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DAX AND KASH O'BRIEN had a chance to tell the magical man in red all their secret hopes for Christmas last Saturday, when the Shelburne Kinnettes treated the community to a lovely Christmas Gift and Craft Sale at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex. There were lots of opportunities for kids and families to spend time with Santa and even visit his Secret Workshop where kids could donate a Tooney to the Christmas Hamper Program and get their gifts wrapped with the help of Elves.

PHOTO: MARNI WALSH

## Dufferin's Digital History Project goes national

Written By MARNI WALSH

Recently retired Centre Dufferin District High School teacher Neil Orford has announced that his developed in Dufferin "Digital Historian Project" (DHP) will go nationwide in the New Year with the backing of Ottawa. The award-winning Project is a model for experiential learning that allows students to explore a wide variety of subjects through digital storytelling - empowering research and exploration.

In 2014, Neil Orford began the Digital History Project with Dufferin students in collaboration with the Dufferin County Museum and Archives. At the invitation of the Ministry of Canadian Heritage, on the heels of receiving the 2015 Government of Canada History Award, Neil Orford spent 18 months working with historian and digital expert Blake Heathcote to pitch the project on a national level.

"It was always my hope that I could take the DHP to a national audience and have students across Canada use it in their schools," Neil Orford told the Free Press. "Whether for Veteran research and commemoration, like we do with the Dufferin County Museum and Archives, or to honour other major Canadian historical moments." A website, re-branded as Testaments.ca will now be delivering the DHP model free, through a national platform known as "Defining Moments Canada," to registered schools, museums and community groups.

2018 marks 100 years since the Spanish Flu struck Canada. According to Testaments.ca, the pandemic took the lives of nearly as many Canadians as killed in all four years of the Great War and eradicated 3% of the world's total population in just 18 months. Studying Canada's "Flu-Story" will be the inaugural project for Defining Moments Canada (DMC).

Through Testaments.ca, DMC offers the digital historian platform nationwide to commemorate and study how this global epidemic defined Canadian history. Communities and schools will be invited to engage residents and students in deep research into the individual lives of Canadians affected by the Spanish Flu.

Mr. Orford was in Ottawa last week talking to teachers about "opening their doors" to the concept at the annual meeting of Ontario history teachers. He said, "There is so much potential to bring teachers of many different subjects together to participate" - combining science, communications, and arts with history. "Imagine the robust discussions about history and what we can learn about being prepared for a future epidemic, he said."

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# Shelburne residents to see \$63.56 increase on tax bill

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Monday night, was the Public Budget meeting at Council and, despite ample publicity, no residents bothered to appear.

Nevertheless, an informative presentation was made by Treasurer Carey Holmes and despite the apathetic show of interest by residents, the Town was rewarded with some great news! Despite being completely unable to do anything about the rising assessments, Council and staff, were able to reduce the tax rate by 1 percent, thus limiting the tax increase to the residents, to 3 percent, rather than the expected 4 percent for 2018.

Mayor Bennington praised the work of staff as being the saviour in this year's budget deliberations. Although, when all the numbers had been crunched, Council, in their deliberations at last week's special budget meeting, had been able to reduce the budget figures by over \$15,000, it was the staff recommendations that found another \$53,000 in cuts.

This was no mean feat, for the budget, as

originally proposed, was the leanest one in many years and there was very little fat to be cut from it.

In the end, it was all a matter of nickels and dimes as the Town strove to find reductions or new sources of revenue. In fact, the largest single savings, achieved by postponing some back lane resurfacing, was a mere \$15,000, with the next two highest, reductions amounting to only \$19,083 combined!

On the new revenue side, there were two sources found, which contributed a total of \$4,802 to the final figures. Some of the cuts were as low as \$2,000, but together they allowed Council to achieve at least a small savings for the residents.

With no major capital projects scheduled for 2018 there were very few places where the Town could look, to cut spending without jeopardizing the safety and comfort of the citizens, or adversely affecting the future growth and potential of Shelburne. The revised, proposed Budget, will now go back to staff, to prepare a final document on which Council will vote at the next scheduled meet-

ing. Assuming that it is passed, staff will then be instructed to draft a By-law to adopt the 2018 Budget as presented to Council, in time for the final meeting in December.

In all, Shelburne residents have fared better than some of the surrounding municipalities, with only a 3 percent raise in their tax rate. For an average home, in Shelburne, assessed at \$308,897, the tax increase will amount to \$63.56, or a total of \$2,210.88 in 2018. As previously described, this increase is caused solely, by the increase in assessed value and not because of the 2018 Budget. Unfortunately, when you take a percentage of a bigger number than previously assigned, you end up with increased taxes, despite the best efforts of Council and staff to mitigate the situation.

In other business, the acting CAO, Carole Sweeney, presented a report from the Police Accommodation Subcommittee addressing the need for changes to the present location of the Shelburne Police Department.

Resulting from the earlier 2015 report, by Walter Fedy, commissioned by the Shelburne Police Services Board in response to evolving standards in the Ontario Police Services Act and intended to assess and identify then current deficiencies in the existing facilities, the report provided three options for improvement.

The first, was to renovate and expand the current facilities, the second related to acquiring and adapting another facility and the final option was to build an entirely new police station. That subcommittee's mandate,

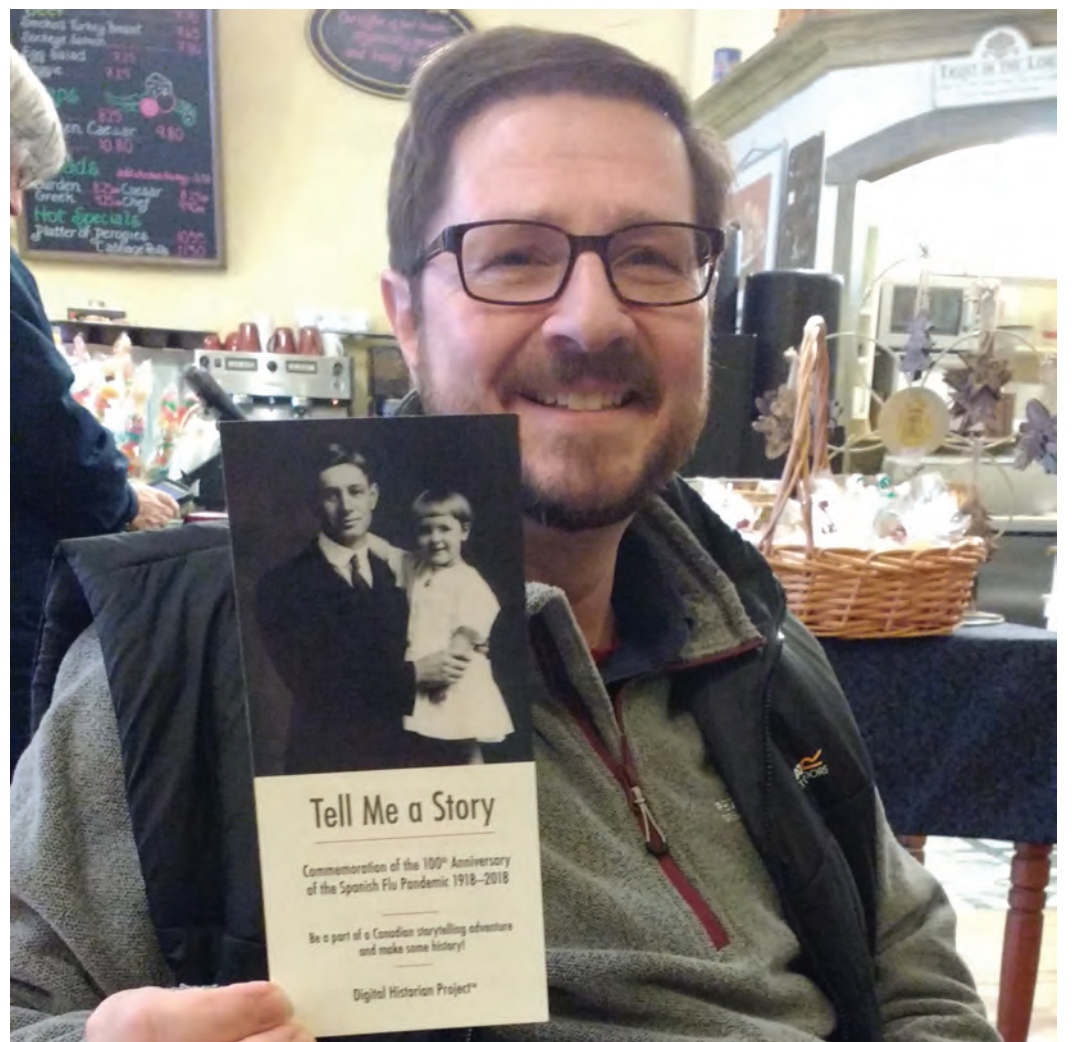
was to further explore the three options of the Fedy report and to prepare a more comprehensive overview. In so doing, the result was that option three, or building an entirely new facility, was the most cost effective solution.

At this point, discussions were entered into with an experienced police facility architect, which re-opened the possibility of using option one, which was to renovate the existing facility in Town Hall. The resultant costs, ranged between \$5.53 million and \$6.4 million dollars, with higher cost assigned to also expanding the Council Chambers, while the lesser one pertained to solely dealing with the police facility.

