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CENTRE DUFFERIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL Principal Wendy McIntosh shows off the school's Canada 150 art work - 13 beautiful, student designed and painted Muskoka chairs which reflect country and community. During the winter, the chairs will be seen scattered around the interior of the school for the students to enjoy. Once the weather warms up a bit next year the chairs will decorate the school's courtyard. For the full story, see Page 6.

Shelburne residents facing 4 percent tax levy increase as Council admits defeat in 2018 Budget

Written By **PETER RICHARDSON**

Shelburne Council gathered for a special budget meeting this past Monday, finalizing the municipality's 2018 financials once and for all. Unfortunately, it's not exactly great news for local residents.

The meeting was organized so that Council could take a second look at the proposed 2018 Budget and attempt to offset the impending levy increase discussed in last week's report. While Council tried to bring the proposed increase of 4 percent down, they were ultimately unsuccessful, passing the multi-million dollar budget with a 4 percent tax levy increase.

As stated previously, the increase is being driven primarily by the increase in Provincial

assessment values, as property values continue to rise across the province. Shelburne is currently experiencing a period of very rapid growth, as indicated by, not only the latest census assessment, but more easily by the rapid increase in housing developments in and around town.

Even our newest Councillor, Steve Anderson, is a recent new arrival, drawn to Shelburne by its small town charm and modest housing prices and cost of living. However, with rapid growth comes a rapid expansion of necessary community services and infrastructure demands, which cannot generally be delayed or postponed and can bring with them a healthy price tag.

While careful long range planning can assure that there is a gradual and timely in-

roduction of cost increases at times, other times the necessary expenditure demands are immediate and not subject to delay. Such are some of the budget items facing the Council, in this year's budget deliberations.

The 2018 Budget, as proposed, is a lean one, with very little room for Council to pare it down and despite the aforementioned urgent demands, it is still a tax neutral budget that does not increase the tax rate for 2018, in and of itself.

Staff was diligent in their efforts to achieve this and should be applauded for their efforts. That said, Councillors tried their best on Monday night to attempt to cut whatever they could from it, in an attempt to offset the assessment driven levy increase of 4 percent.

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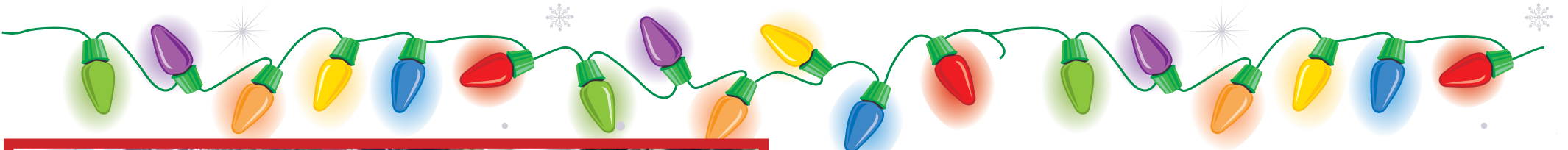
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As well as spending hours at trade shows and working the store with partner Deb and a team of dedicated staff, AJ also raises funds for local charities and just recently handed over a cheque to the Alzheimers Society of Canada. Quilt making has also really taken off too and AJ can give you information on the classes that are held there. The current project still ongoing is the apron making competition, which again will raise funds for the local Shepherds cupboard food bank.

Friday November 24th mark you calendars, AJ is hosting her Christmas "Get Stuffed" event. You can enjoy a glass of giggles, a sample of Christmas Spirit and lots of door prizes and specials. Sample the gourmet foods on offer while you shop, meet the friendly staff and see the variety of Christmas goodies. From 2pm till 9ish on Friday, stop by and say hi.

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Province forces Ontario college faculty back to work

Written By **MIKE PICKFORD**

Ontario college students experienced their second 'back to school' day in as many months Tuesday after the five-week standoff between the College Employer Council and the union representing Ontario's college faculties came to an enforced end.

Under mounting pressure from half a million students across Ontario, the provincial legislature passed back-to-work legislation on Sunday (Nov. 19) during a special weekend sitting, sending both parties to binding mediation-arbitration.

For many, this was a long time coming. Students and parents alike had been left disillusioned by the impasse, which will officially go down as the longest college strike in Ontario's history. Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones spoke to the Free Press on Tuesday, minutes before classes were to resume in the local community. She declared herself "disappointed" that the issue wasn't resolved sooner.

"Frankly, I'm disappointed we didn't have this conversation a week ago. It was pretty clear from the start that this was going to be a long process. The two sides weren't sitting down and having discussions at all," Ms. Jones said. "Unless the government became engaged and got involved, this was going to be a long, protracted strike."

She added, "Frankly, I'm disappointed it took this long."

Advanced Education Minister Deb Matthews told media that she didn't believe earlier intervention was an option due to strict Supreme Court rulings.

"There is a very high bar. Collective bargaining is protected. The Supreme Court has ruled that you have to have a very, very good rationale, that the academic year (must be) in jeopardy," Ms. Matthews told media at Queen's Park. "Had we gone before that final offer vote (on Nov. 16), this absolutely would have been challenged."

Negotiations had been ongoing for approximately five months as Ontario colleges and its faculty tried to come to an agreement. In total, roughly 12,000 professors, instructors, counsellors and librarians have been on the picket line since Oct. 16. The big loser in all of this has been the students. They have largely been left in the lurch, their semester slipping away with each passing day. While the majority are relieved to be back in the classroom, the prolonged strike will likely impact many student's summer plans, with some college's planning to extend the fall semester until Dec. 22, while others plan to use the first week of January to complete the term.

For Georgian College student Kayla Verrinder, the interruption in the school year may impact her plans to enter another course in May. She is currently taking chemistry and biology courses to upgrade her skills before applying to a nursing program. Kayla planned on complet-

ing her courses then applying to George Brown College in Toronto for a summer semester.

"I had goals for myself. My schedule said I should have completed one goal by Oct. 12 and that is now a full month behind," Kayla told the Free Press. "I'm going to come in as much as I can to get the quizzes done and try to fast-track everything. I'm trying to get in for a May start at George Brown. Now I'm not even sure if I'll be able to make that."

She added, "This might end up holding back a lot of students, not just me. Right now, I'm not sure what's going to happen."

Kayla's fellow biology student at Georgian, Carly McAree, is currently working to upgrade her skills with an eye towards entering the institution's Practical Nursing program.

"I'm upgrading to be an RPN. The strike hasn't affected me too much because I'm upgrading, so a lot of the course load is on my own time. I come in here and talk to an instructor who looks over my work and gives me the tests," Ms McAree said. "Still, I know a lot of people who were worried. My sister goes to Sheridan College in Oakville and she was really worried. For her, this was a huge deal. For me,

it still affected me because I couldn't come in and complete the work."

That is the big worry for Ms. Jones – the thousands of students who have effectively had their lives put on hold courtesy of the 36-day deadlock. While the province has announced it will offer refunds to full-time students that ask for one within two weeks, to go along with the \$500 "hardship" aid college's announced last week, Ms. Jones feels neither is enough compensation for what the students have missed out on.

"The semester is 15 weeks long. We're talking about a third of that now that students will not be able to recoup. I think this is a real failure on behalf of the government," Ms. Jones said.

"What I want to see done here, at the end of the day, is to see that all students are properly recouping costs they have incurred through this strike. We cannot give them back those five weeks of education. They will not see an extension of five weeks. They will not get that time back, so the least (the government should be doing) is ensuring they're not financially burdened because of this strike."

