity by more than \$37 billion and now we have to pay \$25 billion in interest payments to make up for the government mistakes.

If the government does not stop signing contracts for energy we don't need and cannot afford, they are just kicking the can down the road. Or as one young person said to me "it seems to me the Premier is bribing you with my money."



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Donations of both cash and non-perishable food items were accepted on February 27 at the Galaxy Theatre in Orangeville when Monday Night at the Movies presented I, Daniel Blake winner of the Palme d'Or at the 2016 Cannes Film Festival. The film addresses challenges facing people in need of social services. Andrea Stewart of Monday Night at the Movies said the organization teamed up with local food banks "to give support to members of our own community who are in need." Executive Director of the Orangeville Food Bank Heather Hayes (left) and volunteers from OFB accepted donations. PHOTO MARNI WALSH

Film night raises funds for food

BY MARNI WALSH

Nearly 500 lbs of food and close to \$4,000 in cash was raised at "Monday Night at the Movies" for local food banks on February 27.

More than 450 people came out to view the film I, Daniel Blake in support of the effort.

Monday Night at the Movies (MNM) is a non-profit organization running in partnership with the Film Circuit, an outreach programme that brings Canadian and international films and artists to communities across the country where they would otherwise never be seen.

The Film Circuit now has more than 180 groups in over 160 communities across Canada, including Orangeville.

MNM in Orangeville is run by a dedicated committee of volunteers, including Andrea Stewart who says the group has "screened over 200 films at the Orangeville Galaxy Theatres, donated the DVDs to local libraries, hosted fundraisers and provided Commencement Awards at three local secondary schools."

I, Daniel Blake, directed by Ken Loach, with screenplay by Paul Laerty won the Palme d'Or at the 2016 Cannes Film Festival.

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Andrea Stewart said the organization teamed up with local food banks "to give support to members of our own community who are in need."

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"Set in Newcastle, England the film addresses some challenges people face when down on their luck," says Ms. Stewart. "Daniel Blake is forced to rely on state benefits for the first time in his life, after medical problems in his late 50s. He encounters and befriends a young family who is also dependent

upon welfare. The story depicts the bureaucracy and difficulties of living in poverty."

Prior to the screening, Heather Hayes, Executive Director of the Orangeville Food Bank, addressed some of the issues the food bank faces each month as they struggle to service approximately 500 Orangeville and area residents a month, providing over 173,000 lbs of food a year with community donations and volunteer staff, while shouldering a building rental bill of \$5,200 a month.

"I have been told this is a hard movie to watch," said Ms. Hayes, "but our intake volunteers hear these stories every day."

"The film had such an impact on people myself included," Ms. Hayes added. "You could see how people felt after having viewed the film, appreciating some of the challenges that we know people experience every day."

"We so appreciate the effort of Monday Night at the Movies," said Ms. Hayes and the "continued generosity of the community."

Shelburne Legion News

BY LESA PEAT

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our Silent Auction on February 25.

The Branch Bursary was able to raise \$809. Congratulations to Dave, Grace, Leona and Blair for placing 1st and Paul, April, Darryl and Julie for placing 3rd in District Darts at Beeton Legion last weekend.

This Friday, March 10, is another RED Friday Wing Night with entertainment by The Sean Bourke Band.

This Sunday, March 12, is our monthly breakfast from 9 am – 12 pm, and we are happy to say we have added the Western sandwich and ham steak to our menu.

