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PHOTOS: DEB FREEMAN
 HUNDREDS OF LOCALS attended Shelburne's Remembrance Day service at the Royal Canadian Legion in town this past Saturday (Nov. 11) to remember those that sacrificed their lives for our freedom during the First and Second World War and both the Korean War and War in Afghanistan. Above, local veteran Dean Schroeder pins his poppy to a wreath at the Shelburne cenotaph.

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Shelburne residents facing probable tax hike in 2018

Written By **PETER RICHARDSON**
 Monday night's council meeting, saw the first draft of the 2018 Budget proposals from Staff and the news was not all good. There will be a provisional levy increase of 4 percent based on an average home assessment of \$303,897. This was primarily due to a funding gap, or shortfall, of just over \$6.5 million, caused by revenues dropping to just under \$1.4 million. Estimated expenses for the year top out at \$7.9 million. In part this was due to a number of unexpected expenditures related to the sewage holding pond problems of this past summer and also the water tower re-lin-

ing and the water main breaks this fall. However there were also many other increases that have attributed to the uptick in the levy. The four main causes of the Budget fluctuations were the reductions in grants and/or grant funding opportunities, the phased in assessment and assessment growth, changes in the transfers to and from the reserves and the transfers departments, such as dog tag enforcement being moved from the police services to by-law enforcement. The latter, for example, reduced policing revenues by over \$12,000, from \$136,394.00, in 2017, to \$123,764 in 2018. Other substantial, factors included a 36 percent reduction in Public

Works revenues, caused by no transfers from Reserves and a 61 percent decrease, for the same reason, in Fire Protection revenues. There were two bright lights, those being an increase of 196 percent for planning and Development and a 1036 percent surge for Other Protective Services, but neither of these were of enough monetary substance to offset the losses appreciatively. Meanwhile, expenditures increased by \$305,841.00 for 2018 with Police Services and Planning and Development both experiencing large increases, due to salaries, benefits and new hires.

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Daub: HHCC needs more funding from the province

Written By JASEN OBERMEYER

Headwaters Health Care Centre CEO Stacey Daub was at Dufferin County Council last Thursday (Nov. 9) discussing the hospital's need for more funding from the province.

In her presentation to council, Ms. Daub provided an update on hospital matters, asking members to re-imagine the role Headwaters plays in the community.

She says staff and officials strive for high-quality care, pointing to the hospital's average emergency wait time – the time that elapses between arrival at the hospital and admission to a room – at 11 hours, which she says is an area the hospital “does really well at,” compared to the provincial average time of 48.5 hours.

Ms. Daub described the hospital as an “economic engine,” but warned they can't do everything. “It's not possible, technology is constantly changing.”

She says their biggest challenge is financial, due to a model the province moved to in 2012 that aims at reflecting the needs of patients served by each hospital and its surrounding community.

The model compensates health-care organizations based on how many patients they look after, the services they deliver, and the needs of the broader population they serve.

Ms. Daub says the new model is “quite difficult for medium-sized hospitals” like Headwaters, and is not working for them.

“We have developed a very extensive business case and are working in collaboration with the local LHIN (Local Health Integration Network) to make a pitch for a base adjustment with the Ministry of Health to address the gap between the funding we receive and what our community deserves.”

She says community growth and demand, particularly in Shelburne, is another challenge they face, and are looking to build up their organization and infrastructure, for their “ability to work financially to build our human resources.”

She added that despite donations and charity events they host, “requiring funding is a difficult situation ... it's an ongoing challenge for us.”

Pointing to the fact the hospital building is now 20 years old, she said “maintenance and facility issues are coming and require funding.”

She also spoke of the growing number of seniors and babies in the area. This year to date, she said they have delivered 20 per cent more babies than last year – about 200 more – which is “a really big deal” for a hospital Headwaters' size.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

HEADWATERS HEALTH CARE CENTRE President and CEO Stacey Daub provided an update to Dufferin County council last week, where she claimed the local facility needed more funding from the province to maintain its high standards of quality care.

Ms. Daub says they will engage with citizens, patients, partners, businesses, and the government, to for the future of the hospital.

Dufferin Warden Darren White encouraged Ms. Daub to “keep [council] in the loop” on the hospitals' activities and their request for more provincial funding.

EXTENDED! END OF YARD WASTE COLLECTION



The Town of Orangeville will be collected during the week of **November 27th**.

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SHELBURNE'S REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE was well attended, with hundreds of locals making their way to the community cenotaph to pay their respects for all those that have fallen fighting for our freedom over the years.

Shelburne remembers locals vets who fought

Written By DEB FREEMAN

A cold and damp day didn't stop the residents of Shelburne attending the Remembrance Day service at The Royal Canadian Legion on Saturday, November 11th to honour those that sacrificed their lives for our freedom during the First and Second world wars

Reverend Gord Horsley gave a strong, sombre, service attended by hundreds of local residents young and old, all drawn together on this commemorative day, and remembering the fallen. Crowds spilled into the Legion's great hall, local residents, and veterans, dignitaries and children, listened attentively to the words spoken by Rever-

end Horsley and then, a quick march to the Cenotaph at Town Hall on Victoria street, for the laying of wreaths at 11:00am.

The Last Post brought many to tears as they remembered their loved ones, their friends, relatives, lost souls no longer with us but always remembered on this day, the end of the war November 11th, 11:00am, 1918.

A list of local men and women who died in combat was read, followed by individual laying of wreaths, by representatives of several organisations, including members of Parliament, and the government of Canada. A tearful, yet solemn day for all of us, and a day to reflect at how privileged we are to have our freedom on this very sad day.

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Feral Cat Rescue secures new temporary site

Written By MIKE PICKFORD

Sharon Morden's Feral Cat Rescue has been provided some temporary respite in the shape of a private barn, just on the outskirts of Orangeville.

The organization has been struggling to find appropriate shelter for the 12 or so cats that remain in its care after Shelburne Council decided Ms. Morden could no longer operate the service from her home, located on Second Avenue West in the community. The felines had effectively been homeless since the cat rescue was officially closed on Oct. 10.

Speaking to the Free Press this week, Ms. Morden said she was delighted to secure a temporary facility in a rural location as she works to nail down a more permanent location, expected to be in Melancthon.

