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BIG CELEBRATION: School Days Cafe, located in downtown Shelburne, celebrated a major milestone on Monday (Jan. 22) as the local eatery marked its 10th anniversary. With multiple fun activities ongoing throughout the day, owners Cheri Norris (sitting) and Kevin Norris (second right) were excited to share their big milestone with the community.

Dufferin County hosts first poverty reduction summit

Written By **JASEN OBERMEYER**

What does poverty look like to you? Who lives in poverty? Why? How do we combat it?

These were just some of the questions discussed at Dufferin County's first ever poverty reduction summit.

Held last Wednesday (Jan. 17) at New Hope Community Church, the summit saw over 70 human service providers, community members, along with several county councilors, as well as municipal, and provincial politicians attend to discuss ways to tackle poverty in the county.

Dufferin Warden Paul Mills thanked everyone in attendance. He said poverty in Dufferin differs from that found in urban places in Ontario, like Toronto.

"Poverty in Dufferin County looks more like families unable to heat their homes as a result of rising fuel costs, families often walking distances to utilize the services of food banks because their pay cheques cannot sustain their needs and transportation is limited."

The Dufferin County Poverty Reduction Task Force (DCPRTF) provided a report for

poverty in the county. In 2016, Dufferin spent \$4.2-million on social assistance benefits, while projections for 2018 are currently at \$4.7-million. One in 10 (approximately 6,000) people in Dufferin live in poverty.

John Oosterhof, a member of DCPRTF, and former Grand Valley mayor and warden of the county, went around to the different councils to bring attention to poverty and encouraging councilors to attend the summit.

He told the Free Press his main concern with poverty is that there isn't enough employment in the county for those to get out of their situation, and today's youth need to get a better education to "prepare them for life."

He said poverty starts with the family, and unless something is done, it will continue into the next generation. "It's a continuous merry-go-round."

Poverty in Ontario costs approximately \$32- to 38-billion yearly, while Canada as a whole is between \$72- and 84-billion per year. Poverty costs anywhere from \$2,300 to 2,900 per Ontario household every year.

Kurtis Krepps, Ontario Works manager for Dufferin County, provided some statistics to

the Free Press on the number of people living in poverty in each of the municipalities. He advised that they fluctuate monthly depending on applications and cases no longer eligible for Ontario Works Benefits.

As of December 2017, Orangeville and Shelburne have the highest number of people in poverty in the county, at 65 per cent and 17 per cent respectively. Amaranth is at four per cent, Grand Valley at six per cent, and Melancthon at five per cent. Mulmur and Mono have the lowest numbers, the former at two per cent, and the latter at just one.

The summit had three panels that consisted of 11 panelists from the county, provincial, and federal levels speak on poverty, who's affected, reasons people live in poverty, and what is being done, and can be done, to combat it.

Mr. Krepps was part of the first panelists, and said they look at treating people as human beings, rather than numbers. "We look at it through a trauma lens and say 'this individual's obviously experienced some trauma in their life, how can we support them through that?'"

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March 7 deadline for public input on Greenbelt Expansion

Written By MARNI WALSH

The recent announcement by the Ontario government to expand the Greenbelt protection area means an opportunity for Dufferin residents to make a difference by submitting comments through a public consultation process. The government is asking for public input on the location of boundaries for seven areas of protection. Deadline for comments is March 7, 2018.

Ontario's Greenbelt permanently protects over 800,000 hectares of green space, farmland, forests, wetlands and watersheds, as well as communities within the boundaries. The government says approximately 10,000 hectares were added to the Greenbelt in 2017, including 21 new urban river valleys and associated coastal wetland areas that connect to Lake Ontario.

The public consultation process includes the seven areas most in need of protection in the outer ring of the Greater Golden Horseshoe, including valuable water resources.

Brian Bell, Vice Chair of NDACT and the Chair of its legacy movement "Food and

Water First" was quoted in Ontario Farmer recently, expressing approval of the provincial announcement. "Ontario is taking action to protect important water resources in the Greater Golden Horseshoe by potentially expanding the province's Greenbelt into Melancthon and Mulmer Townships, as well as the land south-west of Orangeville," he said.

Carl Cosack the former Chair of NDACT and continuing Board member, recently returned from visiting California where he observed the toxic outcome of poor water management. He reported on a cautionary scenario, "Very visibly, the wealthy were able to maintain lush, green spaces by drilling ever deeper for their water, but the less wealthy, sometimes directly across the street, watched their wells go dry and were trucking water in to meet their basic needs."

In a press release, Ontario's Minister of Municipal Affairs Bill Mauro encouraged public input, saying, "Our lakes, rivers and wetlands are essential to the high quality of life enjoyed by people living in the Greater Golden Horseshoe's outer ring - today and

in the future. We all have an important role to play in preserving these vital water resources."

Although NDACT ran a campaign that stopped the Mega Quarry five years ago, the organization has continued to work through Food and Water First to permanently protect precious farmland and source water regions province-wide.

