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## Town Council awards contract for playground project

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Shelburne Council met Monday night to consider numerous items of interest, not the least of which being the new park and playground proposals for the Summerhill development at the north end of town.

Town Planner Steve Wever outlined the proposals received by his office for the Town-constructed play area. In an agreement with the developer, the Town agreed to build the park and landscape the area, in lieu of the developers receiving a reduced development fee and building the park themselves.

The resulting requests for proposals (RFPs) mandated that the space include both junior and senior children's accessible play areas, an accessible shade structure, asphalt walkways, site furnishings and open space. They also demanded a variety of themed areas and elements of interest throughout the play areas, accessibility, elements for the visually, hearing- learning- and mobility-impaired, an inclusive play structure, inter-generational opportunities and

swings, amongst other things.

Proposal responses were received from three firms – one in Ontario and two from Alberta – all of which were under the proposed budget and within a few hundred dollars of each other. These responses were then presented the residents for their input as well as being evaluated by officials.

Input from the residents indicated that two additional items would be appreciated beyond what was presented to them. One of these was a water feature, such as a splash pad and the second a basketball court, for the older children. The latter was requested because the closest such area was at the high school and it was over-used.

After evaluating the three proposals and the public input, it was decided by the planners to recommend the selection of the bid from Park N Play Design Company Ltd., of the Calgary-area Rocky View County, AB. In addition, it was determined that a water feature was not feasible in the space available and that neither was a full basketball court.

However, Council was offered the option of having a half-court constructed within the

play area. As this was not something that the RFP respondents would build, it was suggested to Council that a separate report on this feature be presented to Council at a future meeting, in April, for their approval.

Council voted to accept the quote of \$117,859.57 plus HST, for a total of \$133,181.31, from Park N Play Design Company Ltd., and to look at including the half court basketball option at a future meeting.

The winning firm's website says Park N Play Design "is recognized as the top Canadian supplier in Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba and now Ontario, in indoor & outdoor custom playspace layouts design of creative theme playgrounds and unique water parks, allowing children to climb, swing, run, explore, and play all day.

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# FEATURED ITEMS

## Shelburne Coun. Steve Anderson takes students on tour of legislature

Written By JASEN OBERMEYER

Shelburne Councillor Steve Anderson took students from Shelburne's schools on a tour of the Ontario Legislature building in Toronto, to get them to better understand how our government works.

The tour took place this past Monday (Mar. 26), where 43 students from Shelburne's Glenbrook and Centennial Hylands Elementary schools, along with Centre Dufferin District High School took part.

Speaking to the Free Press, Councillor Anderson explained how, when he worked back in Toronto, he did this tour for some students in the Jane and Finch area, where he lived as a youth.

"I've been doing some work in the community, and I had the opportunity through my connection with the local MPP leader to arrange a tour."

He said the feedback from students and staff that attended was very positive and decided to continue it when he arrived in Shelburne, which he is hoping can be an annual event.

"Since I've moved to Shelburne, one of the things I wanted to do was to get involved in the schools, and to try to replicate some of the things I was doing in Toronto."

On the tour, students got to see politicians, including Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, in session discussing issues. They then got a tour of the legislature building at Queen's Park to see the history behind it, meet Ms.



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**VISIT TO PARLIAMENT:** Shelburne Councillor Steve Anderson took 43 students from Shelburne's CDDHS, Glenbrook and Centennial Elementary School to Parliament in Toronto this past Monday. An annual trip Councillor Anderson started back during his time in Toronto, the students toured the building, Queen's Park, saw parliament in session, and met Dufferin-Caledon's MPP Sylvia Jones.

Jones, and even some other politicians face-to-face.

"Political engagement, understanding our political system, community activism, is important," said Councillor Anderson.

He explained that a lot of youth today are either not getting into politics, or don't care to understand how the government works. "I

think the best way to do that is to get them exposed to it early, and get them to understand and feel that their opinion matters, and their voice matters."

Mr. Anderson said the tour "could potentially be life-altering," as some students may decide to go into a career in politics, but wants them all to understand how a demo-

cratic government works, learn what the issues are, issues that matter to Canadians.

"Even if it's just the educational component of it, of what our politicians do for us, and how they're held accountable, and how things work at Queen's Park. If they just leave with that understanding and knowledge alone, I think the entire event is a success."

## Libertarian seeking to represent Dufferin-Caledon at Queen's Park

Written By BILL REA

Jeff Harris hopes the Libertarian message can be spread across Dufferin-Caledon and the rest of Ontario in the coming provincial election campaign.

Mr. Harris will be the Libertarian candidate in this riding for the June 7 election.

He runs a software company, and the Alliston resident said that while he doesn't live in the riding he's done a lot of work in the Orangeville area.

"I know the riding pretty well," he said.

This is his first venture into the political arena.

He said he was not pleased when the Progressive Conservatives under former leader Patrick Brown unveiled their platform with provisions for a carbon tax.

"I wanted to find a party that held the

same values that I do," he remarked, adding that includes fiscal conservatism and social liberalism. "The best of both worlds."

The 50-year-old married father of two said the party plans to have candidates in every riding in the province once the campaign starts.

"I think there's a real push to make sure they get representation in every riding," he said.

Mr. Harris pointed out most people know about the major parties, and are looking for something else.

"I think this is a good year for it," he said, commenting there are a lot of Liberals who aren't supporting Premier Kathleen Wynne, and many grass-roots Conservatives are not pleased with the party's platform. Libertarians, he said, are "in between the two," which might be appealing for people who

are looking for a place to put their votes.

Mr. Harris was not under-estimating the work it will take to get elected in Dufferin-Caledon.

"It's a strongly-held Conservative riding," he observed. "I don't take it lightly."

But he added if he can get the Libertarian message out, there could be a good response.

Party Leader Allen Small has stated he believes people of Ontario should have greater control over their own lives, including more economic and personal freedom.

"I'm confident this will lead to increased prosperity for themselves and their families," he said. "This can be achieved by reducing the emphasis and reliance on exclusively government-delivered programs and services. At the same time

eliminating restrictions and fully allowing non-government delivered programs and services to be offered will give people unfettered access to programs and services without artificial rationing and government control. By supporting the Ontario Libertarian Party, you can help make this happen."

Mr. Harris said it's important for the party to get some representation at Queen's Park.

"There's no reason why they can't win some key ridings," he declared.

He also stressed the importance of putting pressure on the Liberals and Conservatives to keep their promises and be responsible with tax dollars.

In 2014, Libertarian candidate Daniel Kowalewski received 538 of the 45,203 votes cast in the riding.

## Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin County host annual 'Bowl for Kids Sake' fundraiser

Written By JASEN OBERMEYER

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dufferin will host their annual Bowl for Kids Sake fundraiser, which will not only help raise money for the organization, but continue providing mentorship programs for youth in need.

The organization's single largest fundraising event, which raises almost a third of its budget, the event will take place in the ballroom at Orangeville's Best Western Inn & Suites. It will be held across two days, on Friday, April 6th, and Sunday, April 8th.

The agency first ran the event in 1979, and when the bowling alley in town closed down, they moved it to a virtual bowling experience in 2011.

Nancy Stallmach, the agency's executive director, says they are looking to raise \$43,000, and since taking on her current position, the event has raised nearly \$550,000. Last year the organization provided mentoring services to 306 children in the county.

"We use the money to help keep us in operation to offer all our mentoring programs," she says, which includes group programs, and a volunteer one-on-one meet at the child's school.

The ballroom at the Best Western will be transformed to the virtual bowling alley with multiple Wii's games and projectors, with this year's theme being rock n roll. Theme music will be played, and prizes will be given out for best costumes and team spirit.

Ms. Stallmach says that only a small portion of their annual income comes from government funding, with last year's being less than 12 per cent. "In order for our agency to stay in operation and to continue serving the children and families who need us the most, we need Bowl for Kids Sake to be successful. Our programs have real lasting impact in the lives of the children we serve."

For additional information on the event, call their office at 519-941-6431 or visit [www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/dufferin](http://www.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/dufferin).

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# ALAS Dufferin - the art of inclusive giving

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

Students with developmental disabilities can go to school in Ontario, along with everyone else, but only until they are 21 years old. Then, they are out with, ostensibly, nothing to do.

Community Living Dufferin (CLD) provides a great deal to fill the lives of adults of all ages, some with employment and/or wonderful options, hobbies, as it were, in the arts and theatre arts and much more. Naturally, the needs outweigh CLD's capacity and there is waiting list of people wanting to be involved on some level.

As an alternative to being on that list, a group of parents whose developmentally disabled children were at the end of their high school careers, came together in 2014 to create Active Lives After School (ALAS) and provide their youngsters with social and physical activities under an organized umbrella.

By giving structure and, thus, coherence to the idea, it was more straightforward to plan programs and work with community partners. In addition, ALAS is a registered charity, which gives it the freedom of status, an established organization rather than a loose group of people with no real definition on the world's stage. This status allows them to make applications for grants and assistance from government bodies and other benefactors, both personal and corporate.

It allows involvement with much of the community too, which is, indeed, a part of Kim Van Ryan's job as ALAS' program manager.

We had the chance to meet and talk with Ms. Van Ryan over coffee, to learn more about ALAS and Ms. Van Ryan herself in this relatively new venture. She grew up in Simcoe, ON, where, for several years, she was a child youth worker. When she came to Orangeville nine years ago, she got a job in retail – "It was a transition in my life," she remarked.

Once the store she worked for closed, she began to cast about for something else. An ad that ALAS was running, looking for a person to fill a maternity leave, caught her eye. With her background working with people, her natural affinity and enthusiasm to function in the world of helping others, she was the perfect fit to join ALAS. When the new mother opted to stay with her baby and not come back, the job became full-time and permanent for Ms. Van Ryan.

The funds raised pay for the activities and whatever materials are needed. There are all sorts of instructive programs – Karate ("Johannes does a kind rate for them," she said), yoga, creative movement. They go swimming and do Zumba.

They go horseback riding and this has made a profound impression on Ms. Van Ryan. "The horses just know and they are so kind and careful. We get a person from a wheelchair on to the horse and the horse seems understand everything that's needed from it. They are just amazing."

"And when one of the group goes, that's all he can talk about afterwards and can hardly wait for the next time."

There is a daily fee for each member of the

young adults involved in ALAS, which pays the basics of their rent at the Lord Dufferin Centre and staff of four, including Ms. Van Ryan. The space they have there accommodates not a large group but workable, given their overall numbers. When the demand increases, they will look for other options. In the meantime, because they do fund raising, they do not charge more for the various activities.

One of the most thrilling new ventures for the group is their helping projects of other groups with their additional anagram: Active Lives Active Giving (ALAG).

They make soup for the Good Friends Fellowship church at the old cinema on Broadway at the Lighthouse, the kitchen and dining room in the building next door.

"We buy the ingredients at the shops, to put the soup together at our place at the Lord Dufferin," Ms. Van Ryan explained. "This helps the church and gives our gang life skills to shop and cook. There are no bars about who helps. This is really important: everyone contributes, even in a wheelchair – if we have to assist that person to cut vegetables, we do. It makes them feel so good to be helping."

Now, with ALAG, they are able to engage by volunteering for Meals on Wheels. There they help organizing the food and deliver to people's homes. Once in a while, they start to have new relationships. They volunteer at the Re-Store, the Orangeville Public Library, doing whatever they are asked to assist.

For the first time, this year, ALAS received a grant from the County of Dufferin. Besides the actual funds the grant brought them, came, too, recognition of the organization and a firm standing in the community, remembering, as Ms. Van Ryan observed, "We're a fairly new agency."

Naturally, they make every effort to support themselves as well, with funds raisers to please and entertain; make people aware of them and their activities; bring in money to make it all happen.

The Board of Directors arranges the fund-raisers but everyone digs in to help: in May is the gigantic garage sale, one of those spreading cornucopia of goodies, other people's throwaways equal someone else's treasure.

In October, they stage a car rally with a dinner and dance and a silent auction.

"It's a lot fun," Ms. Van Ryan assured us. "Lots of people come."

She reflected for a moment on the whole of her situation with this group. "I'm making a real difference," she began to say, "you see product from it – and it's fantastic. You really get that from working with people who overcome and who work in spite of their problems and challenges. I don't what it would be like; so, I'm helping them but what they're giving me has changed my life."

Of the wish for the help from the community at large, she commented, "If the community can support us in accommodating the extension of our numbers, then, we can continue to be an inclusive community because we'd be doing this together."

For more details and to inquire about ALAS, check them out at [alasdufferin.ca](http://alasdufferin.ca).



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**LIFE AFTER SCHOOL:** Community Living Dufferin has worked hard, alongside local parents, to develop Active Lives After School (ALAS), a program designed to embrace and engage with young adults with developmental disabilities.

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## Town Council awards contract for playground project

Following his report on the Summerhill Playground, Mr. Wever went on to report on the choice of street names for the new Hyland Village development at 401 Main Street West. The selection of street names is one of the conditions for receiving final approval of their development, that the developers must comply with. The names were chosen from a list of past presidents of Shelburne's Royal Canadian Legion Branch 220, to honour the town's veterans.