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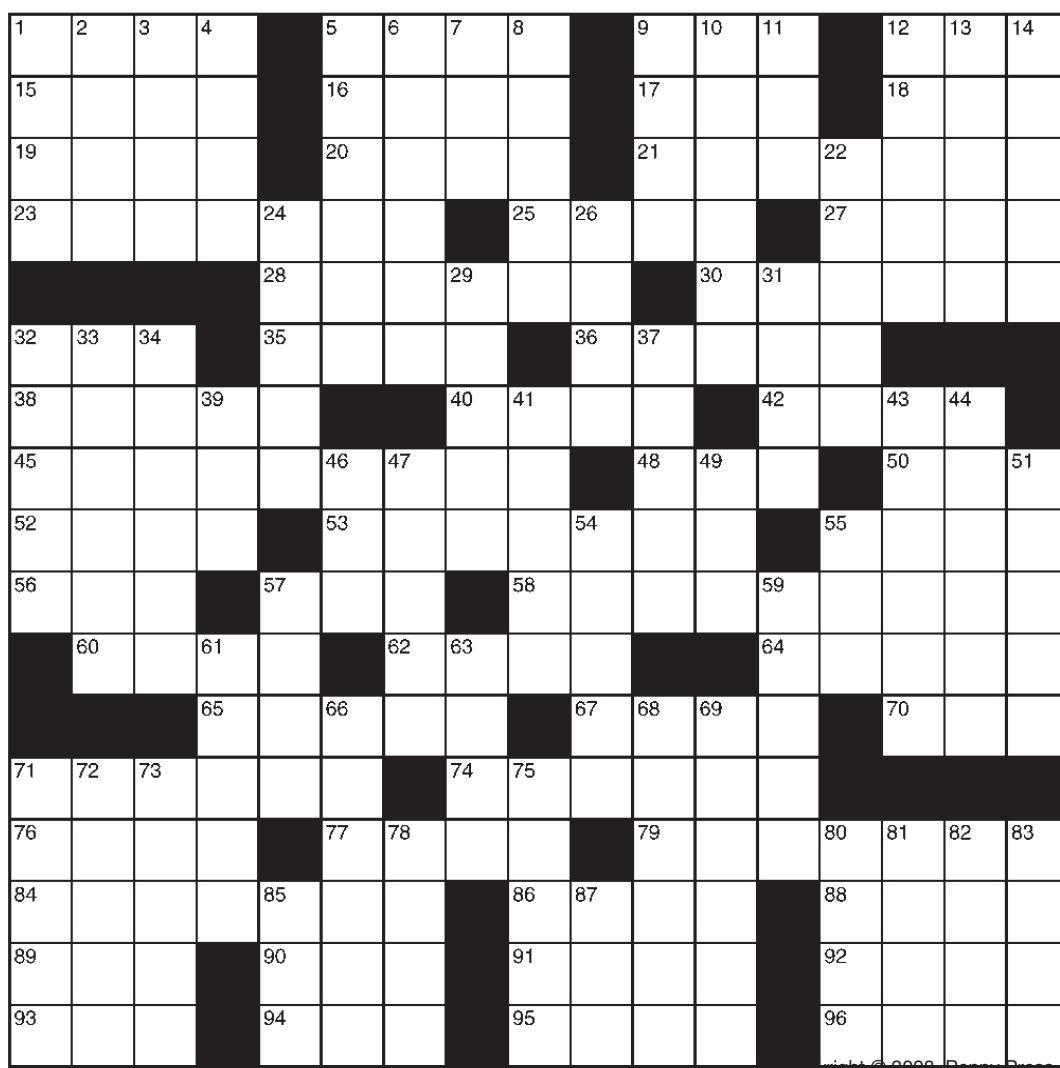


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19. Gumbo
20. Give a G to
21. Foolish
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25. Light tan
27. Road for Cato
28. Indulge to excess
30. Cure
32. Subway segment
35. Where to find a hero
36. Sour
38. Eat

40. Float soda
42. Filter, as flour
45. Distance measure
48. Aaron's stick
50. Staff
52. Particle of matter
53. Matrimonial
55. Heart
56. Type of room
57. Center of activity
58. Earthmover
60. Humdrum
62. Cut of pork
64. Phantom's domain
65. Drying cloth
67. Old Gaelic
70. "___ as a Stranger"
71. Eastern-style temple
74. Lasso
76. Lab gel
77. Petal

79. Non-belief
84. Order
86. Piece of land
88. Fit
89. Silkworm
90. Yank
91. Grind
92. Baseball feature
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4. Romanov title
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6. Ferret's kin
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9. "Tonight Show" host
10. Promise
11. "Animal House" letter
12. Cream of society
13. Withered
14. Abrasive stuff
22. Halos
24. Computer link
26. Unwanted stocking-stuffer?
29. Kitchen utensil
31. Hitherto
32. Cone-bearing tree
33. Certain Alpine ridges
34. Furniture style
37. Scheme
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41. Small antelope
43. Ice-cold
44. Matador
46. Down-under avian
47. Dining-room necessity
49. Each and every
51. Make like the Pied Piper
54. TV knob
55. Officer
57. Parka feature
59. Biblical verb
61. Gale
63. Spanish pot
66. Cashew relative
68. Bridge in Venice
69. Glossy fabric
71. Harness-racing horse
72. Plato's market
73. Street urchin
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Students Ajay, Hannah, Taylor and Manojh from the UGDSB's Digital History Project were on hand last March Break to help with the great line-up of kid's activities at Dufferin County Museum and Archives (DCMA).



PHOTO BY DCMA

DCMA gears up for March Break

The Dufferin County Museum & Archives is gearing up for a fun-filled March Break with a host of activities to suit every taste.

Games on Wheels XL Party Trailer Video Game Truck

Monday, March 13 – 1 pm and 2 pm
The Games on Wheels XL Party Trailer mobile video game truck is coming to the DCMA. These portable party machines are equipped with the latest gaming technology, multiple HDTV screens, programmable LED lights, premium audio and comfortable bench seating. They bring a full li-

brary of games to every event. A multi-player stadium seating video game haven that hosts up to 28 players.

