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DOMINO'S PIZZA IN SHELBURNE opened to huge fanfare earlier this month. Located at 801 Main Street East, the fast food restaurant has been busy since its opening, but staff took time out of their schedules to get into the holiday spirit this week - posing for a festive photo and wishing the community a Merry Christmas!  
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## Mulmur Mayor elected as Dufferin's 2018 Warden

Written By **JASEN OBERMEYER**

Mulmur Mayor Paul Mills has been elected by fellow county councillors as Dufferin's 2018 Warden, and will oversee the county's economic development plan and tackle the province's intent for a greenbelt expansion in the county.

The county's 141st warden received eight of the possible 12 votes, Amaranth Mayor Don MacIver receiving the other four votes. Shelburne Mayor Ken Bennington was absent for the vote.

After being sworn in by Justice of the Peace John Creelman, himself a former warden, Mr. Mills, who's been a county councillor for eight years, gave his first speech to councillors, staff, and others in attendance, including other past wardens.

He said that 2018 would present defining challenges, particularly the roll-out of an economic development plan. "This plan

presents us with an opportunity to leverage our collective strength."

He reminded council that, "an economic win for any of our municipalities, is a win for all of us."

Another pressing issue Mr. Mills discussed is finding a solution regarding the provincial offences administration (POA) office at the Orangeville courthouse.

"I'm committed to working with this council and our partners to find a resolution that meets the needs of Dufferin County first."

He also touched on how council will "get up to speed" on the proposed Greenbelt expansion, the need for high-speed Internet infrastructure, a review in service delivery, planning, and technology. "I look forward to working with staff to make sure that we are prepared for the future."

Mr. Mills added that while he doesn't have all the answers and solutions, he can offer "my humble service, my cooperation,

and my spirit of the community," while the county would face any challenge with "the same determination and resolve as those who have come before us."

Asked by the Free Press about his vision for next year, Mr. Mills simply said, "We're going to grow and prosper, and try to bring some more work and jobs."

Councillor Ken McGhee, who nominated Mr. Mills for the position of warden, noted he has worked with him as both a councillor and a member on the public works committee.

"I just find him an honest, caring person, interested in the community," said the Mono deputy mayor. "He's got the interests that are facing the county as hand, he works well with staff, and he works well with councillors."

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MULMUR MAYOR Paul Mills (bottom centre) with Dufferin County's council. Mr. Mills was acclaimed as the county's 141st warden, receiving eight of the possible 12 votes.

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### HOLIDAY INTERRUPTION FOR WASTE COLLECTION

Collections for the day of the holiday and the rest of the week will be shifted to one day later.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
December 17	December 18	December 19	December 20	December 21	December 22	December 23
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### Happy Holidays!

Due to the holiday on Monday December 25<sup>th</sup> and January 1<sup>st</sup>, garbage, Blue Boxes and Green Bins will be collected a day later those weeks. Place up to two (2) bags of untagged garbage out for collection the week of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018. Regular collection will resume the following week.

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Thank you everybody. What a great community we live in, and we hope to serve our delicious pizza for many years to come. We couldn't have done it without you!

Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!



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## Transportation Minister tells MPP Jones word is coming on GTA West Corridor

Written By BILL REA

Sixty days is now the magic number when it comes to word on the GTA West Corridor. Transportation Minister Steven Del Duca told the Legislature last Wednesday that a notice had been posted on the Ministry's website "that there will be an update regarding this particular project that will be taking place within 60 days of that notice going up on the website."

He said that in response to a question that had been put to him by Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, in which she was seeking an explanation for the lack of action.

The corridor was created to provide a new transportation link for traffic heading west from Highway 400, and there has been considerable talk about a 400-series highway going in. Ms. Jones, speaking in the legislature last week, observed that more than \$14 million has been spent studying the Corridor, and there is still no completed environmental assessment. Hansard quotes her as saying she got that figure through a freedom-of-information request.

"The responsible thing to do is to complete the environmental assessment," she declared. "Landowners have been in limbo for almost 10 years, and communities across the region are unable to plan."

Ms. Jones told Mr. Del Duca that the Corridor was identified 12 years ago in the Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe, adding the Minister "has consistently dragged his feet on the environmental assessment."

this town, we have a poverty problem here as well."

He said council would need to keep the momentum going with their economic development plan. "It's a work in progress, and though we've only taken a few baby steps, we're miles ahead of where we were."

Mr. White offered some advice for the next warden. "Build bridges, not borders, listen to those around you before speaking, and lastly, have fun, it's a great job."

Councillor McGhee was re-elected as the chair of General Government Services, while Councillor Laura Ryan, Mono's mayor, was appointed chair of Community Services Dufferin Oaks committee, and Councillor Jane Aultman, Amaranth's deputy mayor, will head the public works committee.

She also pointed out it had been two years since Mr. Del Duca had suspended the environmental assessment, with large amounts of money being spent "with nothing to show for it."

"Why the delay?" she asked.

Mr. Del Duca said a notice had gone on the Ministry's website some days previously.

Ms. Jones later said it went on the website Nov. 27.

The Ministry suspended work on the environmental assessment (EA) of the corridor in December 2015 to conduct an internal review of the work undertaken since 2007, and ensure that the project still aligned with current government policy and emerging technologies.

Ms. Jones said she spoke to Mr. Del Duca after the session in the legislature, and she said he told her that he had received a report from the panel studying the issue, and he had given himself 60 days to make a decision.