Thus, the new streets in the subdivision will be known as Clark Street, Barnett Drive, Stewart Street, Henderson Way, McMullen Street, Gilmour Crescent and Brooks Street.

Previously, Council had approved the addition of former Police Chief Wayne Squirrel's name to the list of eligible names and the Police Services Board on Monday requested that the name of the recently deceased former police chief Carman Lemcke also be considered. As a result, and because there is no formal procedure for the selection of street names, it was moved and carried that Council would have staff prepare a formal street naming procedure to be adopted and used in the future.

Jim Moss presented a Developmental Ser-

vices report, concerning the 2017 Ontario clean water Agency Water System Summary report. This covers the Town's drinking water as well as the fire hydrants and is the result of an annual inspection by the Provincial Ministry. Shelburne's final rating was 100 per cent. The inspector did, however, make some recommendations which the Town has already been addressing. A case in point was the budgeting last year for the acquisition of a valve exerciser at a cost of approximately \$80,000.00, with which to adequately test and maintain the Town's water pumping station flow valves.

In other business, Council has declared April 2nd 2018 as Autism Awareness Day. The Town now has a new By-law governing animal control and licensing within the town limits, in which is a list of prohibited animals and a limit on the number of dogs (4) and cats (6) that can be kept in a single household.

And finally, Council approved a By-law endorsing Maryon English as the new Deputy Treasurer for the Town of Shelburne. Ms. English will assist Treasurer Carrie Holmes in directing the financial obligations of the Town.

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# Political correctness running wild

"Surely you can't be serious?"  
"Yes, I am, and don't call me Shirley."  
Our language today has other problems.  
"Hey Bob, how's your... er... your parent?"  
"Which one?"  
"Um, the the one whose name starts will a 'P'"  
"They both start with a 'P'. It's Pauline and Paul."  
"Yes, I meant, the parent with the dark hair, and wears.. um shoes."  
"That's both of them. They both have dark hair and wear shoes."  
"Okay, well, the one that used to bring you to the arena for our hockey games."  
"They both did. Which parent are you asking about?"  
"Oh, the one with the beard... drives the pickup truck?"  
"You mean my father?"  
"Um, well, we're not supposed to refer to people by any kind of gender influenced reference any more, however, yes, I will admit to referring to the person... your parent that has the more masculine... er, not masculine, but the one that... oh hell yes, your father. How's your father?"  
You will be hearing this conversation or something similar if the current wave

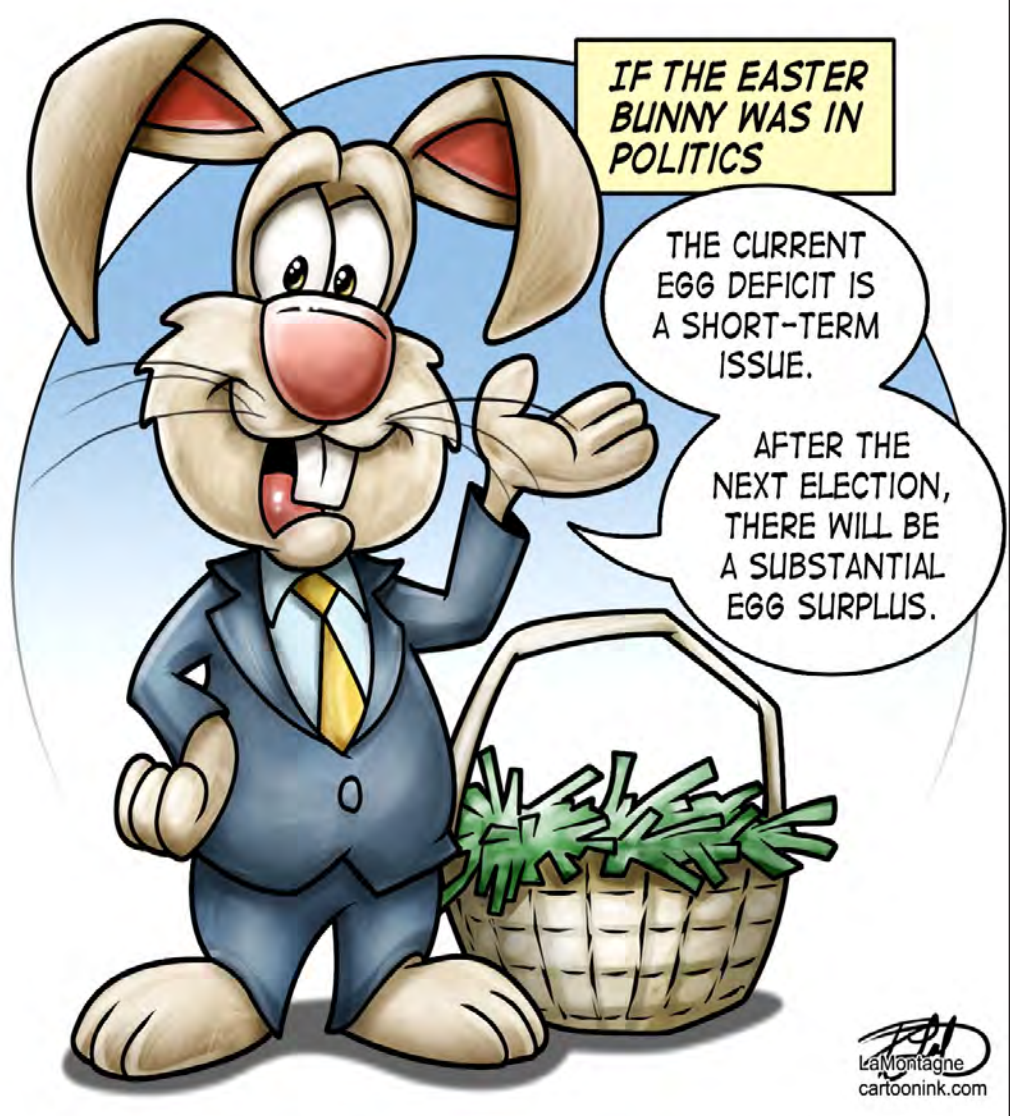
of extreme political correctness actually influences the public.  
First it was the PM's 'joke' about referring to the human race as 'peoplekind' to be more inclusive, but now this latest development from Services Canada might prove that our government has gone full-blown goofy and is expecting the rest of the country to follow suit when it comes to extreme political correctness.  
A directive to Service Canada agents is telling them to use gender-neutral language.  
They are to avoid using terms such as Mr., Mrs., father, and mother.  
The directive to Service Canada employees states "It is important that Service Canada, as an organization, reflects Canada's diverse population and ensures that the views and interests of Canadians are taken into account."  
There we are with that Liberal government agenda word "diverse" again.  
Common sense seems to have no place in this current administration.  
It doesn't matter what 'diverse' background you come from - which corner of the planet, which social group, which race, creed, tribe, or religious group - if you were born, you have or have had a mother.