Two bookings are available—1 pm and 2 pm—Pre-registration is required by calling 877-941-7787.

28 kids per session.
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Admission: \$20.00 per child

In The Mix Dance Party

Tuesday March 14 – 1 pm to 4 pm www.inthemixprogram.com

During the party, DCMA will be sharing the coolest hip-hop dance moves, and grooving to hip-hop music. Kids have the opportunity to direct, choreograph and participate in the creation of a dance music video with the In The Mix App on iPads provided, complete with amazing and unlimited special effects. Kids will be thrilled to preview their video, created on the spot at the party. A polished version of the video is securely made available for downloading and sharing within 48 hours after the completion of the party! This highly engaging and interactive experience guarantees a unique party every time.

Admission: \$20.00 per child

Party Safari

Wednesday March 15 – 10 am to 11 am and 1 pm to 2 pm – Two shows!

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Pre-register by phone: 877.941.7787 or email: info@dufferinmuseum.com

Cost: \$20.00 / DCMA Members: \$15.00 / Kids: \$5.00

Canoeist brings Dufferin Reads to life

BY PETER RICHARDSON

Shelburne Library held their event in the One Book One County: Dufferin Reads programme this past Sunday with a fabulous presentation by local potter and canoeist Allan Pace.

This year's book for One Book One County: Dufferin Reads, which was announced in January at the County Council meeting, is the national bestseller Canoe Country: The Making of Canada by Roy MacGregor.

Roy will be reading from his book and meeting the public at the Grand Finale event on May 13 at the Dufferin County Museum and Archives.

All Pace, who is a world renowned potter, lives and works in Mono, at his Farmhouse Pottery Studio and Cafe, on Hockey Valley Road, which he operates with his wife, of 35 years, Lin Ward.

The Ontario Government has presented pieces of Al's artwork to Queen Elizabeth II, and also Pope John Paul II, when they visited our fair province.

However, the couple have another life – as canoeists and adventure travel outfitters in Canada's far north! Canoe North Adventures was established in 1987 and it was this venture, and his and Lin's adventures that Al was at the library to talk about.

And what a talk it was!

Al first ventured to the Yukon in 1977 on a class trip with Lakefield College School, in Peterborough, where one of his classmates was Prince Andrew, future Duke of York, then second in line to the throne after his brother Prince Charles.

That trip was the beginning of a lifelong friendship and a lifelong passion, for the far north.

Prior to founding the company, Al and Lin paddled all across the Yukon, North West Territories and Nunavut and it was these experiences that led them to form Canoe North Adventures. Today, their son Taylor has joined the enterprise, as a guide and together with a talented and dedicated staff, they run one of the most respected tour companies in Canada.

Their Keele River Trip is now part of the Canadian Signature Experience Collection, a part of the Canadian Tourism Commission.

CNA, runs tours in both the Yukon and the NWT from their staff-built lodge in Norman Wells, NWT.

The tours traverse all the major rivers in the north, including the Mackenzie, the Coppermine, Keele, Horton and the Snake, to name but a few. On any of these excursions, participants can expect to run whitewater, see amaz-



PHOTO BY PETER RICHARDSON

ing scenery and encounter numerous local inhabitants, such as caribou, Dahl sheep, muskox, wolves and grizzly bear. They can hike the vast landscapes as well as spend time with the Inuit, in their communities and the fishing is out of this world!

It was interesting to note that despite the abundance of trophy, trout, arctic char and pike, the Inuit mainly feed fish, to their dogs, preferring to consume the meat from caribou and other large mammals, themselves.

Al has brought his love of the north, back to his pottery, where he uses special glazing techniques to interpret the spirit of the far north, into his art, with remarkable results.

The Library staff went out of their way, to enhance the gathering, with a sumptuous buffet of northern delights. There was various venison dishes, as well as smoked salmon, delightfully presented on spoons, ready to devour! The large crowd was most appreciative of this bounty and few leftovers remained for the kitchen help.

Al's many stories of his adventures, encounters with wildlife and wonderful group experiences, on the rivers, enthralled the audience and the event was a huge success.

In this the 150th year for Canada and the 105th for the Shelburne Library building, it was a fitting tribute to Canada's voyageur heritage and her magnificent northern wilderness!

Shelburne Library News: Keep Walking the Wall

BY ROSE DOTTEN

We have less than one week left, steppers! Currently we've stepped 10.4 million steps! The last day to check in is Saturday, March 11, and then you can hand your pedometers in starting next Monday.