The province will be holding Open Houses for information purposes throughout January and February. Anyone wishing to support the Greenbelt expansion proposal by writing a letter or emailing Minister Mauro can go to <http://www.protectourwaters.ca/>, a website supported by a consortium of environmental groups including Food and Water First, for both information and a petition to forward to Minister Mauro.

NDACT Chair Alia Jalbert calls this an opportunity to protect an irreplaceable resource for future generations of Ontarians. "NDACT and F&WF encourage all citizens and like-minded organizations who care about the sound conservation and management of our natural resources to take advan-

“ Our lakes, rivers and wetlands are essential to the high quality of life enjoyed by people living in the Greater Golden Horseshoe's outer ring. We all have an important role to play in preserving these vital water resources

MPP Bill Mauro
Ontario Municipal Affairs Minister

tage of this opportunity to make their voices heard While it is highly unlikely that anything concrete will happen before the upcoming Ontario election, you can be certain that the sitting government, as well as the members of the opposition, will take note of the public interest in this topic. Make your voices heard.”

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DC hosts first poverty reduction summit

He sees a need to break the stigma around poverty, in order to better understand and solve it. "You might see something that may look like it is poverty, it may not be. But we don't necessarily know who is in poverty, and that really talks to the stigma."

Tim Smith, program manager of Canadian Mental Health Association, Dufferin branch, spoke during the second panel. He was part of the panel that looked at reasons why people are in poverty.

Mr. Smith tackled looking at defining mental health and poverty, with issues that impact health include income, education, work conditions, and socio-economic status, and as people jump from job to job, they don't gain confidence.

He said mental health impacts poverty, and vice-versa. "It's important to consider the intersection of mental health on poverty. There's not a direct correlation between mental health and poverty, but we know they impact each other."

The third panel had members of social services in the county, including Choices Youth Shelter, the Orangeville Food Bank, and Fam-

ily Transition Place.

Heather Hayes, executive director of the food bank, said they see 500 people per month using the food bank, 40 per cent of them being children. "We have seen a 50 per cent increase in the amount of working families using the food bank in the last six years."

She reiterated the challenges of stigma around poverty, and to remove those myths of who's in it and uses the food bank. "They look like us, because they are us. They are our neighbors, friends, and coworkers. It's much different than it used to be."

Keith Palmer, Dufferin's director of community services, said he wasn't surprised with the numbers from the report, but, "seeing the different challenges collected in one document with strategies on how we can address those issues, was very comforting for me to see."

He said singles, seniors and children deal with poverty the most, and they need to recognize those groups. "We have to be able to provide supports and services to those groups that prepare them better for the future. We need to create programs that address the needs of that community."

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Ottawa Journal: Family Literacy Day coming up on Jan. 27

Written By DAVID TILSON

We may sometimes assume that literacy isn't an issue here in Canada. However, it isn't something to take for granted. It is an important skill to maintain for our minds, just like exercise is important to maintain our bodies. It's also important to engage in the act of reading and writing as families. Family Literacy Day is a great reminder and a perfect opportunity for all of us to encourage and strengthen not only our own reading and writing skills, but also those of our children.

Family Literacy Day falls on January 27th. ABC Life Literacy Canada founded this annual, national awareness initiative in 1999 with the aim of raising "awareness of the importance of reading and engaging in other literacy-related activities as a family." The organization asserts that it is essential for parents (and caregivers) to make the time each day to read or perform a literacy-related activity with their children, as it is essential to their development and significantly improves their literacy skills with the added benefit of strengthening the skills of parents or caregivers. Furthermore, engaging in such activities can foster stronger relationships between families and set the stage for lifelong learning. For more information on ABC Life Literacy Canada, please visit <https://abclifeliteracy.ca>

Here in Dufferin-Caledon, we are most fortunate to have outstanding public libraries with excellent resources, services, and programs to encourage family literacy and inspire a passion for lifelong learning. Some of the libraries in the riding

are also hosting terrific events to celebrate Family Literacy Day. The Caledon Public Library will be hosting its' Family Literacy Day in conjunction with its Official Kick Off of its 150th anniversary of continuous library service to Caledon celebrations. On January 27th, the event will be hosted at the Albion Bolton Branch of the Caledon Public Library, located at 150 Queen Street South, Bolton. The festivities, taking place from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., will offer something for everyone, including: an official kick off ceremony (which I will be attending), the launch of One Book One Caledon, Story Time with Mayor Allan Thompson, crafts, a winter indoor picnic, fun with the Caledon Parent-Child Centre, and special guest author, Ruth Ohi. For more information and details, please visit <http://www.caledon.library.on.ca/150/kickoff-agenda.aspx>

The Orangeville Public Library - Main Branch, located at 1 Mill Street, Orangeville, will also be hosting an event on Family Literacy Day on January 27th from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This will surely be an exciting drop in event for the whole family. The festivities include fun and interactive activities, as well as a special story time with local children's author, Carolyn J. Morris, which starts at 1:00 p.m. For more information and details, please visit orangeville.ca

Come out and visit our local libraries in Dufferin-Caledon with your loved ones on Family Literacy Day on January 27th! It will be a day full of fun for the whole family, while also strengthening everyone's literacy skills and supporting lifelong learning.