Ms. Jones couldn't say if that meant 60 working days, or 60 calendar days.

"I believe that he's going to say something," Ms. Jones said. "Lord knows what it is."

She added that people along the Corridor in her riding are frustrated at the lack of information.

Mr. Del Duca also used the Question Period session to boast about some of the investments the government has made to highways throughout the province, citing the recent widening of Highways 410 and 427.

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# Poverty a “growing concern” in parts of Dufferin County

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Council heard a delegation headed by John Oosterhof, concerning poverty within Dufferin County, which is of growing concern. Based on a population base of only 60,000, studies show that, currently, one in ten residents is living in poverty and one in every sixteen babies is born with a low birth rate, while one in every twelve is food insecure. Food banks are the first to see the affects of this and Orangeville’s saw 88,000 pounds of food distributed last year. Two weeks ago, there were 84 people visiting the food bank there.

The face of poverty is somewhat hidden in Dufferin County, but it is there nevertheless. Income and housing prices in Dufferin are above the provincial average and people are reluctant to seek out help due to stigma and shame, leading to a general ignorance of the problem, thus resulting in both human and financial costs. All of this leads to denial, stereotypes and misconceptions about people living in poverty.

That said, why should we care? For one thing, poverty costs Ontario some \$38 Billion annually, or to put it more simply, \$2,900 per household. It impacts our health care, our social services, the criminal justice system and our tax base.

In 2016, poverty cost Dufferin County \$4.2 Million in Social Assistance Benefits alone. But beyond the monetary costs of poverty, these are our friends and neighbours who are making up these statistics. These are people who we see and interact with on a daily basis and many others who are just a paycheque away from needing help.

People living on the Guaranteed Income Supplement, do so at approximately \$17,000 annually, yet the most basic standard of living, in Canada, is calculated at \$18,000 per year, for a single person. Living \$1,000 below the basic standard, does not leave a person any room for the unexpected!

The costs associated with ignoring the problem, with doing nothing, are monumental. A Shelter stay, averages \$50 per night or \$18,000 per year. Incarceration, at \$320 per day totals \$117,000 annually for a Federal inmate and should you require hospitalization, the cost is \$2,000 per day or, \$730,000 per year!

Welfare, or the Ontario Works rate, is \$720 monthly and with other tax benefits, still only reaches \$9,000 annually. No one wants

to be on Welfare and the reality is that it is woefully inadequate at best.

As community leaders, John urged council to promote jobs that create a reasonable standard of living. To call for all levels of governments unemployment and under-employment and lower wages for youth and the disadvantaged in society. He suggested that council could foster awareness of the poverty issues as being complex and not just an individual issue and to support local poverty reduction plans and become ambassadors for social inclusion and equal access.

Incentives and awareness must come from the top and governments must be seen as leaders in the fight against poverty, he concluded.

### Provincial notification

Some Shelburne residents may soon be receiving what will appear to be, at first glance, a very disturbing notification regarding their drinking water.

You can relax and not be alarmed, the notification is required by the government and the public health officials, due to a recent change in what Health Canada considers to be a safe level of naturally occurring arsenic levels in drinking water. There is nothing whatsoever to be concerned about with Shelburne’s drinking water, and all of this is simply because of the recent change in the acceptable levels, from 25 ug/L to 10 ug/L.

Arsenic is a naturally occurring mineral in our environment and some areas have higher concentrations than others. Shelburne happens to be surrounded by one of those areas.

The new provincial guideline will come into effect January 1st, 2018 and all but one of Shelburne’s three affected wells have already been brought into alignment with them. Well number 3 is the only well which currently does not meet the new standard and assessments are underway to bring about a solution to the problem. However, as the process requires stringent government testing, it will not be able to be completed prior to January 1, 2018 and so the aforementioned notification to residents affected.

The new, lower standard was adopted due to new data from Health Canada showing that, with new technologies, more arsenic than was previously possible can be removed. A lower arsenic content can be achieved and maintained. It should be noted, that both the old and the new standards

are for a Lifetime Exposure to arsenic and that actual levels, in the drinking water are many, many times lower than this total exposure allowance.

Residents have nothing to fear from their tap water and never had anything to fear, this notification is simply to inform them that the process is ongoing and that Well 3 will meet the new standard in 2018.

Testing procedures and changes to the wells in question are currently underway and both the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change and the Ontario Clean Water Agency are deeply involved in the proceedings. Necessary Municipal Environmental Assessments are being carried out and all of the Town’s Permits to Take Water are in compliance with the MOECC regulations.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING  
UNDER SECTION 45(5) OF THE PLANNING ACT

Take notice that the Committee of Adjustment of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne will hold a public meeting on:

**MONDAY, JANUARY 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

The public meeting is scheduled to start at 7:00 p.m., or as shortly thereafter as possible, and will be held in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Offices, 203 Main Street East, Shelburne. The purpose of the meeting is to consider the following planning application:

**COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT**

1) **Application for Minor Variance A17/06** – Jason Semple, owner of 121 Marion Street, has submitted an application for a Minor Variance to request relief from Zoning By-law 38-2007, Section 2.3.3, which requires an accessory structure to be setback a minimum of 1.0 metre from the interior side lot line and to not exceed 3.0 metres in height. The application is seeking to recognize an existing accessory structure that has no setback from the side lot line and has a height of 4.26 metres (14 feet).

The property contains a semi-detached dwelling. A map showing the location of the subject property is provided below.