As a finale event for the Walk the Wall Challenge, we will be hosting the Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance programmers at the Library, Thursday, March 23 from 6 – 7.30 p.m.

This will be a great chance to meet other steppers and learn about healthy, local food options. Snacks included! If you can make it, let us know by calling the library 519-925-2168, or email jnoble@shelburnelibrary.ca.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

March Break – Tickets are going quickly. We only have 15 of the 3 bundled tickets left and still more of the Three Little Pigs and Cosima Grunsky. Those two shows are at Grace Tipling Hall and they are fun and interactive for the audience.

Tuesday, March 14 @ 2:00 p.m. – Cosima Grunsky – Interactive musical performance
Wednesday March 15 @ 2:00 p.m. – DuffleBag Theatre – Three Little Pigs
Thursday, March 16 @ 10:30 am – Hands on Exotics

Friday March 17 @ 10:30 a.m. there will be Storytime as usual. The theme is green things. Please wear green if you can.

Please Note: There is NO story time this Friday, March 10.

LEGO CLUB will be cancelled the week of March Break as we have the Three Little Pigs @ Grace Tipling Hall. Tickets are \$3.00.

Paws to Read is on Wednesday, March 15 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. There is one space available at 4:15, if your child is interested. Then, Mac, the therapeutic poodle, is taking a holiday on Wednesday, March 22 and the 29. The program will resume Wednesday, April 5 at 3:30 p.m.

Come in and check out some of our new junior fiction series. A couple of new series are The Diary of a Minecraft Zombie by Zak Zombie and The Copernicus Legacy by Tony Abbott. We also have some new picture books as well.

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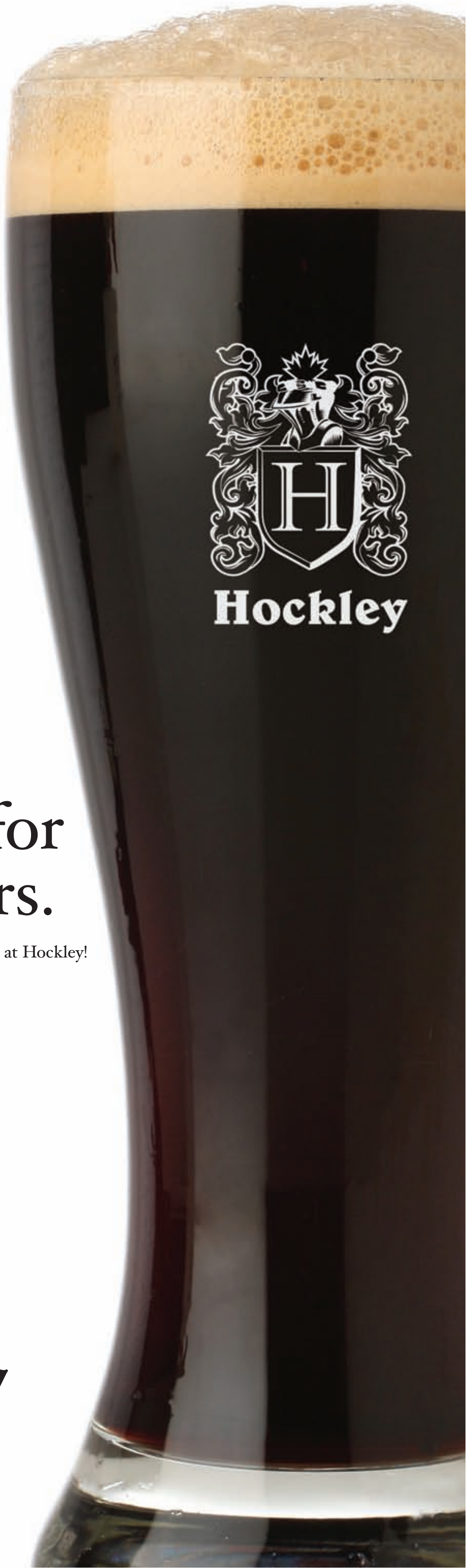
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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Wolves Novice rep team in playoffs

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Wolves Novice rep team are looking good as they finish up the round robin segment of their playoffs.

The Wolves hosted the Essa Eagles on Thursday night, March 2, at the Centre Dufferin Recreation complex and left the ice with a win after a hard fought battle.

Going ahead 3 – 2 in the second period, the Wolves worked hard to keep the puck out of

their end and force the action into the Essa zone.

With the Eagles battling hard to get back in the game, the Shelburne team got some insurance when they scored late in the game with 2:50 left on the clock and finished off with a 4-2 win over the visitors.

The win gave the Wolves a 6-5-1 record for the round robin playoffs.