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One bright light for Council was the announcement by Treasurer Carey Holmes that Reserves were no longer in a negative growth position for 2018. Several tentative figures from the preliminary draft had now been confirmed and this had improved the revenue bottom line for the Town, thus allowing an increase in the transfers to Capital reserves.

Also, the 2018 actual numbers for the OMPF Grant were still unknown, at this time. On the costs side, the actual 2018 CPP changes had still not been confirmed by the CRA, but the WSIB rate has been set for 2018 and is an increase of 4.9 percent over last year. In all, the Reserves were increased by \$259,675.13, placing them back in black for 2018.

At the end of the night, Council was only able to decrease budget expenditures by some \$8,400, but two more opportunities exist for revisions prior to the 2018 document becoming finalized. The first of those will be the presentation to the public next Monday night, during the regular Council meeting.

Looking at expenditures for 2018, that have been driven by the rapid growth of the town, several big ticket items are prominent and also not frequently required. One is the purchase, this coming year, of a new Pumper Truck for the Shelburne Fire Department.

A Pumper will normally last approximately 20 years in service and the current truck is definitely due to be replaced. The Chief had previously brought this matter to Council's attention and the department has been researching the purchase for some time. Preliminary figures for the new truck were in the range of \$450,000, however the current replacement cost will be approximately half a million dollars. Likewise, the Police Department are faced with several necessary, but infrequent expenditures for the coming year.

One of these, directly related to growth, is the need for a new officer. The Chief expects to hire a cadet, rather than an existing officer from another force and this will require that the individual attend the Ontario Police College and be assigned a training officer after graduation for the first few months of their duties.

The Police Department will also be replacing their handguns in 2018 and moving to the more popular 9mm from their current .40 cal handgun. The chief explained that this was not only because the force's guns are current-

ly reaching the end of their useful life, but also that since the force trains with the OPP, who currently use the 9mm round, it makes sense for our force to carry the same weapon. This will prevent the potential for confusion from having two different rounds on the training range, but also makes the force's ammunition interchangeable with that of the OPP should a situation arise where the two forces are acting jointly in policing a situation.

A final major expense for Shelburne Police Services, will be the purchase of a new cruiser to replace the aging Ford Excursion presently in use. Nevertheless, even here, Chief Moore was able to save the town substantially, by being able to purchase a demonstration cruiser from one of the department's equipment suppliers. This vehicle, equipped with all the latest gear, was used by the company to showcase their products and is sold at the end of each year to a police department from their client list. Chief Moore requested the current vehicle and since it is technically, a "used" vehicle, will save the Town a substantial amount over purchasing a new car and then having it outfitted as a police cruiser.

Although Mayor Bennington had hoped that the Budget could yield some substantial cuts, to help offset the assessment driven tax increase of approximately 4 percent, in the end he was resigned to the fact that there was little that could be cut and that due to the rapid growth of the Town, some big ticket items were not going to be negotiable.

Rapid growth brings with it pressing demands on things such as, policing, fire prevention, infrastructure and community programs and these, by nature, increase the cost associated with them.

Mayor Bennington was resigned to this fact, but buoyed by the knowledge that many were also one time expenses, or long term ones, that would not be something that Council would have to deal with repeatedly in the coming years. As he pointed out, Council and staff had done their part by holding the tax rate to the same level as that in 2017, so, the level increase expected, was solely due to the increase in property values and not to Town Council and staff. Basically, it was a case of the resident's investment in a home costing them, in taxes, as they saw it rise in value over the previous year.

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Ottawa Journal: The paradise papers

Written By **DAVID TILSON**

Canadians are increasingly (and quite rightfully) questioning the integrity and trustworthiness of the current Liberal government, as another scandal recently emerged where Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's top fundraiser was mentioned in the Paradise Papers. This is Liberal hypocrisy at its best. For months now, the Prime Minister and his government have been effectively calling small business operators tax cheats and continuing to tax hardworking, ordinary Canadians, while their well-connected friends have been avoiding paying taxes here in Canada. This is not fair and Canadians know it.

Earlier this month, the Paradise Papers exposed Prime Minister Trudeau's chief political fundraiser and close friend stashing \$60 million away in a tax-free account in the Cayman Islands. To put this into perspective, if this same \$60 million were to be placed in a passive investment account by a small business person here in Canada, this would amount to a tax bill of \$43 million.

The Paradise Papers also exposed that former Liberal Prime Minister Paul Martin's family business has moved its assets into zero tax Bermuda and he is advising the current Prime Minister as part of a Liberal economic team. This is the same Paul Martin, who when he was the Finance Minister of Canada, placed foreign flags on his ships to avoid the very taxes he was imposing on everyone else. Canadians are asking if the current Finance Minister, the Honourable Bill Morneau, will fire Paul Martin from his economic team, given this

significant conflict of interest.

This is another scandal for the current Liberal government following that of the current Finance Minister earlier this fall. The pattern to date seems to be nothing happens until the Liberals are caught. The Prime Minister has gone to great lengths to protect the interests of his wealthy, well-connected Liberal friends. However, he went out of his way during the summer to explain that hard-working fishers, farmers, and small business owners weren't really paying their fair share and were, in fact, tax cheats. The Finance Minister has been looking for additional tax money, as it's needed to pay for the Prime Minister's out-of-control spending. They have not only been targeting small businesses for that tax money, but also Canadians with type 1 Diabetes, mental health issues, and autism. Somehow though, the Prime Minister's wealthy friends have been overlooked. The Prime Minister's approach has been to force ordinary, hardworking Canadians to pay the bill instead of cracking down on the tax-avoidance schemes used by his wealthy friends.

Canadians can only be left to conclude that there is one set of rules for the Prime Minister and his wealthy friends and another set of rules for everybody else. This is completely unacceptable. We, the Conservative Official Opposition, will continue to stand up for Canadians by holding the current Liberal government accountable for the revelations emerging from the Paradise Papers and for their unfair taxing of ordinary, hardworking (and taxpaying) Canadians.

Shelburne Legion News:

Written By **LESA PEAT**

Here Comes Santa Claus! Join Santa and Mrs. Claus for breakfast on December 10th. Breakfast starts at 9am and Mr. and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 10am - 12pm. Bring in your camera and take some pictures with them. If you are a vendor and wish to have a table that day please contact Lesa Peat at 519 925 3800. December 15th Santa and Mrs. Claus will be out for wings and dancing with the kids from 6pm - 9pm entertainment by the East Coasters (Newfoundland Band). It's TOY drive time. Please bring your unwrapped TOY to the branch. Food bank donations are being accepted as well, there is always a need for toiletries and pet food and of course non perishable food. November 28th is our General Meeting starting at 7:30pm, please come join

us and see how the branch is doing. If you have ideas or concerns the meeting is a great way to express them. December 1st is another Red Friday wing night with entertainment by The Sean Bourke band. Wings are sold from 6pm - 10pm and this is open to everyone in the community. You do not need to be a member to partake in our OPEN events such as wings, bingo, euchre, breakfast and special events. How do you become a member? Come in and get an application from the bar steward and they will be happy to assist you. "Ask not what your Legion can do for you, but what you can do for your Legion". The Legion supports its Veterans and dependents as well as its community. The hard work of Volunteers makes it possible for us to give back to the ones that need our assistance. Lest we Forget.



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Our friend Mac with Paws to Read will be at the library again this Wednesday from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Please come into the library in advance to register for your 15-minute time slot. One of his favourite things is to listen to children read and help them feel comfortable reading out loud.

Teen Scene:

Teens can look forward to a week full of sweets! Register for the first TAB-hosted event, winter baked good decorating, taking place this Thursday, November 23rd (6-7pm)! Our TAB members have planned and baked for this event, so it's sure to be a sweet time! Pizza & Pages book club meeting will take place next Thursday, November 30th where we will discuss this month's book of choice, A Study in Charlotte.

