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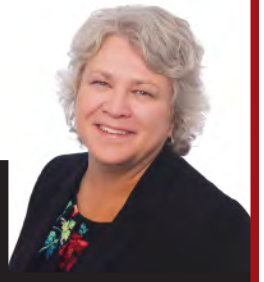
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LET'S TALK: Four of the seven local candidates running in next month's provincial gathered in Shelburne on Tuesday (May 15) evening for the community's first all-candidates forum. Held at the Shelburne Legion, the event attracted more than 100 area residents as representatives from the Progressive Conservatives, Liberals, Green and Libertarian parties discussed some of the hot-button issues surrounding the June 7 vote. For the full story, see Page 2.

Town set to sell Fiddle Park to property developer

Written By **PETER RICHARDSON**

Council met "in camera" Monday night to discuss a property matter and emerged to announce that Shelburne's Fiddle Park had been declared as surplus land and as such would be sold to an unnamed developer.

Fiddle Park has a total land area of 114.5 acres, with only 31 of those comprising what the public generally recognizes as the park itself, the cleared and developed area, located at 105 Second Line, to the South of the No Frills store. The remaining 83.5 acres of wooded area, is designated as Natural Environment.

The developer plans to build on the 31 acre parcel, with residential housing earmarked for the area, while rededicating the 83.5 acres back to the Town. These naturally wooded areas, both north and South of the

existing parkland, will be retained as natural woodlands, for the use of the residents of Shelburne.

The sale, will enhance the Town coffers by more than \$7 million dollars, which will be earmarked for use in two primary areas. The first being community recreation, parks and trail services and related infrastructure and the second being infrastructure projects generally, including the water pollution control plant, sanitary and water servicing. The latter, is a source of increasing concerns, as the Town continues to grow and expand exponentially.

The Town will have until September 1, 2019, to use the park for events and community functions and during that time will consider other venues and options for these events. In addition, the Town will work with the original investors in Fiddle Park, those

being the Rotary, Lions and Kinette clubs, in town plus the Legion and the Fair Board, who, all told, had invested \$95,000 in Fiddle Park. Their contributions may either be re-dedicated to help support parks and recreation and community events, or refunded, in full to the organizations.

The Council also wanted to acknowledge the tremendous contribution of the organizers of "Pickin' in the Park" and its significant fundraising effort towards the pole barn in Fiddle Park. To date, \$106,250 of the total \$125,000 raised, has been received. As the pole barn can be relocated, the Town will review in which park or facility this could be accomplished and will include consultation with the community in its deliberations.

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Award winning Digital History Project cancelled by UGDSB

Written By **MARNI WALSH**

Only one week after the successful launch of the digital platform Defining Moments Canada, which was built upon the Digital History Project (DHP) model born in Dufferin County, word began to circulate that the award winning DHP had been cancelled by the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB.)

Created by retired Centre Dufferin District High School teacher Neil Orford, winner of both the Governor General's and Ontario Premier's Award for History Teaching,

the Digital History Project won the 2015 Government of Canada History Award. Since 2014, DHP brought senior history students together with the Dufferin County Museum and Archives (DCMA) for a semester of deep historical research, developing real-world statistical analytical skills.

Despite national acclaim, Heather Loney the Communications and Community Engagement Officer for UGDSB says the Digital History Program was cancelled due to low enrolment. "The Digital Historian Project (DHP) is indeed an outstanding learning program for our students," says Ms. Loney.

"It is a 4-credit package that includes courses in Data Management, Canadian History, Current Aboriginal Issues in Canada, and an Interdisciplinary Studies course."

"This year, the DHP, along with two other experiential learning programs, were offered to the students at the three Dufferin secondary schools," says Ms. Loney. "Unfortunately, due to low enrolment and low interest from students, the decision was made to suspend the programs for the 2018-19 school year."

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Four election candidates square off at DBOT forum in Shelburne

Written By PAULINE KERR

Healthcare, hydro costs and environmental protection – the Dufferin Board of Trade's candidates' forum at the Shelburne Legion on Tuesday (May 15) evening touched on a wide range of issues affecting voters in Dufferin-Caledon.

Approximately 100 people attended.