"We're happy to have a place once again that these cats can call home, albeit temporarily," Ms. Morden said. "It's a big space, so plenty big enough. We have 12 or 14 cats right now. Once the rescue shut down a lot of the cats went into foster care, so we've been fortunate there. I still have some of the really sick cats with me... We're dealing with what we have right now."

That feeling of displacement has lingered ever since Shelburne Council first informed Ms. Morden back in June that her rescue would be shut down for violating the municipality's zoning and property bylaws. Sharon had asked for an eight-month extension to tie the organization over until it could establish its new permanent location in Melancthon. The Town denied that request.

With the world seemingly against her, Ms. Morden never once considered giving up, saying she couldn't turn her back on the cats that so desperately need her care. Since launching the organization several years ago

she has helped more than 1,000 cats.

"I will not give up, that is an absolute fact. I'm not going to leave the cats that need this program. If I did, they'd die," Ms. Morden said. "That's one of the things missing in human society, SPCA, townships... Cats are born into a life they didn't choose to be born into. I don't think it's right that the world turns their back on these animals."

As well as getting a permanent location fixed up in the near future, Sharon has also been working to establish Feral Cat Rescue as a recognized charity. As of this week she says all the paperwork has been submitted, which would officially incorporate the organization as a non-profit. That will help as Ms. Morden chases funds for her cats.

Still, she has many cats in her care that require a foster family. She's looking for people in the community to step up and provide a home for the cats in need.

"Ideally we wouldn't have these cats packed up into a barn, we'd have them in homes, where people can look after them until we can give them a permanent place to live," Ms. Morden said. She is hoping to have permission to move into the new facility in Melancthon by this coming Spring.



FILE PHOTO

SHARON MORDEN'S FERAL CAT RESCUE has secured a new temporary location just outside of Orangeville as it waits for approval to move into a permanent site in Melancthon.

Continued from FRONT

Tentatively, this will impact the average homeowner to the tune of \$85.89 on this year's tax bill, with the average annual bill jumping from \$2,147 in 2017 to \$2,233 in 2018. Although this is not a particularly massive number in the grand scheme of things, financially, it is still a burden on the taxpayer and Mayor Bennington is hopefully that Council will be able to reduce that increase to one or two percent following their deliberations on the draft budget next Monday evening. No politician likes to see a tax increase, especially in an election year and so it can be expected that Council will strive to keep any increases as low as possible, without jeopardizing the level of service and safety to the residents. Death and taxes may well be inevitable, as the old saying goes, but Shelburne's elected officials intend to keep the latter to a minimum.

In general, the biggest ongoing expense facing any endeavour is wages and in this regard Shelburne has been relatively successful in holding the line on any dramatic changes to its payroll. However, some increase is inevitable if you wish to maintain a low employee turnover ratio and salaries are going up by 6 percent for 2018, primarily driven by new hires in the Clerks Office and the Engineering Department. Engineering is seeing the largest jump with two new personnel on staff.

The 2018 General Capital Projects and Purchases came in at just over \$2.05 million, which accounts for Infrastructure maintenance, a new playground, police equipment, the cleanup of the old works yard on Victoria Street, new road equipment, 48 new cemetery plots, transfers to reserves, mail room supplies and, finally, the annual loan repayment on the Sister Street Debenture. Although these projects are funded from a variety of sources, the primary one is grants and should they not be available or refused, this would dramatically affect the projects and/or purchasing.

Providing safe water for the town is an obvious priority and will see a cost increase in 2018, partly due to the loss of a Ministry of the Environment grant. Overall, the budget will not be dramatically affected, as new fees and revenues will contribute a total improvement of 33 percent over 2017. This is thanks to the steady growth of the town annually. On the other hand, sewage operating costs will rise substantially for 2018, in part due to the dredging of the holding ponds, done to alleviate the problems of this past spring and summer. Adding to this will be several projects and purchases that are directly related to the sewage and water main problems of 2017. These will include the several rebuild

and/or replacement pumps and blowers, affected by the plant flooding this past year. For 2018, this means that Water and Sewer Capital Costs are the largest component of the total Capital Projects Budget. 55 percent of the water and sewer projects are directly funded by water and sewer rates.

An area of some concern, going forward, is the fact that in 2018 the capital reserves will be depleted by nearly \$23,000, meaning that the Town will have had to use more of the reserves to meet the Budget needs than expected. The idea of reserves is that they are always being added to, as opposed to being depleted, thus assuring the Town of a buffer in case of unexpected expenditures, rather than being spent to fund normal operating costs.

Over and above the aforementioned expenditures, the Town also has a compilation of future Capital Projects for Infrastructure, Water and sewer, Recreation and Accommodations, which amount to in excess of \$20 million and will have to be addressed as time goes on.

To give one an idea, of how their tax dollars are spent, the breakdown is as follows. Based on the proposed tax bill, for an average household, of \$2,233.21, \$89 goes to Fire Services, \$447 to General Governance, \$45 to Council and Committees and \$715 to Policing. After that, \$156 is for Recreation and Culture, \$156 for Planning and Development, \$45 to Other Protective services, such as Canine Control, and \$580 to Public Works. Where the final 21 cents are used is anyone's guess.

In other business, Council heard a request from future resident Sydney Worth, asking for relief from the Exotic Pets By-law so that she might be able to keep her two pet therapy pigs in her new home. Ms. Worth provided extensive documentation on the two animals and their Certifications, as well as letters from her doctors in support of her need for these animals. Council decided that they would grant this relief, but that the existing by-law would remain in effect and that all such requests would be handled on a case by case basis, with proper references and certifications being required. It was also noted that the BIA has plans well in hand for the upcoming Santa Claus Parade, being held downtown on December 2nd.



Town of Shelburne Notice of Special Council Meeting 2018 Budget Discussions

Take notice that the Council of the Town of Shelburne will be holding a Special Council meeting Monday November 20, 2017. To discuss and deliberate the 2018 Budget. The meeting will commence at 5:00 pm and is being held in Council Chambers – 203 Main Street East, Shelburne.