Back again! Seniors' Tech Tutoring on Sundays

Our time slots are already filled up this week but drop by or call for an appointment: 519-925-2168 if you would like some help with your technology.

Table Top Games Club:

Our club is going strong with new drop-ins every week. Enjoy the games that our friend Scott brings every week. It is loads of fun for adults and children. Come and check it out this Sunday from 1pm - 4pm.

Children's Programs: NEW!

Books and Babies: Tuesdays @ 10:00

We had our first baby play group this past Tuesday and it was fantastic. Our little friends had a great time crawling around and exploring new toys and new friends. Drop in or email to sign up. The group is open to babies and toddlers from birth to 2 years of age.

As usual, Story Time: Friday @ 10:30 am with songs, stories and crafts for all the little ones. Come sing, play and make new friends this Friday while we learn more about our animal friends getting ready for winter.

Lego Club will be an exciting place to hang out this Wednesday from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm. Last week we got a second Snap Circuit kit and now there are so many more circuit creations to make. Our weekly theme is always a challenge and this past week we all worked together to build a huge castle. It is on display in the library so come and check it out and join us every Wednesday after school.

1000 Books before Kindergarten Program: We now have 44 children who are participating and one little boy has already read 250 books! Come in and register for this program that will help your child enjoy reading and succeed in school.

You've probably noticed the influx of Jr. and YA books in the last week or so—some of these titles are nominees for the 2018 Forest of Reading Awards. Programming for these books won't officially start until the New Year, but they will be on the shelf for you to peruse!

Recommended read of the week: Station Eleven by Emily St. John Mandel—While this is not a Forest of Reading book, it captivated my attention right away because of the post-apocalyptic Great Lakes region setting (yes, even Kincardine is mentioned). This prosaic and eerie novel follows 5 characters, flashing back and forth between the pre and post Georgian Flu pandemic as their lives unfold. Fame, the arts, and the precarious nature of humanity really draw the reader in! Come in to YOUR Library to pick up a copy (FIC MAN) or download a copy using OverDrive's new app, Libby.

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Dufferin's first Trans Day of Remembrance touches local lives

Written By JASEN OBERMEYER

Dufferin Child and Family Services (DCAFS), and Family Transition Place (FTP) have come together to host Dufferin County's first Trans Day of Remembrance ceremony.

The event took place at the DCAFS office on Riddell Road Monday (Nov. 20), and saw nearly 50 people attend this special ceremony.

November 20 is Transgender Day of Remembrance to memorialize and commemorate those who have been murdered because of transphobia, and to draw attention to the continued violence and discrimination against transgender people.

It was first held in 1999, and is related to Transgender Awareness Week, taking place around the same time. Gwendolyn Ann Smith, a transgender woman, founded the day to remember the murder of Rita Hester, a transgender woman, in Allston Massachusetts, in 1998.

The Orangeville event saw various members from FTP and DCAFS, Dufferin County's LGBTQ youth group, as well as individuals in the community, coming together to commemorate the day. There was a moment of noise to break the silence and raise awareness, with the transgender flag being raised at half-mast outside DCAFS office.

Myles Glazier, a volunteer with the county's LGBTQ youth group, and a transgender male, spoke to those in attendance, describing how he started transitioning two years ago and has "never looked back."

He says he is proud of his transition, and although it was "one of the hardest experiences to ever go through," it was also "the most rewarding, to finally be comfortable in my own skin."

Mr. Glazier, 24, said this was his first day participating in trans day, and although he tries to

live as normal of a life as he can, "it's been difficult for sure."

Jennifer Moore, DCAFS executive director, thanked everyone for attending, for taking steps to make a difference in the county, and help "pave the way forward, and bring awareness to this really important issue."

She spoke on how violence and suicide is higher for transgender people, "which is just not okay."

Samantha Turner, a clinical counsellor at FTP, helping in child therapy for individuals experiencing abuse, also spoke at the event.

She says although there has been great change, "we have a lot to do as a society," as voices for transgender people are "dismissed, even silenced and ignored, by not just individuals, but by communities and societal structures."

Ms. Turner says transphobia is still a "pervasive issue." Many don't speak out on violence or discrimination they face, and those who do report it "often face additional barriers, or maybe face additional violence."

She explained that in an Ontario survey with transgender people, 77 per cent considered suicide, 45 per cent attempted it, while 50 per cent live in fear everyday.

Ms. Moore says they want to bring awareness that transgender people are human, and deserve the same rights as everyone else.

"We do have a lot of transgender individuals in our community just like every other community," she says, "but there's not a lot of attention drawn to it."

Mr. Glazier says educating people has become more frequent and better, saying he did not fully understand what trans was when he began his

transition. "It's not been easy by any means, but I think it's become easier and easier to come out earlier or feel more comfortable coming out."

Ms. Turner says social media has helped gain coverage, along with celebrities raising awareness.

"A lot of people like to think it's not happening, because it's easier to deny it, or it's not their experience so that doesn't make it real ... it's important for us to also acknowledge how it's happening."

She adds it's a great opportunity for FTP and herself to be part of this ceremony. "It's helpful to be able to show our support as a community agency for individuals as well."

Ms. Moore described the LGBTQ youth group being run for many years as being a "life saver

for a lot of kids," and they manage on their own, as the government does not fund it.

She says that discrimination happens anywhere, and has heard many stories of youths facing discrimination, and is very difficult for them as they are already in a vulnerable place in life. "While some kids are lucky enough to have families who are supportive of them, many are not."

Mr. Glazier says this commemoration is a big step forward for trans people in the area, and says that although he hasn't had any issues of facing discrimination, he's heard the youths' struggles. "Hopefully this helps in spreading the word and educating people."

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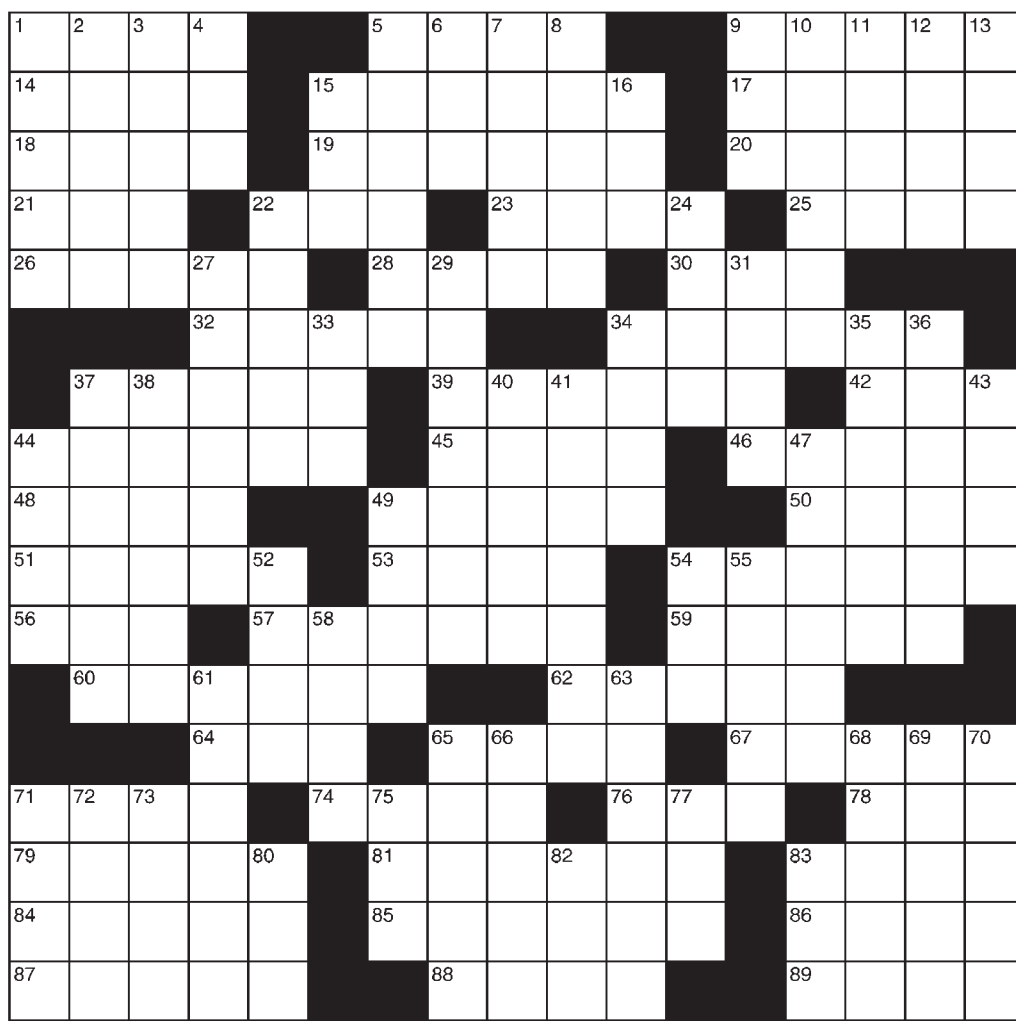
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19. Spin
20. Unexpected pleasure
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22. Marvy
23. Wedding-cake part
25. Simple
26. Transparent
28. Assist in crime
30. Muslim leader
32. Ma's instrument
34. Uproar
37. Tropical eel
39. Worker at an inn