At the meeting you will be given the opportunity to ask questions and indicate whether you support or oppose the application. Written submissions will be accepted by the Secretary-Treasurer up to the time of the Public Meeting and will be given consideration by the Committee of Adjustment prior to a decision being made.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the Town of Shelburne in respect of the proposed consent and minor variance applications does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Committee of Adjustment of the Town of Shelburne before it grants or refuses to grant approval of the applicants, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal.

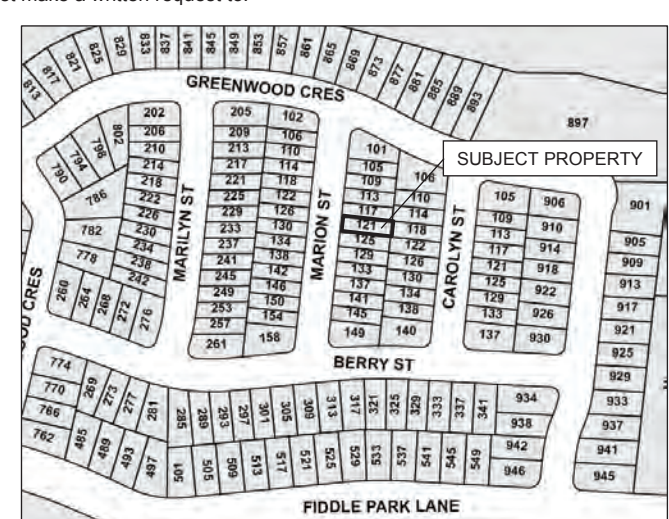
Additional information regarding the applications will be available at the Municipal Office during normal business hours.

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## Ottawa Journal: A short history of Christmas pudding

Written By DAVID TILSON

There are many symbols of Christmas, but few are as ubiquitous as the Christmas (a.k.a. plum) pudding. It is an iconic symbol of the holiday itself, but also of a traditional Christmas dinner, despite not everyone being a fan. Its status as a Christmas symbol has been firmly solidified in Christmas carols, literature, and on everything from t-shirts to ornaments. What's more interesting is that the Christmas pudding we know and love today has evolved and changed from its original form dating back centuries.

Several sources cite that the origins of the Christmas pudding date back as far as Medieval England in the 14th century when it was called "frumenty," which was made with beef and mutton, combined with raisins, currants, prunes, wine, and spices. In this form, it was more of a soup and was consumed as a fasting meal in anticipation of the upcoming Christmas festivities. Other sources cite the pudding's early origins to Medieval English sausages where fruits, spices, and fat were combined with meats, vegetables, and grains, which were then stuffed into animal stomachs and intestines to delay spoiling for as long as possible.

Early records of plum puddings are said to date back to the early 15th century when "plum pottage," a savoury mixture consisting largely of meat and root vegetables that was served at the beginning of a meal. The "plum" in the pudding pertained to any dried fruit used in the dish, which could be raisins and currants. Prunes and other dried, preserved, or candied fruits would be added based on their availability. The pudding moved from its savoury beginnings to a sweet dish by the end of the 16th century, as dried fruits were more plentiful in England. It's also said that around this time with the emergence of the pudding cloth, a floured piece of fabric, which was capable of holding any size of pudding, helped to alleviate the dependence

on animal products; however, suet remained an important ingredient, which continues to be used in many recipes today. There are sources which cite alcohol also being added to the dish from the late 16th century and into the 17th century. It has been said that recipes for plum pudding emerged in the 17th century and it became a traditional dessert associated with Christmas by the mid-1600s. It is also about this time that the dish begins to be prepared in advance and stored in earthenware pots. However, the pudding was banned by the Puritans around this time, as well as several other Christmas customs.

There are sources that attribute King George I with bringing back the plum pudding as a Christmas tradition since he enjoyed it himself and requested that it be served at his first English Christmas banquet. Following this, plum pudding in its standard form became firmly established during the Victorian era, as English journalists, political leaders, and novelists sought to establish and promote a vision of a traditional, family-centred English Christmas. It's been said that it wasn't until the 1830's when the cannonball shape of the pudding, consisting of flour, fruits, suet, sugar, and spices, topped with holly (the classic image that we associate with Christmas pudding today) first appeared and increasingly became tied to Christmas.

Today, there are many recipes available for Christmas (or plum) pudding, but what hasn't changed is its prominence at the Christmas dinner table and the joy it brings as a very special treat. It (along with many other symbols of Christmas) adds to the magic of the season and reminds us to extend goodwill and charity to everyone and especially to our fellow citizens who are less fortunate. As the Member of Parliament for Dufferin-Caledon, I wish you and your loved ones much peace and joy, as you celebrate your cherished holiday traditions together, whatever they may be. Merry Christmas!

## CDRC Arena News:

Public Skating is sponsored by Tim Hortons on Christmas Eve from 1:00-2:00pm and New Years' Eve from 1:00-3:00pm. The CDRC Holiday Skating Schedule can be found on the Town of Shelburne website or the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex Facebook page.