No amount of extreme politically correct speech is going to change that.  
The directive handed to team leaders states "This avoids portraying a perceived bias toward a particular sex or gender."  
How could referring to someone as 'mother' or 'father' in any way at all be perceived as any kind of bias on any level?  
I can't think of one instance at any time where any normal person could possibly be offended by someone referencing their 'mother' or 'father.'  
This type of extremism taken to the tenth degree, and it seem to be heading that way, is just some kind of thought police action that is getting out of control.  
To what end will public agents continue with this nonsense?  
What should school kids call their male teachers? Since both 'Sir' and "Mr." denote gender, and calling a teacher by their first name is a serious breach of school etiquette, should the new way of addressing a teacher be 'Your Highness' or the more informal "It?"  
Think of the confusion if you ever had the cause to visit a convent or a monastery. The Girl Guides and Boy Scouts? Wow, there's trouble. And aif they ever figure out what the 'M' in YMCA stands for, that might be cause for some kind of high

level court of inquiry.  
Should Mother's Day and Father's Day now be called 'Parental Unit A or B Day' with hefty fines handed out to any restaurant who dares advertise a Mother's Day luncheon special?  
The new trend of having gender reveal parties when a new baby is due will have to scrapped because if you hang an "IT'S A GIRL!" sign, well, the boys aren't included.  
Considering this directive came from a government agency, you can bet there was a committee involved in this. Probably a sub-committee or three as well, followed by meetings, more meetings, and finally an approved agenda stamped with a seal of approval by a bunch of bureaucrats with, seriously, nothing better to do.  
Fortunately, most people in the real world have a decent grasp on common sense and will not bow to this politically correct insanity that is spewing out of Ottawa.  
Yes, it's okay to call your mother 'Mom', she won't be offended.



BRIAN LOCKHART  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



# Rolling Stones and Robert Frost



LEE DUNN  
SCENTS AND SENSIBILITY

I feel like a privileged person, as I think back on this story. Also, there is an urge to brag a little, not about any personal worth or accomplishment, but about some of the things I have seen and loved in my lifetime, music-wise.  
In the late 60's and early 70's, my little circle of friends (along with millions of others, I suppose) were on the rock concert trail. I went to my first one in 1965, I think.  
It was The Beatles. We got our advance tickets at some little cigar store agency. They were \$8.00 each. Mom thought that was a lot of money to spend on foolishness, and didn't want to fork it over. So, my brother and I started being uncharacteristically helpful around the house, and went out collecting pop bottles etc. so we could at least make a show of earning it.  
We went. Maple Leaf Gardens in Toronto. You could not hear a damn thing because of the screaming. But, we had our binoculars, and there they were, on that stage. Yep, that was really them. It was an event, not a concert.  
They came back for a second show, about a year or two later. At that time, my big brother was working at the airport in Malton, where they landed. He had a little advance notice of their coming, but paid not much attention, thinking it was just a teeny bopper fad. He happened to be spray painting some fuel tanks outdoors when their motorcade passed by. He remembers being covered with silver paint and wearing something that looked like a gas mask, and he swears that the line of black limos stopped for a second while a long haired figure leaned out of a car window and snapped his picture.  
We went to this concert as well, and, now that brother Bob had seen all of the hubbub and the police presence, he realized that something big was going on. When it came time for the Beatles to board their plane, he took us to his work, where we had a bird's eye view of their departure.  
Some of the other bands we were lucky enough to see, back in their heyday, were Led Zeppelin, The Who, The James Gang, Alice Cooper, Procol Harum, Humble Pie,

Edgar Winter, and last, but certainly not least, The Rolling Stones.  
It happened that when the Stones came to town, you had to get your tickets directly from the box office at Maple Leaf Gardens in downtown Toronto. The custom that evolved could only be described as a bed-in. We, with thousands of others, camped out overnight on Carlton Street to hold our place in line to get these precious commodities. We had loads of fun. There were some questionable substances being passed around, but the police turned a blind eye as long as we were peaceful, and we were certainly that. I was something of a loner in those days, and was just after my single ticket so I could go with my brother and friends. We got them, probably after about 14 hours in line. The show was to take place about a month from that time.  
After I got home with the ticket, I thought where should I put this for safe-keeping?  
I will tease a little here, and tell you at the end.  
What transpired, of course, on the day before the Stones were going to play, was that I could not remember where I had put the damn thing. Panic attack. I turned the house upside down, and even enlisted Mom's help in searching the place. No dice. We even called the city to try and track down the garbage truck. Sorry, Lee. Out of luck.  
So, I phoned a friend who had been with us in the camp out, and told him I wouldn't be coming, and why. He had an extra ticket, so I was in luck. We went, and it was more than what we had hoped for.  
Several years later, as friends fell away and my life had changed with marriage, I was at home relaxing with a cup of tea, the wife being occupied at work. I decided to look through some old books on my shelf, and pulled out the collected poems of Robert Frost. Do you know what I found tucked between the pages?  
Of course you do. Probably the world's only intact Rolling Stones ticket.



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Results from last week's poll:

## Are you prepared for the Easter Holiday?

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b) No  40%

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# Shelburne Police to hold Gun Amnesty throughout April

Safely surrender weapons and accessories by appointment only

The Shelburne Police Service is holding a Gun Amnesty during the month of April. The Gun Amnesty is for any Shelburne resident who wishes to voluntarily surrender unwanted or illegally-owned firearms, weapons, accessories or ammunition.

The Amnesty is way to provide citizens with a safe way to surrender weapons and enhance public safety. During the Amnesty, police will not recommend weapons-related Criminal Code charges that might otherwise apply to people who are turning in these items. Please note that there is no amnesty offered for people who turn in weapons that have been used in the commission of a crime. No anonymous submissions will be accepted.

Interested gun owners are strongly urged to call the Shelburne Police non-emergency number at (519)925-3312 to arrange for officers to attend and safely retrieve the weapons.

Under no circumstances should anyone deliver guns or ammunition directly to the Shelburne Police station.

Police Chief Kent Moore says the Shelburne Police Service "is pleased to offer this Gun Amnesty and give the residents of Shelburne a safe way to dispose of weapons, imitation weapons and related equipment, accessories and ammunition to reduce the number of guns in their communities."

