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MOURNING FOR KADEN: The bridge in Waldemar where three-year-old Kaden Young was swept into the raging Grand River has been filled with tributes and memorials by members of the community. Dozens of stuffed toys, candles and balloons mark the site where the toddler fell out of his mother's arms and into the water in the early hours of Feb. 21. The search for his body continues. For the full story, see Page 3.

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Shelburne Rotary Club celebrating 80 years in the community

Written By **MARNI WALSH**

"When Jack Aiken of the newly formed Orangeville Rotary Club came into Shelburne in February 1938 proposing to form a club in town, he was promptly told it could not be done," says Rotary President Sandra Gallagher. "This did not stop him. He was back a week later and had signed up 24 men. The first meeting was held April 22, 1938."

"What is interesting is what prompted 24 business and professional men, out of a total population of about 1,200, to join an organization dedicated to Service above Self after coming through nearly nine years of very unfavourable economic conditions (the dirty thirties)," says Sandra Gallagher. "Surely it must have been the first objective of Rotary and togetherness it offered, and that these men were, unknowingly, looking to help those less fortunate, and through Rotary make the community a better place to live."

Now, eighty successful years later, the reasons for membership do not seem that different. "I joined Shelburne Rotary 25 years ago, as I wanted to give back to the community that supported me and my practice in those early years," says member Colette Whiting. "It also allowed me to meet and network with

others that shared the same philosophy. I've stayed in Rotary because I see the difference a group of committed volunteers can make in a community like ours. Supporting community initiatives and other local groups is making Shelburne and Dufferin County a better place to live and work."

"In this hectic world we live in - busy with family and work, I feel it is very important we volunteer at something," says Kerstin Stinson. "Rotary is a perfect opportunity for volunteering, especially in our communities, and if we wish to volunteer abroad, the opportunities are endless as a Rotarian. Two of my daughters, in their teenage years, were sponsored by Rotary youth programs - that was my reason for joining. When I first attended as a guest, I was very surprised to see many people I already knew, and since, have met so many more - all with the same idea: service above self."

Denise Henderson, Rotary's newest member says, "Rotary provides me with opportunities to give back to my community, and offers personal opportunities for growth, as well as fellowship with a wonderful group of people."

The first fund raising event 80 years ago was an "Amateur Night," which proved very

fruitful, raising \$154.56. "A wad of money back then," says Sandra Gallagher. "They tried many money making events in those early years: annual picnics in the park, rifle shoot and carnivals, Halloween Parties and more."

"The newly formed club met with the Town Officials and agreed to take over both the curling and the skating rink (now the Legion Hall) at a rental fee of \$400.00 for three years - as under Town management both rinks were losing money," says Ms. Gallagher. "The committee found the skating rink in a sad state, so they borrowed money and rebuilt it - making the whole structure solid and inviting."

"Work did not stop at this," says the current President, "the rink opened for business on December 28, 1938. Two Rotarians were delegated for duty, six nights a week and one afternoon, to sell tickets and supervise. Cold weather came in early and lasted for a good three months. Fred Claridge, Chairman of the Hockey Committee, came up with two hockey teams - Junior and Intermediate - which provided good games. One final game attracted 800 spectators; the rink was crowded with 400 - and skating flourished."

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FEATURED ITEMS

Tilson notes budget has 'nothing' for seniors, agriculture or defence

Written By **BILL REA**

The federal budget, brought down Tuesday by Finance Minister Bill Morneau, had several provisions aimed at women, with little else going in other directions, says David Tilson.

"There's nothing in it really for the ordinary person," Dufferin-Caledon's MP observed. "It's all about specialized things."

The Toronto Star reported Wednesday that it's a budget that "doubles down on a progressive agenda with billions to boost women in the workforce, back a feminist foreign aid agenda and improve indigenous services."

But Mr. Tilson pointed out there are several sectors that don't seem to be addressed in the budget, such as seniors or agriculture. He also said there is mention about spending millions on "symposiums." He wasn't sure what that was supposed to mean, but assumed it had something to do with gender issues.

There was mention of moving toward pay equity, but Mr. Tilson commented the references were vague.

"They're not very clear," he added.

Mr. Tilson also pointed out there's a commitment to spend \$2 billion for "international feminism."

"I don't know what that means," he said, but added it looks like that's \$2 billion that will be leaving the country

In terms of focusing on a gender-based budget, Mr. Tilson wondered about Mr. Morneau's consistency, pointing out that the Minister heads up Morneau Shepell, Canada's largest human resources services organization, yet he said only three members of it's nine-member board are women.

Mr. Tilson also observed there's nothing in the budget for tourism or infrastructure. He said Dufferin-Caledon has seen nothing in infrastructure spending, adding the government seems to have trouble finding ways to spend the infrastructure money it has. Yet he said there are plans for infrastructure spending in Asia.

Another item he mentioned was a plan to spend \$800 million in the effort to legalize cannabis, while spending \$80 million to encourage people to stop smoking.

"That's an interesting contradiction," he remarked.

Mr. Tilson was concerned there was no mention about doing anything to compete with the business tax cuts American President Donald Trump is promoting. He said that's a concern in Southern Ontario and in the riding, because if Mr. Trump cuts taxes and Canada doesn't, that's going to cost a

lot in lost investment, with the money going south of the border.

There are also plans to spend \$200 million to help process illegal immigrants from the U.S., while those trying to enter the country legally are expected to wait for their visa.

As well, he said a lot of Canadians are nervous about the possible scrapping of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). There are many in and around Dufferin-Caledon employed in the automotive industry, and their jobs could be at risk.

"There's nothing set aside to deal with that," Mr. Tilson remarked.

He also observed there was no mention of pipelines in the budget.

"It's part of the Canadian economy," Mr. Tilson said.

And no more money was set aside for defence, meaning Canadian Forces personnel are being expected to continue working with out-of-date equipment.

But things were not all negative, as far as Mr. Tilson was concerned. He said money has been set aside to assist with autism.

"I can be positive about that," he said.

He observed the deficit for this year is budgeted at \$18 billion. Mr. Tilson recalled a couple of years ago, when Justin Trudeau was promising if he got elected the deficit would be down to about \$6 billion by 2018, and gone by 2019.

"It's going to be very difficult to get rid of it now," Mr. Tilson said, "because all he's doing is spending."

Long-time Treasurer retires after 26 years of service

Written By **MIKE PICKFORD**

Following 26 years of service with the Town of Shelburne, the municipality's long-time Treasurer and, most recently, Acting CAO Carol Sweeney has announced she will be retiring tomorrow (March 2).

Ms. Sweeney has spent the past six months as Shelburne's most senior civil servant after John Telfer stepped away from the CAO role in August of last year. The municipality officially welcomed Denyse Morrissey to the position this week, with her assuming the role on Monday (Feb. 26).