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50. Short message
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56. Small boy
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60. Knob
62. Tropical creeper
64. Superhero's chest letter
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67. Period of indulgence
71. Prepare a salad
74. Stewpot
76. Go by plane

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81. Dwarfed plant
83. Ballerina's short skirt
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31. Attire
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63. Baby
65. Darkness
66. Harpoon
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83. Game marble

Artists' 'Still Beautiful' tattoos raise funds for FTP

Written By MIKE PICKFORD

A Shelburne tattoo artist is encouraging local residents to get inked, all in an attempt to help make a difference in the community.

Since the beginning of September, Missie Powers has inscribed the words 'Still Beautiful' on 33 individuals as part of an initiative she hopes will remind women that they're beautiful, no matter what they've been through.

"I guess the goal is to bring spirits up and really just try to promote that we could be building each other up and helping each other out rather than trying to tear each other down," Missie told the Free Press. "Support is an important thing. A lot of the time that's the difference some women need to turn their life around."

With that in mind, Missie has partnered up with Family Transition Place on the initiative, committing 50 percent of all proceeds raised to the local women's shelter. "I know people who have had to use the services at Family Transition Place and, since launching 'Still Beautiful', I've met even more. A lot of them have come in to get their own tattoo," Missie noted.

Kelly Lee, Events and Community Relations Coordinator with FTP, was on hand at Missie Ink in downtown Shelburne to accept a donation of \$1,000 on Tuesday. She wanted to thank Missie (real name Melissa), for all of her support over the past few months.

"The actual idea behind 'Still Beautiful' is so meaningful to a lot of people. We've been involved in a lot (of programs and initiatives), but this is definitely unique," Kelly said. "We couldn't do what we do without all of our



PHOTO: MIKE PICKFORD

MISSIE INK ON MAIN STREET has launched a 'Still Beautiful' campaign, where participants have those two words inked on their body. So far more than 33 locals have taken part. 50 percent of the funds raised have been donated to Family Transition Place. Above, Missie Powers (left) presents \$1,000 to FTP Events and Communications Coordinator Kelly Lee.

fantastic community sponsors and partners. To see this level of community support, and see people thinking of the work we do and the programs we offer is truly special. We sincerely appreciate all the support."

Most of the money will likely go towards supporting FTP's Youth Education Program in Dufferin-Caledon. Since its introduction back in 2001, the program has reached more than 50,000 students from more than 40 schools in the region.

"This program is completely unfunded,

so it's vital to have fundraisers like this and people like Missie ready to step up and lend a helping hand," Kelly added. "We believe the best way to end the cycle of violence is through our youth, making sure we're educating them early on. This program is very, very important to us at FTP."

While 'Still Beautiful' was originally intended to be a two-month venture, Missie says she's already extended it into November due to the sheer demand for her services. With several people already booked in and others

waiting to schedule a time, she expects the total number of participants in the initiative to reach 50 once all is said and done.

"The response has been great. The number of people who have reached out, asking to have this done is great. I did five of these things in one day a few weeks back. I still haven't had chance to do my own yet because I haven't had the chance," Missie said. "And it's not just women, either. I've had one guy come in and have this done, which is definitely cool."

Any and all funds generated through future 'Still Beautiful' tattoos will be donated to FTP. The tattoos cost \$60 and are approximately four inches in length. To contact Missie, send an email to missieink@hotmail.com.

National Day of Remembrance

This Saturday (Nov. 25) marks the International Day of the Elimination of Violence Against Women and kicks off the global initiative 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence. The event runs until Dec. 10.

Here in Dufferin, Family Transition Place will hold two events in commemoration of Canada's National Day of Remembrance and Action on Violence Against Women. The Orangeville Vigil will take place on Dec. 6 at Family Transition Place in Orangeville (located at 20 Bredin Parkway). The ceremony will be held outside between 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Caledon Vigil will also take place on Dec. 6, running from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Caledon Public Library, Albion-Bolton Branch.

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CDDHS students reflect their community in Canada 150 art

Written By MARNI WALSH

In commemoration of Canada 150, the Ministry of Education gifted funds to Centre Dufferin High School which students have put to good use creating functional art that brings both beauty and comfort to the school. They took the opportunity to paint chairs reflecting their community and Canada's history, resulting in beautiful works of art for all to enjoy.

"Many people think of us as a northern, rural school," says Principal Wendy McIntosh. "So we thought, what is more quintessential northern Ontario than Muskoka chairs?"

We asked the students, "If someone was to walk into our school, what do you want them to know about our community, our province, our country, and how would you represent that in a painting?" After that, Ms. McIntosh says, "It evolved into a fantastic day where we tarped over the entire café and students came and went all day to help paint 13 Muskoka chairs."

"We have a very active group of about 150 students, lead by Orlando Bowen and Jermaine Frazer, called 'One Voice, One Team, One Community' and they were the engine behind our paint project," says the Principal.

"The tech students assembled the chairs

and the art classes primed them," she said. "One Voice students prepped the café, made many designs and of course painted on the paint day. Other groups, like Student Council, Social Equity, and FNMI, designed and painted a chair, and certain classes also decided they wanted to have a voice via a chair."

Senior art students at the school were assigned to each chair to help with colour mixing, and design execution. "Of course none of this would happen without the amazing teachers, custodians and secretaries," says Ms. McIntosh. "You just need to suggest a germ of an idea and the staff here make it happen."

During the winter, the chairs can be seen scattered around the school for the students to enjoy, but when the weather warms up, they will go out into the school courtyard.

A wide range of themes are artistically interpreted on the bodies of the chairs including national history, diversity and inclusiveness, performance art, military service, indigenous teachings, community service, and compassion. Ms. McIntosh, very proud of the students, says, "The chairs are beautiful and all reflect a positive message about our school, community and country."