Either of these approaches, would necessitate the purchasing of further land for Town Hall parking. At that time Council authorized the formation of the present subcommittee.

That committee then revealed a previous error by Walter Fedy in estimating the actual size of facility required by the police. As it turns out, a total of over 10,000 square feet will be needed, which in turn, has substantially increased the cost, from under \$4,000,000 to the current \$5.53 million to \$6.4 million. At this time, Council has accepted the report, but will be ordering further study and costings. To that end, Councillor Wade Mills has presented a Notice of Motion, to be put forward at the next Council meeting, to have the OPP provide a costing, to Shelburne Council, for providing policing services to the Town.

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FORMER CDDHS TEACHER Neil Orford was this week proud to announce Ottawa's National launch of the made in Dufferin "Digital History Project" for schools, museums and communities across Canada.

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Neil Orford toured European encampment and battle sites of WWI soldiers earlier this fall – sites he has taken in many times with his students - and as well as new ones. "I needed to situate myself where Canadians were in WWI, where they trained, so I could research how the flu incubated in military camps" – a major conduit for the spread of the Spanish Flu. Soldiers returning on ocean voyages hastened the global spread of the deadly virus.

"Everybody has a flu story," says Neil Orford. "We want them to participate and retrieve these stories which have had such an impact on their lives." He believes new Canadians will be able to find a common thread to engage in Canadian history with their own flu stories." It is a global story that connects us all.

As the Program Leader for Defining Moments Canada, Neil Orford says the important thing for him is "it all started here

in Dufferin County." He says, "The community and the Board of Education made it successful. We hope that dedication will be replicated nation wide."

The next two years will be spent putting the project together across the country and by the end of 2019, Canada's Flu-Story will be available on-line and "live long after as schools and individuals continue to contribute to it," says Neil Orford. "Then we move on to the next commemorative project and another "defining moment."

As a teacher, Neil Orford says, "Young people are the best to tell these stories – in a refreshing and new way." He says, "Kids and families of Dufferin were there at the groundbreaking of what we hope will be a whole new conversation about how to teach and learn history in the 21st century." To learn more on how you can share your Flu-Story and make history visit Testaments.ca.

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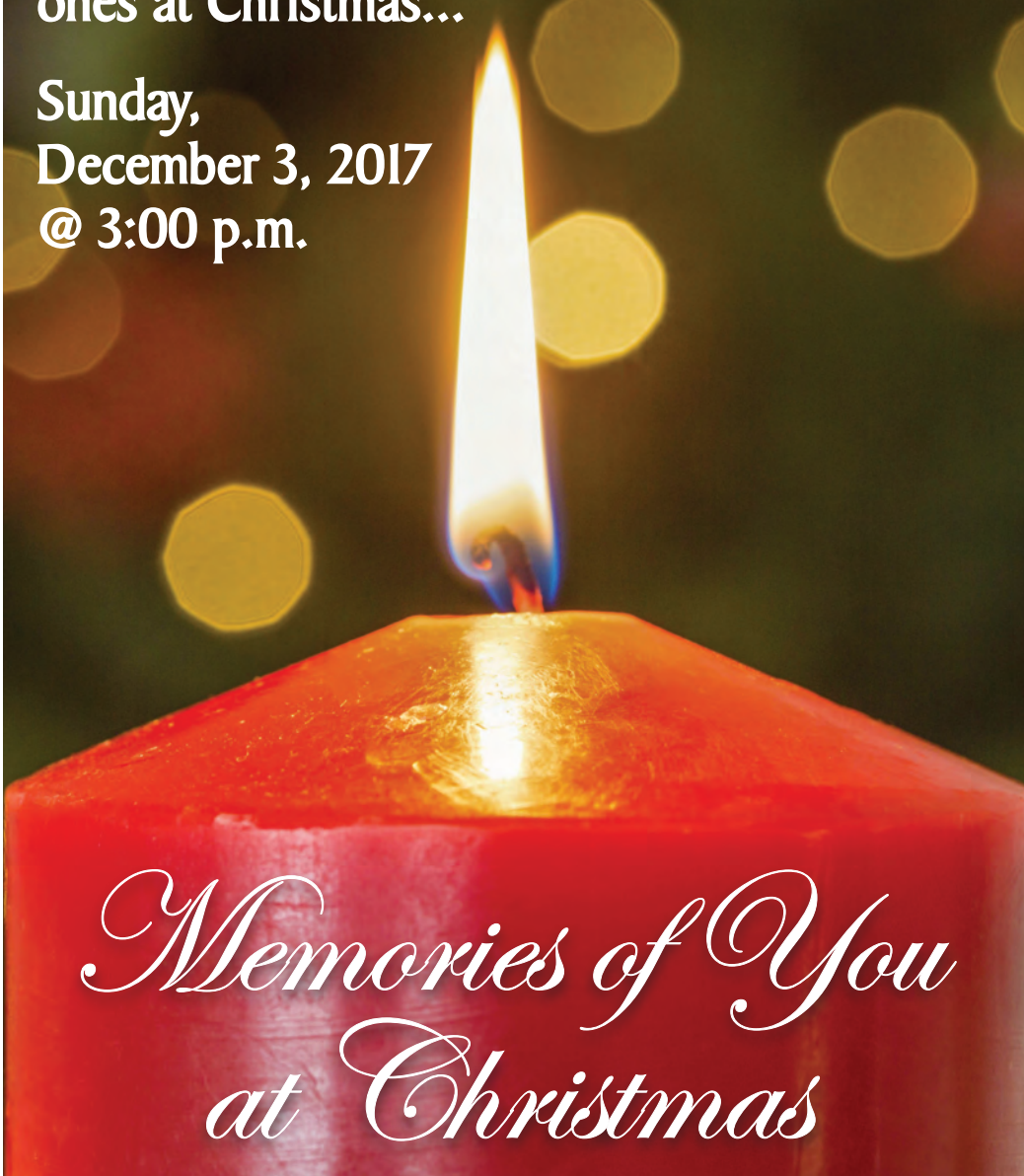
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# Dufferin's 'Citizen of the Year' ramping up for Christmas

Written By MIKE PICKFORD

When Bill Gillam heard his name called at the Dufferin Board of Trade's Business Excellence Awards back in October he could barely believe what was happening.

Honoured as the region's 'Business Citizen of the Year' for 2017, Mr. Gillam has long been a supporter of vital programs and initiatives in the Shelburne community. Ever since he joined the community back in 2012 as the new owner of Shelburne's Home Hardware, Mr. Gillam has made it a priority to give back. It was no surprise to anyone but him then when he was presented with one of the region's most prestigious accolades on Oct. 19.

Having helped to get such schemes as the Shelburne Breakfast Club program off the ground in recent years, Bill has turned his attentions to the festive period as he seeks to help children and adults enjoy the most wonderful time of the year.

He started off with Ladies Night, held on Nov. 7. For several hours that night, Bill and his staff at Home Hardware welcomed more than 300 women through their doors for a night of reduced prices, gifts and prizes. Each attendee is charged \$5 and all funds raised go to the Shelburne Breakfast Club program, which runs in five schools in and around Shelburne. Last year's event raised \$12,500 for the program and all indications point to a similar, if not better tally this time around.

"Ladies night was a huge success once again," Mr. Gillam told the Free Press. "We gave away over \$21,000 worth of prizes and raised a ton of money for the kids' breakfast program. It definitely raises a smile seeing that initiative supported so well."

The Shelburne Breakfast Club program supported more than 550 students last year. "It's non-discriminatory, open to anybody, whether they've already eaten breakfast or not. With it being strictly for kids, this was an easy one for me to buy into," Bill noted.

While the breakfast program is perhaps Bill's crowning achievement, he also regularly supports such organizations as Special Olympics Ontario, the Ontario SPCA Orangeville & District Animal Centre and Theatre Orangeville. In his own words, Bill will help anyone out providing it's a worthy cause.

"I always support kids, that's my number one. I have a deal with Centre Dufferin District High School to sponsor business excellence awards there," Bill said. Quite fitting then that he too would be recognized at a business excellence awards ceremony. "I support shop programs by donating materials. It's important to support kids because they're the future."

He added, "Every week though I get multiple requests for community involvement and investment. I always make sure though when I'm giving something that the community is

getting something back – whether it's through the program, or volunteer hours, whatever. There have been a few times where people have asked me for donation and I'll in turn ask them to volunteer with the breakfast program. It's all about creating a chain of positivity in the community. That's important to me."

On the horizon here in Shelburne now is the second annual Kids Day with Santa at Shelburne Home Hardware, taking place Dec. 9 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Having kick-started this particular initiative last year Bill, and most importantly the children of Shelburne, were keen to see it return once again.

"We had between 75 and 100 kids here last year running around having a great time," Bill recalls. "I have this great big chair that I decorated – I'll do that again this year – then we make sure we have Santa out over the course of the day to visit with the kids. We host it outside in our Garden Centre and have several stations set up where kids can buy gifts for their parents, siblings... We do gingerbread decorating in the kitchen centre. It's a great day."

Also running in December is Home Hardware's Donate a Plate program. From Dec. 1 to Dec. 31, for every \$1 donated at the store in Shelburne, Bill will match it dollar to dollar up to a maximum of \$5,000. Last year he pushed the board out a little further, managing to raise \$6,000 at the store level, before adding a further \$6,500 himself. All the money from this program goes towards funding the Shelburne Breakfast Club initiative.