Shelburne Council announced via a press release that it had accepted Ms. Sweeney's letter of resignation "with regret". Mayor Ken Bennington was the first to wish Ms. Sweeney well in retirement.

"I congratulate Carol on her many years of dedicated service and wish her all the very best as she starts the next chapter of her life. All of Council wishes Carol the very best in her retirement years," Mayor Bennington said.

Carol first joined the Town of Shelburne as Waste Management Coordinator in 1992 before moving on to the Treasury department. During her tenure, Ms. Sweeney has overseen a host of initiatives and has provided a commitment to excellence serving the residents of Shelburne.

"Carol has been an asset to the Town of Shelburne since commencing her career and has proven to be a dedicated, ambitious and skilled employee whose commitment to the community will leave a lasting legacy," the release states.



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BIG ROTARY ANNIVERSARY: The 2018 Rotary team proudly celebrates 80 years of "Service above Self" in Shelburne. Left to Right Denise Henderson, Lynda Buffett, Colette Whiting, Michael Conte, Caroline Mach, Sandra Gallagher, Bobbi Ferguson, Kerstin Stinson, Missing - Bill Waite and Lloyd Schneider.

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"If this wasn't enough, says Sandra, "they decided to hold the first Santa Clause parade in Shelburne in 1938 and started the first Shelburne Christmas Hamper program which still exists today."

"In those early years, money raised was given to sponsor a student to go to the local high school who lived in the country and had to board in Shelburne for the week; parcels of cigarettes were sent to the enlisted men overseas, money went to local hospitals, Sick Kids Hospital, the arena, the fair and the list goes on," says Sandra.

It was in 1951, that Cliff McIntosh, a relatively new member, brought the idea of holding a fiddle contest to Rotary. The idea was put before the Club and caught fire. The Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Contest and has since existed for 68 years. With the profits from this event and many others, the Shelburne Rotary Club has raised enormous amounts of money to give back to the community and put Shelburne on the Canadian musical map.

"Today we have given over \$100,000 to Headwaters Hospital, Breakfast Clubs at local Elementary Schools, the Robotics Club, The Door, Minor Hockey, Camp Enterprise, the Blood Donor Clinic, and many more too numerous to mention," says Sandra.

Membership in Shelburne Rotary has stayed relatively the same over the years, until the last 10 years, when it has dropped like most service clubs across the country. "We are a smaller club today than we were in 1938, but still a mighty club," says Sandra. In 1938, members were all business men working and living in town. "Today, with people working out of town, it is harder to get people to help out with events in the daytime," says Sandra. "That is why we have Friends of Rotary - people we are able to contact to help out when other Rotarians are busy or get overwhelmed. It is surprising what you can accomplish - we are still a very vibrant club in the community. We have a great group of people - all willing to help and fundraise."

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. "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.

Shelburne Rotarians' current focus includes work on a major project within Shelburne to help make the town a better place for residents - perhaps the splash pad, exercise equipment in the park, or the trails.

On Thursday, April 12th at 7:30 pm, Shelburne Rotary will celebrate their 80th Anniversary with an exciting evening of entertainment at Grace Tipling Hall. The musical performance of Oh Canada, We Sing For Thee, starring the talented Leisa Way and "The Wayward Wind Band," will take the audience on an exciting musical journey across Canada with a cavalcade of hits from our country's greatest singers. The superb musicianship and incredible storytelling of the performers, which includes the wonderful Bruce Ley, "makes us all proud to be Canadian," says Sandra. Everyone is welcome, but tickets are limited. Cost is \$40.00 per person with all profits going to Rotary projects.

"I joined Rotary 10 years ago," says Sandra Gallagher, "after I sold my business in Shelburne. Even though I was a friend of Rotary, I had never joined. I was looking for something to do to give back to the community that had helped my business grow and succeed. I knew Rotary did wonderful things in the community, and not only that, but the meeting and company of a new group of people has made me grow. Belonging to Shelburne Rotary is not just the local people in the club - no matter where you travel in the world - you can always visit a Rotary Club and are welcomed with open arms. The Shelburne Rotary Club welcomes anyone who would like to visit or join our Club. We are proud to be celebrating 80 years and hope we can keep up the good work of Rotary for another 80."

Shelburne Rotary meets on Thursdays at 6:30 pm at the Community Agricultural Hall on William Street. Tickets for Oh Canada, We Sing For Thee on April 12th are available at Holmes Appliances and Music Store on Main Street Shelburne, or contact Sandra Gallagher at 519-925-2006.



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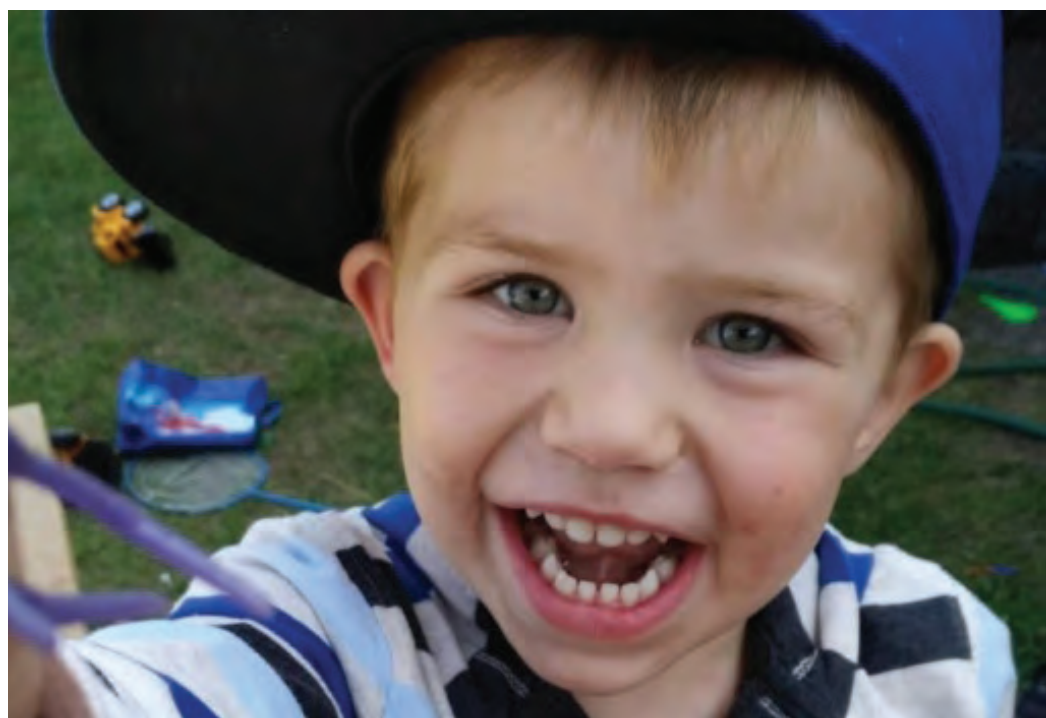


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SEARCH FOR KADEN CONTINUES: Dufferin OPP are continuing with their search for missing three-year-old Kaden Young, who was swept into icy Grand River in the early hours of Feb. 21.