There were some surprising points of agreement among the four candidates who participated, and several more areas where the main difference was in how change should be implemented.

The four candidates – Sylvia Jones (Progressive Conservative), Bob Gordanier (Liberal), Laura Campbell (Green Party), and Jeff Harris (Libertarian) – had the opportunity to state their ideas and those of the parties they represent, as well as answer several questions submitted online by the public.

Andrea Mullarkey (New Democratic Party) and Andrew Nowell (Trillium Party) declined the invitation to participate.

The second in the series of two forums will be May 24 at Orangeville District Secondary School, and will give all the candidates another opportunity to state their views.

Forum moderator Joe Andrews, director of Humber College Orangeville and past chair of the Dufferin Board of Trade, introduced the candidates following a half-hour "meet and greet." He described the format of the forum and explained how the questions were selected. They had to be submitted online ahead of time and were reviewed by a committee. There were no questions from the floor.

The order in which the candidates spoke was determined prior to the forum.

First to speak was Gordanier, farmer, retired firefighter, and proud husband, father and grandfather. He described his strong leadership in several agricultural organizations – "Agriculture is Dufferin-Caledon's biggest industry" – and stated there are only three things that matter – air, water and food security. It was a theme he repeated throughout the evening.

Harris, a successful businessman who runs a multi-million-dollar software company and developed the well-known consumer advocacy site TheSqueakyWheel.com, described how the private sector can help streamline healthcare. He also garnered a few laughs when he spoke about "putting fun back into politics" by holding an event at which he plans to give away money – his own.

Campbell is a mother, restaurant owner and a PhD student at the University of Toronto.



PHOTO: PAULINE KERR

TALK OF THE TOWN: A crowd of about 100 people gathered at the Shelburne Legion to hear the views from four of the candidates running in Dufferin-Caledon.

She spoke about "doing politics different" and of the need for small business to have a voice. One point of pride was working with other parties to stop a major quarry in Melancthon. However, she said the Green Party was the only one talking about how they'll pay for change.

Jones spoke of her record of working tirelessly for the people of her riding since 2007. She outlined four main points: how the PCs will put more money into healthcare, especially for mental health; restoring "teaching methods that work" to education; end unsustainable deficit spending; and rein in hydro costs starting with firing the Hydro One CEO.

The first question was about sustainable funding for medium-sized hospitals.

Gordanier said Ontario has a good hospital system, "but we all know we have to up the funding."

Harris said the issue is not the funding, but what's done with it. He spoke of eliminating "huge administrative overhead" and allowing the option of private health care.

Campbell disagreed, saying she has spoken with the local hospital administrator and doesn't think there's administrative waste. "There is a funding problem," Ms. Campbell said.

Jones said small hospitals had their funding model changed by the Liberals early-on, and large teaching hospitals always do well, but "medium-sized hospitals are struggling." She noted that in her experience, the "bed block-

ers" (people who occupy hospital beds while waiting for another level of care) in Dufferin are mostly "young people waiting for mental health care."

The second question was on childcare costs. Again, all the candidates agreed change is needed although the method of achieving it differed.

Harris said reducing taxes would allow for more disposable income. He also spoke of changing regulations to create more private options.

Campbell said she was concerned about the statement he'd made about regulations – "Safety is important" – and reiterated the Green Party's support for affordable, or even better, free childcare.

Jones also echoed her party's platform calling for a substantial childcare rebate to parents of children up to age 14. "Before and after (school) care is the real challenge," she said.

Gordanier said childcare is a "huge issue" and told how the Liberals plan to provide free childcare from age two-and-a-half to when children enter full-day kindergarten.

In response to a question about supporting arts and culture, all four candidates noted how much they add to the local economy. Campbell said she didn't see PC leader Doug Ford as "an arts-type guy," while Harris doesn't think a government that has to "borrow to pay doctors and police" can be funding the arts.

Regarding Green Belt legislation, all four expressed support for protecting the Green

Belt and adjacent agricultural lands. However, Jones pointed out how the Liberals had "changed the boundaries 17 times." In response, Gordanier noted Doug Ford's about-face after saying he'd open up some Green Belt land for development – "He put the tractor in reverse and backed out." Campbell said the province is losing too much agricultural land to development. "We need to do more," she said.