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In accordance with Sections 22(4), 22(5), 34(10) and 34(10.4) of the Planning Act, Application for Official Plan Amendment File OPA 2016-01 and Zoning Bylaw Amendment File ZBA 2016-02 were deemed complete by Town of Mono Council on the 22nd day of August, 2017 by Resolution #11-12-2017.

THE PURPOSE AND EFFECT of these Applications is to obtain required land use designation(s) and zoning classification(s) that would permit a proposed Class "A" Category 3 Aggregate Extraction Pit Licenced Operation on the above lands, abutting the south side of Highway 89 between 3rd and 4th Lines in the Town of Mono.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, including documents in support of these Applications, are available for public view during regular office hours at the Town Administration office at 347209 Mono Centre Road, Mono, ON. The supporting documents are also available on the Town website at: <http://www.townofmono.com/content/greenwood-aggregates-proposed-violet-hill-gravel-pit>.

TOWN OF MONO PLANNING & ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PEAC) will review both Applications in the Town of Mono Council Chambers at 347209 Mono Centre Road on TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

Any person or agency may attend PEAC Meetings and/or make written or verbal submissions either in support of, or in opposition to, the proposed Applications. Please note: PEAC only provides recommendations to Council, based on the merits of Applications; PEAC does not make statutory decisions.

A STATUTORY PUBLIC COUNCIL MEETING will be held at a future date, notice of which will be circulated as required.

The key map below shows the subject lands hatched.

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Life after high school: Bachelor's or boarding passes?

Written By LAURI CORLETT

It's that time of year again. It's time for senior students to start thinking about life after high school. University and college applications are due and students are patiently waiting to hear back from all of the institutions that they've dreamt about since they were young children. It's undoubtedly an exciting time, but for many it's also stressful and a time of self discovery.

With barely any experience in the workforce and minimal life experience, students are expected to choose a career path for what will essentially be the rest of their lives. I remember being in the same position not long ago. I would attend seminars and campus tours for universities across Canada, each representative providing me with an extensive list of reasons why I should attend that specific school.

I considered attending college for aviation or culinary studies, but having been an honours student my entire life and given the stigmas surrounding the education system, I felt obligated to receive a university education.

With the intent of completing a PhD, I had no time to waste. I commenced my studies at Western University at age 17, taking no time off after high school. Refusing to prolong my undergraduate career by taking a fifth year, I increased my course load each semester throughout all four years of my degree. I enrolled in courses for three of the four summers that I spent at university to accelerate the completion of my modules. After four torturous years, I graduated from Western University at age 21 with a Bachelor's of Science, having completed an honours specialization in geology and a major in environmental science.

After graduating, I applied to various master's programs and was offered three Master's of Science projects, all fully funded by the federal government.

Exhausted from my undergraduate studies, it wasn't until this moment that I asked myself if I needed a break from schooling. I began to question why I was in such a rush. More importantly, I began to question what I was rushing towards. Did I really want a stable career by age 25 with a standard 9-5 that I most likely wouldn't enjoy? The path that I once dreamt of started to seem like a path to mediocrity. So I did what any young, recent university graduate would do. I booked a multi-month backpacking trip to Africa, using my student loans of course.

Terrified of what my family would think of putting myself into further debt, I didn't tell anyone about my trip until the week of my departure (not recommended behaviour). To my surprise, my family was completely supportive of my decision. My mom told me that it's important to travel while you're young, before you settle into a career and start a family.

The preparation for my first backpacking trip wasn't easy. My vaccinations cost upwards of \$1,000 and my travel supplies were similar in cost. My destinations included France, Madagascar, Seychelles and South Africa. With Madagascar being the ninth poorest country in the world, I had to prepare myself for solo travel without cell phones, power outlets, internet or reliable transportation. Needless to say, I'm glad I did.

I registered for a forest conservation program on Nosy Komba island with the cheapest volunteer program I could find, IVHQ.

Appalled by the \$900 additional cost to fly directly to the volunteer camp, I chose to take an overland bus from the capital, Antananarivo. "Bus" would be a generous way to describe this method of transportation. Twenty-three people were crammed into a fourteen seat van, along with two chickens. Most of the seats were made of wood and you were fortunate if you were given a seat with a seatbelt.

The commute was 32 hours and most roads were made of dirt with 100-metre drop-offs, but no guard rails. I was the only foreigner on my bus and the only person who spoke English.

The first evening, I tried to order a plate of sautéed vegetables and ended up with a plate of spaghetti. Upon entering the local bathroom, I didn't find a porcelain flush toilet, but a dirt hole. The restroom facilities only improved throughout the duration of my trip. The second bathroom consisted of a jerry can placed behind a curtain, while the third was simply two bricks on a cement

floor, which you were meant to stand on.

The bus only took me to a port, at which point I had to find a boat to take me to Hellville and then find a connecting boat to the island. Most of the boats were canoes with motors attached to the rear that had been constructed by Malagasy people.

With no internet and no cell phone, the only way I could arrange a boat was by flagging down a local who appeared to have a vessel. Using my knowledge from television and books, I knew that I should try to negotiate a cheaper fare. In Madagascar, there was no such thing as a schedule. The day started when the sun rose and ended when it set, everything between was chaotic and unscheduled.

"Mora mora" was a common Malagasy phrase used by the locals. The literal translation is "slowly slowly," but it really just means that you need to be patient because your boat might arrive three hours later than expected. Arriving at camp, I was surrounded by sixty other nature enthusiasts and humanitarians (none of whom took the bus). Most people were of similar age, however, there were people at camp who were upwards of seventy years old.

My accommodation for the next two months was a small hut made from palm tree leaves and bamboo. My second night at camp, I was fortunate enough to find three Madagascar hissing cockroaches in my bed. From then on, I learned to close the window. Camp had no electricity and you could never expect a hot shower. Our meals were scheduled and the food was rationed to accommodate the large number of volunteers.

Breakfast was a baguette with jam, whereas dinner always consisted of rice and beans. Traveling has definitely made me appreciate new foods, but admittedly, it has also made me despise some.

Over the course of my volunteering, I made friends from all over the world. I dined with locals in their homes, swam with my first sea turtle, snorkelled with whale sharks, drank my first 1 L beer, saw my first pineapple plant, photographed lemurs jumping from treetops onto my shoulders, ate a banana straight from the tree and watched countless sunsets over the Indian Ocean.

Many people would have considered the living conditions to be squalid and I imagine this particular trip would be unappealing to most, but to me, it was perfect.

After volunteering, I explored northern, central and western Madagascar with two friends that I made at camp. I ventured down the world-renowned Avenue of Baobabs, strolled through the grey and red tsingy of Ankarana National Park and camped on the ocean shoreline at Lokobe National Park. This trip did exactly what my family feared it would—it jarred me and woke me from my complacent state of mind.

After this experience, my decisions were no longer based on career development and pursuing a degree in higher education, but rather based on pursuing happiness. I visited tourist attractions and well-known monuments on my trip to Africa and Europe, including the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris and Robben Island prison off the coast of Cape Town. This is where the first South African president and venerable anti-apartheid revolutionary, Nelson Mandela, spent 18 of his 27 years.

I went cage diving with great white sharks in Gansbaai, South Africa and completed my first scuba dive in the ocean waters surrounding Mahé Island, Seychelles. After returning to Ontario, I decided to move to Whistler, British Columbia, stopping throughout all of Canada on the way. I spent ten months living in Whistler, where every week included a backcountry trip into the alpine, whether it was on foot or on a snowboard. I climbed dozens of mountains, including the well-known Black Tusk, Wedge Mountain and Panorama Ridge. I hiked the entire Howe Sound Crest Trail and tried surfing for the first time in Tofino on Vancouver Island.