Police continue with search of Grand River for Kaden Young

Written By **JASEN OBERMEYER**

The search for missing three-year-old Kaden Young continues, with residents coming together to conduct their own searches, while the OPP will be scaling back their search efforts.

A little over a week since Kaden went missing, the incident has taken Grand Valley, and Dufferin County in general, by storm.

The incident happened early Wednesday around 1:00 a.m., when the minivan carrying Kaden and his mother, Michelle Hanson, was swept into the Grand River south of Waldemar near Grand Valley. The car was on the 10th Line of Amaranth heading towards Waldemar, and drove past a road closure sign in the fog.

Though Ms. Hanson was able to get herself and Kaden out of the vehicle, the force of the river swept the child from her arms.

Since then, the OPP have been searching the river for several kilometers, and after the area was deemed safe enough, volunteers from around the community have been searching as well, finding a booster seat, a yellow T-shirt and a sneaker. The minivan was also found and pulled from the river.

Dufferin OPP Constable Paul Nancekivell said though they are scaling back their search efforts, they have their response team, a helicopter and a drone. "We have our canine and dive team on standby should we find anything."

He told the Free Press that the Wellington North Fire Department will be using under

water drones, and advised that volunteers don't use drones in the area. "We have our own (drone) there, it's difficult, and we have our chopper and our own drone, we don't want to be worried about other ones."

A Facebook group has been created dubbed "Bring Kaden Home" and has over 10'000 members, candlelight vigils have been held, and organizations in the county have offered their support and donation drives for the family.

One citizen helping in the search is Ross Hutchings, who conducted his first search on Saturday morning (Feb. 24), with nearly 50 other volunteers joining him.

Mr. Hutchings spoke to the Citizen, and described hearing about the tragic incident as a "killer" for the family, and said he "can't imagine" what it must be like, being a father himself.

He had the volunteers split up into groups, advising caution when walking along the river.

Mr. Hutchings said this has hit the community hard because, from what he recalled, is something that hadn't happened here before, but added that he is amazed at how quickly the community has come together. "Something like this is so devastating, because you're dealing with all the bad things."

He explained how this search snowballed to starting it with a friend, then reaching out through Facebook. "Sitting (in my house) thinking about this isn't going to help anybody. So I figured I'd go out and search the river myself."

Headwaters hospital unveils new diagnostic imaging monitors

Written By **MIKE PICKFORD**

Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC) has officially unveiled new Diagnostic Imaging Monitors, located in the Radiology department of the hospital at 100 Rolling Hills Drive.

The purchase of this equipment was made possible by a donation of \$99,853.00 by Headwaters Health Care Auxiliary volunteers who manage and operate the Seconds Count Hospital Thrift Store at 127 Broadway in downtown Orangeville.

The new equipment consists of a Diagnostic Imaging Monitor explicitly designed to read breast scans. With this monitor, radiologists can see the tiniest details in colour as well as grayscale, in 2D or 3D, and static as well as dynamic images, meaning the smallest irregularities can be seen and diagnosed early.

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MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018.

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

Application for Consent B18/01 – 2016855 Ontario Inc. (Vandyk – Shelburne Industrial) has submitted an application for consent for a property located at the southwest corner of Luxton Way and Prentice Drive in the Shelburne Industrial Park. The subject property is legally described as Part of Lot 31, Concession 2, Parts 1 and 2 of Plan 7R-5371, in the Town of Shelburne. The property has an existing total area of 8.1 hectares (20 acres) with approximately 270 metres of frontage on Luxton Way and 300m on Prentice Drive. The purpose and effect of the application is to sever a portion of the property having a land area of 2.04 hectares (5 acres) to create an industrial lot in the north-east corner of the subject land. The resultant retained land will have a land area of 6.06 hectares (15 acres) and will maintain frontage on Luxton Way and Prentice Drive. The subject lands are currently vacant. The land is subject to Site Plan Control and the development of the property is subject to approval of a Site Plan by the Town. A map illustrating the location of the subject property and the proposed severance is provided below.

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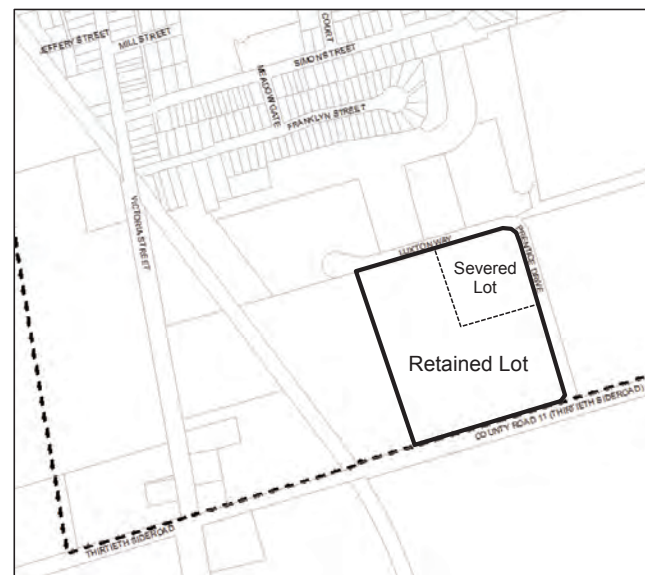
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If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Committee of Adjustment of the Corporation of the Town of Shelburne in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Committee of Adjustment of the Town of Shelburne before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Ontario Municipal Board may dismiss the appeal. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Committee of Adjustment in respect of the proposed Consent, you must make a written request to Secretary-Treasurer.

Additional information relating to the proposed consent is available for inspection at the Town of Shelburne Municipal Office at 203 Main Street East, during normal office hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on the Town's website at www.townofshelburne.on.ca.

Dated at the Town of Shelburne on the 26th day of February, 2018.

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A special community mourns

Well, it's been one heck of a week for Dufferin County. We found ourselves plastered all over major news outlets across the province as tragedy struck, when little Kaden Young slipped from his mother's fingers into the icy depths of the Grand River last Wednesday.

Usually, I love my job. Being a relative newbie to the journalism world, recently celebrating my fifth anniversary in the industry, there haven't been too many occasions when I've had to report truly horrible news. Heart-breaking news. The sort of news that makes the hair on the back of your neck stand on edge.

But, alas, that has been the situation all of us in the media here in Dufferin County have found ourselves in this week. When word first filtered through that a boy had gone into the river, there was a sense of optimism that he would be recovered alive. That was certainly the feeling last week when, on press day, we did what we could to find out

as much as we could to get it in the newspaper. By the time our paper was released on Thursday morning, that optimism had faded. The search had turned into a body recovery.