The team had a good run against the Schomberg Red Wings in their mini-series but took some losses when they went up against the Wasaga Beach Stars.

“In the first period, we started off pretty rough but then coach Chris (Reed) gave us some good ideas, so we started working with that and came back. [The Eagles] were a pretty tough team,” said Wolves defenseman Carter Parr.

Teammate Ben Wauchope agreed that the team had a good performance after getting off to a slow start in Thursday’s game.

“We played pretty good. We had a rough start but we came back. They (Eagles) have some good players but we were good so we could beat them,” Ben said after the game.

The team had one more game in the round robin before heading into the championship round.

Both players agreed that they needed to stay in shape for the next round.

“We have to go home, get some sleep and don’t eat too much junk food,” Carter said.

“We shouldn’t each that much junk food and just relax,” Carter added about the team’s regimen prior to the championship round. “We have practices so we can get better for the championship.”

Minor hockey is now moving into the final stages of the playoffs for the 2016/17 season.



The Shelburne Wolves Novice rep team host the Essa Eagles during round robin playoff action at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Thursday, March 2. The Wolves left the ice with a 4-2 win in this game and will now go into the championship playoffs.

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Name: CARTER PARR
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Position: DEFENCE

“I like playing defence. I like playing hockey because we have good coaches and it’s lot of fun,” said Shelburne Wolves defenseman Carter Parr of why he likes the sport.

The Glenbrook Elementary School student has been playing hockey for three seasons and is helping his team get through a tough playoff series.

When the hockey season is over Carter trades his skates for running shoes and plays ball hockey with the Shelburne Shooters.



The Alliston Hornets host the Penetang Kings in Game Five of their best-of-seven semi-final series at the New Tecumseth Recreation Centre in Alliston on Friday, March 3.

PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Stayner / Alliston meet in Junior C final

BY BRIAN LOCKHART

The Alliston Junior C Hornets will once again head to the Junior C championship round and face the Stayner Siskins in the final duel for the North Conference title of the PJHL.

Alliston defeated the Penetang Kings 7-1 on Friday night, March 3, to end their best-of-seven semi-final series in five games.

The series was a close battle at the start with the Hornets winning Game One 6 – 5, then giving up a 5 – 2 loss in Game Two.

After taking Game Three with a 7-3 win, the Hornets seemed to blow the series wide open with an 8 – 1 win in game four in Penetang.

Returning to Alliston for game five the series ended when the Hornets dominated the ice and delivered an opening salvo that saw them take a 4-0 lead to end the first period. From there they kept up the pressure and ended the series with the win.

“I thought we got better. We had a week off prior to game one of the series. I thought we did a good job as the series got going. We played closer to what play-

off hockey is supposed to be once we got going – which obviously we need to do,” said Hornets coach Darrin Shannon after Friday’s win. “There’s definitely some positives to go on as then series went on.”

The Hornets were plagued with injuries during this series as well as in their quarter-final against the Schomberg Cougars with several key players having to sit out.

But going into the final it looks like they’ll be back to full strength.

The Stayners Siskins finished the regular season in first place before knocking out the Caledon Golden Hawks in the quarter-final and dispatching the Midland Flyers in four games in the semi-final round.

Game One of the final series will get underway on Stayner home ice on Thursday, March 9.

Game Two is slated for Alliston on Friday, March, 10, at 7:30 p.m.

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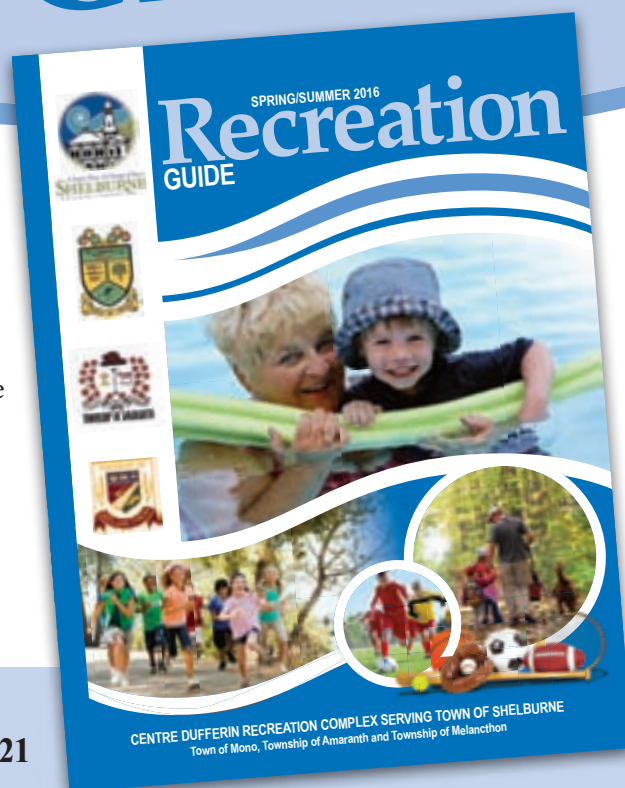
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The Shelburne Wolves Peewee LL2 team host the Oro Thunder during playoff action at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Thursday, March 2. The Wolves came out on top in this game leaving the ice with a 4-3 win.