In April 2017, I embarked on another two month adventure to South America with an Australian that I had met in Whistler. We traveled to Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia, stopping in Mexico on the way. Similar to Africa, language barriers were always present and there was an undeniable culture shock in certain communities. I completed a four day trek to Machu Picchu, one of the wonders of the world...

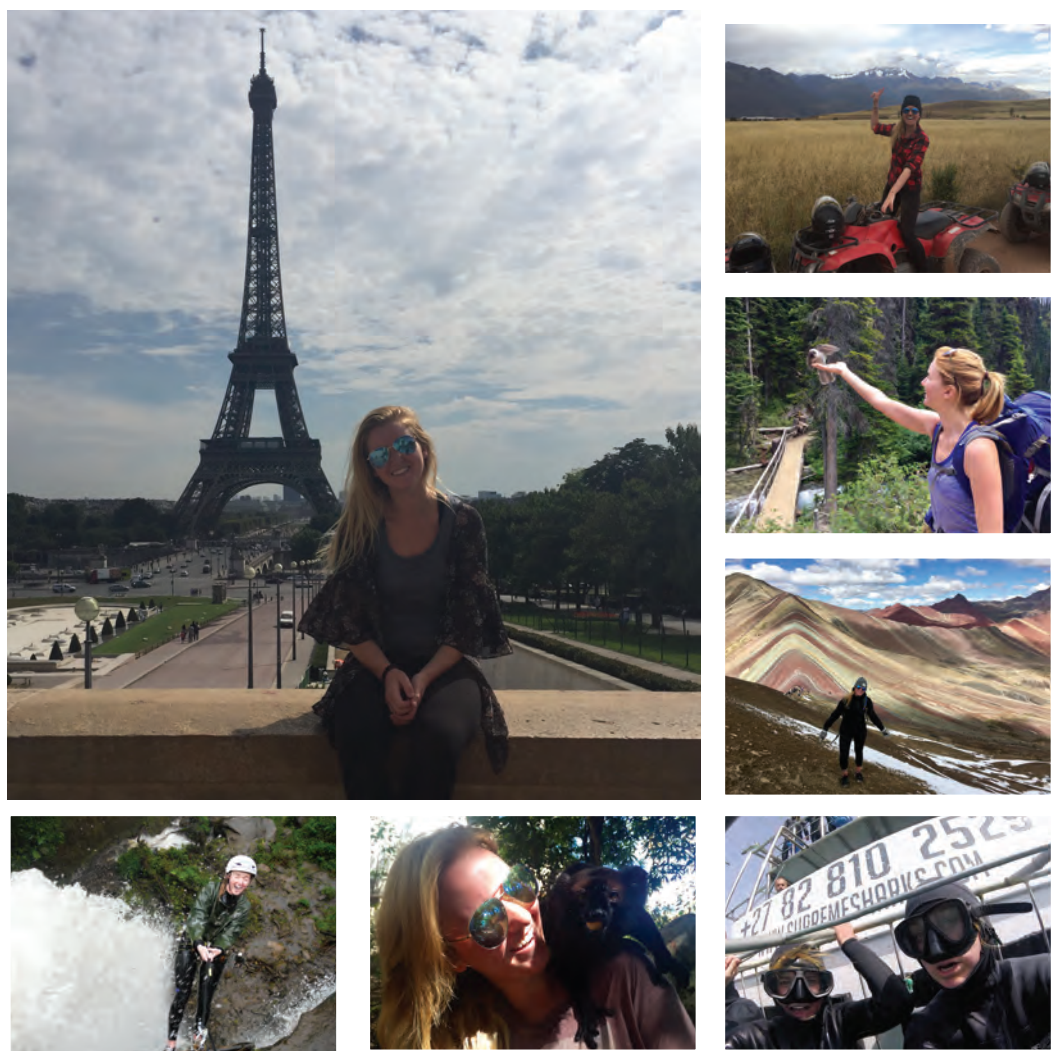


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SHELBURNE NATIVE LAURI CORLETT has spent the best part of the last two years discovering the world, taking in lengthy trips to both Africa and South America. The university graduate says traveling has helped to "open her eyes" to the possibilities surrounding her.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Muskies drop weekend game to Tillsonburg



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

THE SHELBURNE SR. A MUSKIES hosted the first place Tillsonburg Thunder for an afternoon game at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Sunday, November 19. The Muskies ended up with a 6-4 loss for the day.



Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

It was one of those games that was just fun to watch when the Shelburne Senior Muskies hosted the Tillsonburg Thunder on Sunday (Nov. 19) at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

It was fast paced, hard hitting and a lot of shooting as the Muskies tried to upset the first place Tillsonburg team.

They almost did it, but a bad first period set them too far back.

Tillsonburg opened the scoring in the first frame and that was matched by a Muskies goal from Nick Hodgson to make it a tie game at the midway mark in the period.

The Thunder followed up scoring three times in under two minutes to leave the Muskies trailing by three going into the second period.

Shelburne's Jake Nicholson scored at 7:33 into the third frame.

A second Muskies goal from Chris Greer on a power play made it a 4-3 game and the

fans were looking for the next marker to tie the game.

Tillsonburg hit the back of the net with just over two minutes remaining for a two goal lead with one period remaining.

Greer got his second of the night on a short-handed effort early in the final period.

With time running out the Muskies turned it up a notch and had several opportunities but just couldn't score.

The Thunder got some insurance with a final goal with under a minute left on the clock to win the game 6-4.

After the weekend the Muskies are in fourth place with a 5-2 record.

Tillsonburg remains in the top spot followed by the Clinton Raiders one point behind and the Ripley Wolves with ten points.

The Muskies will be back on home ice this weekend when they host the Saugeen Shores WinterHawks at the CDRC.

Game time is 8:00 p.m.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

THE SHELBURNE WOLVES BANTAM LLW team host the Oro Thunder at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, November 18. The Wolves had to settle for a loss in this game when the visitors managed an 8-3 win.

Shelburne Wolves Bantam LL2 battle hard in game vs Hawks

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Shelburne Wolves Bantam rep team put up a good battle in their game against the Flesherton Golden Hawks on Saturday (Nov. 8) afternoon at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, they just couldn't score despite setting up some good opportunities.

The Wolves managed only one goal in the game when Colin Sillars took the feed from Carter Crouse and found the back of the Flesherton net.

But that's all they could do and they had to settle for a loss – their fourth of the season.

The squad found themselves short a goalie due to injury and peewee AP goalie Rowan Lester stepped up and played the game for the Wolves and did an outstanding job in net.

The team was also sporting red tape on their sticks in support of a teammate who had a family member suffer a serious medical emergency.

"We all had red tape on our sticks. We did this in support of one of our teammates – just as a heart a stroke reminder," said Wolves head coach Tony Fernandes. "It's a gesture to support them. We all stick together."

The Wolves Bantam team is still working hard to get on the plus side with this year's record.

"The second period – we kind of slacked off and they got up on us," Fernandes said. "We picked it up in the third period. The first was good."

The squad is still learning how to play together after getting several new players on the squad this season.

"We're slowly picking it up. We have only four second year players. The rest are all first year, so it does have a different balance," Fernandes said. "The second year players – they've done this all before. With all the new kids they're all learning about the checking part of it," adding the team strengths include "A lot of passing and moving the puck around in their end. They know when to get the puck out and when to move it around."

The Wolves Bantams now have a 3-4-1 record and are in second place in the Georgian Bay Group B division.

The Bantams will be back on home ice at the CDRC on Friday, December 1, when they will host the Owen Sound Jr. Attack.

Game time is 8:05 p.m.