I'm not ashamed to say I shed a tear or two when realization hit early that morning that Kaden was lost. I'm not usually an emotional person, but something hit home here. Sure, we're all familiar with death and the emptiness it can bring, but this was different. For something so tragic to happen to such a young, innocent boy... It's difficult to find the words. And while it wasn't nice making the drive out to Grand Valley these past few days, and it certainly wasn't nice confirming details of what exactly happened with police officials, the one thing that has perked me up is watching the unbelievable response of people across Dufferin County.

If there's anything that exhibits the strength of a community, it is the

way its residents react when tragedy strikes. By the time I got out to Grand Valley on Thursday, there were already clusters of people joining police in combing the banks of the roaring river. There were people out in the cold offering coffee and other refreshments to those who had been searching. A candlelight vigil had been organized, where members of the community came together for Kaden.

While I wasn't there that evening, I've spoken to many residents who were. Hundreds of people braved the wintery conditions to show their support for a mourning family, and to will a young boy back home. It certainly isn't for a want of trying, either from the extensive police response or massive community effort, that Kaden has yet to be found.

After watching the reaction of this community, witnessing the posts on social media and counting the sheer number of bodies out onsite when-

ever I've stopped by, it gives me great pride to say I live and work in Dufferin County. Hundreds of people have gone above and beyond in an attempt to bring closure to this heartbreaking ordeal.

While there has been the odd mindless post or comment here and there, the togetherness exhibited over the past seven days has reaffirmed my belief in the importance of community.

While the hurt and the trauma stemming from Kaden's loss will undoubtedly linger on for years to come, the community can be proud of the way it has rallied and stepped up to the plate over the past week.

I was told upon moving here that Dufferin County is a special community. I can now, very easily, see why.

MIKE PICKFORD
THE MIC CHECK



An introduction from me to you

LEE DUNN
SCENTS AND SENSIBILITY



A good day to everyone! Since you've taken a second to read this, I'm thinking you must be relaxing for a bit, even if it's only a cup of coffee before you head out into the wintry air. May you have many more of these moments. I only wish I could give you a few of mine.

In this little corner, you'll find some short stories (some true, some a flight of fancy), a bit of poetry, a sniff of things going on around town, and, God forbid, a little opinion once in a while (don't hit me yet!)

My name is Lee Dunn, and I am retired just over a year now. My wife and I have been living in Shelburne going on 30 years. She has worked at one job all that time, while I've had several.

Just like anything else, retirement has its Yins and Yangs. Catching up on the healing sleep is great, as is watching the world go off to work in a snowstorm. Not to be too complacent, though. One needs a sense of usefulness and involvement, and, through this column, I hope to gain a

little of that.

I have been blogging on WordPress for a year or so, have a modest following, and have talked to many people around the world. I've seen some real artistry in writing, listened to people's opinions, identified with their struggles, offered encouragement where I could, and have had my own writing appreciated.

I help my wife with her charitable efforts in the community, and some of that spirit will hopefully rub off on this old curmudgeon. She's active at the food bank, lends support to some of the less fortunate around town, and contributes to an animal rescue fund.

Being asked to write for a publication is all new to me, and I surely appreciate the opportunity to do so. I will try to make it worthwhile for both you and I.

Until next time, thank you for reading!



Why spending won out in the end

EDITORIAL

IF NOTHING ELSE, the federal budget brought down Tuesday by Finance Minister Bill Morneau demonstrates a belief that new program spending is more popular than tax cuts or balanced budgets.

And in the case of working toward nationwide pharmacare at a time when millions of Americans are losing access to affordable health care, we think the popularity of that program will be truly widespread.

For some reason, both The Globe and Mail and Toronto Star saw the big news as the absence of any path toward a balanced budget, with Mr. Morneau

predicting continued deficits of slightly under \$20 billion that will soon see the government's debt climbing close to \$400 billion.

Our suspicion is that while some experts will repeat warnings about saddling future generations with massive debt loads, others may see the current and future deficits as trifling by comparison with the \$1-trillion deficits predicted for the U.S. in the wake of the Trump administration's huge tax cuts for corporations and the wealthiest Americans and huge boosts in defence spending.

And with an election coming in 2019, maybe that will be the time for tax cuts.



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18-year-old Melancthon man charged with impaired driving

At approximately 2 am on Sunday February 25th 2018, a Shelburne Police officer stopped a pick-up truck that displayed some suspicious driving behavior after leaving a local bar.

The officer conducted a roadside breath test which the driver failed. The driver was arrested for Over 80 and returned to the Shelburne Police Station where further breath samples were taken. The driver failed both additional tests. The investigation also revealed that there was open liquor readily available to the driver in the truck.

As a result, 18 year old George Black of Melancthon was charged with Operation with Over 80mgs of Alcohol, Driving Motor Vehicle with Open Container of Liquor, Novice Driver B.A.C. above zero, and Person Under 19 Years Consuming Alcohol. He has been assigned a first appearance court date in March to answer to the allegations. The accused's licence was automatically suspended for 90 days and the truck was

impounded for 7 days.

"This impaired driving related incident is the 6th for Shelburne Police already this year. Shelburne Police reminds everyone to not drink and drive. Arrange a designated driver, call a friend or family member to drive you, call a cab, or stay the night. Not only can drinking and driving result in licence suspensions, expensive vehicle impoundments, fines, jail time, and a criminal record; It endangers lives", states Sgt. Paul Neumann.

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

Stunt driving charges

On Saturday February 24, 2018 at 9:18 pm Dufferin OPP Officers were conducting speed enforcement on Highway 10 in Melancthon Township.

Officers observed a southbound travelling

at at high rate of speed. The vehicle was clocked at 151km per hour in a posted 80 km per hour zone. A traffic stop was initiated.

As a result a male driver from Owen Sound was charged with stunt driving. His driver's license suspended for 7 days and vehicle impounded for 7 days.

The accused will appear in Orangeville Ontario Court of Justice at a later date to answer to the charge.

OPP investigate car vs pedestrian collision

On Thursday February 22nd, 2018 at approximately 9:10 pm Caledon OPP were dispatched to a report of an pedestrian stumbling on the shoulder on Provincial Highway 10 northbound, just north of Caledon Village. Police arrived on scene moments later and located a female lying in lane 1 of 2 northbound lanes. The female advised she had just been struck by a car. The driver of the motor vehicle involved had stopped about 30 meters ahead and stayed on scene and was cooperative with police. The female was transported by Peel EMS to an area hospital

with non-life threatening injuries.

Preliminary investigation reveals the pedestrian entered roadway at last minute and vehicle attempted to take evasive action and swerve around her but did not have enough time. The pedestrian was struck by the vehicle. This was confirmed by independent witnesses. OPP Scenes of Crime Officers attended and photographed the scene.

No charges have been laid and investigation is ongoing.