Reflecting on his half decade in Shelburne thus far, the one thing Bill can unilaterally agree on is how much fun he has had. Working between 80 and 100 hours per week would be gruelling for some, but Bill takes it in his stride, simply content knowing he's making a difference in his community. While he admits it was nice to be recognized as Dufferin County's 'Citizen of the Year' he refused to take all the credit.

"This was a combination of a lot of hard work from a lot of people. I remember going up on stage and not being prepared at all. I had nothing written down, I really had no thoughts at all that I could possibly win. My first thought was to thank all of my customers, because they're the ones that make all of this happen, they're the ones who allow me to be so involved in the community, so thank you," Bill said.

"It's been a real treat for me to meet a ton of great people over the past few years, not only from Shelburne but across Dufferin County. It's the people I've met that serve as my inspiration for supporting all the programs and initiatives we support locally. As a final thought, I'd like to say I'm really grateful for the award. I wouldn't have been able to do it without the community and my wonderful staff, who help pull off all the hard work they do for me and my customers each and every day."



FILE PHOTO  
BILL GILLAM (LEFT) HAS BEEN A PERPETUAL 'GIVER' since his arrival in Shelburne back in December 2012. Recently named 2017's 'Business Citizen of the Year' by the Dufferin Board of Trade, Bill is getting ready for another busy Christmas season, where he plans to give back to the community yet again through his Donate a Plate initiative.

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A GROUP OF CDDHS STUDENTS helped to get stores in downtown Shelburne into the Christmas spirit this past Wednesday (Nov. 29). Emily Darling (right) working with her student to help decorate the I.D.A. pharmacy, one of several businesses being decorated by the senior high school students.

## Centre Dufferin students decorate downtown businesses for Christmas

Written By JASEN OBERMEYER

Several grade 11 and 12 students from Centre Dufferin District High School (CD-DHS) have decorated the town's main street, providing not only some beautiful Christmas scenery, but also giving them an educational engagement with the town.

The senior student were out decorating several businesses this past Wednesday (November 29), putting up Christmas decorations and displays, including Lyngrant Financial Services, Shelburne I.D.A., The Bread Depot, and Spa-Cific You.

Emily Darling, CDDHS's teacher of fine arts and family studies, spoke to the Free Press on how they have partnered with the town's Business Improvement Area (BIA) for a year-and-a-half, working to get the students more integrated into the community.

"Things like real world experiences of challenges, and using the town as a way to

bridge their learning with what's going on directly in their community."

She says they did a training session at the Shelburne Legion, thinking of problems and challenges the town faces, and ways to solve them, then came up with designs for decorations and worked with the business owners, that way their learning can make them "more connected to the real world."

Ms. Darling explained the students and the BIA have been thinking of ways to unify the town and make it more inviting, for the new subdivisions going in, with this year focusing on decorating Main Street for the upcoming Christmas parade.

She says the students are partnered with a program called Specialists High Skills Major (SHSM), which gives them a more hands-on work and engagement with their learning. "We try to give the kids an educational component to it, so they're learning through the process as well."

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# Ottawa Journal

Written By DAVID TILSON

Earlier this month, the Minister of Families, Children, and Social Development, the Honourable Jean-Yves Duclos, announced that Budget 2017 changes to Employment Insurance (EI) benefits for parents and caregivers would come into effect in December 2017. We, the Conservative Official Opposition, understand that Canadians work hard for their money and that all families need flexibility to care for their loved ones.

The changes to the EI program announced by Minister Duclos will become effective December 03, 2017 and include: caregivers who provide care to a critically ill or injured adult family member will have access to a new benefit of up to 15 weeks; immediate and extended family members of children who are critically ill will have access to a new benefit that was previously available only to parents, which will replace the Parents of Critically Ill Children benefit and continue to provide up to 35 weeks of benefits; both medical doctors and nurse practitioners will now be able to sign medical certificates for the existing and new family caregiving benefits; parents will be able to choose between standard parental benefits (taken over 12 months) or extended parental benefits (taken over 18 months); and eligible pregnant workers will be able to receive EI maternity benefits earlier, up to 12 weeks before their due date. For more information on these changes, please

visit <https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/news/2017/11/background-information-forelaimants.html>

While we the Conservative Official Opposition understand that all Canadian families require flexibility to care for their loved ones, we also believe in lowering taxes for Canadian families. We will continue to fight for hardworking Canadians who now pay more tax under the current Liberal Prime Minister and his government. This is evidenced by a Fraser Institute report which found that 81 per cent of Canadian middle class families are paying more tax under the current Liberal government (on average families are paying \$840 more each year). The current government has hurt middle class families by taking away income splitting and eliminating tax credits, including the Children's Arts and Fitness Tax Credit and the Public Transit Tax Credit. It is clear why the Trudeau government is raising taxes – to pay for the Prime Minister's deficits, which cost more than \$100 billion.

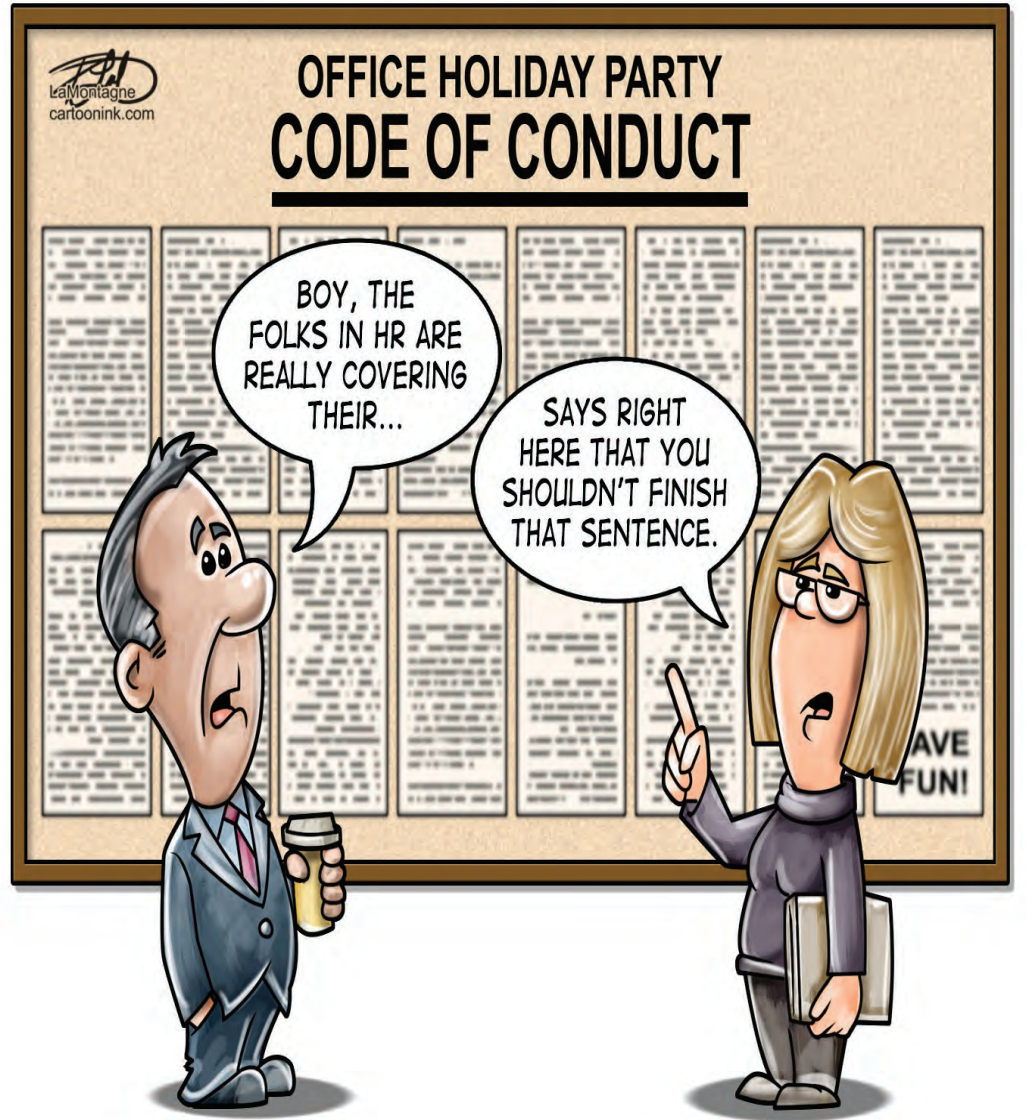
The current Liberal government is aiming to support parents and family caregivers through changes to the EI program; however, at the same time, they are making hardworking Canadians pay more tax. They are also hurting families by removing important measures that help them. We, the Conservative Official Opposition, will continue to stand up for Canadian families by fighting Prime Minister Trudeau's tax hikes every step of the way.