Shelburne Legion News:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE: This Friday Wing Night January 26th we will be selling wings from 5:30pm - 9:30pm. With this change we are asking that ALL CHILDREN be gone by 9pm. Our entertainment DJ Robbie & Rodney will start at 8pm until 12am.

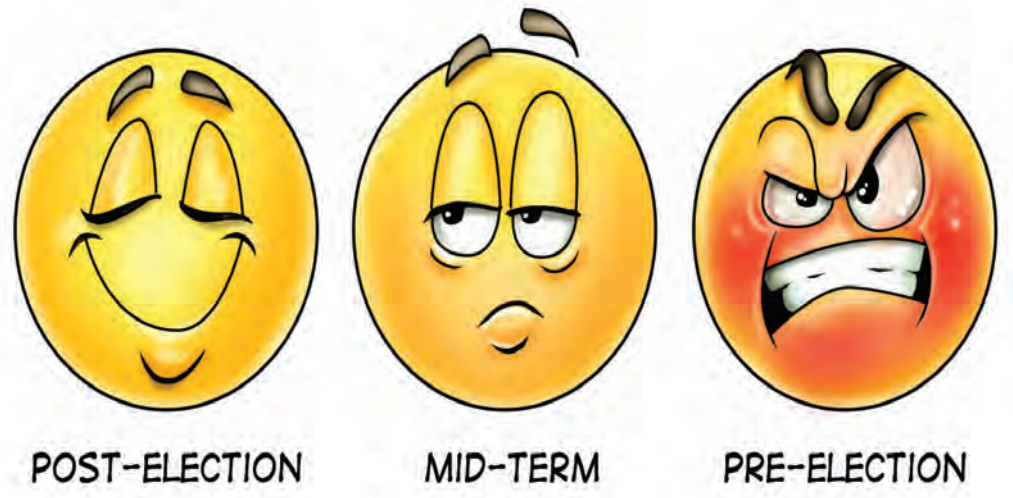
Friday's we all wear RED to show our support to our troops, custom made Red Friday T-Shirts are available at the branch.

I would like to welcome all of our new members this month, it is nice to see our Membership grow and hope that the new members become involved and have as much fun as we do at Branch 220.

Volunteers are always needed to help make the Legion successful if you have some spare time, give us a call and we can find a spot for you. Students are wel-

come to come get their community service hours with us as well.

Our next monthly Breakfast is on February 11, come bring your Sweet Heart out for a early Valentine. Breakfast begins at 9am - 12pm. With the weather changing the way it has been this past month. PLEASE be careful when you are walking. The parking lots get maintained often but nobody can keep up with Mother Nature this year. There has also been a tremendous amount of accident's at the intersection of William and First because people use this route as a bypass. When possible please DO NOT park on William Street lot, it is difficult for drivers to see south bound traffic. We reserve that parking for our Veterans and Seniors. Please be Safe everyone.



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Shelburne Library News:

Coffee, Conversation & Books

Last Wednesday was our inaugural event, and we couldn't have asked for a better audience, venue, or author! Don Hayward recounted many stories about living in the north, as well as his travels, and how they affected his writing with regard to character development and setting. The audience had a lot of questions to ask, and Don responded to all of them thoughtfully! The next author in this series is John L. Riley, who will be at Euphoria Café in Orangeville, Wednesday, February 21st @7pm. Refreshments provided. Limited registration is free, but required. Email ltilly@orangeville.ca to register! Books by these authors are available at YOUR Library, so drop in and check one out!

Children's Programs:

Jump into your rain boots and warm jackets and walk over to the library this week for some of the fun groups we have planned!

Wednesday, January 24 - Paws to Read with our good buddy Mac, the therapy dog. He is a great listener and would love it if you booked an appointment to read with him.

From 3:30pm-4:30pm on Wednesday we will also be having Lego Club. Every single week there is a new challenge for group members to complete and we have really been improving our building skills as the week's progress. We will also have snap circuits, snacks and we have been lucky to receive some brand new Lego kits. Can't wait to see you after school on Wednesday.

Friday, January, 26 - Story Time will begin at 10:30am and this week we will be talking about where all of our snow creations from outside are going! What happens when the snow melts away? Where does it go? There will be lots of fun dancing, sensory activities, and a craft.

Saturday January 27th is Family Literacy Day. YOUR Library has chosen a few fun books and activities for your family to enjoy together.

Stop by any time this Saturday to do some drawing, crafting and play some great literacy games.

Books and Babies will be returning Tuesday February 20th, from 10:00am - 10:45am! This group will be open to any parents or caregivers with babies 2 years old and under.

We look forward to seeing everyone this week at programs and during regular book exchanges! Have a great week.