The CDRC is offering a Red Cross Babysitting Course for ages 11-15 years on January 3rd from 8:30am-4:00pm. This course teaches important skills for staying home alone and looking after other children as well as basic first aid skills. A Home Alone Safety for Kids course will be held on Friday, January 5th from 9:00am-3:30pm. This

course is a safety and life skills program that prepares children aged 8-12 years old to be on their own at home or elsewhere for short periods of time. Both courses will be held at the CDRC. For more information or to register, please contact the CDRC or email cdrcpool@shelburne.ca

The Shelburne Muskies Senior "AA" Hockey Club will be host to Tavistock Royals on December 30th. Game time 8:00pm

The next Blood Donor Clinic will take place at the CDRC on Friday, December 29th from 3:30-6:30pm. "Blood Donors Make Holidays Possible" Canadian Blood Services... "it's in you to give"



## Shelburne Library News:

Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

### Library Holiday Hours

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We wish all of you a wonderful holiday season and all the very best in health and happiness for the New Year

### Children's Programs:

Thank you to all of the moms and babies that have been visiting the library each week for Books and Babies! We have decided to resume this program again in the Spring! Keep an eye on our Facebook page and the paper for more information.

Our final Story Time before break will be on Friday December 22nd, from 10:30am - 11:15am. Join us for a story, fun songs and games. We will be making homemade cinnamon ornaments!

All children's programs are on break for the winter holidays after our final Story Time but will resume on Wednesday January the 17th 2018.

Have a happy holiday!

### Teen Scene:

Teens had a fabulous time creating their own ugly gingerbread house! Stop by the library this week to vote on your favourite; the winner will be awarded a prize Thursday night at our TAB hosted potluck (6-7pm)!

There are BIG changes coming to the Teen schedule in the New Year! Teen Scene and TAB-hosted events will now take place on Tuesdays, right after school (4-5:00pm) and Writer's Café will be hosted Thursdays (3:30-4:30pm). The new schedule will be posted on our website and Facebook soon, so keep an eye out! We will also have several "study hall" sessions prior to the exam period, where strict silence will be enforced to provide the best study environment!

Have a safe and Happy New Year, Teens!

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year!

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# Christian Perspectives: The greatest gift

Christmas is here already, how time flies. It feels like we just finished celebrating Christmas, and it is here again! Not that it is a bad thing; I love Christmas!

The Christmas season should be all year long! Any time the people of the world recognize and celebrate Jesus Christ is a good thing and it fills my heart with joy. But it is also that time of year when you and I have to find that perfect gift for our family members.

I find the older my family gets the harder to find, and the more expensive that perfect gift is. In the middle of all the materialistic mayhem and commercial trappings, I have to remind myself what the season is all about, or should I say who it is about. The scriptures make it pretty clear!

'For a Child will be born to us, a Son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace' (Isaiah 9:6). This was prophesied by Isaiah about

700 years before Jesus Christ was born. God sent His son into the world as His Gift to us, He [Jesus] did not come to condemn the world, but through Him he would save it (John 3:17). Isaiah 53:3-12, prophesied Jesus would be despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. He has borne our grief, carried our sorrows, He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, and by His stripes we are healed. Jesus poured out His soul unto death; He bore the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way, and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

There is no Greater Gift than the King of the universe, laying down His life for you and me. Isaiah 61:1-11, tells us what Jesus' mission was on earth: to preach good tidings to the poor, heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and the day of

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Written By SYLVIA JONES

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In Dufferin-Caledon, all throughout November and December, it appears that in every corner of our riding, there are Christmas events, parades, tree lighting ceremonies, concerts, holiday markets, craft shows, toy collections, stocking stuffing and plenty of Santa sightings – something for everyone. I hope you and your family have a chance to get out and enjoy some of these activities.

While you are enjoying the holiday festivities please remember to travel safe and do not drink and drive. There are a variety of ways you can ensure that our roads our safe this holiday season. You can take a cab, carpool, or use a free service like Home James (905-951-9000), which uses volunteer drivers in your own vehicle.

Everyone deserves to have a memorable holiday and I would like to acknowledge the numerous organizations that extend a helping hand to many families and individuals in our community during this festive season. From food banks to women's and youth shelters there are various ways for you to share your time or donate your money or items to help those who are struggling during the holidays

One unique program I have participated in is delivering packages through the Shoebox Project for Shelters to organizations in our community. This year Hope 24/7

(905-792-0821), the provincially designated sexual assault centre in the Region of Peel, is receiving packages that were prepared by my colleagues in the Ontario Legislature. The shoeboxes are filled with items that any woman will likely enjoy, but may not splurge on. When money is tight mothers will focus on their children and their families; the shoeboxes offer women the chance to have something special for themselves.

It is clear that there are many worthwhile organizations who work hard to ensure that those who need help are not forgotten during the holiday season. The holiday events and donation collections would not be possible without numerous volunteers who take time from their busy schedule to help give back to our community. Thank you to all who have supported our community's Christmas cheer and giving spirit.