Leave your drones at home

Dufferin OPP are requesting that citizens assisting in search for a missing 3 year old boy in the Amaranth and East Garafraxa area not fly private drones /helicopter aircraft. OPP Helicopter is searching the area and have noticed 3 private drones searching the area and this is interfering with a detailed search of the area.

OPP advise that only aircraft in area will be the OPP Helicopter and the OPP Drone.

The OPP thank the public for the assistance in this search

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Shelburne Legion News

Please come join us on Saturday March the 3rd for First Aide Training. The course begins at 10am and continues until 5pm. The cost is \$60 per person and lunch will be available from our canteen. We will also be helping host a Family Food Class on Tuesday March 6th from 4:30pm - 6:30pm Amanda Coutts will teach us the art of

bread making. Please contact the branch if you are interested in either one of these classes. It has been brought to our attention that there is a SCAM happening in our area. The predator is contacting innocent people by phone and asking for financial donations to "The National Legion". The Royal Canadian Legion NEVER solicits for funding other than the Poppy Campaign. Please do not give them any money or information to

these thieves. Congratulations to the two euchre teams that have advanced to District level. March 9th will be another Red Friday Wing Night with entertainment by Eastern Storm (Newfoundland/Country Music). Sunday March 11th is our monthly breakfast from 9am - 12pm. If you are interested in Volunteering at the branch please give us a call 519 925 3800.

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CFUW hears human trafficking is present in Dufferin County

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

It comes as a shock to people living comfortable, “ordinary” lives here in Dufferin County to think of it.

What might be considered a city infection of pimping, human trafficking – young women caught in traps of abuse, lies and distracted affection – finds roots in this semi-rural, picturesque community of caring people too.

There are such things as pimp manuals online. These are readily available for young men – any man – to learn how and whom to seduce into a life in the “game,” the code word for prostitution and other forms of sexual exploitation.

A young woman can garner as much \$280,000 in a year for her pimp!

There large parties, galas you might say, held in cities across the States for pimps to mix with each other, exchange information and enjoy the wealth they are accumulating.

This wealth begins with girls between the ages of 13 to 15. It is considered important to start them by the age of 15, which, keep in mind, is still under the age of consent at 16. It is not well known that this is going on in high schools and elsewhere in this county.

Here is how it works. The young men, that is teen-aged boys in high school, keep their eyes out for girls looking a bit depressed, lonely, unpopular, disadvantaged one way or another, in some isolated state. So, a boy begins to talk to her, flatter her a bit, be nice to her as an exception in her life.

Most people with teenagers in the home, and remembering their own teens, know that this a volatile time of life. Their hormones are shifting, changing and raging, swinging moods from sunny to gloom; their bodies are changing, which can cause real embarrassment – social interaction is moving away from a child’s communication to an altogether different approach and everything seems to be on the table of life.

When isolation becomes part of the equation, whether within the physical exchange with friends at school or otherwise, or online, the already vulnerable early/mid teen might be very susceptible to being led into the “game.”

Picture the elation that girl feels at attracting, as she believes, a boy from her high school (or other place) who is talking to her and, perhaps, has gone as far as asking her to a party. Do her parents smell a rat or are they so happy for her to have found someone who likes her? Depending on their feelings, what sort of potential conflict is seeded here.

It is not just boys from high schools that are involved in the corruption of young women, not by any means – there is far too much to be gained. Other men come here also, looking for vulnerable girls, whom they might meet in the malls or walking along the streets. There is evidence to show that young women who have “developmental issues” or live in group homes are particularly at risk from these predators.

Last week, Pina Marino, Program Coordinator with the Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services (CDVS) was invited to speak at the monthly meeting of the Canadian Federation of University Women (CFUW), Orangeville and District. (The name does not mean that a woman needs a degree to join).

Speaking on the eve of last Thursday’s Human Traffic Awareness Day in Ontario, Ms. Marino came to talk about the growing problem and presence of human trafficking in Caledon and Dufferin. In November 2016, the Ontario government, through the office of the Attorney General, provided funding to the Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services (CDVS) as Victim Crisis Assistance Ontario (VCAO) “to increase [their] capacity to provide culturally relevant ...support to victims of Human Trafficking and their families.”

Ms. Marino said, “They gave us funding and told us to deal with it.”

According to the pamphlet Ms. Marino handed out, human trafficking is, basically, defined as control, exploitation and threats.

Last year, between January to March alone, CDVS assisted 33 trafficking victims.

It is a steep and very slippery slope. Traffickers, predators, will often watch a potential victim, looking for signs of “unmet needs or desires.” Then, they employ coercion, sometimes based on a false premise of a romantic connection between the trafficker and the woman.

That invitation to a party can have fairly serious repercussions: in a video Ms. Marino brought with her, a girl said that she had been invited by a female friend to a party where there was food, wine and liquor and, when they all drank too much, she slept on a mattress on the floor and went home in the morning.

The following day, the host called to say: “You came to my party, my food, drank my wine and slept here – you owe me \$600. When are you going to pay?”

She was terrified and too unsure to confide in her parents, apparently. His solution to her paying her debt was to work for him, going out with men and all that implied. No matter how she tried, there was always another debt so that she could never catch up.

There were interviews in this video with other women stuck in the middle of their nightmares, talking about the horrors of it but not willing to accept release and rescue, as though they were truly imprisoned. They wept as they spoke and so did we.

The traffickers introduce the girls to alcohol and drugs to deal with their situations

and every addition to their condition increases their inability to escape.

All this is accompanied by lies and blackmail. The women are told that they could be turned over to the police. In fact, selling sex has been decriminalized – buying sex is the crime but the young women do not know that and, so, are further afraid.

“High schools in Dufferin have ‘escorting’ with teen aged boys as pimps,” Ms. Marino told us bluntly. “Airbnb’s and all hotels indulge this,” was the grim picture she painted.

Adding to this, one of the audience stood up to tell us, “I used to work in a hotel in Bolton and it went on there all the time. You could see young women, not staying there, coming in and they went straight to the elevators. It was very upsetting.”

Obviously, girls are enticed by predators online as well. Flirting and kidding, asking to see part of her body naked – all of it – then coming back to threaten to publish the photos online and she is coerced into meeting the trafficker and the journey begins.

In Ms. Marino’s printed information, there is the strong caveat against Snapchat, reminding us all that the “Snaps” – video and photo texts – although they “disappear” within a few seconds, is not harmless. All that is entered into Snapchat or online at all becomes permanently saved: as screenshots, taking the use of them completely out of a person’s control, to be used later possibly for future extortion or cyber bullying.

“Once anything is posted online, it is public. There is no such thing as anonymity online.”

There are defences and rescues to be had. Part of this comes with volunteers who attend the 24-hour-a-day, seven days a week CDVS telephone assistance, to allow the victims themselves to have a first encounter with the Services. Likewise, parents and others who know or think they know of a person involved, entrapped in human trafficking can and should contact the CDVS. There is funding for victims, witnesses and immediate family for safety, personal needs, travel and counselling expenses.