# Shelburne Legion News

Written By LESA PEAT

With Christmas right around the corner the branch is busy with many activities. Monday night Bingo is the place to be. Doors open at 6:15pm and play begins at 7:00pm with a \$1,000.00 jackpot, the canteen is open with hot dogs, French fries and sandwiches available. Wednesday evening Darts is another way to enjoy an evening out. Spares are asked to arrive by 7:30pm and sign up, the Canteen is also available with a different menu each week from 6:30pm - 9:30pm. Thursday night is sports night with Euchre, Pool, Darts and Crokinole available. Euchre starts at 7:00pm. This Friday is another Red Friday Wing Night with entertainment by The Sean Bourke Band. Please bring in an unwrapped Toy or a donation to the Food Bank on any of these nights. Please support the Town of Shelburne and watch the Santa Claus Parade on Saturday December 2nd. Come join Santa and Mrs. Claus on Sunday December 10th for our

Christmas Craft Sale/Breakfast from 9am - 12pm. Santa and Mrs. Claus will arrive at 10am for photos. Friday December 15th Santa and Mrs. Claus will be at our Red Friday Wing Night to dance with the kids and enjoy some wings until 9pm. Introducing for the first time at the branch, Eastern Storm (Newfoundland Band) they perform from 9pm - 12:30am. Saturday December 16th is the Scavenger Hunt registration sheets will be up Sunday Dec. 3rd. Sunday December 17th is our Christmas Meat Spin beginning at 2pm. Friday December 29th will be the last Red Friday Wing Night of 2017 with Wasted Measures as entertainment. Last call on November 30th for your Early Bird dues, don't delay and save \$10. A common question asked is, "Do we need to be a member for our child to do their community service ours at the Legion". That answer is NO, all students are welcome to do their hours at the branch. If you know a student that needs their hours please ask them to contact the branch at 519 925 3800.



# So much for local competition!

THE HEADLINES called it a "swap," but it was merely a cozy deal that put profits ahead of customer service.

The deal announced Monday by Torstar Corp. and Postmedia will see an end to all the competition Canada's two largest newspaper companies had in local markets and in most cases result in communities having a single print publication that will essentially be little more than a "flyer wrap." In some communities they won't even have that, losing their community paper because it was too close to a surviving daily.

Sadly, because no money was involved in the deal there was no need to give any warning to Canada's Competition Bureau and there is thus no chance for any move to postpone what was clearly a move to establish local monopolies to the detriment of local readers and advertisers.

Incredibly, the deal has meant the end of some community papers that were clearly superior to the publications that will survive. This is nowhere more evident than in Simcoe County, where Postmedia's Barrie Examiner, Orillia Packet & Times and Collingwood Enterprise-Bulletin are disappearing, leaving the three communities with Metroland weeklies most notable for the 20-plus flyers they routinely deliver.

The two companies' claim that the deal became necessary because of declining advertising revenues and the federal government's refusal to give the industry more support didn't include an explanation of why it involved closures everywhere instead of cost-cutting mergers that would have catered to the needs of readers.

Taking the Collingwood-Wasaga area as an example, merging the news and production operations would have permitted a continuation of the Enterprise-Bulletin and its joint distribution with Metroland's News.

bizarre Monday's announcement included a claim that the deal will mean the loss of only 291 full- and part-time jobs.

Does anyone really believe that 30-plus publications, including some dailies, will be shuttered with only the loss of fewer than 10 jobs per paper? The reality is that in most of those papers most of the local reporting was by freelancers, and the 291 wouldn't include those working in printing plants and the papers' distribution.

Our best guesstimate is that thousands of families will suffer to some extent.

As we see it, the closing of daily papers in places as big as Guelph and Kamloops, B.C., with current populations of about 130,000 and 90,000, respectively, had more to do with debt and location than just declining revenues. In Guelph's case Torstar owned the neighboring Kitchener-Waterloo Record and in Kamloops the daily paper had changed hands several times before being closed by Postmedia.

Of course, the closing of dailies is hardly just a latter-day phenomenon. It's nearly half a century since the folding of the Toronto Telegram and almost that long ago that the Thomson chain abandoned its daily operations in Brampton and Oakville.

Orangeville once had four local papers (the Sun, Post, Advertiser and Banner) and for many years there were two papers in Shelburne and Grand Valley.

But almost everywhere, an end of local newspaper competition has resulted in the surviving publication doing a poorer job of serving both readers and advertisers. Perhaps the lone exception was in Orangeville, where the Banner remained an excellent paper while it was locally owned, to the point of covering Dufferin County Council for the Shelburne and Grand Valley papers as a public service.

Where will it all end? No one really knows. But perhaps one day Canada's three big supermarket chains will breathe new life into community newspapers by spending less on flashy flyers and satisfying themselves with a combination of print advertising and flyers published online and available in their stores.

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Do you think Shelburne Council did a good job with its 2018 budget?

Yes, they didn't have too much to work with

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# Shelburne Library News: Thank you, thank you, thank you

Written By ROSE DOTTE

Thank you to our many patrons, friends, and business owners who so generously supported YOUR library through the donations to our Silent Auction this past Saturday. As well, of course a huge thank you to those who came out and purchased the many beautiful and unique items. We had over 40 Book Baskets (new donated books) which all sold except for 2. If you still need a gift, drop in and look at those.

### 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:

*Books and Babies: Tuesdays @ 10:00 am*

This week we have many fun things to check out in the Children's Library and the first of which is our brand new baby play group! Books and Babies will meet every Tuesday morning from 10:00am-10:45am. This group is for children from birth to 2 years and will give these young babies and toddlers a chance to experience playing with other children and exploring books and toys at the library. There will also be lots of coffee for the parents! Come spend a relaxing morning playing and sharing stories with other parents!

*Story Time: Friday @ 10:30 am*

On Fridays, as always, it's Story Time! This month we will be talking about one of Miss Brittany's favourite things - SNOW! Where does snow come from? What is it made of? What do we need to wear to keep warm? Visit the library each Friday to learn more and more about snow and what fun things we can do with it! Come sing songs, make crafts, and try all of the fun activities we can try with our friends at Story Time.

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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

Mac also always stops by to say hello right before Lego Club begins! LEGO CLUB also runs from 3:30pm-4:30pm on Wednesday afternoons. We explore creating all types of things and there is always a different weekly build challenge if children want to test their creativity! We also have super cool electricity circuit kits called Snap Circuits! This is a fun way to explore how electricity works and explore this type of energy in a safe way! There are also books, colouring, snacks, and lots of fun!

*1000 Books before Kindergarten Program*

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### Teen Scene:

Our first TAB event was a huge success! We had 16 Teens come out and decorate homemade baked goods! There was a lot of icing, and a lot of laughs! Up this week is Pizza & Pages book club, (6-7:00pm, Thursday, November 30th). Writer's Café will continue on Tuesdays, 3:30-4:30pm until December 19th! December's Teen Scene lineup looks like this:

Thursday, December 7th: Ugly Xmas Sweater Party (BYO Sweater)

Thursday, December 14th: 3rd Annual Gingerbread House Decorating Competition

Thursday, December 21st: Book Club/TAB-hosted Event

All of these activities are free, but registration is required! You can register by calling YOUR Library 519-925-2168, dropping by the circulation desk, or emailing [jnoble@shelburnelibrary.ca](mailto:jnoble@shelburnelibrary.ca)

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- Love and other consolation prizes by

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- Canadian guide to will and estate planning by Douglas Gray
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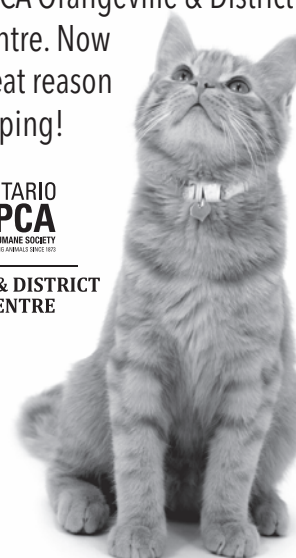
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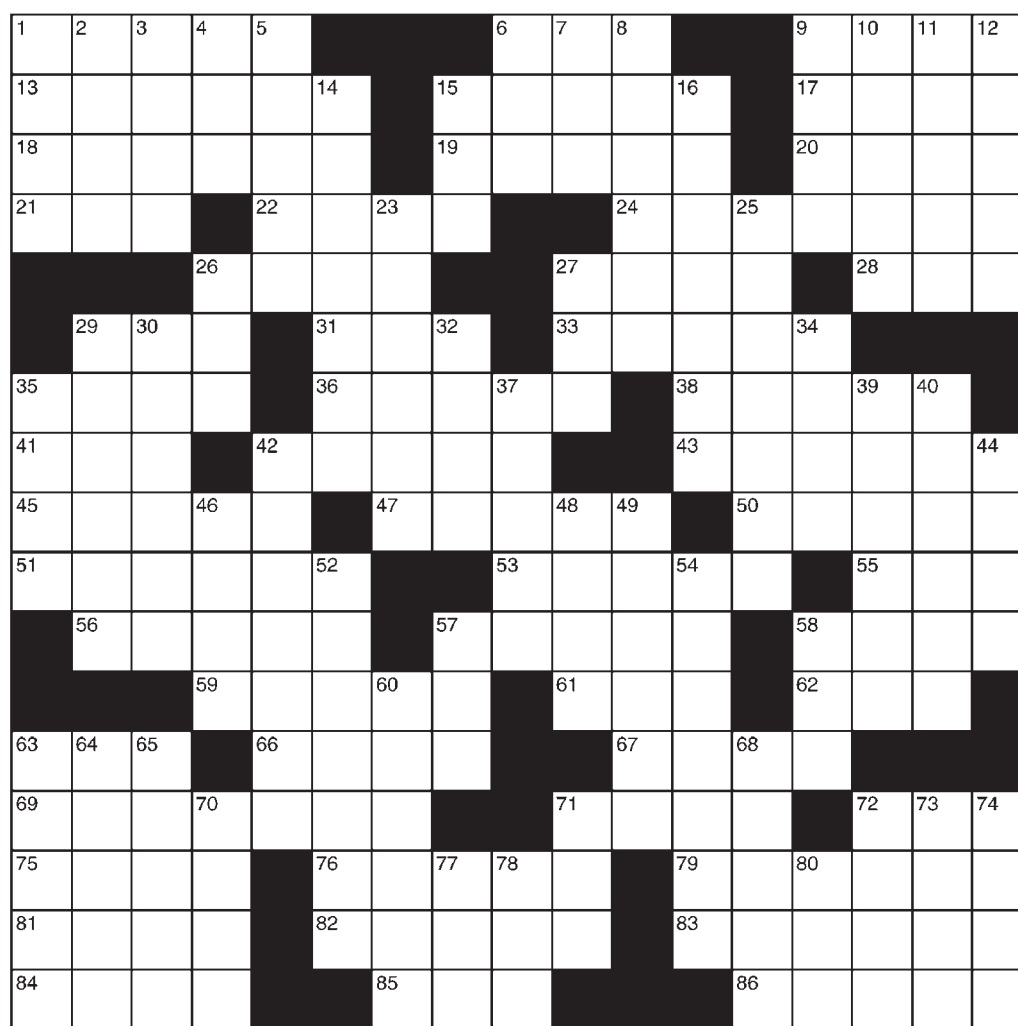