Jennifer Willoughby
Clerk
Town of Shelburne

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Back then you could hardly contain your joy and anticipation so you danced around with delight until you opened the gift. Then you danced around some more! The mention of, or a picture of, your favourite dessert causes saliva to gather in your mouth. You are certain you can smell the delectable aroma even now. You see someone walking along a street and you are convinced you have just seen a specific person, except that person lives thousands of miles away or perhaps is no longer on earth.

As I was driving recently I found myself humming along mindlessly with an orchestra playing the song, "Ave Maria." My mother, who went to heaven almost thirty years ago, used to sing that song in Latin. I had no idea what the words meant but I do know they were precious to her and, to my ears, she sang like an angel.

When I realized I was humming this familiar tune, I found my mind flooded with memories. I could have chosen to remember tragedies from my childhood, but, I chose not to. Suddenly, on what was a hectic day with a long drive in heavy traffic, the song

was a soothing, calming lullaby with me in my dear mother's arms and the fragrance of her favourite perfume seemingly wafted over me.

Yes, the mind can do strange things. This illustration is from an inspirational speaker, Mr. Ed Foreman. Play along with me in this and use your imagination, pausing briefly... after each instruction. Now, pick up an imaginary lemon... Observe it... Roll it around in your hand... Feel the texture and the size of it... Smell it... Cut it with your imaginary knife... Wipe away the spray of lemon juice that just missed your eyes... Observe the intricate pattern of the pulp... Smell it again deeply... And now, take a BIG bite!!!

There, did you pucker up and maybe even shudder involuntarily in that instant? The point is, the subconscious mind cannot tell the difference between an imagined event and an actual event you have experienced. We need to train our mind to think about things that are pleasing and energy giving and not get hung up on the things which drag us down and cause us to shudder years after the actual, or imagined, event.

How you train your mind is your choice,

which will impact your physical, mental, and spiritual well being. While it is good to be aware to some degree of what is going on in the world, I urge you to not get wrapped up in the sordid details of evil or tragic events. For training the mind we read in Philippians 4: 5-9, "Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.


Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is

pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable-if anything is excellent or praiseworthy, think about such things." While we may not be thankful for what happened, we can be thankful we can present our requests to God to give us wisdom in how we can respond positively.

Celebrate the good and remember to not be anxious about anything. As the final few words of Phil. 4:9 say, "And the God of peace will be with you."

By: Maxine R. McLellan, Co-Pastor, Grace Church of the Nazarene,

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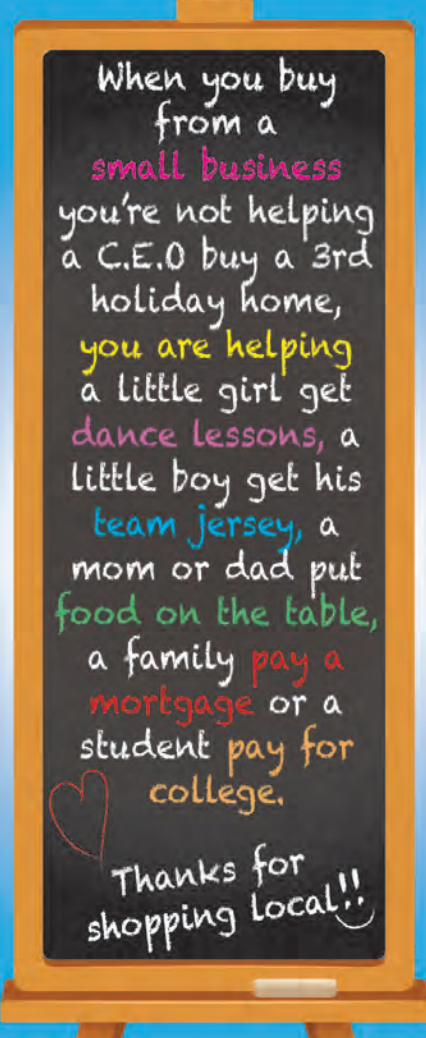
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7th annual Toy and Food Drive kicks off tomorrow

Written By MIKE PICKFORD

With Christmas just around the corner Shelburne's bravest are once again calling on the public to dip into their pockets and help make the festive period a little better for the region's less fortunate.

The Shelburne and District Firefighters' Association will kick off its 7th annual Toy and Food Drive tomorrow and local Fire Chief Brad Lemaich is hoping this year's offering will be the biggest and best yet. In what will be his third Christmas in Shelburne, Chief Lemaich is looking forward to getting into the spirit as the big day approaches.

"Every year we free up some space at the Fire Hall to use as a collection depot for all the food and toys. Last year we ran out of room - we had three van loads of toys and I can't even remember how many pickup truck loads of food we had. It was a big, big year," Chief Lemaich recalls.

The association is asking for unwrapped toys and non-perishable food items once

again this holiday season, with all donations going to the Shelburne Food Bank and Dufferin Child and Family Services. Spearheaded by Captain Mike Morrell, the drive has helped a lot of people experience the joy of Christmas over the years.

The Fire Department will be hosting collection days in the community next month. They will be at No Frills on Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and at Foodland on Dec. 16 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Starting tomorrow, they will also be accepting donations at the local Fire Hall, located at 114 O'Flynn Street every Thursday (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.), Friday (7 p.m. to 9 p.m.) and Saturday (noon to 4 p.m.) until Dec. 16. For the first time this year they will also be collecting donations at the Shelburne Santa Claus Parade, taking place Dec. 2.

"This is our way of giving back and helping to relieve some stress over the Christmas period. This is a time to enjoy and spend with your families. We're happy to help in any way we can," Chief Lemaich concluded.



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THE SHELBURNE AND DISTRICT FIREFIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION is excited to launch its 7th annual Toy and Food Drive. Local Fire Chief Brad Lemaich is confident of building on last year's success, where residents filled the fire department's training room with food and toys.

Second water main break in under two weeks

Written By MARNI WALSH

The Town of Shelburne had its second water main break in less than two weeks last Friday morning, resulting in water pressure problems that forced schools and, in some cases, businesses to close their doors.

Mayor Ken Bennington reports that due to the "sudden drop in temperature, pressure release valves froze overnight." He said, "The Water-Sewer Lead Hand immediately called in crews to access the situation."

Public Works sourced the break, which occurred around 6 am, to Simon Street where water could be seen bubbling up from under a residential driveway. The break caused the loss of water to two homes and low water pressure to the rest of town.