A question on increasing the minimum wage to \$15 brought a surprising consensus – all four candidates agreed there was no turning back the clock to reduce the \$14 minimum wage. What they didn't agree on was raising it an additional dollar. Campbell was all for it, as long as it was accompanied by a payroll tax cut for small businesses. Jones said no to the additional dollar – the PCs prefer no income tax for minimum wage earners. Gordanier said he was "totally in favour" of a \$15 minimum wage. Harris was not. What he proposed was eliminating corporate income tax which would lead to companies from all over North America bringing high-paying jobs to Ontario.

All four spoke in favour of better internet services, although Harris noted the private sector has a good alternative to broadband – the problem is it's expensive and more competition is needed to reduce prices.

The question on hydro costs proved to be contentious, with one candidate, Gordanier, reminding everyone of how much we depend on hydro. "As a farmer, I know all about hydro bills, but I also know about blackouts and brownouts." The latter are now a thing of the past, thanks to Liberal investments in hydro upgrades. The other three focused on the massive cost increases, with Campbell saying no to expensive nuclear upgrades. "We can import from Quebec," she said, stating retrofitting homes for energy efficiency is where the real savings are. Jones stressed the need to stop the subsidies for wind and solar. Harris said the Libertarians would end time-of-use billing, delivery charges and "over-rate contracts (for wind and solar) and selling at a loss."

The final question was about home care for seniors, and all four candidates agreed extending home care is not only the cheaper option, it's one seniors need and want.

In closing, each of the four summed up how they and their respective parties would bring positive change to Ontario. While all four stayed pretty close to party lines, they each brought views that reflected their varied backgrounds and interests. There were few surprises in the answers to the questions, but plenty of interesting information.

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Award winning Digital History Project cancelled by UGDSB

Ms. Loney added, "These courses are designed to accommodate up to 31 students. However, only 9 students had enrolled in the DHP this year, and only 10 had enrolled for next year. Given the low numbers, schools would be forced to cut other important course offerings (with much higher student enrolment) to compensate for the running of a bundle of courses that are significantly under their maximum number."

Professor Tom Peace of Huron University College commented on the cancellation, noting that he was first introduced to the DHP at the New Directions in Active History in 2015. "What made this program stand out is how it integrated academic subjects often kept separate (specifically math and history) and moved students out of the classroom and into the museum. This is exactly the type of approach many of us take in our teaching in Canadian universities and - based on the student feedback we ran last week on ActiveHistory.ca - an approach that provides students with a solid foundation for future advanced academic work."

"What I found most surprising about the UGDSB's decision to cancel the DHP," says Professor Peace, "is that its timing coincides with Neil's (Orford) new project Defining Moments Canada, which is modelled on the DHP and has received significant funding from Heritage Canada. This project, with which Huron University College's Centre for Undergraduate Research Learning is partnered, promises to engage local communities with the historical tools to better understand the impact of the Spanish Flu Epidemic. Somewhat eclipsed by the focus on the centenary of WWI, this project reminds Canadians that nearly as many people lost their lives to the flu as they did during the war. In both projects, Neil's work points towards new and innovative ways for teaching history."

Julie McNeven, the Education Programmer for Dufferin County Museum and Archives says they "will miss having the students at the museum and working with them." She told the Free Press, "DHP has been a great

vehicle for immersing high school students in their local history, and getting to know their local museum...The growth realized in students over the course of one semester, as the result of these projects, is extraordinary. We love having a role in cultivating skills and abilities that students can carry forward into future endeavours. In addition, it is wonderful to see student work shared with the public and added to our databases."

Avery Bettonvil, a former student of the DHP told the Free Press she was "devastated" when she heard that the Digital Historian Project was being cancelled. "Learning history in such an interactive way initiated a deeper appreciation for our past," she said, "a lesson that is so important to all Canadians, but especially Canadian youth. I hoped instead of cancelling the program the board would see the potential of it and do more to promote it. This program united the community. Two towns, three high schools, and in my year, 17 students were brought together because of the Digital Historian Project. This program should have the opportunity to grow into more school boards, not be cancelled - giving more students the opportunity to submerge themselves in history and learn from the past for a better future."