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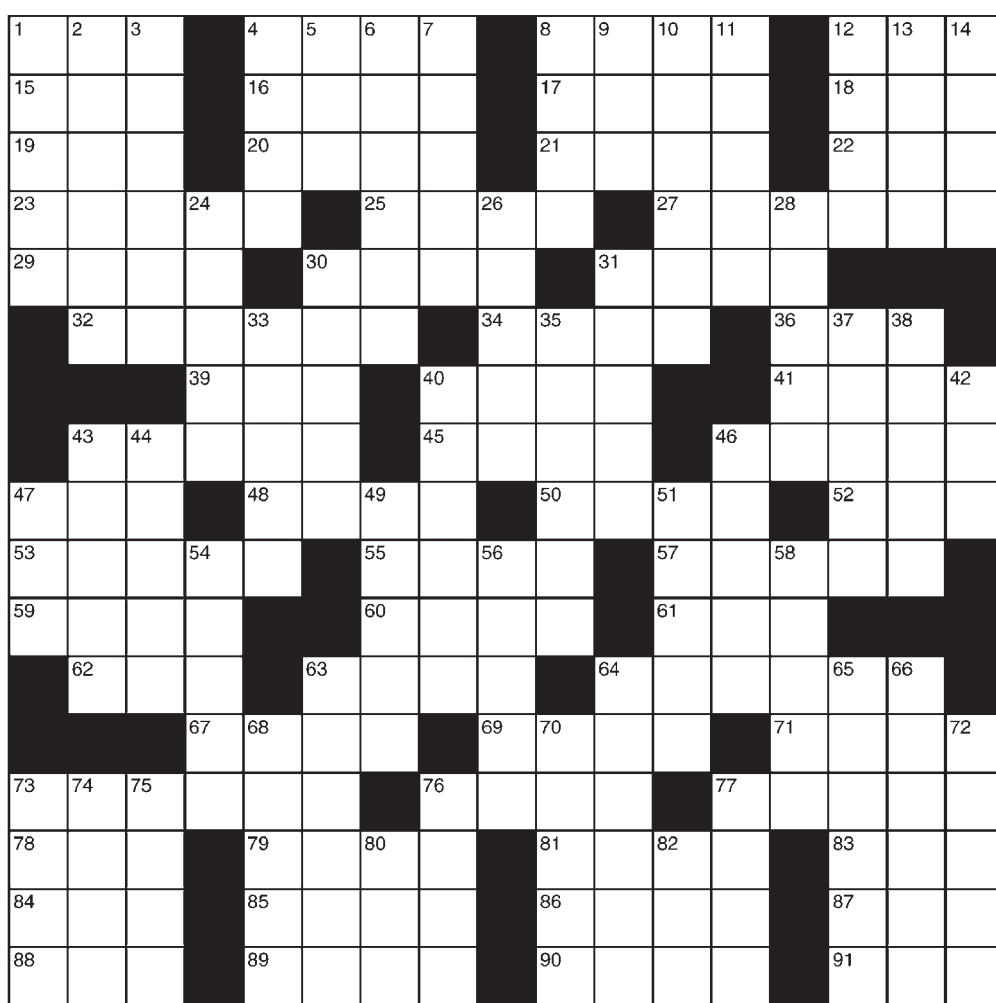
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8. Enthralled
12. At the \_\_\_ of one's rope
15. Chance \_\_\_ lifetime
16. Wild ox of Sulawesi
17. Geographical belt
18. So-so grade
19. Frequently, to Byron
20. Not stiff
21. Hitchcock's "\_\_\_ Window"
22. Cut down
23. Fishing net
25. Infant
27. Nary a soul
29. Hose shade
30. Feeling fit
31. Sedan, e.g.
32. Intense fear

34. Adjoin
36. Helpful drink?
39. Title for Gielgud
40. Inside
41. Irani coin
43. Milestone
45. Food shop
46. Love greatly
47. To and \_\_\_
48. Persian title
50. Indecent
52. 551, to Romans
53. Debate
55. Surrender, as territory
57. Comfortably informal
59. Verb's counterpart
60. Waste allowance
61. Unclose, in verse
62. Ribbed fabric
63. Emily Dickinson, e.g.
64. Of the stars

67. Arab bigwig
69. Let up on
71. Gather in a crop
73. Highest point
76. St. Louis landmark
77. Incense ingredient
78. Appeal
79. Defeat decisively
81. Traveled by bus
83. Excitement
84. Protective shelter
85. Pasture measure
86. Strong metal
87. Downing Street number
88. \_\_\_ out (barely make)
89. Gave temporarily
90. Monopoly card
91. Before

**DOWN**

1. Honker

2. Influence
3. Sarcastic composition
4. Blow
5. Cuckoo
6. Gloomy
7. Of the Vatican
8. Exceptional
9. Have being
10. Cashew's relative
11. Fortuneteller's card
12. Repeat
13. Require
14. Wet, as morning grass
24. Clara Barton, e.g.
26. Find fault with
28. Piece of wood
30. Usefulness
31. War hero Murphy
33. Flush
35. Soldier's lodging
37. Electronic component
38. More than prompt
40. Bond
42. Necklace of flowers
43. Blunder
44. Fashion
46. Embrace
47. Wind-creating device
49. John Malkovich, e.g.
51. Possessive adjective
54. Remove pins from
56. Prevent
58. \_\_\_ Christmas
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64. On the beach
65. Supply with oxygen
66. Pantry
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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Royals' senior basketball team undefeated on the season

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Centre Dufferin District Royals senior basketball team are leading the District 4 standings going undefeated after four games.

While being in first place is in itself an accomplishment, the Royals have dominated the District this season finishing their games with big point spreads.

Over the four games the Royals have score 267 points while allowing only 117 against – not only can the team hit the hoops they work hard on defence and stop other teams from scoring.

The squad has averaged a 37 point scoring gap in their wins this year.

In their first game of the season they left the court with a 70-11 win.

They followed up a week later with a 70-27 win over Wellington Heights.

Game three saw them take a big lead at the half then finish off with a 69-49 win over

Westside.

In their last outing the Royals ended the game with a 58-30 win.

The team has a lot of accomplished players. Most of them have been on the court for years before even entering high school and several have experience with regular club teams and the experience shows when they are setting up both offensive and defensive plays.

Westside Secondary School is in second place in the District with a 3-1 record and six points.