Teen Scene

Teens competed in the TAB-hosted Minute-

to-Win-it challenge last week, which saw them complete a series of minute-long, zany tasks in the quest for the highest score! For example—did you know Teens can shake their heads 164 times in 60 seconds as counted by wearing a pedometer on their head? Needless to say, that particular Teen won the Head Banger challenge.

For the next 2 Teen event dates, YOUR Library will be hosting Study Hall sessions, where Teens are invited into our quiet space to study to prepare for exams. Refreshments will be provided and a quiet policy will be in place to ensure Teens maximize their study time. Study Hall will take place Thursday, January 25th (3:30-7pm) and Tuesday, January 30th (4:00-5:00pm). This program is drop in so there is no registration requirement.

Check out our calendars online @ www.shelburnelibrary.ca/teens

New Books

If you are feeling bored with your reading and looking for new authors or just want to meet some like-minded readers, drop in on Thursday @2:00 pm for Rose's Book Club. This is an occasion where you can sit back and relax as Rose talks about some of the latest books she has read. Talking about a book that you have read is strictly voluntary. You will also have a chance to look at about 15 new books by a variety of authors and be the first to sign one out.

Fiction:

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- The essence of malice by Ashley Weaver
- The ghost of Galway by Ken Bruen
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Town considers monthly movie night, Multicultural Day

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

As uneventful evenings go, Monday night's Council meeting was the epitome of uneventful. Prior to the start of normal council proceedings, an in-camera session was held, lasting until after 8:30 pm.

During these sessions, matters not privy to the public are discussed and it would appear that all matters of any interest were a part of this closed session. One of those issues, it is known, was the matter of Town sewers along Owen Sound Street and the connection of those to two properties currently without a direct hook up to the sewer mains. However, whatever was discussed was not revealed at this time, beyond the fact that a motion to have the Town contribute to the cost of sewer connections was defeated.

Council heard two presentations from Althea Casamento, asking the Town for assistance and guidance in hosting a monthly movie night, in town as well as a Multicultural Day. Both proposals were accepted for consideration, by Council after some discussion as to how and where the events would be held.

Councillor Samples made a point of asking Althea if she had adequately investigated the matter of Copyright Licensing for the films, as the Town had dealt with this cost previously and found it to be potentially substantial. Ms. Casamento noted that although aware of the issue, she was still exploring those costs.

The films would be shown at the Mel Lloyd Centre and admission was to be free with a donation to the local food bank. The films would be of a family friendly nature.

As for the Multicultural Day, this event would be held in April and was intended to showcase the wide cultural diversity that now makes up the face of Shelburne. One aspect is to be a challenge for youth, ages 4-18

to create a craft or piece of art, that exemplifies their cultural heritage. Awards would be given for the works, handed out by Councillor Steve Anderson. This event is presently proposed to be held in the Library.

CAO Reports

Acting CAO Carol Sweeney presented two reports to Council Monday, one concerning the OPP costing and the second pertaining to the reduction of naturally occurring arsenic levels in some of the Town's wells.

Concerning the former, Carol and senior staff were looking for further guidance, from Council in the matter of a survey asking for feedback that Council had previously requested from towns that had transitioned from a local force to the OPP policing model. Staff had discovered that the OPP and The Shelburne force both had surveys of their own, dealing with public feedback and were requesting of Council if (a) their own survey was still warranted and (b) what specific questions should be included.

Based Upon the Shelburne Police Service's survey and with additional Council input, the following criteria were established as being preeminently important: enforcement of the law, prompt call response, officer approachability, working with residents in solving local crime, enforcement of traffic issues, having a visible presence, treating people fairly, delivering what was promised and, within the proposed Budget, how closely did the OPP mirror the local force

Based upon these guidelines, staff will prepare a draft survey for consideration at the next Council Meeting on February 12, 2018.

The second report, concerning the water issue, informed Council that the Walkerton Clean Water Centre has agreed to co-ordinate a pilot project on the Town's behalf, to review several new technologies for the removal of

naturally occurring arsenic in well water. The cost to the Town, will be over \$5,600 and will be significantly lower than that proposed by the town engineers, at an earlier meeting. The testing will be carried out in February and March, of 2018, with a final report being delivered in June of this year.

Advertising policy

In other business, Town Clerk Jennifer Willoughby presented a report on the draft policy for Advertising and digital Signage, by Shelburne. This policy had previously been requested by Council, during budget discussions. The policy covers all print and LED sign advertising done by the town, in respect to events, holidays and meetings. The new policy, will ensure that all such advertising complies with all applicable laws and does not adversely affect public safety or the Town's corporate values. It also outlines who may apply to use the Town's advertising venues and what they may or may not advertise. All such advertising, must be of a public service nature and may not be commercial in nature.