Another DHP graduate, Riley Tilson also expressed her disappointment at the cancellation of the Project. "As a student about to enter my third year in University, I found the program was what prepared me the most for the academic challenges faced in University. The DHP also succeeded in helping me learn more about the community I grew up in by identifying how national history can affect local history...As someone who is considering becoming a teacher, I believe the program was ahead of its time because it really prioritized students choosing what to learn, instead of making them take classes they did not want to participate in. I would seriously hope that the Upper Grand District School Board would consider revoking this decision."

Heather Loney says it is the Board's "hope that the DHP will run in the UGDSB in the

future with an increased enrolment." She says, "In the past, the DHP was promoted in all three schools by the teacher running the program. Our plan going forward is to work together and brainstorm why the numbers continue to be so low and what we can do to increase the numbers next year for the DHP and the other Experiential Learning Choices Programs in Dufferin. This year, our promotional efforts included class visits, advertising, information sessions, and presentations to School Councils, briefing guidance counsellors, posters and invitations."

Wendy McIntosh Principal for Centre Dufferin District High School in Shelburne told the Free Press, "I am disappointed that the DHP has been suspended for the 2018-19 school year, as it is a unique learning experience for students - in fact, my son went through the program as a student of ODSS. However, any time a course has low enrolment numbers and low interest from students, schools must make tough decisions.

Students have many choices in front of them when making their course selections and deciding what they want their secondary school pathway to be. I hope to see an increase in student interest in the DHP when we offer it again in the future.

The born in Dufferin award winning Digital History Project has inspired a national following by Canadian educators. When asked how the cancellation of the DHP by the Upper Grand District School Board might affect the progress of the project moving forward nationally, Ms. Loney stated, "The national project is independent of the UGDSB program." However, the UGDSB has endorsed the DHP in writing as a worthy, national educational program and supported expanding it to a national audience. Currently, the UGDSB is also partnered in a research project with Defining Moments Canada to expand the Digital History Project nationally, but for now it seems...not in Dufferin County.

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Canadians always come last

The cost of the stream of so-called refugees walking across our borders, suitcases in hand, and hands out, is not only costing millions of dollars, it has created some unsettling questions that have not been answered.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's famous quote, "To those fleeing persecution, terror and war, Canadians will welcome you, regardless of your faith. Diversity is our strength," as it turns out was just another blast of hot air coming from the PM's office on Parliament Hill.

That question now should be, "What have you done for them lately?"

The City of Toronto has now budgeted \$65 million to handle 'refugees' because Ottawa's answer to the question "what do we do with these people crossing the border in Quebec?", was "send them to Ontario and let them pay for them."

Toronto can't handle either the cost or the sudden influx of people with nowhere to live and is now asking for Ottawa to kick in their share - after all, they caused this mess.

A refugee is by definition a displaced person. That includes people who have to leave their homes due to war, persecution, or similar circumstances that make fleeing the area the only option.

The last I checked, those crossing our border on foot are walking over from the United States. The U.S. is not at war, and not persecuting anyone and these people have not been driven from their homes at the point of a gun.

Many of those people crossing at the Quebec border had jobs in the U.S. that they voluntarily gave up.

The second question is why are those people in charge of the border not doing the job as applied elsewhere at other border crossings? There's no doubt they have been given directions to follow, but who gave the order not to stop people walking across the border illegally? The RCMP are claiming all asylum seekers are checked to make sure they have no criminal background.

Prior to this recent influx, crossing the U.S. / Canada border at a place other than a proper border crossing was illegal. People get caught doing this all the time and the normal procedure is immediate arrest. Just ask the people each year who try to cross the border at Niagara Falls by hiding inside a freight train box car and end up in the Erie County jail.

Anyone flying into the country or crossing by automobile must present a valid passport, answer questions about their

intentions, and declare certain goods. If the people manning the border that day think something is suspicious, you may be denied entry and sent home. That suspicion could be raised by something as minor as finding a foreign lima bean in your pocket or by winking uncontrollably because you accidentally squirted grapefruit juice in your eye at breakfast. It all depends who is on duty that day.