They are followed by Wellington Heights with a 3-2 record and Norwell District with a 1-3 record so far for the season.

If the Royals can keep up the pace and go the distance this season they will have a chance to meet up with the best teams in the region which should provide some entertaining basketball towards the end of the seasons.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

THE CDDHS ROYALS' senior boys basketball team take on the Westside Thunder in Orangeville on Monday, December 11. The Royals are leading the District 4 stands and are undefeated after four games.

## Big weekend for Shelburne Muskies

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Shelburne Senior A Muskies picked up a couple of points over the weekend with a 6-3 win over the Ripley Wolves.

The Saturday (Dec. 16) game got underway at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

They spared no time getting down to business when the third place Wolves arrived in town.

Shelburne's Brandon Coburn got the first goal of the night hitting the back of the Ripley net just 1:11 into the game.

Ripley managed to tie it up midway in the period when they scored on a shorthanded goal.

The Muskies finished off the period with a 3-1 lead when Chris Greer scored on a powerplay and Kris Dobinson notched a goal on a shorthanded effort with 48 seconds remaining on the clock.

The Shelburne squad came out flying in the second period determined to stretch the lead and were ahead by three when Luke Richardson scored at 6:25 into the period.

Nick Glassford followed up with another

Shelburne goal to make it a 5-1 game.

The Wolves fought back scoring with three seconds left in the period.

The final 20 minutes had the Muskies working hard on defence to keep the Wolves from scoring.

Ripley notched a single early in the frame.

Kris Dobinson got his second of the game with nine seconds left on the clock and the Muskies left the ice with a 6-3 win.

The win gives the Muskies a fifth place in the WOAA standings with an 8-5 record and 16 points so far for the season.

The Clinton Radars maintain first place in the League going undefeated after 12 games and earning 24 points.

The Tillsonburg Thunder are in second place with a 10-2-3 record. The Ripley Wolves are hanging on to third place followed by the Durham Thundercats and the Muskies.

The Muskies will be on the road this weekend when they travel to Elora to take on the Rocks on Friday, December 30.

They return to the CDRC for their final game of 2017 on Saturday, December 30, when they will host the Tavistock Royals.

Game time is 8:00 p.m.

## Wolves Bantam Rep 2nd in division

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Shelburne Wolves Bantam Rep team is holding on to second place in their division and have an eighth place over all in the 21 team League and a 7-7-2 record for the season after the weekend.

The Wolves hosted the Collingwood Blackhawks at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday (Dec. 15) night but had to settle for a 4-2 loss when the Collingwood broke a 2-2 tie in the second period.

The teams played to a 1-1 tie to end the first period.

Shelburne's goal came from Luke Dumore.

The Wolves went ahead in the second frame when Marcus Carvalho hit the back of the Blackhawks net to make it a 2-1 game.

It was a short lived lead when Collingwood scored to again make it a tie game then went ahead on a bloop of a goal that hit the crossbar then dropped into the net.

It was a game filled with a lot of end-to-end action and some good quality hockey from both teams.

The third period was a hard fought battle as the teams tried to get the edge on each other.

With time running out the Wolves put the extra attacker on the ice in a bid to get back in the game with just a couple of minutes left on the clock but the Collingwood team got a hold of the puck and managed to hit the empty net to end the game.

"We should have beat them. We didn't play the best we could," summed up Wolves de-



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

THE SHELBURNE WOLVES Bantam Rep team host the Collingwood Blackhawks at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Friday, December 15. The Wolves played a strong game but fell behind by a single goal before the Collingwood team scored on an empty to take a 4-2 win.

fenceman Warren Swidersky. "We played pretty good in the first period but couldn't hold them off in the second period."

The Wolves finished off the weekend with a 7-1 win over the Innisfil WinterHawks on Saturday, December 16.



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# CDDHS students raise toys, food and gifts for less fortunate

Written By **JASEN OBERMEYER**

Students at Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) have come together to help those in need during the Christmas season, by creating a "stocking for seniors" donation, along with collecting food, money, and toys.

All three donation drives ended this Wednesday (Dec. 19).

The Stockings for Seniors is new this year, and was created and organized by student council. It's designed to give gifts to "seniors who do not go home for Christmas morning," says Matthew Rush, CDDHS teacher and member of student council.

He explained to the Free Press their fundraising plan to stuff the stockings, including selling cookie grams throughout the school, having a raffle for a gingerbread house, and selling beavertails. Some \$400 was raised for the program's first year, and several students visited Dufferin Oaks to drop off the donations.

Mr. Rush says the students were instantly on board with the donations, and it gave them "something tangible, something they can see that they're doing a good thing," and hopes it will grow next year.

The school's annual food drive has been going on for many years, and supports the Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank. At the

time of press release, over 400 items of food were collected.

The Toonies and Toys, headed by CDDHS teacher Julie Senese, is a recent addition to the school's holiday donations, and supports the local Christmas Hamper Program. Students collected or brought in a toonie or unwrapped toy for the less fortunate, and even visited local businesses to encourage further donations.

Over \$600 and 25 plus toys were donated to the program. The students also spent a couple of hours at the Mel Lloyd Centre, working with the local Rotary, Lions, and Kinsmen clubs to help sort and organize donations.

Mr. Rush says it's great to continuously see students raise donations yearly. "There are a couple different times of year we focus on social action...they have the power to shape their community."

He says students come every year with "the same energy and passion," and staff "get better at managing that passion and shifting it in the right direction so we can do bigger and bigger things."