PHOTO BY BRIAN LOCKHART

Christian Perspectives: Conscience

BY NORM COPELAND
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The conscience. We all have one. Though we all have one, it is like a fingerprint, unique to each of us. But what is it really? I recently read a great book all about the conscience - a subject I hadn't given much thought to.

I'd like to share some of what I learned in reading it.

If you look up the word conscience in Google images you'll see many pictures of the shoulder angel and devil. You know, those little characters from the cartoons that sit on your shoulders, one tempting you to do all manner of evil and the other appealing to some part of you that wants to do good.

Have you ever wondered what God says the conscience is and what it is for? So how do we define it? Well, your conscience is your awareness of what is right and wrong. Your conscience is a gift, a tool that God has given us to help us navigate through life.

Like the sense of touch, it helps us know when something is amiss like a hand recoiling from a hot pan out of the oven.

The Bible tells us that upon becoming a child of God by trusting in Christ's sacrifice on the cross for our sins, our consciences were cleansed.

Hebrews 9:14 says, "Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins."

Many new Christians though are surprised to find that their consciences are not silent, in fact, it may be telling them more than ever. This is because our awareness of God's Holiness and sin in our life grows through the Holy Spirit that lives in us.

This shouldn't depress us; on the contrary, it should encourage us as we understand all the more God's Grace. An ever increasing trust of Christ's work on the cross can keep us from despair and move us in the direction of sanctification.

While we live here on earth, our consciences are not perfect.

As mentioned, they are unique to each of us. My conscience and your conscience may overlap in many areas, but they do not match exactly. Our goal needs to be working towards aligning our consciences with God's Word. If it does not, we risk passing judgement on others based on mere opinion.

It's important to understand that the conscience is not the same as the Holy Spirit.

It can be hard at times to discern the difference. If your conscience does not line up with scripture, then it is not the Holy Spirit, but, if it does, the Holy Spirit is working through your conscience to lead and to guide you.

As we work, live and worship with other believers, our conscience plays a huge role in how we relate to each other. Some of us have strong consciences that understand the liberties we have in Christ, while others have weak consciences that are easily triggered by things that

are not expressly forbidden in God's Word.

These two groups of Christians can easily become judgmental of each other; the strong Christian looking down on those with strict and silly rules while those with weak consciences judging those who do things they believe to be wrong.

Romans 15:1-7 gives us the solution - Love. The first few verses say, "We who are strong must be considerate of those who are sensitive about things like this. We must not just please ourselves. We should help others do what is right and build them up in the Lord."

There are many matters in life that are disputable, that is, they are grey issues not clearly defined in scripture. The goal is to be flexible in those issues in order to build up and edify each other, as well as advance the Gospel.

We need to welcome those with stronger consciences and not look down on those that are weak.

Romans 14:3,4 says, "Those who feel free to eat anything must not look down on those who don't. And those who don't eat certain foods must not condemn those who do, for God has accepted them. Who are you to condemn someone else's servants? Their own master will judge whether they stand or fall. And with the Lord's help, they will stand and receive his approval."

It's clear that God allows believers to hold different opinions on certain matters. Should we really force everyone to hold our opinion? We do however need to be united on issues clearly laid out in Scripture. Our ultimate goal is to become more like Jesus who was willing to give up his rights and unbelievable home in heaven to come down to earth for our sake.

"Therefore, accept each other just as Christ has accepted you so that God will be given glory." Romans 15:7

Learn more about the conscience by reading Conscience: What It Is, How to Train It, and Loving Those Who Differ by Andrew Naselli and J.D. Crowley.

Local fundraiser supports the 1 in 10 Canadians living with kidney disease

This spring, Kidney Clothes is partnering with businesses and schools across the province to host clothing drives to raise funds that will support people in the community living with kidney disease.

On Saturday, March 11, Kidney Clothes is partnering with Shelburne Minor Hockey on a special clothing drive at Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex (220 Fiddlepark Lane).

Players are working hard to raise awareness for the event, which will help provide support for the 1 in 100 Canadians in the community living with the disease.

The local hockey heroes will be on hand at CDRC to help collect your items from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Schools and other non-profit organizations hosting drives also receive a portion of the funds to support a variety of causes and programs of their choice, such as extracurricular activities.