There are ways out.

At this time, CDVS is looking for volunteers to come to their training sessions taking place in May, to learn how to help with talking to and offering assistance to victims, as the office has paid staff of only three people.

About what she had told and shown us, Ms. Marino warned: “This is just the tip of the iceberg.”

She told us: “You are the first line of defence. The men are not shy to start talking to a girl they might snare. You can talk to vulnerable looking girls too; ask them if they’re alright. Let them know someone cares.”

The evening’s hosts, CFUW, is a non partisan, voluntary, self-funded organization of a total 100 clubs across Canada, established in 1919. It focusses on improving the status of women, human rights, public education, social justice and peace. It offers friendship and sociability amongst its members. There is involvement and education about such matters as Human Trafficking, in line with their concerns.

They hold monthly meetings and groups of diverse interests organize activities, which any member can join for fun and camaraderie. To find out more, contact them at info@cfuworangeville.com

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STOP IN AND SAY HI: There is a new face at Shelburne Town Pharmacy. Shashi Lal (right) has been hired on as the facility's new pharmacy assistant. Ms. Lal officially started her new role on Monday (Feb. 26.) Pictured above is Donna Johnson (left) and owner of Shelburne Town Pharmacy Sanjay Lekhi (centre). Sanjay has a long history in Shelburne, having previously worked in the pharmacy at No Frills before branching out of his own in August 2013.

Council officially welcomes Denyse Morrissey to Shelburne

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Monday night's Council session began with the introduction of the Town's new Chief Administrative Officer, Denyse Morrissey. Mayor Ken Bennington introduced her to Council before moving on to the business at hand.

Ms. Morrissey, who spent most of her first day meeting staff, acclimatizing herself to her new surroundings and preparing for her initial Council meeting, had previously been CAO of the Town of Meaford, Ontario.

Sporting extravaganza coming to Shelburne?

Council received a letter from one Karl Hale, the Tournament Director for the Rogers Cup Tennis Tournament, whose company, Sports Travel Experts, is proposing an interesting concept to the Town.

The firm, which has organized and run numerous events, worldwide, including the Rogers Cup, which is the world's largest tennis event, is proposing to run a four month series of sporting events in Shelburne, in partnership with the town. These events, would be held as frequently as three or even four times a month, from May through August of every year, depending upon the availability of the facilities.

The events envisioned would include: running, triathlon, biking, tennis, soccer, softball and golf, amongst other sports. The town already has excellent facilities for

some of these events, should they be held.

The idea behind the proposal, is to make Shelburne the sports capital of Ontario, which could bring in thousands of visitors and millions of dollars to the town. As to whether or not this could ever occur, that remains to be seen, but for the moment, at least, it is an interesting concept.

Fire regulations changed

The Province of Ontario has recently proposed changes to the regulations governing firefighters in the Province.

The Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional services, the MCSCS, has presented the draft changes to the Fire Protection and Prevention Act, to all affected municipalities and stakeholders to allow for their input. There are two draft regulations, designed to increase the level of professionalism within the Province's fire services.

Although this in itself is a positive step, there is a problem for smaller fire departments, such as ours. The issues lay with the availability of funding, the access to training and testing and the compliance schedule put forth by the Province.

All of Shelburne's firefighters are currently trained to NFPA standards. However, certification has not been made mandatory by the department. Under the new regs though, as of January 1, 2019 all new hires and any current members with less than five years experience must be NFPA Certified in Exterior Fire Attack, Interior Fire Attack, Pumping

Apparatus Operation, Fire Officer, Public Educator, Technical Rescue and Hazmat Response (Technician level) before they may perform those duties.

Presently, the department has only two options available to them for this training and certification, the first and most affordable, is the Ontario Fire College. The second, which is far more costly, is accreditation through a private service provider such as a private career college. The former, has very limited enrolment opportunities, with thousands of applicants vying for the few hundred available openings. The latter has less limited enrolment, but comes at a substation cost (\$6,000 to \$10,000 per student) and requires a much longer time commitment, sometimes as much as 2 to 3 weeks at a time. For a volunteer force, this is extremely onerous on members, who must maintain a steady job, in addition to their firefighting responsibilities.

Over and above these requirements, by 2020, the new regulations would require any member performing the duties of Fire Instructor, Fire Investigator, Fire Inspector, or Internal Fire Dispatcher to also be certified.

What Chief Lemaich would like to see, and what he has asked Council to recommend to the ministry, is that the deadline be extended to July of 2019 or, preferably, January of 2020, that free and timely online testing be provided to departments and that the Internship Program of 24 months be

expanded to include all applicable areas and positions.

The second part of the regulatory changes concerns Community Risk Assessments and The Chief provided numerous changes be implemented here as well, in order to make it achievable.

Council accepted the Chief's report and will forward their response to the Ministry.

Development on Main Street

The Town Planner submitted a further report concerning the proposed development at 600 Main Street, which was discussed at the last meeting of Council. An informal public Open House has been scheduled by the developers to address all the concerns brought up by the public. The meeting will be held at the Town Hall Gallery, on March 6th, from 6 to 8pm. The Gallery is located on the second floor of the Town hall.

BIA Chair resigns

In other business, it was announced that the Chair of the BIA, Linda Amour-Grant has resigned due to personal reasons and that as of this time no member has stepped forward to occupy the Chair. It is hoped that one of the members will assume those responsibilities shortly. The Rotary Club has asked that they be allowed to plant trees for Earth Day celebrations and both the Canada Day Committee and LP Stage Productions were granted exemptions from fees concerning their uses of town facilities.

International water advocate Maude Barlow coming to Dufferin County

Written By MARNI WALSH

National and international environmental advocate and Honorary Chairperson of the Council of Canadians Maude Barlow will present Clean Water: A Public Right at Westminster United Church in Orangeville on April 14th. Sponsored by the Environment Committee of the Mono Mulumur Citizens' Coalition (MC2,) Ms. Barlow will address the "challenges and dangers facing the preservation of Canadian drinking water," and help audience members make the connection between local concerns and global pressures.

Maude Barlow is known as a "passionate and informed speaker, activist and Author, whose presentations reflect her wide knowledge and careful research." Arnold DeGraaff the chair person of the Environment Committee of the Mono Mulumur Citizens' Coalition says Ms. Barlow, now in her seventies, "has travelled widely and talked to countless community activists, concerned citizens and international leaders." He says, "She often mentions that her activism and vision provides her with a deep sense of hope and unwavering commitment, even in the face of setbacks and opposition."

DeGraaff emphasizes, "We are fortunate to be able to meet Maude in person and hear her speak. She has a tremendous ability to clarify and simplify complex and difficult issues and put our local concerns in a broader perspective."