Rental Fees

The final order of business, was a discussion concerning the waiving of rental fees and

the potential loss of revenue resulting from this. Councillor Anderson was of the opinion, that the current figure of \$10,000 in lost revenue was too high, however as explanations were made as to why the waivers were being granted, primarily, because the Town was aiding the organizers of events, that the Town used to do itself, his opinion modified. It was decided that the policy as presented, would stand but that requests over the proposed limits, would have to be referred to Council for consideration. One amendment that was accepted, was that not only registered organizations would be eligible for the waivers, but also individuals if they presented a worthy issue.

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- 20. Large ducks
- 21. Touse
- 23. Weeping
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- 59. Beach
- 61. Mackerel
- 62. Mauna ____
- 63. The outdoors
- 65. Lead sulfide
- 66. At any rate
- 67. Say it isn't so
- 68. Dance step
- 69. Get up
- 71. Roofing material
- 76. Cosmetics

- 79. Perch
- 81. Intertwined
- 82. Acquaint
- 83. Unevenly worn
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- 8. Wire measure
- 9. Beef jerky
- 10. Hideout
- 11. Circular current

- 12. Summer refresher
- 13. Douglas ____ (tree)
- 14. Okay
- 17. Discontinue
- 22. Jug
- 24. Approximate
- 26. Province
- 27. Enlarge
- 28. Skipper's diary
- 29. Actress Farrow
- 30. Hat's edge
- 31. Personal atmosphere
- 32. Marginal
- 33. "____ Street"
- 34. Cold-weather garment
- 35. Spit
- 38. Name
- 40. Degrading
- 42. Metal container
- 44. Billfold item
- 47. Irritated
- 49. Feel a dull pain
- 50. Middy
- 51. Small forest-buffalo
- 53. Resting place
- 56. Single thickness
- 57. Fish eggs
- 58. Ingest
- 60. Ten times ten
- 61. Flying stinger
- 64. Conform
- 65. Hose holder
- 68. Old-fashioned
- 69. "Mine eyes have ____"
- 70. Sandwich filler
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- 78. Cousins, e.g.
- 80. Metallic rock

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

First Shift program benefits new players & families

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

Anyone who has kids involved in hockey knows how expensive it can be to play Canada's favourite sport.

The cost of equipment alone can be prohibitive and add to that ice fees, registration fees, and special training and it can cost a lot.

So imagine of you suit your child up and it turns out that after hitting the ice they realize that hockey just isn't their sport.

The First Shift program allows families to get players suited up for the sport at a nominal cost.

"This is program that is offered by Canadian Tire and sponsored by Bauer. They provide all the equipment. Skates, sticks, helmets, all of the equipment and Canadian Tire organizes it all," explained organizer and president of Shelburne Minor Hockey, Jonathan Geiring. "The families pay \$199 and they get fitted from head to toe in hockey equipment. Then they

get six one-hour on-ice sessions that is provided by Shelburne Minor Hockey."

The program is offered by Canadian Tire and Bauer and it is the responsibility of minor hockey associations to take advantage of it.

"It's an opportunity for kids and parents to try the sport of hockey without having to commit to a full on hockey season. The hope is they will go back to their local minor hockey association and register for a season if they enjoyed the experience," Geiring said.

In Shelburne the First Shift event took place on Tuesday, January 16, at the Shelburne Legion.

The Legion donated the use of Warriors Hall at no charge so the the event could take place.

This year, 46 very excited kids were suited up. It is the second year in a row the event has been held in Shelburne. The program is open to kids ages six to ten who have never played hockey before.

Parent, Michelle Buchanan, brought her seven year-old son Lucas.

"It's a great deal, a very good deal," she said. "You get all the equipment and six hours of ice time. Lucas loves hockey but he hasn't played ice hockey so he's a little intimidated. This is

nice easy, cheaper way to get into hockey. He's loving it. He was very excited to come here. In the on-ice sessions he'll learn to skate, the different drills and making lots of new friends."

The First Shift event are held across the country and a team from Bauer brings the hockey equipment and runs the event with assistance from local volunteers – in this case with support from Shelburne Minor Hockey.

"This program started in 2014 between Bauer and Hockey Canada. It started with around 30 programs nation wide and now we're running 160 programs from coast to coast," explained Bauer representative Alec Vice. "Bauer is the biggest hockey retailer in the market so numbers in the sport mean a lot to them. It gives everyone the opportunity to play the sport and try it out in an affordable setting a hopefully they will continue to play it for the rest of their lives. The focus is on affordability."

During the event young players, both boys and girls, got their first taste of what's to come as they were fitted for equipment and judging the the enthusiasm on display, there's going to be more kids playing the sport next season.

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PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

THE SHELBURNE SR. A MUSKIES host the Milverton Four Wheel Drives at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday (Jan. 20) night. The Muskies ended the night with couple more points after taking a 6-3 win over Milverton.

Muskies Fight Cancer night draws huge crowd to CDRC

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

They were packing them in at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday (Jan. 20) night for Muskies Fight Cancer night.

The Shelburne Senior Muskies were sporting special jerseys with the names of people they honored during this special game.