The funds raised through the Kidney Clothes program are used by The Kidney Foundation of Canada to provide hope, support, empowerment and engagement to all Canadians affected by kidney disease. This means people in the local community will have access

to more Kidney Foundation programs which include financial assistance, peer support, and educational materials such as the Living with Kidney Disease patient manual is given to every newly-diagnosed kidney patient.

In addition to raising funds, Kidney Clothes is also working to promote the recycling of textiles and other household goods that might otherwise end up in landfills.

The average North American throws away over 80 lbs. of clothing a year and 90 per cent of those items could be recycled or reused. Hosting a clothing drive is a great way for these schools to raise money, learn about the environmental impact of the textile industry, and foster a sense of community and responsibility while working with Kidney Clothes to keep that clothing out of landfills.

Kidney Clothes is encouraging people in the community to show support for these local initiatives by dropping off donations of any unwanted clothing and cloth-based goods. These include bedding, draperies, pillows, linens, shoes, purses and outerwear.

To learn more about Kidney Clothes and our partnerships visit www.kidney-clothes.ca.



Trivia Night wasn't trivial!

PHOTO & STORY
BY MICHELLE JANZEN

On Friday, March 3, the Shelburne Legion held a Trivia Night that was themed around mobster Al Capone - and participants went dressed accordingly.

In each round there were eight questions, with the first one being about, you guessed it, the infamous Al Capone. After that, the rest of the questions were a mix of Canadiana, arts and leisure, geography and such.

After ten rounds of multiple choice questions such as; at what age did Al Capone get expelled from school? How many species of frogs are

there? What is the biggest Island? Where is the museum dedicated to Al Capone? Who was the faction of law enforcement responsible for his capture? What was he put in jail for? Who is otherwise known as Eileen Edwards?...was I ever glad no one asked me to be on their team!

I just realized I am defiantly not a Capone aficionado and know none of the answers to any of those questions!

The winners were announced and best dressed team went to AJ Cavey's team, best dressed table went to Philip Norris' table and top score also went to AJ Cavey's team.

Congratulations to all who participated. You all looked fabulous!

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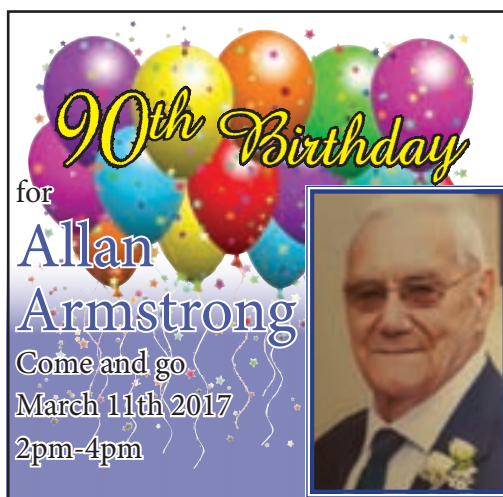
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Shelburne Police continues to warn residents and businesses of frauds and scams



Frauds and scams are happening everywhere, and Shelburne is no exception.

Frauds and scams take many shapes and forms. Some are conducted in person, some over the phone, some through email, and some through social media. Certain fraud artists target businesses, and others residents. Unfortunately, the most vulnerable in our society often end up being the biggest victims - including the elderly, and those who always give the benefit of the doubt.

According to the Better Business Scam Tracker website, Canadians lost a reported \$90 million in 2016. That is up significantly from \$61 million dollars in 2015. They also believe that a large amount of scams are not reported.

According to the Better Business Bureau, the top ten scams for 2016 were:

1. Fake offers of employment: \$5.3 million.
2. Online dating: \$17 million.
3. Identity fraud: \$11 million.
4. Advance fee loans: \$1.1 million.
5. Online purchases: \$8.6 million.
6. Wire fraud spear phishing: \$13 million.
7. Binary option scams: \$7.5 million.
8. Fake lottery winnings: \$3 million.
9. Scam involving person claiming to be from CRA: \$4.3 million.
10. Fake online endorsements: Amount unknown.

Shelburne Police encourages everyone to protect themselves by always taking steps to verify any and all information before providing any personal information. Here are some suggestions:

- "If it's too good to be true - it probably is."
- Second guess every offer - don't give anyone the benefit of the doubt no matter how professional or charismatic they may be
- Check with your bank or insurance com-

pany in person or use a phone number you know belongs to the institution

- If you're not sure how to verify an offer, call the police for assistance.

"We would be happy to make some inquiries to ensure you don't become a victim of a scam," says PC Neumann. "You will enjoy that phone call much more than if you are reporting to us that you have lost money to a scam."