As well as being the Chair for the Council of Canadians, Ms. Barlow is also the Chair of Food and Water Watch, and several other global organizations. "She has received many honorary doctorates and awards for her outstanding contributions," says Mr.

DeGraaff. "In 2008-09, she served as Senior Advisor on Water to the President of the United Nations General Assembly. These positions of leadership and acclaim highlight the significance of her work."

Ms. Barlow is an accomplished author who has published many books, including her latest Boiling Point: Government Neglect, Corporate Abuse, and Canada's Water Crisis which will be on sale by Booklore during a break and after the conclusion of the April 14th meeting. Ms. Barlow travels Canada trying to alert the public "to the challenges and dangers facing the preservation of drinking water." Mr. DeGraaff says, "Water standards and several government Acts related to water are inadequate, outdated or not enforced. Maude Barlow gives many detailed examples of this state of affairs in Boiling Point."

"Time and again Maude Barlow has expressed her special concern for the many First Nations communities that have been on Drinking Water Advisory for many years," says Mr. DeGraaff. "The carefully written reports by the Ontario Commissioner of the Environment of the last decade echo many of her concerns. The core of her campaigns has been to have water acknowledged as a human right, not just by the United Nations and other governments, but by Canada. So far the Canadian government has consistently refused to declare water as a human right. During the last decades, different governments have left the door open to treat water as a commodity, "a tradable good" and "service," like any other good." He warns, "Such a short sighted view would allow for the commercial export of water by any province, regardless of environmental concerns and local and federal regulations."

"We are not alone in this struggle for justice and the preservation of life on earth," Mr. DeGraaff concludes. "We need to join together to protect and preserve not only our own water, but that of all people. We all have a right to life and well-being."

The free community presentation will take place at Westminster United Church,

247 Broadway in Orangeville on Saturday April 14th from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. Because of great interest, people wishing to attend must reserve a seat at www.monomulumur.com. Donations to cover the expenses of Maude Barlow's visit will be appreciated on the day. Refreshments are available and doors open at 9:00 am.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Shelburne Wolves LL2 battle through playoffs, in must-win situation

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

With the round-robin playoffs about half way through competition the Shelburne Wolves Novice LL2 is hoping for a good finish in their final few games.

The team is in the middle of the pack when it comes to playoffs and will have to win the rest of their games to get to the final.

The team hosted Midland at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, February 24, and left the ice with a 3-2 win.

The game was tied 1-1 in the second period with Taylor Partridge getting the first Shelburne goal.

The Wolves went ahead on a goal from Anderson Power at the midway mark.

It was again tied up when Midland scored with 1:25 remaining in the period.

The Wolves were in the lead in the third period when Travis Van-Nest took a shot from an angle across the goal that hit the back of the net.

The Wolves held on for a 3-2 win.

Aidan Preston played a solid game in net for the Shelburne team.

"Today's game was a nailbiter," said Wolves coach Brian Van-Nest. "Their team worked really hard and our team worked equally as hard. I thought in the first period we didn't move our legs as well as we should have but the second period we came out and we were on the puck. We forced them to make mistakes which led to our three goals."

With only a handful of games left, the Wolves have their work cut out for them.

"We're in third right now (in the playoffs) behind Penetang and Oro," Van-Nest said. "The top two teams at the end of the round-robin will playoff at the end in a three game playoff for the championship. The third and fourth teams will play a consolation round."

The Novice LL2 team will be back in action on home ice this Friday (Mar. 2) when they host the Penetang Flames at the CDRC. Game time is 7:00 p.m.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

WOLVES WIN! The Shelburne Wolves Novice LL2 team battle the Midland Centennials during playoff action at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Feb. 24. The Wolves came out on top with a 3-2 win. The Wolves are trying for final playoff spot in the League championship round.

Shelburne Library News: Several exciting March Break programs on the horizon

Written By **ROSE DOTTE**

MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS

Tuesday, March 13 @ 2:00 pm – Raptor Conservancy. Wednesday, March 14 @ 2:00 pm – DuffleBag Theatre – Cinderella. Thursday, March 15 @ 2:00 pm – Bumbling Bert, Magician

Our March Break tickets are selling fast so come in and get yours today!! \$3.00 for 1 ticket and all three shows for \$8.00

Friday, March 16 @ 10:15 we have Fun with Science. This is a fabulous experiential program for children ages 3 to 6. This event is now full but we will keep a waiting list of

children ages 3 to 6.

Spring Steps

You've asked for it, so here it is—another library walking challenge! Spring Steps will run March 20th – May 15th. This year's goal will be to walk twice the length of the Bruce Trail (1780km)! All you have to do is borrow a pedometer from YOUR Library, track your daily steps, and report your weekly steps to us. With this nice weather, why not even try out a section of the Bruce Trail!?

Coffee, Conversation & Books

March 21st @ Jelly Café – 7:00 pm Harry

Posner will be our guest for Coffee, Conversation & Books. Coffee and treats are free; we look forward to having you join us there. Last week we were at Euphoria coffee shop with John Riley. It was a totally engaging and informative event with about 25 in attendance.

Books by these authors are available at YOUR Library, so drop in and check one out.

Archivist on the Road

Laura Camilleri from the Dufferin County Museum and Archives has had quite a few people drop by and answered all sorts of questions about Ancestry.com and the history of people's homes. Drop in next Tuesday and she will help you with your searches.

Children's Programs:

Tuesday March 6, from 10am – 11:00am Books and Babies

This group has been very busy with new attendees having a great time socializing and playing with sensory and tactile objects and exploring our cute tunnels and toys.

Wednesdays, Lego Club runs from 3:30pm-4:30pm. We have snacks, colouring pages and a new challenge every week. Our Snap Circuits provide a fun way to learn about electrical currents and how to create a working circuit! We always love meeting new friends, so stop by and hang out with our great group of kids at Lego this week.

Friday at 10:30am is Story Time. We will be starting to talk about Spring, Easter and all the fun things that we can do now that the warm weather is returning.

Congratulations to Carson, Claire, Connor, Elara, Henry, and Kayla for reading over 250 books in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program Keep up the amazing work everyone!

Teen Scene

OSAP PRESENTATION

Are you or someone you know about to head off to post-secondary education? Are you curious about the funding options for this adventure? Register for the OSAP presentation put on by the Ministry of Advanced Education & Skills Development on Thursday, March 29th, 6:00-7:00pm by emailing

jnoble@shelburnelibrary.ca. Registration is required as there is a minimum attendance number for the Ministry to bring the presentation to us!

Our White Pine Reading Club is off to a great start! Teens in grades 9-12 have first dibs on the 10 excellent titles in this program, and all they have to do is read and review 5/10 titles to vote on their favourite! Our next White Pine meeting has been moved to March 22nd from 6-7pm.