Proceeds for the night are going to cancer care at the Headwaters Health Care Centre in Orangeville. Proceeds were raised through the Club's 50/50 draw, donations, and a raffle.

"Some of the guys on the team thought of it and talked to some of us on the executive and we thought, what a great idea," said Muskies GM Barry Trood. "There's so many people that have been affected by cancer, it doesn't matter what family, what player, everyone has. We got a couple of our players, Brandon Coburn and Mitch Scott, who work at Athletic Knit (makers of sports apparel) and they did the leg-work getting these uniforms done. Mitch got the sweaters done and Brandon got the design

done. Everyone bought in and we've been going crazy on this for the past month."

The night's game was an important one as the Milverton Four Wheel Drives were in town. The Milverton team has almost an identical record as the Muskies and both squads were looking to gain a couple of points and move up in the standings when things come down to the playoffs. The Muskies came out on top for the night with a 6-3 win.

The Shelburne squad was ahead in the first period on a pair of goals from Kris Dobinson.

They were ahead 5-2 at the end of the second on goals from Nick Hodgson, Nick Glassford, and Chris Greer.

The final period saw the teams trade markers with Ed Gaffney getting the final Shelburne goal for the win.

The win places the Muskies in fifth place in the League with a 10-9 record. The Muskies will play their final game of the regular season on the road in Seaforth on Jan. 27, when they go up against the Huron East Centenaires.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

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"I've been playing hockey for four years. I like playing defence because I get to protect the net," said Shelburne Wolves Novice LL1 defenceman Jordan Jeziorski of why he likes playing hockey. "And I like scoring goals. We have to do what we do best."

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Jordan said he plans to continue playing hockey for many more years.

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Winter Olympics theme for Shelbrrr Fest snow structures

Written By **MARNI WALSH**

The theme for area schools participating in the snow structure competition at the Shelbrrr Fest annual winter carnival will be "The Winter Olympics." The theme is, of course, in support of Canadian athletes participating and in celebration of the 2018 winter games which take place next month in Pyeongchang, South Korea.

All area schools will have the opportunity to participate and the Chair of the Festival, Dan Sample says Glenbrook Elementary and Hyland Heights Public School are already signed up for the interactive outdoor event.

Started in 2015, Shelbrrr Fest is organized by the Shelburne Kinsmen with support from the Town of Shelburne. The Town's Public Works Department creates Snow Mountain, Tube Hill, and piles snow for snow structure contest, as well as clearing snow from the parking area and road ways.

This week's rain has taken away much of the coveted snow needed for the bigger events like Snow Mountain and the Tubing Hill, but snow fall predicted in the upcoming, early days of February, followed by

colder temperatures, may be just what is needed. This is the fourth year for Shelbrrr Fest and Dan Sample says, "We have all got our fingers crossed for the snow."

This would not be the first winter to challenge the hard working Shelbrrr Fest team with a lack of snow, but despite this, there has always been plenty of fun events to make for a great Family Day celebration in Shelburne's beautiful outdoors. From warming fires, to sled dogs and horse rides, new this year - the Polar Plunge by the Shelburne Police Service, and the presence of the Shelburne Fire Department truck, along with delicious food at the Kinette booth, Shelbrrr Fest has always a fun filled place to be on Family Day - snow or no snow.

Last year's event saw over 1000 people in attendance and the committee is hoping even more residents will come out this year for the free family event. There to entertain, as has been their annual tradition since the event began, will be many of the young singers and performers from LP Stage Productions' performances, including their newest production "Alice in Wonderland Jr." scheduled to open at Grace Tipling Hall this

spring.

Don't miss the chance to treat the whole family to some good old Canadian winter fun at the full schedule of events next month:

- School Structure Contest 11:00am - 1:00pm
- School Structure Judging 1:00pm
- Tube Hill 11:00am - 4:00pm
- Snow Mountain 11:00am - 4:00pm
- Warming Station 11:00am - 4:00pm
- Dog Sled Rides 11:00am - 4:00pm
- Horse Sleigh Rides 11:00am - 4:00pm

LP Stage Productions' singers 12:00pm - 1:30pm

Kinette Kitchen food and drinks open 11:00am - 4:00pm

Fire Department 11:00am - 4:00pm
Shelburne Police Service Polar Dip in support of the Special Olympics 1:30pm

The 4th Annual Shelbrrr Fest is free to all on Family Day: Monday, February 19th from 11:00am - 4:00pm in Fiddle Park, 515677 Dufferin County Road 11 just south of No Frills in Shelburne.

Christian Perspectives: Jesus Christ's response to the law

Matthew 5: 17-19

"Think not that I am come to destroy the Law, or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill."

Why did Christ answer a question that was not asked? Did Christ perceive some men who would rather not to be in the position where it is expected of them to keep God's law, whether they are able to keep them perfectly or not. God said that Job was a perfect man on the earth; did he keep the law? Did Noah keep the law perfectly? Is Noah the type of character who shall be saved?