He adds it has been a learning process for himself, but student council "cares about their community, they care about other people, they care about leadership, and showing their peers other ways to serve their community."



PHOTO: JASEN OBERMEYER

SEVERAL CDDHS STUDENTS with some of donations collected. The school regularly collects toys, food, and money for those in need during this time, and has launched a new initiative; dubbed "Stockings for Seniors," which saw students raise money to buy gifts for seniors who are alone on Christmas.



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BILL WAITE auctions off donated items during the Shelburne Rotary Club's Christmas dinner held at the Outdoor Education Centre in Mansfield on December 14th. Even when they are having fun, the Rotary Club continues the good work of supporting our community.

## A very Rotarian Christmas

Written By MARNI WALSH

The Rotary Club of Shelburne held their annual Christmas dinner last Thursday evening in typical Rotarian style – raising funds for the community - while sharing time and laughs together. Never missing a chance to fundraise, between first and second course the organization held a Christmas auction of goods they themselves donated, and bid them up to raise over \$700 towards new community projects.

Rotary member and Chair of the Hamper Program and Co-Chair of the Heritage Music Festival, Bobbi Ferguson said the funds will go back into the community. "Our goal this year is to start a major project. We are narrowing down the project, but the specifics are not 100% nailed down yet."

The Shelburne Rotary Club is best known for creating and sustaining the internationally recognized Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Championship, now in its 68th year and re-

cently re-branded as the Heritage Music Festival. Over the years, the event has drawn enormous crowds to Shelburne, helping to support the local economy and bringing fine entertainment for public enjoyment year after year.

The Heritage Music Festival is the Rotary Club's largest fund raising event of the year, with all profits to the Rotary charitable projects.

The Rotary Club is also behind fundraising projects that support Hospice Dufferin, Shelburne Scouts, Minor Hockey, the BMX Park, The Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank, the Shelburne Christmas Hampers and more.

Rotary is a worldwide organization of community leaders providing humanitarian service. In order to support their ongoing work in our area, the Shelburne Rotary Club hopes new members will join in the effort and that the community at large continues to support their projects. Contact the Rotary Club for more information at [joinrotaryontario.com](http://joinrotaryontario.com).

## DuBois singers sell out area Christmas concert

Written By MARNI WALSH

The sanctuary at Tweedsmuir Memorial Presbyterian Church was filled to the brim with music lovers, listening for the sounds of Christmas, when the Mark DuBois Studio Singers took to the stage on Sunday evening.

Mr. DuBois, a world renowned lyric tenor, says this is his 20th year of performing Christmas shows in the Headwaters - 15 of those years with the "Mark DuBois Studio Singers" as the main performers.

"I am very happy that the concert was so well attended," says Mr. DuBois. "A church that feels and looks so full, brings everyone together to enjoy the beginning of the Christmas week."

Mr. DuBois is also the Musical Director of Tweedsmuir Presbyterian. Therefore, the audience enjoyed not only the Studio Singers, but the Tweedsmuir Choir and Praise Team.

The evening's efforts to raise money for the church were very successful and "with the help of all the performers," says Mark DuBois, "more money was raised to help fund the accessibility renovation project at Tweedsmuir church."

The evening was filled with spectacular moments for the truly, unbelievable Mark DuBois Studio Singers, but none more special than when the opera singer was joined on stage by his wife Maria and their children.

Elizabeth DuBois is a highly accomplished vocalist and instrumentalist, currently studying music at the University of Toronto. The DuBois' 15 year old son

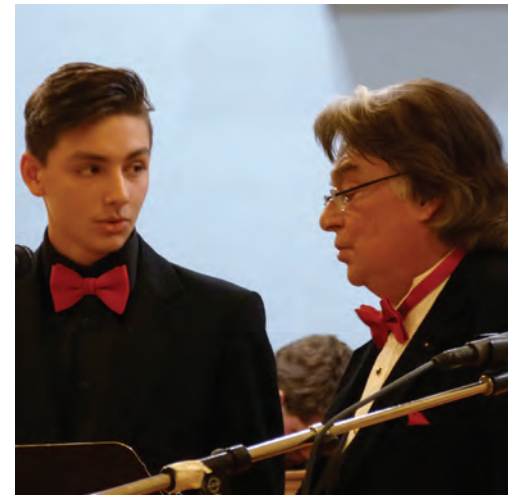


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15-YEAR-OLD CHRISTOPHER DUBOIS joins his father, Opera Singer Mark DuBois, performing "Perhaps Love" for the "Mark DuBois Studio Singers" sold out concert at Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church in Orangeville on December 17th.

Christopher, also an excellent performer, joined Mark in a touching rendition of John Denver's beautiful "Perhaps Love."

"I was very pleased with this concert," says Mark DuBois. "It was the best one ever, thanks to the wonderful talents of all my students and my choir along with the Praise Team."



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**THE STROUTHER MANSION** on Shelburne Worship Center celebrated their 1st Annual Christmas Dinner: Banquet, Award Ceremony, and Fashion Show on December 9th. The room was filled with the spirit of love, unity and togetherness. The fun was more than expected, and there was no shortage of food and laughter. Local Councillor Steve Anderson, along with his mother, gracefully joined us for the special occasion. The hall was designed on behalf of Shelburne Worship Center, Dr. Sterling would like to thank everyone that attended and helped to make the event a grand success. SWC looks forward to doing it bigger and better Christmas 2018!