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# Dufferin Women in Business host annual Sparkle Awards



PHOTO: JASEN OBERMEYER

SPARKLE WINNERS: The winners of this year's Dufferin Women in Business' Sparkle Awards. From left to right: Roberta Fracassi, Brenda Seltzer, and Jennie Bradley.

Written By JASEN OBERMEYER

Dufferin Women in Business (DWIB) hosted their sixth annual Sparkle Awards, recognizing and celebrating women who make contributions to business in Dufferin County.

In conjunction with the networking and awards event, it also marked DWIB's 15th anniversary of operations.

The event took place Wednesday of last week (Nov. 15) at Orangeville's Best Western Plus, and saw over 100 people, including Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, attend.

According to DWIB's website, the Sparkle Awards are named because "sparkle, like a diamond, symbolizes the change in self-realization and a deeper understanding of mental and emotional maturity. It is a symbolic meaning of prosperity, strength, harmony, purity and peace. These awards encourage everyone to be the diamond in their rough and be the best they can be."

The gala began with a meet-and-greet networking reception, along with entertainment provided by guitarist Ryan Avery and local vocalist Maddy Morrison.

**Winners of the 2017 Sparkle Awards:**  
 Volunteer of the year (Sponsored by Marlin Travel Inside Walmart) – Brenda Seltzer.  
 Networker of the year (Sponsored by the Town of Orangeville) – Roberta Fracassi.  
 Mentor of the year (Sponsored by Budget Blinds) – Jennie Bradley.

The 2017 Women of Influence award (Sponsored by Tony's Garage) – Tammy Schneider.

Ms. Fracassi says by working in a small team, as well as independently, women are

"out there, we're trying to network, trying to meet other people, build relationships, and as well build other people's businesses."

She says she's noticed ease for women to network, and by being a committee member with DWIB for three years, "I've built strong relationships with the women in the community."

Ms. Seltzer says it's very humbling to receive the award, as there are "many amazing women" nominated. "There's never enough you can do."

She advised that women "need to be involved in the community, and understand the needs."

Ms. Bradley says it's an honor, and was surprised to have won. "I'm part of a bigger organization, but I've had a great opportunity to lead a lot of people, it's really fun to help and teach people to grow in our organization, so it's been a privilege."

Liz Skorski, chair of DWIB, says it's important to recognize women in the workplace, because they're doing a lot that's not being heard about. "Part of the big thing with women is balancing work, and family, volunteerism, and children."

She says it's great celebrating the organization's 15 years and facilitating connections. "We see the people coming to our events, we see those people change a lot, but we still see it moving forward. So there's good momentum, we're happy to keep going with it."

Ms. Skorski added that in terms of change for women in the workplace, the traditional role of women of taking care of family "haven't gone away. We've just added a heck of a lot more to it."

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## Local Santas needed for 8th annual Seniors Christmas Hamper Program

Written By AVERY PARK

A challenge has been given to the residents of Shelburne, and all of Dufferin County, to help a senior feel special this Christmas.

Senior's Santa Christmas Hampers Program has been running for eight seasons, and continues to put a smile on every seniors face each and every Christmas. Starting very small, and growing into an amazing program, this is a wonderful way to remind the seniors in our community that we do think about them, and we do care about them.

"It started with a dream," says Tracy Haworth, founder of this program. "That's not a line I'm feeding everybody. I woke up in the middle of the night, eight years ago, just thinking, 'What about the seniors?'" She wants to make sure that every senior, no matter who or what they have in their life, gets something for Christmas.

Their Stuff a Stocking for a Senior initiative started last year and has been very successful.

Last year they were able to meet their goal of giving every senior a stocking, and this year they need over 650 to give to all

the seniors at the centers/homes/facilities/senior services that they give to. This includes Bethsaida Retirement Home, Avalon Care Centre, Dufferin Community Living, Dufferin Oaks and Shelburne Residence.

If you would like to help Ms. Haworth in her mission to give a stocking to every senior, there are four places in Orangeville that you can go to and make donations to stuff a stocking.

There is the main location, 158 Parkview Drive, an elf house at 114 Ontario Street, and Parsons Florist and Trip Central are also helping them. You can donate anything from sweets and treats to large print word searches. Anything that you would put in your families stocking, you can put it in their stockings. They're no different from us, and you get to act as their Santa Claus.

If you do stuff a stocking, challenge someone else to do the same. That is how their goal is reached, one person after another goes to help our seniors. Ms. Haworth says, "I refuse to have a senior forgotten," and year after year, no senior will be forgotten in the Dufferin area.



FILE PHOTO

SHELBURNE COUNCIL HAS MANAGED TO GRIND DOWN its 2018 budget to a 3 percent tax levy increase for local residents. That will amount to an additional \$63.56 being tagged onto local homeowner's tax bills.

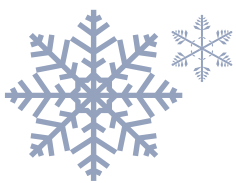
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Mayor Bennington, emphasized, that this is in no way meant to question or discredit the men and women of the Shelburne Police force, but is rather an avenue of exploration allowing Council to better evaluate how best to serve the taxpayers of the Town and maintain a cost efficient use of their money. The Mayor was also adamant in pointing out that Shelburne does not have a police problem, but rather a police accommodation problem.

One example of the issues facing the use of the current facility is the two jail cells now housed in the basement of the police headquarters. These cells are situated side

by side and share a wall, which is no longer permissible under the Police Services Act. The reasons for that, are that an adult offender, may not be sequestered adjacent to, a juvenile offender and neither can two, opposite sex adult offenders be housed adjacent to each other. With no available room to relocate the cells to comply with the Act, the facility, as it stands, has a compliance issue.

As an OPP costing will generally require some 18 months to be completed, there will be a wealth of time for Council to investigate and debate all of the options available to them.



# Great things come in threes.

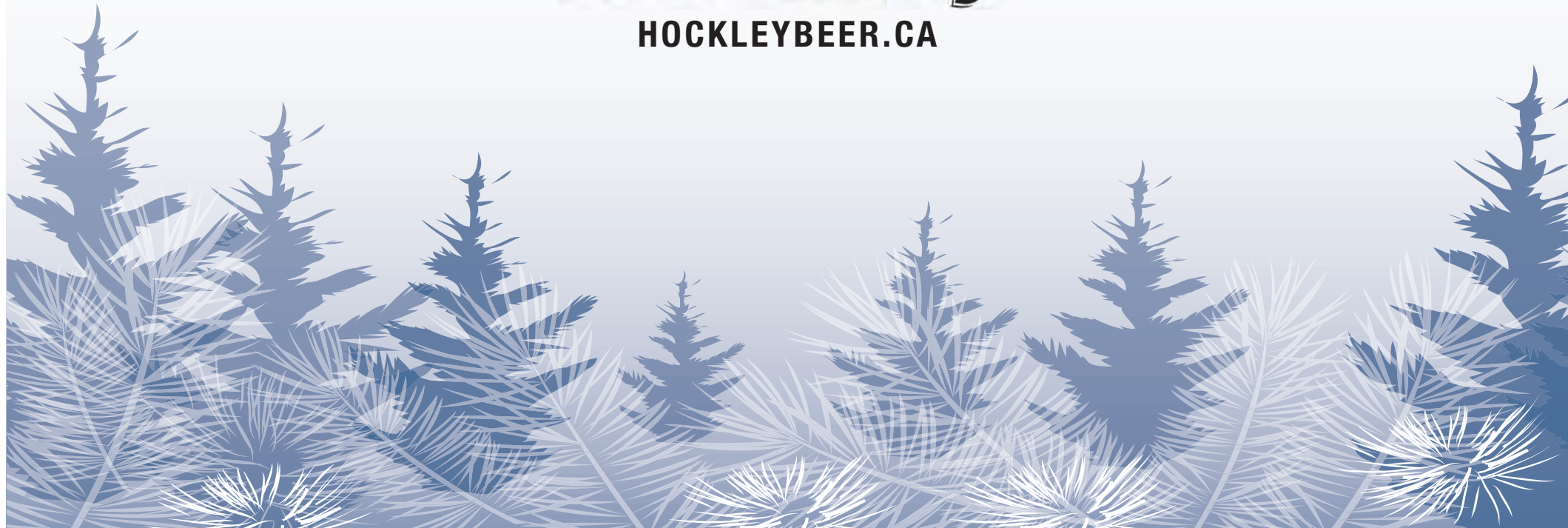
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## This year's theme for the parade is SANTA'S WORKSHOP.