Upcoming events:

Stranger Things Escape Room- Try to Escape the upside down on Monday, March 12th from 11am-12pm!

Teen Iron Chef Challenge-3 judged rounds, all with a St. Patrick's Day theme! The competition will be fierce, so bring your A-game, Tuesday, March 20th from 4:00-5:00pm!

NEW BOOKS

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- Children of the fleet by Orson Scott Card
- Demon crown by James Rollins
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- Birdcage walk by Helen Dunmore
- Egypt's sister by Angela Hunt

Non-fiction:

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The grade nine student contributed to his team going undefeated for the regular season.

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Art and drama adventures available over March Break

Written By **MARNI WALSH**

Streams Community Hub in Shelburne is presenting both art and drama classes for kids this March Break. Camps will be held at Centennial Hylands Elementary School at 35 School Road in Shelburne from March 12-16 with classes running from 9 am to 4 pm each day.

Streams Community Hub is headed up by Andrew and Juli-Anne James, Tanya Fowlow and Marva Tyndale - all passionate about seeing lives changed. "In everything we do, we hope to connect the individual to an enduring sense of who they are and who they can be," says the group. "We use art as the spark that lights the flame of imagination."

The first camp Art Adventure, designed for children ages 5 to 10 years of age, introduces students to a wide variety of art techniques and materials including painting,

drawing, collages, mask-making and more. Children will be guided by professional artist Kimberly Goddard.

Streams Community Hub founder, Andrew James says, "Kimberly is a person who always sees the best in every situation. She is a deeply spiritual and soulful woman who prides herself on her ability to connect with all life on the planet and feels most comfortable and at home in nature, surrounded by wildlife."

"Kim has many different skills and talents," says Mr. James, "but none match her ability to stare at an empty canvas and see a work of art. Her work speaks to people in a way unmatched by others; she pours her heart and soul into every piece, and it does not go unnoticed."

Andrew James says, "Kim's work is inspired by life and she often transforms her emotions and experiences into original

works of art that can never be repeated. She believes in art as therapy and her deepest form of expression." He says she began painting as a child with her grandmother, who was also a painter, and went on to study fine art at University. "She loves to inspire and teach others by creating art that moves them or by guiding them to find the artist that dwells within themselves," he says.

The second camp, Broadway Bound: Monologues and Scenes, designed for children ages 8 to 16 years, is led by the seasoned artistic team from LP Stage Productions founded by Alison Port and Dale Lundy. Students will engage in a wide variety of drama games and activities. Mr. James says, "Young performers will get the chance to explore the limitless possibilities of improvisational acting in a playful and dynamic program. Campers will gain self-confidence as they study the basics of writing and per-

forming monologues and work together to deliver scenes." He calls it, "Perfect preparation for hopeful auditioners."

With the generous support from John's No Frills in Shelburne, the camps cost the Streams team \$125 per child to run. The team asks parents who are able, to pay half of the price - \$62.50 per child per camp upon registration. If parents do not require the subsidy and are able to pay the full price of \$125, they may pay the \$62.50 and donate the other half of the registration to help subsidize other children in need. If families cannot afford the cost to register at all, they are asked to contact Streams Community Hub to be considered for a scholarship. For more information or to register your child for March Break camps at Streams Community Hub Shelburne visit: www.streamshub.org.

Christian Perspectives: Treasure all of God's thoughts

God wants us to recognize that Holy Spirit is the greatest gift we can receive. He is the Spirit of Christ and we need to guard and treasure Him as God's believers (2 Cor. 4:7).

Many have a great need to practice living in God's presence daily. We do this by having grateful hearts, continually thanking Him for hearing our prayers and for being one in Him as He is one with the Heavenly Father. Jesus made this all possible for us who have received Him as our Lord. He wants us to choose to put on His mind daily and to put off our mind - the old way of thinking.

When the old mind rationalizes things it produces fearfulness, worry, discontentment, and negativity. Jesus Christ gave us the precious gift of His Holy Spirit because He knows that is the only way for us to live in truth and victory.

He has wonderful thoughts and good plans concerning us. However, the fact is that many of us have unhealthy thoughts about ourselves and about others. These unhealthy thoughts are poisoning us causing sickness and death. This is the very opposite of God's goodness for us.

Some of these harmful thoughts are rooted in the emotions of being fearful, discontented, negative, and critical or judgmental. Many times these thoughts go unnoticed in our lives for they are very deeply rooted in us. We actually think it is okay with God to be this way because we're just human and this is just life. The truth is God wants us to recognize these toxic, ungodly thoughts so that we can stop hurting ourselves and each another. Unfortunately we often speak words that don't edify one another, but actually cause grief and pain.

These toxic thoughts are lies that have been spoken to us that we have internalized. They became deeply rooted in our soul which is made up of our mind, will, and emotions. We have a bad habit when

our negative thoughts consistently become negative words. Most people don't want to be around a negative, discontented person who finds fault in everything and neither does Holy Spirit.

God wants our hearts to be sensitive to each other and Holy Spirit wants to feel comfortable with us in our thoughts and words. God has given us a conscience so that we can sense what is right and wrong, but if we resist and rebel against our godly conscience then our hearts can become hard.

People who are hard hearted can often hurt people and don't even realize it. However, it still grieves Holy Spirit. We must be sensitive to His voice.

Some people are fearful in their emotions

and afraid to make decisions because they do not see God for who He is. Billy Graham once said, "Anxiety and fear are like baby tigers: The more you feed them, the stronger they grow." There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear (1 John 4:18).

God is love, so trust and believe that you are no longer going to be a slave to fear. Never let your fear decide your future! Worry takes place when we think we are responsible to solve our own problems, yet we have been called to be dependent on God, for He is all powerful. However, we are responsible for our thoughts, words and actions.

The only way we can break these ungodly habits is by beginning to think and speak positively. We must starve the nega-

tive thoughts and their rights to our lives so that they no longer rule our souls - for we are blood bought, righteous children of God. Jesus Christ gave us His Spirit. We can possess all the promises of God that He has for us. We need to uproot these toxic thoughts and replace them with God's Word and thoughts for us.

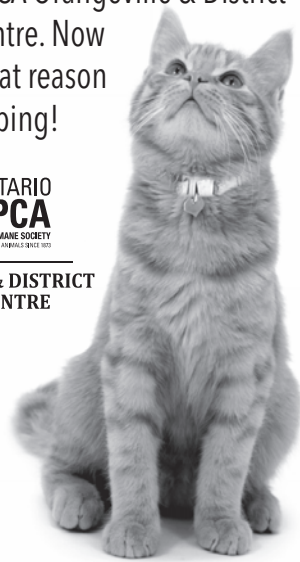
It takes a lot of discipline and time spent in the Lord's Word and presence for one to get a renewed mind. In fact it is a lifetime of discipline, but the fringe benefits are worth it. God's Word brings healing, peace and a joyful life.

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