At 6:20 am the schools reported low water pressure and were faced with the decision to cancel a school day, according to regulation by 6:30 am. All schools in Shelburne were closed.

Once the valves were repaired, the Mayor said the water pressure was restored to the rest of Town around noon. Repairs to the broken water main were completed around 8:30 pm Friday night and homes that were without water were back online.

Mayor Bennington told the Free Press, "Water main breaks, unfortunately, are a common occurrence in every municipality when the temperatures start to fluctuate. A report detailing the water main break that occurred on Oct 30th was on this week's Council agenda.

The Mayor said, "The water pressure issues of late are related to the water tower refurbish project only." He stressed,



PHOTO: MARNI WALSH

WATER BUBBLED UP from under a Simon Street driveway and flooded onto the street November 10th after a water main break in Shelburne. It was the second break to occur in less than 12 days and caused loss of water, pressure and closures of schools.

"Because our water tower was empty for routine maintenance, homeowners were impacted when these types of breaks would normally be unnoticed."

Town staff and work crews were on site from 6am until 10pm. "The rest of Public Works staff were out clearing sidewalks and plowing the snow we received Thursday night," said the Mayor.

"My solid thanks to our dedicated Town works staff, who chose to stay until the problem was resolved, leaving their warm dinners and loved ones waiting," said Mayor Bennington. "You won't find more dedicated

staff anywhere." The Town reports the water tower is scheduled to be filled and tested this week and maintenance on the tower should be complete by November 17th.

"I apologize for the inconvenience, better days are ahead," said Mayor Bennington. He said once the water tower project is complete, residents should not experience any water related issues. "The Town of Shelburne has an abundant water supply to serve the Town's current needs and support growth into the next 20 years," said the Mayor.

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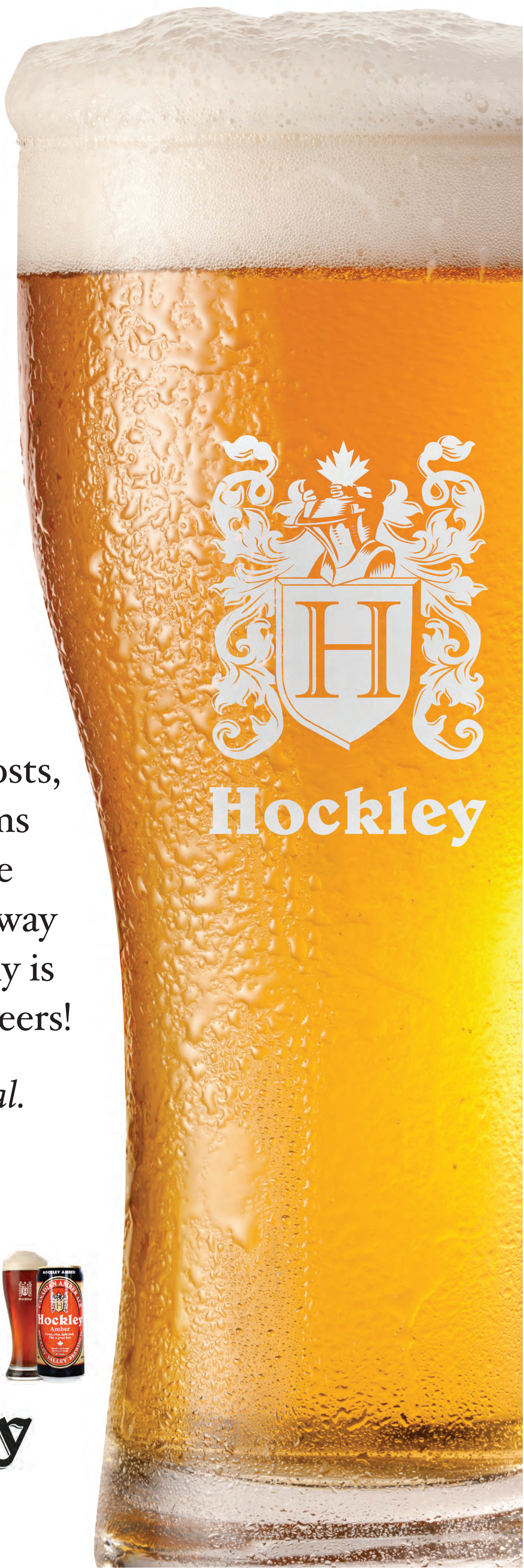
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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Royals Jr. girls heading to District 4 Championship

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals junior girls basketball team will be going to the District 4 championship final after a stunning come from behind win over the Westside Secondary School Thunder during their semi-final playoff game in the gym at CDDHS on Wednesday, November 8.

The Royals arrived at the semi-final with a 6-2 record for the regular season and a second place in the District standings.

The Westside team finished in third place in the standings setting up a highly competitive semi-final game between two well matched teams.

The Royals found themselves trailing by five points early in the second quarter when Westside got the edge to lead 14-9.

By the time the buzzer sounded to end the half the Royals were behind with the Thunder ahead 24-19.

When the Royals returned after the break they took it up a notch and started hitting hoops to close the score.

The big turn-around came when Royals forward, Shannon Bury, hit a three-pointer to tie the game at 24 and spur on the Royals to take over the game.

The Royals worked hard defensively to keep the Westside team on the outside and



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

CENTRE DUFFERIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL Royals forward, Shannon Bury, powers past Westside Secondary School defenders during their District 4 semi-final playoff game on Wednesday, November 8. The Royals came out on top with a 47-32 win and will now go on to face Wellington Heights Secondary School in Mount Forest

started scoring to take a lead.

With 3:30 left on the clock the CDDHS girls were ahead by ten points.

In the final couple of minutes they

increased the score and left the court with a 47-32 win and earned their right to go to the District final.

"We worked our defence and tried to bring

each other up," said Royals point guard Alexis Leid. "During the break we talked about how we had to get our offence going more and run the plays correctly."

Team coach Matt Barlow said he knew it was going to be a tough game.

"We had huge support from the school which was amazing. During the first half the gym was packed. It's good for the girls to experience that but the jitters were there too," Barlow said of the start. "In the first half our shots just weren't dropping and we had to stay true to what we practiced. I told them to relax and the shots would start dropping and we had to start going for the rebounds and we did that. That three pointer from Shannon Bury was massive. She's been hitting those all year long. When she gets a couple of those the entire team feeds off that and the entire crowd feeds off that. That was a definite turning point for sure."