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**Smores** and **Hot Chocolate** will be available from 2pm-4pm for anyone wanting to warm up. Hot Chocolate is sponsored by Tim Hortons.

**Colouring Contest** drop offs are at Pace Credit Union, 133 Owen Sound Street, Shelburne, by November 30th.

**Scarf Making Contest** - Prizes from Wool & Silk, Main Street. All scarves will be donated to charity after the event, and must be dropped off at Cobwebs & Caviar, 143 Main Street, West, Shelburne by November 30th. Please pin name tag and contact info on scarf.

**Downtown Storefront Decorating Contest** - Ribbons donated by High Points Awards & Ribbons. Winners will be chosen by the community via Facebook.

**Christmas Card Station** (give to seniors) 2pm-4.30pm

**Kids Ornament Christmas Wish Craft** sponsored by Troupe Adore.

**Live Music** by Compass Community Church 2pm-5pm then **parade**, and **music continued** 6-7pm

**Winter Wagon Rides** by Brandi McCabe, 2-4pm

Soaring Hearts, Main Street West, will be providing **free hot chocolate** during the Parade.

**Photos with Santa** sponsored by Royal Le Page Realty, Shelburne, 2pm -4pm.



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**SATURDAY DECEMBER 9TH**  
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from 10am to 2pm at No Frills



## Santa Pictures in the Park

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# Shelburne Worship Centre hosts new Councillor for breakfast



PHOTOS: SUBMITTED

IT ALL HAPPENED on Sunday, November 19th, 2017, when our newly appointed Councillor of Shelburne, Mr. Steve Anderson visited Shelburne Worship Center for Sunday Morning service. The councilman was greeted and well received by the congregation; he eloquently addressed the crowd, speaking on his intentions to make Shelburne stronger together. After church service was over, the councilman kindly stayed back to individually meet and greet the congregants, as well as pose for photos on such a grand occasion. On hand as the day's guest speaker was beloved friend of Dr. Sterling and SWC, Retired Lt. Col. Nestor Ogilvie from the islands of Grenada and Jamaica. Colonel Ogilvie was in Canada attending the National Veterans Memorial Ceremony in Ottawa the week prior. Dr. Sterling greatly thanks both the councilman Mr. Steve Anderson, and Lt. Col. Ogilvie, as well as all who were present, for their attendance & continued support.

# DC Poet Laureate hosts final workshop on Sunday

Written By JASEN OBERMEYER

Harry Posner, Dufferin County's Poet Laureate, concluded his final poetry workshop this past Sunday, continuing his duties as an ambassador promoting literary and other arts in the community.

The workshop series was dubbed "Make Poetry GREAT Again," with the first session held in September, the second in October. All three took place at Orangeville's Mill Street Public Library.

This workshop was about performing poetry and sharing writing on stage, to bring

voice and character, and getting rid of nervousness.

"Lot of writers don't have great stage presence, have never really worked that into their repertoire of skills," said Mr. Posner.

He added that every stage is different, ranging from a physical stage, to a small room, and even online. "To become aware of your environment, and to work with it, to be aware of your audience, is important."

Stacey Dittman, one of the participants, said she wanted to do the sessions for a "love of poetry," and "an interest in litera-

ture."

She said she knows Harry through his public performances and wanted to see how he "approaches his craft."

Mr. Posner admitted he was surprised by how many people registered and attended, surpassing his expectations, as he's done workshops in the library before where only a few attended. "Word gets around, the power of social media."

He added it was great for him to know there's people in the community who want to learn poetry and literature in general, attributing it to the numerous bookstores.

"Even if people come away with one idea, or one tip, or one something that they can take to improve their writing and presentation, that's all I can ask."

Ms. Dittman said she's really enjoyed "walking away, learning something tangible," from the workshops.

Asked what's in store for the future, Mr. Posner said he plans to work with the Dufferin Arts Council's "artists in the schools" program to help students, and work with seniors on poetry.



PHOTO: JASEN OBERMEYER

HARRY POSNER (BOTTOM RIGHT) with several participants in his final "Make Poetry GREAT Again" workshop series. All three workshops had a different focus, from writing poetry, to the rules, and performing on stage. Each workshop saw an increase in participants, something Mr. Posner was surprised with.

## Christmas Assistance Program

The Christmas HamPer Committee is PleasEd to Provide assistance to qualifying families in Dufferin County for Christmas Pay.

Applications are Being received at the following locations:

**Orangeville**

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690 Ribbell Road  
Contact #: 519-943-1203  
Email: newhope@wightman.ca

**November 20 10 am – 3 PM**  
**November 27 10 am – 3 PM**  
**November 28 4 PM – 8 PM**  
**December 4th 10 am – 3 PM**  
**December 11th 10 am – 3 PM**  
**November 28th 7 PM – 8 PM**

**Shelburne**

Mel Lloyd Centre – Second Floor  
Entrance c. 167 Centre Street  
Contact #: 519-278-4578  
Email: shelburnechristmashampers@gmail.com  
November 23rd: 7 PM – 9 PM  
November 29th: 11 am – 1 PM

**Grand Valley**

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November 25th: 10 am – 11 am

Applicants must apply in person, providing proof of address, income source and expenditures, as well as identification

### NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING FOR AN OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT STRADA AGGREGATES INC.

**NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING WITH COUNCIL**

TAKE NOTICE that further to the notice of complete application, which was circulated on July 25, 2017, the Township of Melancthon is scheduling a public meeting under Section 17, 22 and 34 of the Planning Act for the purpose of hearing public comments on proposed amendments to the Township's Official Plan and Municipal Zoning By-law 12-79, as amended. The application affects lands located in Part of West Half of Lots 12 and 14, Concession 3 O.S. (4th Line) in the Township of Melancthon (see attached Key Map). The purpose of the applications are to re-designate and rezone lands for the purpose of expanding and extending existing pit operations currently utilized by Strada Aggregates.

**DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING**

Date: Thursday, December 21st, 2017  
Time: 5:30 pm  
Location: Township of Melancthon Municipal Office – 157101 Highway 10

**DETAILS OF THE APPLICATIONS FOR OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

The purpose of the proposed amendments is to re-designate and rezone lands having a land area of approximately 61 hectares (150 acres) located in the West Parts of Lots 12 and 14, Concession 3 O.S. (4th Line O.S.) for the purpose of extending existing pits currently in operation and utilized by Strada Aggregates. It is noted that the applicant has also initiated an application under the Aggregate Resources Act (ARA) to obtain a license for a Class A, Category 3 gravel pit and public consultations have also been initiated under the ARA application process.

The Township has been provided with the following studies and reports which are available for review on the Township's website, <https://melancthontownship.ca/planning/strada-aggregates-opa-zba/> or by attending the Township office during regular office hours:

1. Natural Environment Level 1 & 2 Technical Reports
2. Hydrogeological Assessment Level 1 & 2
3. Noise Impact Analysis
4. Stage 1 and 2 Archaeological Assessment
5. Cultural Heritage Impact Assessment
6. Agricultural Impact Assessment
7. Planning Report and ARA Summary Statement
8. Traffic Review
9. ARA Site Plans (Existing Conditions, Operation and Rehabilitation)

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND MAP OF LAND SUBJECT TO THE APPLICATIONS**

A key map showing the land to which the proposed amendments apply is provided on this notice. Draft amendment documents, as well as peer review comments are also available on the Township website for public review.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon in respect to the proposed amendments, you must submit a written request (with forwarding address) to the Clerk of the Township of Melancthon at 157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, Ontario, L9V 2E6, email - [dholmes@melancthontownship.ca](mailto:dholmes@melancthontownship.ca). Members of the public with specific questions about the applications may also contact Mr. David Barrett, Planner for Strada Aggregates at (519) 576-3650.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendments are approved, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council or the County of Dufferin to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendments are approved, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

Date of this Notice: November 29, 2017

Denise Holmes, AMCT  
CAO/Clerk - Township of Melancthon

**LANDS SUBJECT TO APPLICATIONS FOR OFFICIAL PLAN AND ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT**

# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Wolves Midget Rep team move up into first place

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Shelburne Wolves Rep team moved up to first place in the Georgian Bay Group A Division standings with a 7-2 over the Flesherton Golden Hawks on Friday (Nov. 24) night at the CDRC.

The Wolves now lead the entire League with 15 points and no losses recorded for the season although three of their games ended in a tie.

Friday night's game got off to a good start when the Wolves took a three goal lead in the first period starting off with a shot from the outside by Scott Decker that went through the crowd at the front of the net.

Mitch Webster and Jacob Berardi followed up with two more Wolves markers to end the period.

Shelburne was ahead by four in the second frame when Decker got his second of the game early in the period.

Jackson Nasato hit the top shelf with a shot from the point to make it a 5-0 Shelburne game.