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"I like how you are together as a team. It's really fun and it's competitive," said Centre Dufferin District High School Royals junior girls basketball point guard, Brooke Rutledge of why she likes the sport. "I do gymnastics which is more of an individual sport so this is different.

The grade nine student has been playing basketball for three years.

When she's not on the basketball court, Brooke is a championship winning gymnast with the Orangeville Twisters Gymnastics and Trampoline Club.

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Written By **MARNI WALSH**

Musician Bruce Ley's Country Classics Concert is back by popular demand at Grace Tipling Hall this Friday night at 7pm. This fantastic fundraiser sponsored by Primrose United Church played to standing room only audiences last year.

Candice Bist, the interim minister for Primrose and Trinity United churches, says there are a few tickets left that can be purchased from congregation members, and a limited number to be made available at the door of Grace Tipling Hall November 24th.

The two-hour show with Bruce Ley and guests, “promises to have you tapping your toes and humming along to familiar melodies by your favourite Country performers.” Some selected favourites include ‘Angel Band’, ‘Today I Started Loving You Again’, ‘Ring of Fire’, ‘East Bound and Down’, and ‘On the Road

Again’ to name a few.

Bruce Ley, who is also the musical director for both United Churches, has been on tour much of this fall. As musical director, he has been performing along with actress-singer Leisa Way - first in western Canada and most recently in the Maritimes. He has returned home in time to team up with the same group of fantastic professionals who thoroughly engaged and entertained Shelburne audience members last year.

Some great musicians are getting together for the concert, including “The Barrel Boys” stars Nathan Smith, Ryan Hancock, Tom Griffith and Scott Bruyey, who performed at the Heritage Music Festival in Shelburne this past summer.

According to the group, Ryan Hancock is a multi-instrumentalist, who has been the band-leader of “The Campfire Poets” band for 15 years and counting. Proficient on guitar and

bass, as well as a strong vocalist, Ryan has performed over 2000 shows at only 31 years of age.

A native of North Bay, Nathan Smith started playing violin at age 6 and has been exploring musical possibilities ever since. Nathan is in demand as a sideman in Toronto's Folk and Country scenes.

Scott Bruyey is a drummer and musical collaborator, who has worked and recorded with Columbia recording artists and currently performs with “The Campfire Poets.”

Candice Bist, who is also Bruce Ley's wife,

says Bruce is thrilled about the show. A professional musician for over fifty years, Mr. Ley played piano with Country greats on “The Tommy Hunter Show” and “Grand Old Country” in the 1970's. He went on to have a career scoring for television and film, but still keeps his hand in live performances across Canada.

Country Classics will be at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne at 7 pm on Friday, November 24th. Tickets are \$15 and available from Holmes Music and Appliances, Caravaggio IDA, or members of Primrose United Church.

Justice, kindness and balance

Our grandchildren's parents returned last evening from a few days away while we cared for their two little boys, aged 3 years and 15 months. This morning while packing for the trip home from Ottawa we listened to the sounds of parents and children preparing for their day — work for the parents and daycare for the children. They were mostly happy sounds of play, breakfast, negotiating over what to wear and what to do and what to not do to one's little brother. Is there anything more important or creative that we are privileged to do in a lifetime than to raise a child or interact with the children growing up around us? Living with children calls out of us more than we could ever have anticipated: more love, more patience, more creativity, more struggle to discern what is right, and more humility because we can never quite manage the perfection we wish these children to experience.

Our Christian tradition calls us to be co-creators with the Creator. We say with Jesus that we live in God and God lives in us and that together with God we are creating a present and future. There's deep wisdom in the stories and poetry of our scriptures to guide our co-creative efforts. One of my favourite succinct summaries is this verse: Micah 6.8. He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

How do we “do justice”? And, how do we teach children about justice? Occasionally, I've heard a parent respond to a child's protest that, “It's not fair!” by saying, “Get used to it — life's not fair!” It's apparent that life's not fair: look at the tiny proportion of humanity that feels entitled to horde tremendous wealth while vast numbers of people struggle to secure basic water, food and shelter. But we are called to “do justice” which means striving to treat one another fairly and live in just ways. Children are dependent on us and learning from us about how the world works. We teach our kids about being fair and doing justice by striving to be fair and do justice. This is, of course, overwhelmingly difficult: every choice we make about what to say, do, buy, support, and how we invest our time, energy and wealth involves doing justice . . . or not.

A few examples: Our planet is in crisis so doing justice for future generations means finding the will and committing our resources right now to changing the way we produce and use energy, live on the land and use water, eat and grow food, travel, produce goods and provide services. We must change for human life to survive on earth. We need to change quickly if we want our grandchildren to have safe and healthy lives.

The destruction of war will stop when we learn to resolve conflict nonviolently. Negotiation requires that all parties are respected; that we approach differences with curiosity; that trust is built as we understand one another's positions; and, that mutually beneficial outcomes and acceptable compromises are goals.

Justice happens when we see others and all of life as our brothers and sisters. What hurts another hurts ourselves.

All of these lessons we learned as children or failed to learn or learned only partially from those who nurtured us.

What does “loving kindness” look like? Perhaps from three year old Hari's perspective it is when a grandparent understands that he won't eat his dinner and is howling for one more ep-

isode of Dinosaur Train because he is tired and missing his parents. If this grandparent manages to contain their anxiety and respond with hugs, good food, softness, kind but firm words and reassurance then he has had a lesson in loving kindness. If we threaten, bribe or punish to try to get him to comply, he has had a lesson in power politics where the bigger, stronger power uses violent methods to get their own way.

What does it look like to “walk humbly with our God”? We're not God but rather we are limited human beings. And yet, we are uniquely gifted creative partners with God who invites us into mutual adventures. So we get it wrong when we want to be the proponent of absolute truth, to be the wise or powerful authority. And, we get it wrong when we think of ourselves as abject, worthy of humiliation. We are beloved children in relationship with the all wise, all knowing, all compassionate One. So we have this balancing act that involves being “grown-up” — kind, justice-seeking, creative problem-solvers — while maintaining a childlike openness all that we cannot know and to the vast Otherness of God. We are invited to use our whole God-given selves in service and also to reach for a hand as needed in this humble walk with our God.

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The trek included fifty kilometres of hiking, six ziplines, white water rafting and sixty kilometres of downhill mountain biking. I participated in the morning stair climb to the Machu Picchu ruins, which only 200 out of 3000 daily visitors complete. I then proceeded to climb Machu Picchu Mountain itself, which only 100 out of 3000 daily visitors attempt.

While in Peru, I visited the famous Rainbow Mountain in the Andes, hiking to an elevation of 5200 metres above sea level. I swam with sea lions in the Galápagos Islands and visited the salt flats of Uyuni in Bolivia.

I recently returned to Ontario and explored much of the United States along the way. I watched Old Faithful erupt in Yellowstone National Park and I stood beneath the monumental Mount Rushmore.

On November 27th, 2017, I will be traveling to Australia on a one year working holiday visa— my biggest adventure yet. While overseas, I plan to participate in more volunteer programs in Indonesia and Sri Lanka, as well as complete a solo backpacking loop through Southeast Asia and New Zealand.

My friends and family have always told me to create a blog and share my travel experiences, but I've never felt inclined to do so until now. This is primarily because I have come to realize that there are many misconceptions about traveling. The most common misconception is that it's easy. Other misconceptions are that you need to be wealthy to travel extensively and that you cannot travel alone, especially as a young woman.

Several times a week I have people tell me that they are envious of my lifestyle and wish that they could do what I am doing. Admittedly, I can become irritated when I hear these comments because there are very few obstacles facing others that I have not overcome myself. I want others to understand that traveling is attainable, but also that it does not

come without sacrifices.