The win sets up the team to face Wellington Heights District High School in Mount Forest for the District 4 championship.

CDDHS and WHDHS have met twice in the regular season. In the first game WHDHS came out on top with a two point win. In the second game the Royals managed a 14 point.

The final game was scheduled for Tuesday, November 14, in Mount Forest with results not available at press time.

Stayner Siskins undefeated after 19 games, leading Jr. C loop

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

Approaching the midway mark of the season the stats are starting to shape up in the Provincial Junior Hockey League and they are looking a lot like a repeat of last season.

This time last year the Stayner Siskins had

moved into first place and so far they are undefeated this season to once again be in the top spot in the standings.

After 19 games the Siskins haven't given up a loss.

This time last year the Alliston Hornets were right behind them in second place and again

this year they are in the number two spot.

Alliston and Stayner have met twice this season in a couple of hotly contested games that both went Stayner's way.

The Hornets have taken four losses this season after 20 games.

Moving up in the stats this year are the Caledon Golden Hawks. After having a dismal last season and finishing in the basement of the division with 29 losses the Hawks are now in third place with a 9-10 record.

The Schomberg Cougars are tied with Caledon with 19 points and are tracking ahead of their last season record.

The Penetang Kings are also in the .500 range with a 7-9 record including two overtime losses.

In Midland, the Flyers are close behind with 16 points and a 7-11 record so far.

The Huntsville Otters are struggling this

year winning only five games after 19 times on the ice.

The Orillia Terriers are in last place with six points and three wins after 19 games.

Fans are expecting a repeat playoff series this year with Stayner and Alliston going the distance but you never know when a dark horse team in Junior C hockey can create an upset.

Last year the final series between Stayner and Alliston took an unexpected turn when the Hornets managed to win the division with a four game sweep over the Siskins in the final series.

The Hornets have won the league championship nine times over the past ten years. The beat Stayner three times in the final series.

The last time the Siskins won the championship was in 2004.

Muskies park Four Wheel Drives with a win

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Shelburne Senior A Muskies continue to make strides this season.

The squad had a total team effort when they travelled to Milverton to take on the Four Wheel Drives on Saturday (Nov. 11) and left the ice with a 4-3 win.

They got off to a slow start trailing 2-0 halfway through the game before they started pulling it together. After giving up a powerplay goal the Muskies responded with a goal from Nate King on an assist from Brandon Coburn to make it a 2-1 game.

Coburn followed up with this fourth goal of the season on an assist from Tyler Hogan to tie the game. It was a short lived tie when Milverton scored with just under five minutes left in the period.

The Muskies battled back and Tyler Hogan took the feed from Kris Dobinson to score and again tie things up at three.

Captain Chris Greer's breakaway short-

handed marker with just 13 seconds left in the game proved to be the winner. It was his second chance in the last minute killing the late penalty and he didn't miss on try number two.

The teams battled through the third period with good scoring chances. Muskies goalie Eddy Davey put out a solid effort to shut down the Milverton shots on net. The end came when captain Chris Greer scored on a breakaway with the team short handed and just 13 seconds left on the clock to give the Muskies a 4-3 win.

The win gives the Shelburne team their fifth win in seven games so far for the season. The Muskies remain tied in third place with the Ripley Wolves (5-2). Both teams trail the league leading Clinton Radars (6-0) by two points and sit one back of the Tillsonburg Thunder (5-2-1) while Durham sits just below with a 4-1 record.

The Muskies will have a Sunday (Nov. 19) home game this week when they host the Tillsonburg Thunder at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex. Game time is 2:30 p.m.

MICHAEL TUPLING MEMORIAL HOCKEY TOURNAMENT



The Seventh Annual Michael Tupling Memorial Tournament will be held on December 1st & 2nd 2017 at the Honeywood arena. The Michael Tupling Memorial Foundation was established to help encourage youth involvement and leadership in the community. All the proceeds from this tournament will go towards recreation activities and community projects and help provide financial support for youth in the North Dufferin community who may not otherwise have the financial resources to participate. Register your hockey team and come out to join the fun that includes hockey, music, food, and a silent auction.

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The Grand Valley Public School student said he plans to continue playing hockey for a long time.

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County Council approves 1.9 percent increase for 2018

Written By **JASEN OBERMEYER**

Dufferin County Council has approved its 2018 budget which involves a 1.9 percent increase in the county's portion of property tax bills.

For the average Dufferin property assessed at \$400,000, the increase equates to about \$1,556 on the county portion of tax bills next year, an increase of about \$29 compared to this year.

At last Thursday's Council meeting (Nov. 9), the main topic was the discussion and presentation of the proposed 2018 County budget by Dufferin Treasurer Alan Selby.

In his presentation to council, Mr. Selby discussed their revenue and cost of operating stream, proposing a \$1.5 million increase in spending for next year, equating to a 3.61 per cent tax levy compared to last year.

Numbers from Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC) show that the

County experienced a 1.7 per cent growth in assessment, bringing the tax levy hike down to 2.21 per cent.

To keep figures in line with the rate on inflation, members agreed to withdraw \$106,000 from the county's Rate Stabilization Reserve and add it to the budget, bringing the tax increase further down to 1.9 per cent.

The tax increase remains largely unchanged from the treasurer's original prediction of a two per cent growth, when the budget proposal was presented to council's October meeting.

The \$37 million budget proposes an operating budget of \$29.5 million, an increase of \$622,122, about 2.15 per cent, compared to 2017.

Showing the numbers of the past budgets to council, Mr. Selby said, "Over the course of the four years, we've pretty much passed budgets that work out to more or less bang on the rate of inflation."

From 2015 to 2018, county council has approved respective tax increases of 0.65 per cent, 3.14 per cent, 1.7 per cent and 1.9 per cent, an average of about 1.85 per cent.

He added that, "What we've accomplished is we've made major strides in capital," which "Council deserves a lot of credit."

The treasurer also showed numbers comparing Dufferin's infrastructure needs with other counties, with Dufferin originally being very low on the list, but having made significant improvements in the infrastructure gap.