God's word said that Enoch walked with the Lord perfectly until the Lord took him. Did Enoch keep the law perfectly or not?

Have we ever stopped to ask the relevant question? Could God give a law to man, knowing men everywhere would not be able to keep it?

1 Corinthians 10:13.

The scripture clearly states that God will not suffer a man above that which the man is able to bare, and with every temptation, God also provides a way of escape.

The God which the bible describes is 1) prefect, 2) unable to make mistakes, 3) flawless, and 4) without error. Therefore, based on the perfection of God's character, I boldly present the facts, that God made absolutely no mistake in giving His laws to mankind.

True Theology should be taught differently from what is being presented today; the teaching between the Law and Grace. Grace in no wise destroys the law, but rather, it fulfills the law. Grace did not ignore, ridicule, blaspheme, or demonize God's laws. Instead Grace recognized, promoted, respected, and embraced the law. Grace is validated by the fulfilling of the law. So now that the law is fulfilled in and by grace, we no longer have to live by the law, but rather by grace, because grace now owns the law; by submitting to grace, we are keeping the law.

Say not, that we can break the laws, ignore the laws, blaspheme the laws, or keep not the laws through the enabling power of the Holy Ghost by grace. How would it go down with Christ, if one should say, "I am under grace and not under the law, so I can go and break the laws." It seems to me that Christ is pretty clear on His position, which HE gave to Moses for the children of Israel directly, and to the gentiles indirectly; as we will all agree that the very same laws and grace that were extended to man, were extended to all men.

Jesus Christ went on to deeply and passionately explain how important and relevant the law is, by explaining that before one jot or title of His laws pass and be not fulfilled, heaven and earth shall pass away.

God's laws shall not pass away, but be fulfilled in Christ by Christ, and also by us, as we please Christ, who paid the price we owed but were unable to pay and received from

Him a credit salvation, which must be paid by our living by faith and works through grace.

The Law must be revered, upheld, fulfilled, and kept. Let us listen to the clear teachings of the master himself.

Listen and listen clearly, to the words of Christ saying, any man who shall break one of the least of His commandments, and shall teach other men not to keep His laws, shall be called "the least in the Kingdom of Heaven." Whosoever shall keep His laws, His commandments, and teach others to do so, shall be called "the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven."

Ladies and gentlemen, brothers and sisters, it is imperative that you and I be crystal clear on what is meant here by Christ's saying, when HE mentioned two categories of people;

1) Those called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven

2) Those called the greatest in the Kingdom of Heaven

If you and I take the verse to mean what seems to jump at us first, without allowing our minds and spirits to slowly, patiently, and carefully look deeper into the words and seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit through careful studies, we might quickly run to the conclusion that the people breaking the law and teaching others to do so, and the people not breaking the law and teaching others to not break it will both enter into the Kingdom of Heaven....but one shall be called the least, and one shall be called the greatest.

So, I guess in the Kingdom of Heaven, we would have these two groups?

(To be continued.)

Bishop Dr. Vincent Sterling
Shelburne Worship Centre

NOTICE

OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF DUFFERIN MUTUAL INSURANCE COMPANY

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Dufferin Mutual Insurance Company will be held at the Royal Canadian Legion, 203 William Street, Shelburne, Ontario on Tuesday March 27th, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. to:

- Receive the Annual Reports (Chair, President & CEO, Financial etc.)
- Appoint Auditors
- Ratify the Acts of the Board of Directors
- Elect Directors (two for three years)

The Corporation's annual statement will be available on the Corporation's website (www.dufferinmutual.com) 21 days prior to the Annual General Meeting. A member of the Corporation may also obtain a copy by sending a written request to the Secretary of the Corporation at 712 Main Street East, Shelburne, Ontario, L9V 2Z4 at least 14 days prior to the Annual General Meeting.

An application for a Director's position may be picked up and then dropped off at the Head Office of the Corporation at 712 Main Street East, Shelburne, Ontario, L9V 2Z4. It must be received by the Secretary of the Corporation no later than close of the business day, 4:30 p.m., on February 27, 2018.

There are currently two candidates who have qualified (as of this date), to stand for election to the Board of Directors of the Corporation. Those who are currently qualified and endorsed by the nominating committee are: Guy Gardhouse and Mark Hannon

The Company By-Laws may be reviewed Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Company's Head Office, including the portion of the By-Laws that relate to Qualifications of Directors.

John Stirk
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Edward Forbes
Corporate Secretary

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Deadline for submissions 1:00 p.m. Friday, February 16th, 2018

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PWT - 2018-01 – Gravel Crushing
PWT - 2018-02 – Supply and Application of Dust Suppressants on Township Roads
PWT - 2018-03 – Loading, Hauling and Spreading Gravel on Township Roads

REQUEST FOR QUOTATIONS (RFQ)
RFQ - 2018-01 – Screening, Hauling, Mixing, and Stacking Winter Sand
RFQ - 2018-02 – Roadside Grass Cutting (with operator and machine)
RFQ - 2018-03 – Roadside Ditching (GRADALL type machinery with operator)
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Local Health and Wellness Expo a huge success

Written By MARNI WALSH

Amanda Phillips and Leanne Williams the founders and co-organizers of the Shelburne Health and Wellness Expo say there was so much interest in the January 20th event that they had to turn vendors away and they are already compiling a contact list for next year. This is the 2nd year the two women have worked to bring professionals together to create awareness around local Health and Wellness services.