In Whistler, I moved five times in ten months because of the housing shortage. I spent weeks at a time living out of my 1999 Toyota Tercel because I could not afford the outrageous rent prices after funding my travels. I am often working menial jobs for minimum wage and have always had at least two jobs since graduating. Most of my work weeks are sixty hours long and even then, I am always in debt when I return from backpacking.

I have gone nearly a year without seeing my family and friends and a lot of my relationships from back home have been tested. I've missed family celebrations and holidays, births and even my own university graduation. Traveling requires you to constantly rebuild your friend group and involves frequent, difficult goodbyes.

Maintaining a relationship sometimes seems impossible because you are constantly moving and have an insatiable desire for adventure that is seldom possessed by others.

As a solo woman in her twenties, I have inevitably been in uncomfortable situations. On many occasions, I have been scared and my only wish has been to return to the comfort and familiarity of home. I have declined entry-level jobs within my field of study and have rejected academic opportunities that would undoubtedly help shape my career. I have been subjected to judgment and scrutiny by my relatives and peers, many of whom tell me that I am not setting myself up for a prosperous future or using my education to my advantage.

No, backpacking is not easy. But despite all of these things, I would not change anything about these past two years because they have been the best of my life.

In the past 14 months, I have made friends from nearly every continent in the world and have been inspired by every single person

that I have met abroad. I have gained countless new perspectives from experiencing different cultures. I've learned about religion, history, biology, environmental sciences and geography by experiencing it first-hand. I've improved my communication and interpersonal skills, while learning new languages. I have become very independent and have learned how to handle myself in stressful and uncomfortable situations. I have gotten certifications that I could have never received in Ontario, all of which will benefit me in the future with respect to career development. I have built relationships with people in different fields around the world, which will be vital in regards to networking when I become a working professional.

The stories I could share about my travels are endless. I could fill this entire paper talking about my time abroad, but there are no words that will ever recreate any of the experiences that I've had. Traveling imparts people with life experience, but also teaches infinite lessons that cannot be taught within the walls of a classroom. I have learned more in the past fourteen months abroad than I ever did in a lecture hall.

Most people perceive traveling as a way of postponing adulthood and escaping the ubiquitous lifestyle that often accompanies it. I cannot stress how false this assumption is. Traveling can play a crucial role in building both your character and your resumé.

The purpose of this article is not to deter students from obtaining higher education or discourage any particular type of lifestyle. I intend on returning to school to complete a Master's of Science at the University of Victoria in May, 2019. The purpose of this article is to remind young adolescents, such as myself, that it is acceptable to strive for something beyond the norm. It is appropriate to have a different concept of prosperity and happiness

in comparison to others.

To all of the students in a quandary, who are feeling ambivalent in regards to post-secondary education, remind yourself that you are young. Remind yourself that the world is also your classroom and that this is merely the beginning of the rest of your life. Success is not to be measured by your academic credentials or bank account statements, but rather by the ability to reflect on your life and be proud of your accomplishments, whatever they may be and however insignificant they might seem to others.

Decisions are not to be made with the intent of satisfying the expectations of others. Margaret Young once wrote, "Often people attempt to live their lives backwards, they try to have more things and more money in order to do more of what they want so they will be happier. The way it actually works is the reverse. You must first be who you really are, then do what you need in order to have what you want."

It is far easier to settle in life than it is to leave our comfort zones. These times might be stressful and confusing, but they can also be the best times of your life.

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Santa's workshop inspired parade, coming next weekend

Written By MARNI WALSH

Santa Claus Parade Chair Lynda Grant of the Shelburne BIA says committee members came up with the theme of Santa's Workshop to encourage a playful and creative event this year.

As usual, Santa will be at Jack Downing Park taking photos with the young and young at heart, sponsored by Royal LePage RCR, starting at 2pm. In addition a hay ride courtesy of Brandi McCabe will run from 2 pm - 4 pm.

To warm chilly toes, hot chocolate will be sponsored by Tim Horton's with a s'mores station courtesy of the BIA. Troupe-Adore will be running an ornament making session, and the BIA will have a card making station with the Christmas cards to be sent to seniors in Shelburne nursing homes.

Lynda Grant says the Santa Claus Parade Committee members Sohayla Smith (Troupe Adore), Lindsay Wegener (Spaw-Fect Grooming), and Jay Wagstaff (Compass Church) are all dedicated to making the parade a success.

"Sohayla is our social media expert and Lindsay has been successfully soliciting businesses for sponsorship and prizes for the children's activities, coordinating the hay rides, and leading us in the right direction

whenever we come up with a snag. Jay is our silent partner who is willing to do whatever we ask of him. Each volunteer brings their own talents and support to the committee." Although, none of these volunteers are BIA members, Lynda says, "I definitely could not do this without them."

Ms. Grant told the Free Press that there has been "a wonderful response" to the parade this year. With more entrants still expected, there are to date 13 completed entrants, plus the Fire Department:

1. Strictly Recreation
2. 1st Shelburne Scouting
3. Wightman Telecom
4. Compass Community Church
5. Sentry Door Inc.
6. Manito Shrine Club
7. Shelburne Physiotherapy Centre
8. Trillium Ford
9. Pace Credit Union
10. Royal LePage RCR Realty
11. Two. A. Tee Maid Services
12. Girl Guides of Canada
13. Sylvia Jones, MPP Dufferin-Caledon

This year, Compass Community Church has graciously offered to provide the carolling before and after the parade in Jack Downing Park. The downtown Window

Decorating Contest prize will be sponsored by Genevieve Trimble, owner of High Point Awards & Ribbons.

"There are many more sponsors," says Lynda gratefully. Cobwebs and Caviar and Wool & Silk are both sponsoring the scarf making competition with scarves to be donated to charity, and there is a children's colouring contest with sponsorship from a local business outside of the BIA.

"I believe that Christmas is a time of giving and sharing. A time of peace, joy and happiness," says Lynda Grant. "And this year we are doing just that, we are taking every opportunity to give back to our community by supporting local charities: Manito Shrine Club; the Christmas Food Hamper; Shelburne Rotary Club; and the Food Bank." Everyone is welcome to join in the holiday spirit at the Shelburne Santa Claus Parade December 2nd from 2pm- 6pm.

- 2pm - 4:30pm Christmas Card Station
- 2pm - 4:30pm Kids Ornament Christmas Wish Craft
- 2pm - 5pm Live Music by Compass Community Church
- 2pm - 4pm Winter Wagon Rides
- 2pm - 4pm Photo with Santa at Jack Downing Park



PHOTO: MARNI WALSH

SANTA'S WORKSHOP INSPIRED the theme of Shelburne's Santa Claus Parade this year and prize ribbons, donated by High Point Awards & Ribbons, are ready to go for first, second and third place in the Downtown Storefront Decorating Contest. Events will run from 2- 6 pm on December 2nd with the parade to start lighting up Main Street Shelburne at 5 pm. Photo courtesy of the Shelburne BIA.

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From Nov. 24-28, all cats and kittens will be available for adoption at the reduced fee of \$25. All cats are spayed or neutered, microchipped, come with a gift of six weeks of pet insurance and are up to date with their vaccines. Plus, anyone who adopts a cat or kitten from an Ontario SPCA Animal Centre in November will receive a box of Arm & Hammer Slide™ Cat Litter – its patented formula means used litter slides right out – while supplies last.

"All of our cats are so deserving of new homes. We hope this promotion encourages families to adopt," says

Sarah Herr, Regional Manager, Ontario SPCA. "If you can't adopt right now, please tell your friends and family about the cats in our Animal Centre that are waiting for their forever families."

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