"We are not trailing the pack anymore, we are in the pack," Mr. Selby added.

Councillor Jane Aultman, Deputy Mayor of Amaranth, congratulated staff for coming with the budget, and said she is pleased with the numbers.

Warden Darren White told the Free Press the numbers are reasonable, and attributes it to having a "very forward-thinking council."

“Over the last four years we've pretty much passed budgets that work out to more or less bang on the rate of inflation.

Alan Selby
Dufferin County Treasurer

He added that, since Council projects years into the future and plans for important projects, they don't "want to put our children and our children's children to pay for our mistakes. ... Everybody seems to be on the same page."

The budget will be passed as a bylaw at council's December meeting.

Human Trafficking and The Girl Next Door

Written By **MPP SYLVIA JONES**

Human trafficking is a criminal offence which involves harboring, recruiting and transporting an individual for the purpose of exploiting them or facilitating their exploitation.

When someone thinks of "Human Trafficking" they may imagine crimes taking place outside of Ontario and involving individuals smuggling young men and women into Canada from outside the country. What we are learning is 90% of the cases of human trafficking involve victims who are Canadian born.

Victims are predominantly girls with an average age of 14 but there have been cases involving girls as young as 10 years old. Traffickers strategically target high-risk populations: vulnerable and marginalized communities with poor socioeconomic conditions. However recent evidence has shown that this is an issue that crosses all socioeconomic boundaries leaving thousands of young people vulnerable. Victims are systemically isolated from family and friends, and then psychologically and physically abused.

According to the International Labour Office, "Human Trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation has been found to be the most common form of trafficking in Canada, with Ontario functioning as a major 'hub'." It is reported that Ontario is home to 65% of the country's human trafficking cases. It is also known that Highway 401 is a noted "corridor" for trafficking. We are finding out that human sex trafficking is becoming one of the fastest growing crimes throughout Ontario.

In order to fight this epidemic it is important to recognize the signs that a young person may be at risk of being trafficking. The following are signs that may indicate that a young person could be at risk:

- 1) You notice a change in your child's communication patterns and physical appearance.
- 2) Your child will not allow you to access his or her technology.
- 3) Your child has a second cell phone and/or multiple accounts on social media.
- 4) Your child is exhibiting chronic run-away behavior.
- 5) Your child has a new boyfriend - particularly an older one.

At an individual level being aware of these signs will allow for parents to be able to protect their children from traffickers. My colleague MPP Laurie Scott introduced Bill 17, Saving the Girl Next Door Act, 2016 to combat the growing issue of human trafficking at a provincial level. This bill would aid in protecting thousands of potential victims of human trafficking. Bill 17 would allow the courts to issue a protective order for victims over the age of 15 against a trafficker for a minimum of three years, allow survivors to sue a trafficker as a form of restitution, and expand the provincial sex offender registry to include human trafficking as a sex offence.

The Liberal government has announced a strategy to combat human trafficking however it does not commit to permanent, multi-year funding.

There are a variety of ways individuals can join the fight against human trafficking such as volunteering with organizations like the Canadian Women's Foundation or the Canadian Centre to End Human Trafficking. Additionally joining one of the Anti-Trafficking Committees at either of these organizations is another great way to get involved. Together we can bring an end human trafficking in Ontario and save the girl next door.



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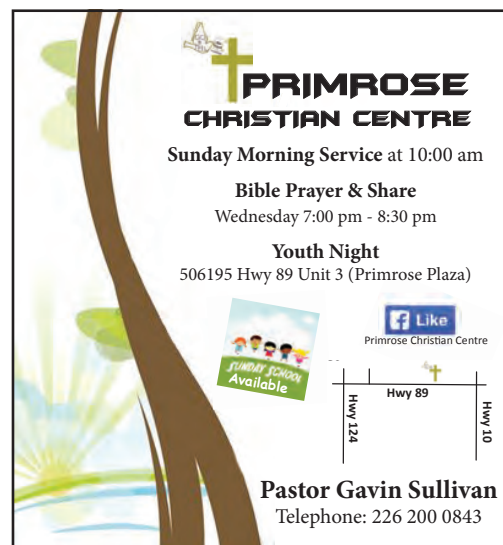
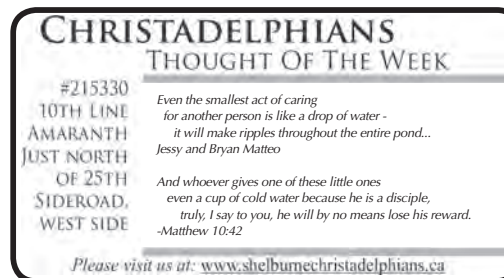


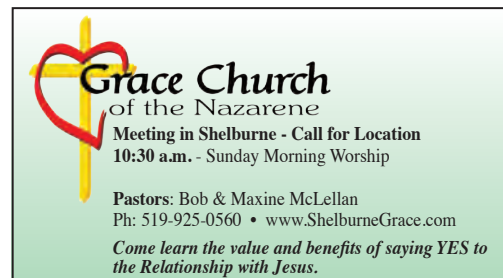
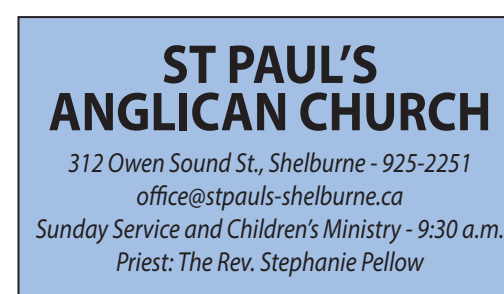
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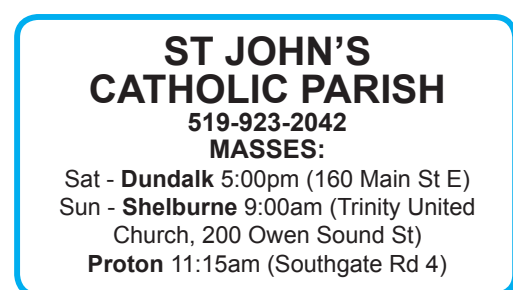
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Norris, Elizabeth "Lily" May

(Life Member Ladies Auxiliary and Branch Member, Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #220)

Passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Dufferin Oaks on Saturday, November 4, 2017 in her 96th year. Loving wife of the late Joseph. Devoted mom of the late Frank (Carol), Joe and Philip (Lesa). Proud grandmother of Joanne Hamilton (Jeff), Kevin (Cheri), Rob (Stacy), Joe Jr. (Laura), Chris and Michael, great-grandmother of Jennifer Speedie (Guy), Justin Hamilton (Kirby), Ashli Norris (Brad), Kiley Norris, Keagan Norris, Sinead Norris, Patrick Norris, Lydia Norris and Reed Norris and great-great-grandmother of Cambelle Speedie and Bristol Speedie.