The local amnesty is part of a province-wide effort, with Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) collaborating with participating municipal police services.

The gun amnesty is for any Ontario resi-

dent who wishes to voluntarily surrender unwanted or illegally-owned firearms, weapons, accessories or ammunition.

"The Amnesty is a way to provide citizens with a safe way to surrender weapons and enhance public safety," the OPP said in a release. "During the Amnesty, Police will not recommend weapons-related Criminal Code charges that might otherwise apply to people who are turning in these items."

However, there is no amnesty offered for people who turn in weapons that have been used in the commission of a crime, and no anonymous submissions will be accepted.

"Interested gun owners are strongly urged to call the OPP (or their local police service's) non-emergency number at 1-888-310-1122 to arrange for officers to attend and safely retrieve the weapons. Gun owners can also use the OPP website button - www.opp.ca/gunamnesty - or the Citizen Self Reporting tool to notify police."

"Ontario has seen an increase in break-and-enter incidents where firearms are stolen or targeted by criminals," said OPP Commissioner J.V.N. Hawkes. "The OPP and our participating police partners are giving people a safe way to dispose of weapons, imitation weapons and related equipment, accessories and ammunition to reduce the number of guns in their communities."

### Lock it or lose it

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is reminding people to always make sure that when you leave your vehicle, you should always make sure that it is locked.

An unlocked vehicle could not only result

in an obvious loss of anything that may be left in it, but could allow an opportunistic thief the ability to gain valuable documentation that could lead to identity theft. Wallets and purses are sometimes left behind in error and they contain a lifetime of valuable information, not to mention currency, credit cards and other valuables that can be hard to replace.

Motor vehicle ownerships and insurance cards also contain information about the registered owner that could be used by identity thieves to falsely create a profile that results in credit cards and other forms of identification being obtained. Once acquired, they can then be fraudulently used leaving you holding a statement that you have no knowledge of.

Lock it or Lose it; it's that simple. You've worked hard for your identity; don't let anyone else have what is rightfully yours.

### Canada-wide warrant issued

The Repeat Offender Parole Enforcement (R.O.P.E.) Squad is requesting the public's assistance in locating a federal offender wanted on a Canada Wide Warrant as result of being Unlawfully at Large.

James Houle is described as a Caucasian male, 39 years of age, 6'2" (188 cms), 194 lbs (89kgs). He has a tattoo on his left shoulder of a tiger and Chinese lettering on his right shoulder and a snake tattoo on his left forearm.

Houle is serving a three year and one month sentence for Break and Enter x 4 Theft Over \$5000 x4,, Fail to Comply with an Undertaking, Fail to Comply with Pro-

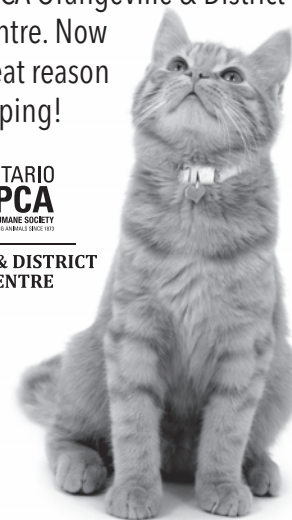
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The offender is known to frequent the Ottawa, Barrie and Thunder Bay areas.

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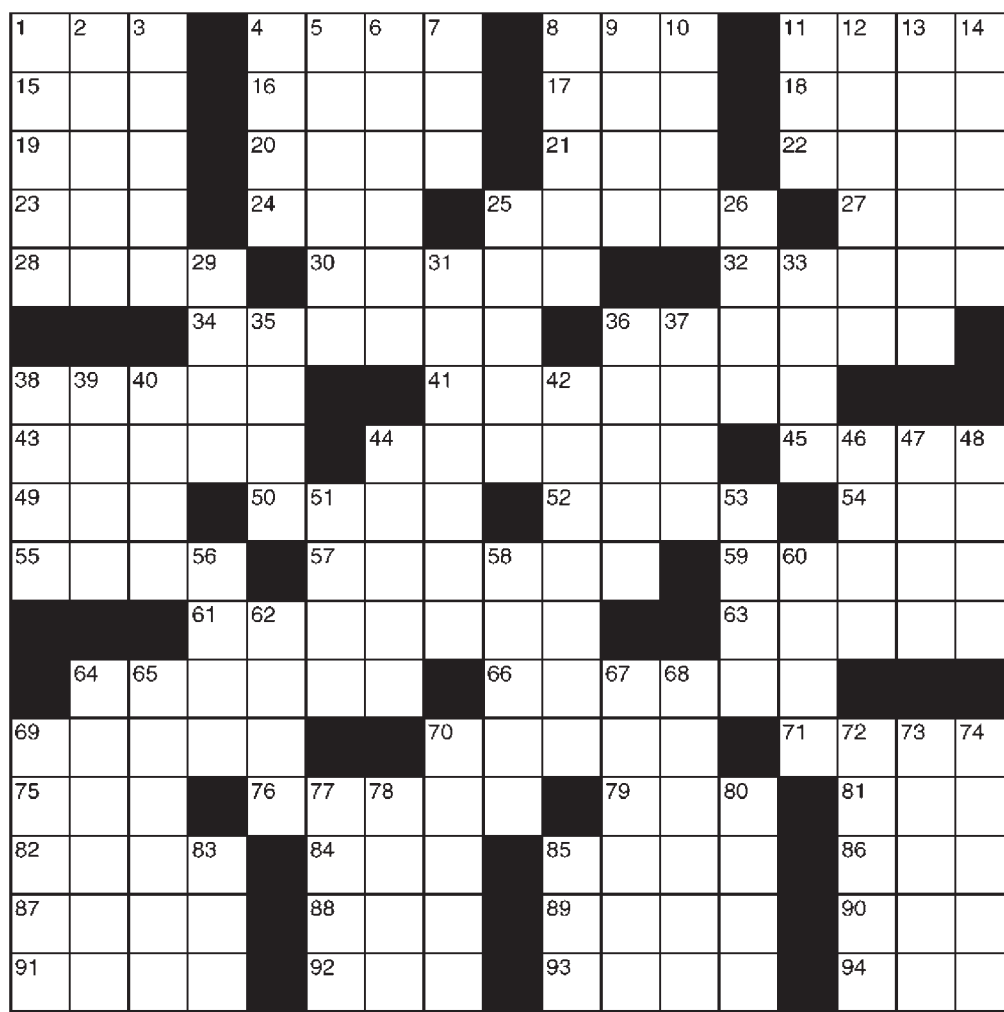
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4. Watercourse
8. Weep
11. Leaps
15. Tribute, in verse
16. Yonder
17. Tankard filler
18. Graven image
19. Type of tide
20. Skating place
21. One of a pack?
22. Hummus holder
23. Necklace of flowers
24. Dowel
25. Elephant-tusk material
27. Filly fodder
28. Composed of two parts
30. Treeless plain
32. Charm
34. Eager