Goalie Curtis Latter had a solid two periods shutting out the Flesherton team before giving up a goal midway in the third frame.

Shelburne's Trent Downey gave the Wolves a five goal lead after taking feed across the front of the net to score.

Nasato got his second of the game late in the period.

The Golden Hawks scored with 58 seconds remaining to end the game with a 7-2 win for the Wolves.

"We had a very good first period. Sometimes we come out a bit slow, but tonight all the guys were firing, got pucks on net



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

THE SHELBURNE WOLVES MIDGET REP team moved into first place in the standings with a 7-2 win over the Flesherton Golden Hawks on Friday (Nov. 24) night at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

and we got a few breaks," said Wolves coach Luis Furtado. "The first and second were really good. The third period we ran into a little penalty trouble. We've got some really good players this year – some really good skaters."

The squad is now a point ahead of the

Stayner Cyclones and two points ahead of the Golden Hawks in the standings.

"They're coming together game by game and in practice. They're hard working kids and we've got a good coaching staff. Everyone's buying into it," Furtado said.

The Wolves will have their next chance for a couple of points when they host the Collingwood Blackhawks at the CDRC on Saturday, December 9.

That game is scheduled for a 3:15 p.m. start.

### 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.

Through your participation and involvement, we hope the tournament will have another successful year. We look forward to seeing you at this event and appreciate all of your support!!!

**Friday Night**  
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**Saturday**  
Silent Auction  
Dance 8pm-1am with DJ and buffet lunch

If you wish to participate in the tournament through donations, silent auction items, or entering a team, please contact Erin Bailey at 519-923-5842, leitherin@hotmail.com or Chester Tupling at 705-627-0672, chester.tupling@premierequipment.ca

## Big second period brings win for Sr. A Muskies

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Shelburne Senior A Muskies picked up another two points over the weekend with a 6-4 win over the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks on home ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday (Nov. 24) night.

It was a big second period that saw the Muskies score four unanswered goals that turned the game around and eventually gave the Shelburne team a win.

The Winterhawks scored first in Saturday's game at 5:05 into the first period.

Shelburne's Luke Richardson tied it up on an unassisted goal with just over a minute remaining, but a second Saugeen Shores goal just 44 seconds later gave the Winterhawks a one goal lead heading into the second period.

When the teams returned for the second frame the Muskies shut-down the Winterhawks offence and started scoring.

Chris Greer notched his first of the game at 5:39 into the period.

Travis knight and Ed Gaffney scored just over a minute apart to give the Muskies a two goal lead.

A powerplay effort by Trevor Vanalstine with 35 seconds left to go gave the Shelburne team a 5-2 lead with one period left to play.

After giving up two Winterhawks goals in the third, Greer got his second of the night with a minute left in the game to end the night with a 6-4 Muskies win.

Ed Davey was in net for the Muskies taking a total of 41 shots on goal for the night.

The win leaves the Muskies in fifth place with a 6-3 record so far for the the season.

The Muskies will meet the Winterhawks at Saugeen Shores on Friday, December 8.

They return to home ice at the CDRC on Saturday, December 9, when they host the Shallow Lake Crushers.

Game time is 8:00 p.m.

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# Wolves Midget LL1 edged by single goal to Wasaga

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Shelburne Wolves Midget LL1 team battled back from a three goal first period deficit in their Friday (Nov. 24) night game against the Wasaga Beach Stars to get back in the game in the after a solid third period. After going down 3-0 in the first frame Shelburne's Joel Playford scored with 50 seconds left on the clock in the second to put the Wolves on the scoreboard.

The Wasaga team scored early in the third period to put all the pressure on the Wolves to make a move and close the scoring gap. Shane Price got the second Wolves goal followed by another marker from Kyle Dyke when he took the feed across the net and hit the top corner to make it a 4-3 game. The Stars scored again midway in the period. Shelburne again challenged when Cam Newton took a shot from the point to score and come withing a goal of tying it up with only a few minutes on the clock.

That's all the Wolves could do for the night and they had to settle for a 5-4 loss. "They battled back a couple of times - I was happy to see that," said Wolves coach Jeff Dyke. "I thought we were a little weak in front of our net but other than that I thought our kids played a pretty good game. We owned them in their own end a few times - but a couple of lapses and they caught us." The loss leaves the Wolves in the middle of the pack in the standings with a 3-4-1 record and seven points.

"I think they're shooting the puck more and definitely passing better," Dyke said of the improvements he's seen in the team since the start of the season. "Our break-out has improved a lot." The Wolves Midget LL1 team will be back on home ice on Friday, December 8, when they will host the Essa Eagles at the CDRC. Game time is 9:30 p.m.



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ON SUNDAY, NOV. 27, 2017 the Midget's travelled to Arthur for a day of hockey. Wolves come out strong every game and were undefeated. First game against Mount Forest started with a 3-0 win. Moving onto 2nd game vs Plattsville with a 4-1 victory put the team into the Championship. Facing off with Delhi who was undefeated as well, the Midgets win the Championship with a 3-1 victory. Congratulations to all. Next home game Saturday December 9, 2017 3:15pm come and cheer us on.

## Your attitude in life is important

I took a bit of time recently to look through the shelves of books in our library room reflecting on what I was seeing. There was the biography/autobiography section, the history section, the theology section, the "church growth" section, the "Christian education" section and the list goes on and on.

There are also book shelves in other locations of the house because the library walls are filled. I stopped from time to time to pick up a book I had not read in a long time, or another that I never remembered opening.

Some books go back almost five decades to when I was in college. There are also the books which found their way into my life and to the shelves that are newcomers.

Many of these books played an important role at various times in my life. When I look at the selection of books located on these shelves, I can see a pattern, or process of journey related to my life and the focus of where I was in my thoughts, beliefs, words, intentions and actions during those times.

Those books reflect not just a journey, but a life of varying experience and experiences. We should always seek to be an ongoing life time learner, with interests to be pursued and achievements to be reached.

My wife told me of a gentleman who died recently at the age of 105. He was still living his passion and active at it when he died. Those looking through his things discovered that at 105 years old he still had a planner that laid out things he wanted to do over the next five years. What an inspiration demonstrating how we ought to live life.

How about you? Are you continuing to pursue your passion and dreams, living your life to the full? Are you continuing to learn new things and achieve more in your life? What are your expectations of what the next five years will be like? What are you doing now to prepare for that reality?

Not long ago I had the privilege of participating in the annual Memorial Christmas service held in the county nursing for those who had loved ones pass away in the last year.

One of the long term members of the congregation I co-pastor with my wife, lives in that nursing home. A number of months ago, my wife met with the family who had been called in to say their goodbyes to their mom and grandma, as she was not expected to live

more than a day or so. The doctor and staff however were wrong in their assessment and this great saint of God continues to shine and influence those around her in such a marvelous way. She waved me over at the end of the service to tell me, she wanted to arrange a day when my wife, daughter and I would be able to come and have a meal at the nursing home with her. This is something the nursing home encourages it residents to do during the Christmas season.

What an encouragement to see someone almost everyone had given up on, continue to live with an attitude of love and joy and a desire to continue to move forward with her life.

This would be a good time to reflect on your attitude towards life and see where it's taking you. The words of Jesus as recorded in John 10:10 tell us about Jesus' intentions for our life. He said, "I have come so that they might have life and have it in abundance."

Strong's Greek & Hebrew Dictionary says the word translated in English "abundance" here means, "(in the sense of beyond); superabundant (in quantity) or superior (in quality); by implication excessive." Let's demonstrate that kind of life daily.

Rev. Bob McLellan  
Grace Church of the Nazarene, Shelburne,

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- Demonstrated case management experience in supporting individuals with financial, mental health, substance abuse, disability, or age related concerns.
- Effective workshop and group facilitation skills.
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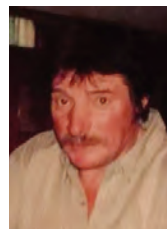
Peacefully at Dufferin Oaks, Shelburne, Tuesday, November 21st. Mary, in her 92nd year, predeceased by her loving husband, Robert Dynes Atkinson (2010). Beloved mother to Anne Bushey (Steve); Robert K. Atkinson (Cathy); Craig Atkinson (June); and predeceased by her second daughter, Susan Zettel. Grandmother to Michael and William; Joel, Rael and Jonathan; Micaela and Mark; and Sarah. Great-grandmother to Hannah, Mason, Charlie, and Nathan.

A gathering of family and friends will be held at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, 318 Main Street East, Shelburne on Monday November 27th, from 12:30 p.m. followed by the funeral service in the chapel at 2 p.m. Interment immediately following at the Shelburne Cemetery, Owen Sound St. (Hwy. 10) north of town.

A reception will be held at the Shelburne Legion, on William Street, following the service or the interment for those wishing to attend.

Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

**Bryan, William Leslie "Bill"**



November 23, 1942 – November 23, 2017

Passed away peacefully at Markdale Hospital on Thursday, November 23, 2017 at the age of 75. Loving husband of Sharon and father of Larry. He will be sadly missed by his many family and friends.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at a later date. If desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be appreciated.

Online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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# The 'Light' of Christmas shines at memorial services

Written By MARNI WALSH

There was a Memorial Christmas Service held at Dufferin Oaks last Saturday with various pastors of the Shelburne Ministerial presenting readings and prayers. Reverend Candice Bist gave a short message "framed around faith, hope, and love."