A service honouring Lily's life will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 18, 2017 in the Museum Room at the Royal Canadian Legion, Shelburne with a social time to follow. A private family interment will take place at a later date. If desired, donations to the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #220, the Shelburne Public Library or Dufferin Oaks would be appreciated.

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Moving ceremony focused on 'Sacrifices across the Land'

Written By MARNI WALSH

Centre Dufferin District High School students Meaghan Weirmier and Hunter Milsap were the Masters of Ceremony at two assemblies held Monday morning to mark Remembrance Day. The poignant ceremonies, themed around "Sacrifice across the Land," had to be moved from the original time November 10th when a water main break in Shelburne closed the school for the day.

Principal Wendy McIntosh, who was born in a third world country and lived in several different developing nations growing up, told the students that she was grateful everyday to live in Canada - a country of freedom with liberties that many people across the world do not have. She said it was her hope that the students "never take their freedom

for granted."

Coordinator of the Remembrance Day assemblies, Social Science teacher Shannon Rankin said the theme "Sacrifice across the Land" centred on Canada as a whole, with less of a Dufferin focus, in recognition of Canada 150. "Men and women come from all across Canada to protect this entire land coast to coast and the values we hold dear as a collective nation," she said.

There was also a focus on diversity, including the first black battalion in Nova Scotia where black soldiers from all over North America enlisted in WWI, as well as the military service of 12,000 First Nations, highly skilled marksmen, scouts and fearless soldiers. Peacekeepers and contemporary conflicts were also included, in addition to the traditional focus on WWI and WWII.

Music teacher Andrea Parsons conducted

the school band and vocal students with a variety of beautiful music to support the theme. The young instrumentalists were at their best, and the compositions from "Sketches from Canada" were filled with sweeping emotion befitting the accompanying montage of Veteran Affairs videos.

The vocal students performed Newfoundland's "Great Big Sea," and later the beautiful ballad "Last Rose of Summer" while heart rendering images of soldiers, the unfathomable hardship and sacrifice, their persistence and courage, were projected

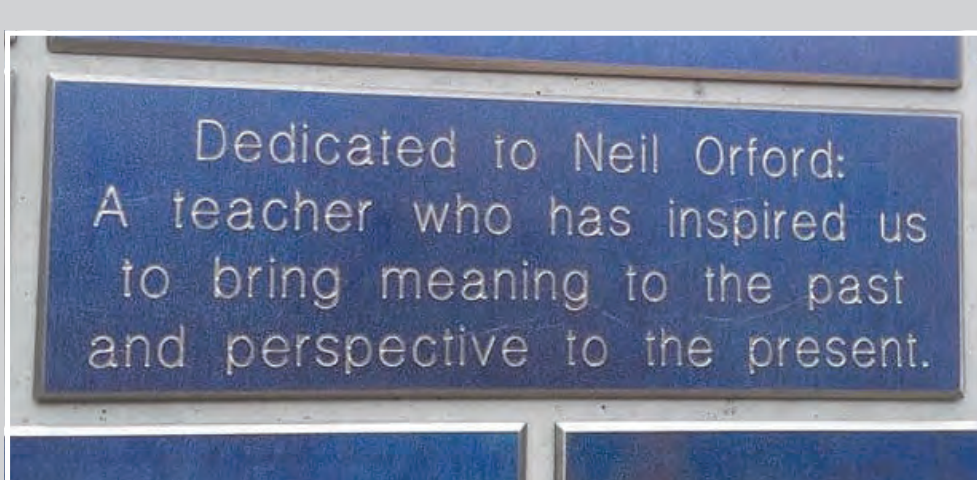
behind them. Hunter Milsap asked students to "consider the cost to remain free in this great place we call home."

Student Wiley McGowan read "In Flanders' Fields" and the Roll Call of 11 CDDHS students who made the ultimate sacrifice for their country in times of war. Teacher Mr. Scott played the "The Last Post" followed by a minute of silence. As the ceremony came to a close, Meaghan Weirmier invited her fellow students to "keep the spirit of remembrance" with them throughout the year.



PHOTO: MARNI WALSH

STUDENT WILEY MCGOWAN read "In Flanders' Fields" and the Roll Call of 11 students who made the ultimate sacrifice at Remembrance Day ceremonies at Centre Dufferin District High School on November 13th.



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

A PLAQUE COMMEMORATING THE WORK OF NEIL ORFORD with Dufferin students is now in a place of honour at the Juno Beach Centre in France. The retired Centre Dufferin District High School teacher worked in co-ordination with the Juno Beach Centre in France for more than a decade and initiated the award winning Digital History Project in 2013. "I was extremely honoured, and really humbled, to receive this Brick in June at the JBC," said Neil. "It meant a great deal to me to have it presented at the Centre publicly on June 6th (D-Day) at the ceremonies, by my last group of students - the 2017 DHP kids and parents." Neil visited the site recently, as he continues to tour, study and share his passion for history. "Stay tuned" for an upcoming announcement from Mr. Orford.

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'Paint for a Purpose' CLD fundraiser for accessible van

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

You may be surprised to learn that there is no government funding on any level for the transportation needs of Community Living Dufferin (CLD).

"Transportation is essential," Karen Murphy-Fritz, CLD's Executive Assistant, told us. "Some of our people live in Grand Valley or Horning's Mills but even in town, transportation for people in wheelchairs has to be with a wheelchair-accessible van and they cost \$80,000.

"With no funding, we have to fund raise for all the purchase and maintenance for our vehicles. Last week, the transmission went in our van that we use to pick up people to go to work. We've had to scramble to get the money to fix it."