36. Publish or \_\_\_\_
38. Vowel sound
41. Rebellious
43. Object
44. Straight
45. Side of Manhattan
49. "Surviving Picasso" medium
50. Petri-dish gel
52. Makeshift bed
54. Outstanding
55. Oppositionist
57. Long-legged shorebird
59. Soul
61. Conference
63. Chopper blade
64. Crushed fabric
66. Heckle or Jeckle
69. Gift receiver
70. String instrument
71. Sweet singer

75. Angler's need
76. About birth
79. Peak
81. Shad's output
82. Theory
84. Baby's apparel
85. Not working
86. Sugarcane liquor
87. Cargo
88. Bikini top
89. Terrible smell
90. "Cleopatra" reptile
91. Folk stories
92. Electric \_\_\_\_
93. Laborer of yore
94. Nevertheless

### DOWN

1. Our planet
2. Good-bye
3. Reddish brown

4. Speed on "Star Trek"
5. Off the mark
6. Hang loosely
7. Bug
8. Round of gunfire
9. Melange
10. Saloon brew
11. Stylish
12. Hateful
13. Fertilizer
14. Party's candidates
25. Entomb
26. Story
29. Mowed area
31. Fireplace equipment
33. Tiny bit
35. Sitar music
36. Edging loop
37. Vittles
38. Portico
39. Leno's prominence
40. Handle
42. FDIC's beginning
44. Dinghy support
46. Mine passage
47. Japanese sport
48. Drop of sorrow
51. "The Crying \_\_\_\_"
53. Bombay garb
56. Small piece of land
58. Gobi transport
60. December air
62. Commensurate
64. Sorcery
65. Enamor
67. Forest clearings
68. Hay fever source
69. Dreaded dentist's tool
70. Clique
72. Display
73. Wake up
74. Tidy
77. French friar
78. Grow sleepy
80. Lap pup
83. Thirst quencher
85. Vex

# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Honeywood Juveniles trailing Wainfleet in final series

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Honeywood Norduffs will have to win this coming Saturday if they want to keep their championship hopes alive in their series against the Wainfleet Wild.

The Norduffs took a 3-1 loss on the road in Wainfleet on Sunday in game four of the series. The series got under way on Saturday, March 17, and game one ended in a 4-4 tie, giving each team a single point for the effort.

The series moved to Wainfleet the following day and the Wild took the lead in the series with a narrow 2-1 win.

It was all tied up after game three at the North Dufferin arena in Honeywood.

At the end of the first period the game was tied at one. Ben Ardis got the Norduffs goal.

The Norduffs got the tie breaker late in the third period when centre Jesse Plantt took other feed across the front of the net and hit the top corner to score.

The Honeywood team kept the Wild out

of the Norduffs zone for the final couple of minutes for the win to even the series.

"That was a very good game. It was tough, a bit of a nail biter out there but the boys pulled through and we played a heck of a game," Honeywood centre Jesse Plantt summed up. "I think the boys, they figured out if they didn't talk to much to the ref we would come out on top," he said, referencing a couple of ejections from the prior game. "We're prepared to go down there and do the same thing we did today - play hard and crash the net. The goals aren't going to be pretty goals. They're going to be dirty goals the whole series."

Honeywood coach Ethan England said he thought his team played a solid game.

"I thought we back-checked a lot better than our last couple of games. We did a bit of a line change and it worked out for us. The last game there was a lot of chirping. Today the guys did a good job of keeping their mouths shut."

Saturday's loss in Wainfleet means the Wild now have five points - one away from winning the series.

The Norduffs can keep alive with a win this weekend.

Game five of the series will get under way in Honeywood this Friday, March 30, with a 1:00 p.m. start.

If necessary, game six will take place in Wainfleet the following day, Sunday, April 1, at 1:00 p.m.



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**FINAL SERIES:** The Honeywood Norduffs Juvenile squad host the Wainfleet Wild at the North Dufferin arena on Saturday, March 24, during game three of their championship series. The Norduffs won this game 2-1, but lost game four and are trailing 5-3 in points in the best to six series.

## Stayner Siskins one game away from victory in PJHL North championship series

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Stayner Siskins are one game away from capturing the North Conference championship of the Provincial Junior Hockey League after taking a three game lead in their final series with the Mount Forest Patriots.

The Siskins became the Carruthers Division champions by winning the divisional title in a final series with the Alliston Hornets that went five games.

The Conference championship series got under way on March 22, in Stayner.

The Siskins blasted their way into the series scoring nine goals against the Patriots in that first game to win 9-4.

Even Stayner fans were surprised at the high score considering it was two championship teams on the ice.

Game two of the series got under way in Mount Forest last Saturday, March 24.

This time it was a much closer battle. The Siskins took an early lead and held on for a 4-3 win.

Game three was back in Stayner on Sunday. The Siskins took a two goal lead in the first period. The Patriots made it on the scoreboard early in the second frame but the Stayner squad came back scoring two more including a short-handed effort.


The Patriots scored with 33 seconds remaining in the frame to make it a 4-2 game going into the final 20 minutes.

Both teams scored singles in the third period to end the game with a 5-3 win for the Siskins.

The series returned to Stayner on Tuesday, March 27, for game four. Results were not available at press time.

If the Siskins pulled off a home-ice win, they won the championship in front of a home town crowd and will continue on to face the next round in the quest for the provincial Schmalz Cup.

If the Siskins lost, the series will return to Mount Forest for game five tonight (Thursday, March 29).



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"I like the intensity of it and staying with all the boys. Once you get playing with the guys for a couple of years it's more like a brotherhood," said Honeywood Norduffs centre, Jesse Plantt of why he likes playing hockey.

Playing since the Mite level, Jesse is currently with the Norduffs in the final Juvenile championship playoff series against Wainfleet.

Jesse also played rugby and football in high school.

Now in his last year of Juvenile hockey, he said he will assess his career this summer to see where he will play hockey next year.

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# Christian Perspectives: Some thoughts as we celebrate Easter

At this point when the year turns from Winter to the promise of new life in Spring, we celebrate the Easter holiday.