For more information on the different types of scams and for prevention tips visit the Better Business Bureau Scam Tracker website at: www.bbb.org/scamtracker/canada, or the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at: www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca.

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.

SNOWMOBILE FATALITIES DOUBLED OVER LAST YEAR

With fatal snowmobile incidents now more than double the number this time last season, the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) are dismayed to see the same behaviours drive the numbers up at an alarming rate.

Fatal snowmobile incidents and resulting deaths now sit at 20 for the season, compared to eight such incidents and 11 deaths to this time last year. Thirteen of the deaths have occurred within the past six weeks. The causes and contributing factors clearly reflect snowmobilers' ongoing disregard for their own safety and that of their fellow riders and passengers:

- Twelve of the deceased either collided with a tree, a rock, a snowbank, a road vehicle or another snowmobile.
- Speeding excessively, too fast for the conditions and/or losing control of their

snowmobiles were actions in nine of the incidents.

- Four of the snowmobilers were travelling on frozen waterways. Three of them encountered open water and the fourth fell through the ice. Sadly, in one of those incidents, a young passenger died.
- Driver inattention was the primary cause of four fatalities.
- A lone snowmobiler died of hypothermia after her snowmobile became stuck in the snow - a harsh reminder of what can happen when you do not pack an emergency kit for each ride.

Seventeen males and three females, which include a 16-year-old and an 11-year-old girl, have been killed to date.

According to OPP Deputy Commissioner Brad Blair, the prominent demographics among the deceased may come as a surprise to some and are telling in terms of the attitudes and behaviours among some Ontario snowmobilers.

"Men in their fifties and sixties make up the majority of this season's snowmobile deaths, with 15 of the 20 deceased within these age groups. What snowmobilers and their families

need to take away from this is that even those with considerable driving experience - be it on a snowmobile or in a road vehicle - are equally vulnerable to the inherent risks associated with this popular, yet high-risk recreational sport," said Blair.

"A snowmobiler impacting another vehicle or a tree isn't an 'accident' - it's a preventable incident, often the result of excessive speed and operator inattention," added said Paul Shaughnessy, Executive Director of the OFSC. "Some snowmobilers do not appreciate that they are operating a motor vehicle, machines that are capable of reaching significant speeds. They need to drive with due care and control."

The OPP is urging snowmobilers to stay off lakes and rivers, the conditions of which are deteriorating rapidly in many parts of the province. Family members are also encouraged to help their loved ones make smart decisions before they head out, to help ensure a safe return home from their ride.

The OPP and OFSC are reminding snowmobilers to check for trail status and conditions before each ride.

OSPCA seeks information to locate owner of deceased dog found near Shelburne

The Ontario SPCA is urging members of the public to come forward with information about a deceased German Shepherd-type dog found on the side of a road in Mulmur Township.

The body of the dog was found by a passerby on Sunday, February 26 on the 1st Line EHS, north of Highway 89, in Mulmur Township.

A brown towel was partially underneath the dog's body. The dog is a large adult German Shepherd-type dog and is black and dark tan in colour. It was not wearing a col-

lar and no microchip was found.

Due to the level of decomposition, the gender of the dog could not be determined

If you have any information that could assist in this investigation, please call 310-SPCA (7722) immediately.

"Our investigation at this time is to find out if this was an act of animal cruelty," says Alison Green, Senior Inspector, Ontario SPCA. "We are asking anyone who may have witnessed anything unusual in that area to come forward."

2017 Everyday Hero Awards

Is there someone in your school community who goes above and beyond to make the Upper Grand an exceptional place to work and learn?

Nominations are now open for the 2017 Everyday Hero Awards.

Tireless school volunteers, innovative teachers, bus drivers who go the extra mile, crossing guards who save lives - anyone who goes that extra mile is being sought by the Board for honour as an Everyday Hero.

Candidates can be an employee, volunteer, individual, or community group active in schools - anyone who has a relationship with the system across Dufferin and Wellington Counties and the City of Guelph.

Nominations are from peers, students, parents and other system partners.

Past recipients include an employee who worked tirelessly to ensure technology programs are available to all students, an inspiring teacher who was the driving force behind a massive collaborative fundraising drive, and volunteers who worked behind the scenes for decades, never asking for anything in return.

Nominations are open until Thursday April 13.

The awards ceremony is set for Wednesday, May 30 at the E.L. Fox Auditorium (John F. Ross CVI), 21 Meyer Drive, Guelph beginning at 7:00 p.m. A reception will follow the awards.

For more information, and to view the nomination criteria, please visit the board's website at www.ugdsb.on.ca/heroes.

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NEW BOOKS:

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The Chilbury Ladies Choir by Jennifer Ryan
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