She said, "People work here [where they operate a packaging business] or they have jobs elsewhere.

"I have no idea why there is no government funding for this aspect of our work, as we cannot do without it," Ms. Murphy-Fritz

admitted.

As a new fundraiser to be directed exclusively to transportation costs, Paint for a Purpose is a program open to anyone to attend. For a fee, people come to the CLD building, which it shares in partnership with Theatre Orangeville, on County Road 3, to spend a few hours in a relaxed atmosphere, exercising their creativity to paint a theme for the day.

To be sure, CLD is always on the lookout for ways to fundraise to support the programs they provide for people with developmental disabilities. Over the years, there has been photography, woodworking and clay sculpture.

For the first time, though, where the others were showings of the art work of the CLD members, this fundraiser invites the participation of the donors – members of the public not necessarily involved in the organization.

She explained that this new idea is employed in some bars and restaurants where patrons pay one price for refreshments and

painting. Presumably, it works even better at CLD where the room is calmer and more focused on the projects.

"People are welcomed to bring their own non-alcoholic drinks and I do provide little snacks," she remarked.

She explained how pleasant an experience this is: "We just sit and paint. This time, it's not a canvas but a pine board that can be hung inside or out. It's already been primed with white and people can paint their own snowman on the one side. I've already stencilled the snowman.

"On the other side, the word summer is stencilled on and the U is a watermelon they can paint that."

This is the second of the Paint for Purpose paint events. The first one was done on a simple canvas. Everyone is welcomed to these, although the numbers are fairly limited. In addition to the resulting work, the time is a relaxed one, away from the hurly burly of life outside, with a chance to "reduce your stress with art, as Ms. Murphy-Fritz said.

It is an interesting collection of people

who attend the Paint for Purpose events. Ladies with or without one of their children, a few gentlemen, some connected with CLD; a mixed bag as is usual for any event that is art-centred.

Ms. Murphy-Fritz gave the impression that she particularly enjoys this style of fundraising. Creative activity – in this case, painting – is such a personal time and so lovely to share in a place that is away from pressure. The money raised through this program helps with the very important transportation costs but it may help with a good deal more.

While this event is fully booked, she was happy to inform us that there will be others and, when asked, she confirmed that donations can be made through their website.

To make a donation to CLD, whether specifically directed to the transportation element or generally; to learn about CLD and find out about the upcoming Paint for a Purpose, the website is www.communitylivingdufferin.ca



PHOTO: BRODY IRETON

THE KIDS OF LP STAGE PRODUCTIONS' That's Entertainment Jr. will take over the Grace Tipling this week for a night jam packed of singing and dancing performances.

Song and Dance extravaganza to take over Grace Tipling

Written By **MARNI WALSH**

The kids of LP Stage Productions' That's Entertainment Jr. took a quick break from their busy rehearsal schedule to pose for a cast shot. Described as a "song and dance extravaganza" the show runs only this week from the 16th to the 19th at Grace Tipling in the Town Hall. The show features 40 talented, local kids who are hoping for sell out crowds. Director Alison Port says the show is "a variety of old and new songs and dances from the Junior Broadway shows."

Because LP was unable to take all the kids who wanted to be involved in their Christmas Production "A Christmas Story," they decided to add on That's Entertainment Jr. to their busy schedule. "This is an opportunity to introduce the LP theatrical process to new and younger children. "It's a good way for the younger ones to be involved in some way, whether it's just a few lines for the shy kids, or maybe a few solo lines," says the director. They get used to being on stage and overcoming stage fright and nerves. Tickets for That's Entertainment are only \$10.00 each with \$1.00 from each ticket sale going to Shelburne Food Bank.

A Christmas Story – The Musical runs from December 1-10th. Tickets are \$15.00 and \$12.00 for kids. Tickets for both shows can be purchased on LP Stage Productions' website or by calling the Shelburne Town Hall at 519-925-2600. Ms. Port, who is the co-producer of LP Stage Productions along with Dale Lundy, says they have approximately 40 kids in that show, plus adults. Wyatt Goheen will play the endearing character of "Ralphie;" Wyatt also played Oliver earlier in the year. Connor Warzin plays Randy, Chris Warzin plays The Old Man, Sarah Alexander plays the Mother, Jack Brooks plays Jean Shepherd, and Kristen Gamache, also well known as LP's choreographer, plays Miss Shields, the teacher. "A Christmas Story is a fun show with lots of great musical numbers, from cowboys to gangsters," says Ms. Port. "It's a classic Christmas movie, and Fox is actually airing the live musical in December on TV." Alison Port will direct and Noni Thomas will be the musical director for both shows. LP's shows are a get way to get into the Christmas spirit while supporting local arts development for a big group of hard working kids. Photo by Brody Ireton courtesy of LP Stage Productions.

Chase the ACE with Cobwebs and Caviar

Written By **DEB FREEMAN**

The Alzheimer Society of Dufferin County, in partnership with Cobwebs & Caviar are excited to bring a fundraiser to Shelburne called "Chase the ACE".

Its based on a progressive raffle ticket draw and tickets have been available at Cobwebs, 147 Main Street West since October. Ticket sales are going well but we need more people to help this fundraiser.

The first draw took place at the Shelburne store on October 26th and owner AJ Cavey handed over a cheque to Lindsay Gregory from The Alzheimer Society to help the cause. Tickets are \$5.00 each and if the weekly draw reaches the maximum of 52 weeks, the accumulating jackpot could be as high as \$78,000!!!!

So how it works, you purchase a ticket to win a percentage of the proceeds from the sale of the tickets, you also have an opportunity to win a progressive jackpot by selecting a card from a deck of 52 cards, this makes it more fun. If the Ace of spades is selected in addition to winning 20% of the



PHOTO: DEB FREEMAN

PICTURED ABOVE, FROM LEFT AJ Cavey of Cobwebs & Caviar and Lindsay Gregory accepting \$120 cheque for the Alzheimers Society

proceeds, the person will also win 30% of the jackpot!.

The Alzheimer Society would like thank AJ Cavey for her support and the general public for purchasing tickets, which are still available. If you have any questions feel free to contact Lindsay Gregory at 519 941 1221 ext 104 or awareness@alzheimersdufferin.org

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This by-law is not dependant on snowfall or any other weather conditions. Regard-

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