## 'A Dickens of an Evening' at Trinity United Church

Written By **MARNI WALSH**

*"I will honour Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The Spirits of all Three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach!"*  
— Charles Dickens 1843

On December 19th, Charles' Dickens' timeless classic A Christmas Carol was "re-told and re-created" at Trinity United Church in A Dickens of an Evening. The theatrical event was a Shelburne-Primrose Pastoral Charge fundraiser to support the on-going peace building initiatives of Partera International.

Giving an excellent performance for the re-creation was award winning community theatre performer Jeffrey Cottam. Mr. Cottam gave "voice and characterisation to all the characters" with the main focus on the central character of "Ebenezer Scrooge."

The ambitious venture was adapted by local writer Jeff Neal, to suit a multi-media presentation which featured stage lighting and special effects such as fog, firelight, the clanging of bells and the dragging of chains. Musical accompaniment, beautifully provided by Bruce Ley on piano, swept the audience seamlessly from scene to scene. A stream of images displayed on flat screen

televisions, on both sides of the simple, elegant set, contextualized the reading.

As promised, the evening begin with "a brief look at the economic and social conditions of life in London, England" where "Charles Dickens was active in exposing the inequalities and suffering of people through his many memorable characters and situations," said Reverend Candice Bist, the minister for the Shelburne United Church Pastoral Charge.

Like many of his characters, Charles Dickens' own father went to debtor's prison, leaving young Charles and his siblings to experience first hand, social disparity and the horrible conditions of child labour during the days of England's Industrial Revolution. Dickens and many of his contemporaries wrote of, and lobbied for, social change and legal reformation to protect children and the poor.

"Although, we like to believe these issues are a thing of the past," said Reverend Bist, "We know they are not." This continues to be the work of Partera International, with Reverend LeeAnn McKenna of Mono Township, traveling the world to teach non-violent, conflict resolution strategies that help others work towards equality and peace.

"It is difficult and dangerous work in unsettled parts of the world," said Reverend Bist. "All monies from the ticket sales will go directly to the work of Partera, as they con-



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**JEFFREY COTTAM** was "Scrooge" and all the Dicken's characters in a multi-media reading and re-enactment of A Christmas Carol December 19th. The excellent performance by the seasoned actor was held at Trinity United Church in Shelburne to an enthusiastic audience. All funds raised were in support of Partera International.

tinue today the work that Dickens was doing with his writing two centuries ago."

"In some small way we are trying to shift things," said the Reverend, "Where hope is disrupted in the world. But, it is the shift in our hearts that changes the world," she said.

"A Christmas Carol is the story of that change in one person's heart."

More can be learned about Partera's work at <http://www.partera.ca/>. Primrose or Trinity United Church can be reached at 519 925 2233 or [shelburne.primrose.uc@gmail.com](mailto:shelburne.primrose.uc@gmail.com).

## 'Swingle Bells' - seasonal rhythm at Centre Dufferin District High

Written By **MARNI WALSH**

This year, the Centre Dufferin District High School seasonal concert "Swingle Bells" welcomed parents and the holidays with a lovely, rhythmic theme. According to Music Teacher and Concert Band Conductor, Andrea Parsons, the music students were challenged with one of the most difficult rhythms to play in many of the selected pieces.

Ms. Parson also said the concert band students, most only in Grade 10, were already playing compositions meant for grades 11 and 12. "I am so proud of the giant leap they have made," she said. "The ability to play a different line of music than the person sitting beside you is scary. I think they are wonderful."

Beautifully paced and presented, the evening was exceed by Drama Teacher Tanya Oomen. Ms. Oomen thanked parents for supporting studies in the arts, which she said

provide a unique learning experience for the students. She said she felt "moved and inadequate all at once," (as did the audience December 13th) listening to the quality and beauty of the many student performances.

The Concert Band opened with the wonderful "Carol of the Bells" followed by the flutists featured in a lovely rendition of "Angels we have Heard on High." A few of the other Concert Band selections included "Bruno Mars Greatest Hits" and "Midnight Rock."

Vocal solos included selections that asked for peace, such as "Do You Hear What I Hear," a composition "written as a plea for peace during the Cuban Missile Crises," said Tanya Oomen. Another piece, John Lennon's "Happy Christmas" was written in protest of the Vietnam War. It was beautifully performed by Ms. Parson's entire Vocal Class Choir.

One of the many highlights of the evening was a performance by the talented Nick Ho,

a student in Ms. Parson's Vocal Class, who not only sang "Already Gone" beautifully, but accompanied himself on the piano at the same time.

As always, it was a treat to see the many teachers involved in the performances, including Ms. Parsons on the piano, and Mr. Scott leading the trumpet section with a feature in "Let It Snow."

Vocal Student Lucas Bradon-Utch gave a unique and entertaining reading of the "Night before Christmas." Lining the entrance way to the concert, excellent work by visual art students was displayed for viewing, adding another level of artistic interest to the evening.

CDDHS music students visited the Elementary Schools in Shelburne, Primrose and Grand Valley this week to share their holiday spirit and musical talents with younger students. The Concert Band will have the opportunity to experience more music at Cana-



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**CDDHS MUSIC TEACHER** Andrea Parsons speaks to the audience about this year's rhythmically centred theme at the Christmas Concert held on the evening of December 13th. Vocal student Amelia MacKenzie sings "It's Beginning to Look a lot Like Christmas" and Lucas Bragdon-Utch presents "T'was the Night Before Christmas."

da's Wonderland in May and attend a Toronto Symphony Orchestra Rehearsal in June.

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