The word "holiday" comes from the earlier construct of "holy day" and for Christians that is what Easter is – one of the holiest days of the year. Christians around the world and right next door retell the story of the final days of the life of Jesus.

After months of travel, teaching about God's way to live and healing the sick and infirm, we read in the four gospels of the Bible that Jesus and his disciples arrived in Jerusalem at the time of the Passover celebration. Jesus rode into the city mounted on a donkey as people lined the road and spread palm branches in his path. They shouted, "Hosanna," and acclaimed him successor to the great King David.

But by the end of the week, the religious and civic authorities had found a way to arrest Jesus, hold a quick trial and have him executed by crucifixion. His followers were devastated. However, within three days a number of them encountered Jesus, risen from the dead and heard the good news that not only did he live on but that they would also. This is the story which the early Christian communities told and later recorded in written form. Whether we accept it or not boils down to, "Do we believe the testimony of those disciples or not?"

This is not a new question although it has been popularized in recent works of fiction. A monk or scholar of the late Middle Ages by the name of Gredanus questioned the sto-

ries of Jesus' disciples. He did not question that Jesus had lived as a man in Galilee but put forward the idea that the disciples had greatly embellished his story for their own glory and gain. I don't know what arguments scholars of his day used to refute his position but personally I can't see how he reckoned the disciples had anything to gain.

For his efforts to teach and show kindness to others, Jesus was killed like a common criminal. How could the disciples expect any better than their leader had received? It seems to me that there was danger and not glory or gain for any who would take the risk of preaching about Jesus in the first century.

The followers did provide for the needs of some disciples but they never became rich men. They were leaders of congregations of Christians but never official leaders sanctioned by political authorities or even the religious organization of the Jews of the time. They faced persecution. Several were martyred. Why would anyone concoct a story if that was all they could gain from it?

Furthermore, when persecutions arose, they stuck to the story of their experience no matter what. Had they not believed it to be true, would they not have backed off when they realized the negative backlash they were bringing on themselves? It strikes me that people will tenaciously hold to what they believe to be truth. Human beings are more inclined to lie to protect themselves rather than to put themselves into further jeopardy for no gain. Given the way I understand the disciples' actions, I am inclined to

see an effort to tell the gospel story as it was experienced, even if the end product bears the stamp of its human writers, intent on creating a good vehicle for evangelizing.

So, it is up to each of us to decide to what extent we can accept the record of scripture as eyewitness account. Is it very close to what you believe happened in first century Palestine or do you perceive a heavy editorial hand in the final product of the gospels

and letters? Did the disciples perpetuate the story for gain and glory as Gredanus suggested or were they brave to witness in a manner that would make them the targets of abuse, rejection and persecution? Something to think about as we celebrate Easter in 2018.

*Rev. Stephanie Pellow is rector of St. Paul's Anglican Church, Shelburne and St. Alban's, Grand Valley.*

## Shelburne Library News

### OSAP presentation coming

We are a little over one week away from the Ministry of Advanced Education & Advanced Skills Development's OSAP presentation, however we need to fill about 20 more seats for this information session to run. If you or your child are planning on attending a post-secondary institution, this will be a valuable session to attend. Email [jnoble@shelburnelibrary.ca](mailto:jnoble@shelburnelibrary.ca) or call 519-925-2168 to register.

### Spring Steps

While our Spring Steps Challenge has officially begun, we still have plenty of room for new participants. All you have to do is track your daily steps, and report your weekly steps to us between March 20th and May 15th, to help us reach our goal of 1780km! Given our past success, this should be a breeze! Challenge yourself or your friends to see who can walk farther! Drop by or email [jnoble@shelburnelibrary.ca](mailto:jnoble@shelburnelibrary.ca) to register.

### Archivist on the Road

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### Children's Programs:

Books and Babies : Tuesday March 27th - We will be starting 15 minutes later than usual and will run from 10:15 am - 11:00 am.

Wednesday March 28th - LEGO Club will be having an Easter build challenge this week. We will also have colouring pages, LEGO books, and snap circuits for everyone to try out.

Friday March 30th - There will be no Story Time next week as Friday is Good Friday. Have a Happy Easter weekend!

### Teen Scene

Our Teen Iron Chefs battled it out in our green-themed challenge on Tuesday night. Using only the ingredients provided, our chefs prepared an appetizer, main, and a dessert with only a panini press as a heat source. Each creation was unique and judged on appearance, creativity, and the use of green. The winner of our second Teen Iron Chef Challenge was Elizabeth Winter!

### Upcoming events:

TAB Meeting, Tuesday, April 3rd, 4-5 p.m.; Teen Movie Night, Thursday, April 12th, 4-6

p.m.; Talent Show Practice, Tuesday, April 17th, 3:30-5 p.m.; Talent Show, Tuesday, April 24th, 4-5 p.m.; White Pine Vote Day (by invite only) Thursday, April 26th, 6-7 p.m.

### NEW BOOKS

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- In the midst of winter by Isabel Allende
- Every breath you take by Mary Higgins Clark & Alafair Burke
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- State secrets by Quintin Jardine
- In this moment by Karen Kingsbury
- Nightblind by Ragnar Jonasson
- The Imam of Tawi-Tawi by Ian Hamilton
- Operator down by Brad Taylor
- Survival by Ben Bova
- The woman in the woods by Lesley Pearse
- City of endless night by Preston & Child

#### Non-fiction:

- Food: what the heck should I eat by Mark Hyman, MD
- Always delicious by David Ludwig, MD, PhD
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# KAIROS grateful for open dialogue with MPP Sylvia Jones

Written By MARNI WALSH

KAIROS Dufferin expressed gratitude to MPP Sylvia Jones for attending an early morning meeting March 15th at Trinity United Church in Shelburne. The MPP, Deputy Leader of the PC Caucus and Infrastructure Critic has come through several busy weeks as the Ontario Progressive Conservative Party held elections and voted in a new leader. MPP Jones visited the KAIROS group to respond to questions on issues of concern to the organization.

KAIROS is an ecumenical social and environmental justice organization with partners across the country and around the world. Monthly meetings for the Dufferin Chapter involve education and discussion sessions on a variety of topics of concern such as water as a human right, the plight of refugees, and equity for indigenous peoples. All Dufferin KAIROS meetings acknowledge area lands as the traditional territory of the Kanionkikakain Kanekota.