Two more special Christmas services lay ahead, for those who feel the need to seek out the light of Christmas during a time of stress or sadness in their lives: Jack & Thompson Funeral Home at 318 Main Street East in Shelburne will hold a Christmas Memorial Service and Candle Lighting Sunday, December 3rd at 3pm; and on December 21st at 7:30 pm, Trinity United Church at 200 Owen Sound Street will hold a Solstice Service - "A Gentle Reflection on the Light and the Darkness in a Sometimes not so Celebratory Season."

"In my years of ministry, I know that many, many people are ambivalent about the 'joyous Christmas season' that is in fact, not joyous at all for them," says Reverend Bist of Trinity United. "There are financial concerns, marital stresses, worries over children and jobs and futures. At a time when people need some rest and rejuvenation, the commercially driven rapacious season of Christmas shines a light into our homes and finds us wanting. It can lead to such despair."

Christine Jack-Goheen and Shawna Thompson of Jack & Thompson say originally their funeral home united with one of the retirement homes in a shared memorial service. As the community increased, the memorial service outgrew the space, so in 2012 the first Christmas Memorial was held at the funeral home and has continued to



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TRINITY UNITED CHURCH located at 200 Owen Sound Street will be beautifully decorated for services this Christmas, including a Solstice Service at 7:30 pm on December 21st. Jack & Thompson Funeral Home will also hold a memorial service this weekend on Sunday, December 3rd at 3 pm in the Funeral Home Chapel at 318 Main Street East in Shelburne. All are welcome to attend these services which bring light and comfort to those who have lost loved ones or may be feeling the stresses and pressures so often connected to the holiday season.

be held the first Sunday in December ever since.

"This is not just for our families, but for anyone that feels they would like to attend," they say. "Our service is a not a religious service. We invite ministers that have taken care of our families to participate in the service, but we want everyone, no matter their religious background or denomination to feel comfortable. There will be moments of

reflection, words of remembrance, music, and a memorial candle lighting followed by refreshments."

"It is really important to us to provide people with an opportunity to deal with their mixed emotions and acknowledge their grief at a time when everyone else is celebrating," say Christine and Shawna. "There is a very strong, silent connection between the attendees, a shared sense of loss, mem-

ories and strength can be felt throughout the room. It has been said that joy shared is joy doubled, grief shared is grief halved. Our hope is that we can help people face the holidays with a renewed feeling of hope."

"There is a gap between what the season could truly offer and what, for the most part, it does offer," says Reverend Bist. "There is this endless expectation of family outings, laden dinner tables, happy faces. It is the expectation, I think, that has been pressed upon us that makes for the angst during the Christmas season. The season of Christmas is to be preceded with a time of thoughtful reflection. Then Christmas is the gift given in response to that thoughtfulness. It is a time to reflect on what we do have, what we are to be grateful for, to reflect on how we might further care gently for ourselves and others."

In response to these complications, Reverend Bist says Trinity United will offer a 7:30 pm service on the night of the Solstice, December 21st, focusing on "the ideas of light and dark." She says, "It is our hope that we offer a quiet, evening where people can be nurtured and cared for in the midst of the rushing around of Christmas week. And we serve a lovely light table of nourishment right in the beautifully decorated Christmas sanctuary."

In order for any parents with young children to attend the Trinity service, child care will be provided along with a program for the children outside the sanctuary. "We offer a welcome respite from the Christmas frenzy for all people who would like some rest and reflection in a place of beauty, contemplation, and nurture," says Reverend Bist.

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# A Christmas Story coming to Shelburne's Grace Tipling

Written By MARNI WALSH

Mid-November performances of That's Entertainment Jr. at Shelburne's Grace Tipling Hall provided a great warm-up for more good musical theatre from LP Stage Productions this holiday season, with the musical version of the now classic seasonal hit, A Christmas Story, set to open tomorrow (Friday) night.

The show stars LP Stage's adult performers plus 40 area children.

A Christmas Story – The Musical is a 2009 Broadway adaptation of the endearing and enduring 1983 made-for-TV movie, which centres on nine-year-old Ralphie Parker's quest for a Red Ryder air rifle for Christmas.

Wyatt Goheen, star of LP's productions of The Lion King and Oliver, will portray the lovable Ralphie. Young Connor Warzin plays his little brother with the big snow suit – Randy. Chris Warzin plays Ralphie's father, affectionately known as "The Old Man" and Sarah Alexander plays his Mother.

Jack Brooks plays narrator Jean Shepherd, author of "In God We Trust: All Others Pay Cash" on which A Christmas Story was based. Jason Riedel, seen in many popular LP Stage Productions including "King Arthur" in Spamalot and as "Fagin" in Oliver, will play the grumpy, and somewhat questionable

"Mall Santa."

LP co-producer Alison Port will direct the show and her daughter Kristen Gamache will play Miss Shields, Ralphie's rather intimidating teacher, as well as fulfilling her traditional role as LP's talented choreographer.

Shelburne singer and musician Noni Thomas, who was the musical director for That's Entertainment, will also be musical director for A Christmas Story. As always, Dale Lundy will be the amazing artist behind LP's props and set for the show.

Alison Port says, "This is a fun show with lots of great musical numbers, from cowboys to gangsters."

A Christmas Story – The Musical is sure to get you in the holiday spirit and will no doubt be another impressive LP Stage Productions' show. It runs from December 1st to December 10th.

Shows are Friday, December 1st at 8 p.m.; Saturday, December 2nd at 2 and 8 p.m.; Sunday, December 3rd at 2 p.m.; Friday, December 8th at 8 p.m.; Saturday, December 9th at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m.; with the final show scheduled for Sunday, December 10th at 2 p.m.

Tickets are \$15.00 and \$12.00 and can be purchased on LP Stage Productions' website or by calling the Shelburne Town Hall at 519-925-2600.



PHOTO: MARNI WALSH

THE STROUTHER MANSION on That's Entertainment Jr. featuring over 40 local children sang and danced its way into the hearts of audiences November 17th -19th. The LP Stage Production was the first of two of their shows to be mounted at Grace Tipling Hall this holiday season. A Christmas Story - The Musical will open December 1st and play until the 10th. Call Shelburne Town Hall at 519-925-2600 for more information.



PHOTO: MARNI WALSH

LADIES NIGHT AT SHELBURNE IDA included many health and beauty booths like Fitness instructor Laura McGriskin and her daughter Haley of Believe & Achieve Health & Fitness and this Skin Clinic run by Pharmacist Manager and Owner of IDA Shelburne Margerit Bewawy. Margerit had special equipment for skin health analysis and free advice for patients. She said she hoped to run more of the clinics in the future. IDA was busy with happy customers who received special discounts and gift bags as they entered IDA on Thursday, November 23rd for the annual Ladies Night event.



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THE ASSEMBLY HALL AT THE SHELBURNE Royal Canadian Legion Branch 220 was packed from wall to wall with fantastic vendors displaying gifts galore for Christmas on November 25th. From organic garlic products to fabric and home crafts and butter tarts and back again, the variety was top notch with endless choices. Seen here, Amber Swiderski of Petals Flowers in Melancthon and Jade McCabe of Jade's Junkyard Jems. Stockings could be purchased at the event and stuffed for Shelburne seniors. Hot food was for purchase by the Ladies Auxiliary.

## Dundalk man charged with impaired driving in Shelburne

Written By SHELBURNE POLICE

During the very early hours on Sunday November 26th, as a result of suspicious driving behavior, a Shelburne Police officer stopped and investigated the driver of a pick-up truck, shortly after leaving a local bar.

A roadside investigation ensued, which resulted in the driver being arrested for impaired operation of a motor vehicle.

The driver was returned to the Shelburne Police Station for breath tests, which indicated he had more than double the legal limit of alcohol in his system.

As a result, 21 year old Justin Moffatt of Dundalk has been charged with Driving While Ability Impaired, Driving with Over 80mgs of Alcohol in Blood, Having Care and Control of a Motor Vehicle with Open Container of Alco-

hol, and Fail to Have Insurance Card.

The accused was released on a Promise to Appear with a first appearance court date in early December to answer to the allegations.

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

### Four charged in recent shoplifting incidents

Earlier this month (November) the Shelburne Giant Tiger contacted Shelburne Police expressing a concern about what appeared to be a high rate of shoplifting incidents.

The store specifically brought attention to five recent incidents. Shelburne Police ob-

tained video surveillance footage of these incidents and started an investigation.

Mostly clothing items were stolen, but there were also some food items taken.

In one incident, Shelburne Police officers immediately recognized one of the suspects. For the other incidents, Shelburne Police released still images of the suspects through social media and local news outlets. As a result all but one of the suspects have been identified, arrested, and charged. "The combination of high quality video surveillance at the Giant Tiger, and this community's response to the social media and news reports, resulted in these theft incidents to be solved so quickly. We thank the community we proudly serve for getting involved, and thank the local news outlets for their contributions and efforts."

A total of 11 charges were laid by Shelburne

Police. Arrested and charged are:

- 66 year old Helen Lowe of Shelburne with Theft, and Possession of Property obtained by Crime
- 58 year old Daniel Wladyka of Grand Valley with Theft and Possession of Property Obtained by Crime
- 63 year old Renate Trocki of Mulmur with Theft and Possession of Property Obtained by Crime
- 43 year old Robert Matthew Rounding of Shelburne with Theft, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime, and 3 counts of Breach of Probation.

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