Crowd attendance at the event, which was held in the cafeteria at Centre Dufferin District High School, was excellent for the event as well. Word had spread through social media leading to an even greater interest from the community. "The vendors were happy with both the turnout from the community, and from the other health and wellness practitioners in town," say the organizers.

The event is not for profit and all the money collected in vendor fees goes back into the Expo. The founders came together in 2016 to discuss the need for this type of event, and credit is due the two women who have used their talents collaboratively to create a successful expo. They say they both enjoy volunteering their time to organize and run the event every year. "Leanne uses her design and marketing background for the posters, brochures, and ads, while Amanda keeps in contact with the vendors to make sure the day runs smoothly."

They call it "rewarding to hear that both vendors and the community members who attended the event felt that it was beneficial to them. Many made connections for both personal and professional use." The women say their goal for the Expo is two fold. "We want to give practitioners and professionals in the health, wellness and fitness community a way to reach the people in Shelburne, an opportunity to engage people, share their knowledge, explain what they do



PHOTO: MARNI WALSH

BUSY CROWDS ATTENDED the 2nd annual Health and Wellness Expo held at Centre Dufferin District High School on January 20th. On stage Shelburne BW Taekwondo had student demonstrations, while more than 30 different vendors like Kathy Thompson of Rise Physiotherapy spoke to customers about their services.

and how their products or services can help make life better."

"We also want the community to have a chance to see who is offering health and wellness services in town. The expanding population is bringing new businesses to Shelburne, and both new Shelburnites, and those who have lived here for years, may not realize how many services are available right here. We believe the Expo accomplishes this and

more."

The organizers purposefully maintain specific requirements for vendor participation. Vendors must "work in Shelburne, or within a short drive, or offer a product or service not available in town." They say they "place a high priority on professionals, like registered practitioners, healing and wellness centres, fitness centres, etc. because they don't typically have other opportunities to reach out to the public, and they are offering services backed by education and experience."

"The biggest challenge was finding a location with enough space for the event," say Leanne and Amanda. "We would love to have as many vendors as are interested in attending because there are many wonderful health and wellness practitioners in the community, but there are limited venue choices in town."

The ever popular gluten free Shine Baking Co., along with Health Cravings Holistic Kitchen, offered free samples of food. "It was exciting to add that dimension to the event," say Amanda and Leanne, "and we know it went over well with Expo visitors and vendors alike." In the future, the pair hopes "to bring in healthy food vendors as a permanent fixture to offer a wider selection of healthy food and drink options, for purchase."

"We also hope to provide a variety of vendors each year," they say, "bringing different products or offering new services, so that the community continues to be aware of who is in Shelburne ready to meet their needs."

Shelburne's pathfinder unit raises Valentine baskets for FTP

Written By JASEN OBERMEYER

The pathfinder unit in Shelburne is doing something special for the residence of Family Transition Place (FTP), by creating gift baskets to be given out on Valentine's Day.

The pathfinder unit, part of the girl guides, gathered at the Trinity United Church this past Tuesday (Jan. 23) to put together the bas-

kets and celebrate their accomplishments.

At the time of print release, the pathfinders created 10 gift baskets, along with some bracelets. The items they will be donating include bath and beauty products, as well as some chocolates and other goodies associated with Valentine's Day. The girls also made some homemade body scrubs.

The girls did this out of their own money

raised by selling cookies and other donations they've done.

This year, there are eight pathfinders, and all the girls have achieved their lady Baden Powell, which is the highest award given in guides that takes three years of dedication to community.

Melanie Lethbridge, one of the Girl Guide leaders, spoke to the Free Press about the success of the pathfinders and girl guides in general.

She said creating these baskets is great for not only those who need something for Valentine's Day at FTP, but for the brownie girls too. "It's amazing what it does for the girls, their self-esteem to know that they're giving back."

Ms. Lethbridge is very proud of the girls for creating these baskets, because they've also gained valuable lessons. "The girls have learned so much this year about body image, and mental health, and healthy relationships, that this really helps them."

She said she was touched when the girls wanted to do these baskets and how they got



PHOTO: JASEN OBERMEYER

MELANIE LEATHBRIDGE (second from left) and the girls of the pathfinder unit with the bags, bracelets, and other goodies to be donated to Family Transition Place.

to "do more of the planning," and be independent.

Ms. Lethbridge added the girls do so much volunteer work in the community, that at times can go unnoticed. "They're going out with garbage bags, they're cleaning up where they can. They have all done assisting seniors, every year they sing at the Dufferin Oaks."

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