Questions to MPP Jones in the hour long session were responded to with concern - though somewhat redirected, often leaving the heart of the question unanswered. Ms. Jones' response on the issue of helping immigrants, students, and others living in inadequate, over-crowded and precarious living conditions not conducive to success, became more of a discussion about why small housing units were good for seniors who were downsizing. She commented that larger living units were counter to the government's intensification plans. However, Ms. Jones did say Progressive Conservative's were "discussing the possible idea of



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MPP ATTENDS SIT DOWN: Sylvia Jones joined Dufferin KAIROS members at Trinity United Church on March 15th to discuss questions of social and ecological concern.

no taxes for those who made under \$30,000 a year."

A question regarding the PC stand on protecting fresh water in Ontario, as a non-renewable resource rather than allowing it to be sold in bottles, became a discussion about Ms. Jones' private member's bill to allow public access to monitoring information when sewage overflows occur. Her bill would provide valuable public insight into water quality safety "to residents downstream" of a sewage overflow. However, the MPP told KAIROS "the bill has not passed,"

and "the new Environment Minister (Chris Ballard) seems to believe Municipalities can do that."

As the former critic for Children and Youth Services, Ms. Jones said she often dealt with the Children's Aid Society and found there to be "a strong focus on keeping families together." Despite this, national figures show there are currently more indigenous children in foster care than during the 1960's "Scoop." It was announced early in 2018 that more than half of all foster children in Canada, under 14 years old, are indigenous. She

noted that the "over lying indigenous issues" were vast and challenging. "Do I have a solution?" she asked, "No, but I'm thinking about it."

Doug Fisher a member of the Mohawk Nation of the Haudenosaunee Six Nations (Iroquois) Confederacy brought further issues to light when he asked Ms. Jones what the Provincial government would do about the Indian Land Act of 1924. The act enforced fenced reservations where indigenous people were required to show passes to enter or exit much like "a prison." Mr. Fisher considers the act, which took control of indigenous lands, an illegal act of colonialism.

Ms. Jones was honest with Mr. Fisher and asked him to educate her on the issue - bringing to light, what Mr. Fisher says is at the heart of the problem - our education system's deliberate failure to teach the truth about the colonization of this land.

The truth is dark and dripping with deception, as it has since the beginning of colonialism hundreds of years ago. In 1921, Duncan Campbell Scott of the Department of Indian Affairs stated the goal was assimilation. "I want to get rid of the Indian problem," said Scott, who spent 52 years in Canada's Department of Indian Affairs, overseeing systematic, cultural genocide in Indian Residential Schools.

As the KAIROS meeting came to a close, the members thanked MPP Jones for her time, and Mr. Fisher taught her a word in Mohawk: Skén:nen...peace. This, says Mr. Fisher, is what the Iroquois offered the English in 1701.

## Leisa Way's Oh, Canada, We Sing for Thee coming to Grace Tipling Hall

Written By MARNI WALSH

Internationally acclaimed singer and actress Leisa Way says she and "The Wayward Wind Band" are very proud to be performing Oh, Canada, We Sing for Thee for the 80th Anniversary of the Shelburne Rotary Club on April 12 at Grace Tipling Hall.

"Rotary does so much for their communities and are such an amazing humanitarian organization," said Ms. Way, who just finished a 28-city tour across Canada with the show celebrating Canada 150.

By the age of 16, Leisa Way had performed solo performances for Queen Elizabeth, as well as famous political and sports personalities, and sang for a Canada-Russian hockey game, as well as the Special Olympics. Soon, she became the face and voice of Anne of Green Gables at Charlottetown for six seasons - touring Canada, United States, and Japan, appearing on radio and television and giving three Royal Command performances. Since then, her career has taken her to more than 50 countries performing in major theatres across Canada and the United States.

Born in Kitchener and raised in Sudbury, Leisa Way has made her home in Mono with husband David Nairn, Artistic Director of Theatre Orangeville, for nearly 20 years. Whenever she is home, Leisa volunteers at Family Transition Place, Dufferin Community Living, and is involved with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library raising money to inspire kids to read. "I think the older we get, the more we realize how important it is to give back ... and the more it feeds our souls to do so. The Rotary feeds a lot of souls," she said.

"This will be my personal first time performing on the stage of Grace Tipling Hall," she added. "I'm looking forward to it, as I've enjoyed being an audience member for shows there and love the building, the acoustics and feel of the hall - it's beautiful. And of course, for me, any opportunity to perform my concerts close to home, in the community I love, is always a real treat. I feel very blessed to live in this community that is so rich artistically and so supportive of creative artists of all kinds."

Ms. Way says, "Audiences of all ages love Oh, Canada We Sing for Thee because it showcases the best of Canadian singers, musicians and songwriters from so many genres of music - pop, rock, country, folk, jazz - as well as a section that celebrates Indigenous music, French Canadian music - and of course - Canadian fiddling."

A few of the artists celebrated in the show include Gordon Lightfoot, Anne Murray, Celine Dion, Michael Bublé, Shania Twain, Stompin' Tom Connors, Rita MacNeil, Buffy Ste. Marie, Leonard Cohen, Joni Mitchell, The Guess Who, Ian & Sylvia, Neil Young, Don Messer, Bryan Adams, BTO and many more.

"And as with all of my shows," says Leisa, "I like to tell the stories of the artists, or what was going on in their lives when they wrote the songs. And we always try to make the audience laugh, too, so there's lots of

good humour."

Oh, Canada We Sing for Thee had over 80 performances across Canada last year, travelling from Vancouver Island to Glace Bay. But this year, the show in Shelburne is the only one in Canada and locals are lucky to have the opportunity to see it. "The rest of this year is all about our new British Invasion show Across the Pond," says Leisa, "and our new show, which opens in a few weeks, Opry Gold."

Shelburne Rotary President Sandra Gallagher believes, "The superb musicianship and incredible storytelling of the performers, which includes the wonderful Bruce Ley, will make the audience proud to be Canadian." Everyone is welcome to see the hit show, but seats are limited. Tickets are \$40 each with all profits going to local Rotary projects. "We are proud to be celebrating 80 years," says Ms. Gallagher, "and hope we can keep up the good work of Rotary for another 80."

The President says future goals include keeping the Rotary Club in Shelburne a viable group, and raising awareness - that without this group, many causes would go without funding. Causes such as Headwaters hospital, Breakfast Clubs at local Elementary Schools, the Robotics Club, The Door, Minor Hockey, Camp Enterprise, the Blood Donor Clinic, and many more. "Since the town is growing, we would like our membership to grow as well, and encourage like-minded individuals to come forth and make a difference. The more members we have the easier it is for everyone and the more we can do for our community," says Sandra Gallagher.

Oh, Canada We Sing for Thee plays one night only at Grace Tipling Hall on April 12th - reception at 6 p.m., show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available from Rotary Club members and at Holmes Appliances and Music Store at 135 Main Street in Shelburne.

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