But if the same guy arrives on foot on a dirt path between a group of trees next to a dumpster, the police wait for them and show them where to go. If they apply the same standards as those who arrive by air, the outcome would be a lot different.

And now the big question. Who is behind this? Which agency or group is organizing this mass exodus?

I was born and raised in Canada, and yet if someone approached me and asked where the closest illegal foot path border crossing was, I would have no clue at all.

Yet these so called refugees all seem to know of one footpath on a remote part of the Quebec / New York border.

The U.S. is a huge country. These people do not all live in a small town in upstate New York within an easy drive to this border crossing. They come from all over the country, and yet all seem to know

about this one lonely gravel road. This is no accident and it isn't the result of one guy figuring it out and passing it along via text message to 10,000 of his closest friends who are also looking for a place to cross.

This is without a doubt, an organized event, and no one is claiming responsibility, yet someone is pushing the buttons and handing out the maps.

People displaced due to war or other circumstance is one thing, but declaring people to be 'refugees' who are already settled in the U.S. makes a mockery of both the immigration system and of those people who want to immigrate via proper channels.

That \$65 million the City of Toronto needs to spend is only a small portion of the total we as taxpayers are shelling out.

I can think of a couple of local hospitals, some homeless veterans, and a few other institutions who would benefit greatly from a cut of that money.

However, under this current government, as always, Canadian citizens come last.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



The missing PC platform

EDITORIAL

THE NATIONAL POST had an article more than a month ago predicting that Progressive Conservative Leader Doug Ford wouldn't repeat a mistake made by his predecessor last November.

Some readers may recall that last November the former PC leader, Patrick Brown, unveiled his 78-page 2018 Election Platform, dubbed The People's Guarantee, which included key guarantees such as specific cuts in some income tax rates for middle- and low-income Ontarians, a 12% cut in hydro bills, child care rebates, a \$1.9-billion boost in spending on mental health care and a Trust, Integrity and Accountability Act.

But in February, following Mr. Brown's departure as leader, the three main candidates to succeed him gave only qualified support for the platform, Mr. Ford predicting that he would change about 10 per cent of it.

Critics within the party said at the time that the People's Guarantee contained a \$4-billion spending hole, would continue the Wynne government's tradition of deficits, and prolong the electricity price crisis.

The National Post article, published April 3, quoted "a senior Ford adviser" as advising that the Ford-led PCs had decided against "unveiling a single, all-encompassing policy blueprint to replace the one put out by former leader Patrick Brown."

Instead, the article said, "the party will release individual planks throughout the campaign for the June 7 election, culminating with an overview announcement of its policies."

That wasn't what Mr. Ford said at the start of the campaign, instead promising a "solid platform that is fully costed."

But thus far the Post article seems to be bang-on, and anyone checking the party website (www.ontariopc.ca) will see only a list of promises, most of which have a price tag but none of which outlines how the promises of big tax cuts and elimination of Mr. Brown's commitment to a carbon tax

will be kept without ballooning the deficits or cutting services.

A week after the Post article was published, The Globe and Mail carried an opinion piece by Christine Van Geyn, Ontario director of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation. Although the article was headed "Why Doug Ford should release a costed election platform," in it the author explained why he likely won't.

"Costed platforms matter. And they matter because voters ought to know the price tag attached to the X they mark on their ballot," she wrote. "They deserve to know if their taxes will be going up or down, if the services they support will receive funding and if their grandchildren will be shouldering more debt. But sadly, for politicians, costed platforms have become an exercise in election gimmickry."

She cited as an example Dalton McGuinty's Liberal platform in 2003. "His platform was verified by a forensic accountant and two bank economists, unlike (he bragged) the platform of the then-governing PC Party. The Liberal platform costing included a \$2.2-billion deficit, without any tax hikes. However, once Mr. McGuinty was elected, some of his first acts as premier were running a \$5.6-billion deficit and raising taxes by implementing the Ontario Health Premium."

The Ontario PCs are unlikely to make the same mistake, preferring the option of a landslide victory built on voters' desire for a change and hostility toward the Liberals' mistakes, the main ones being in the field of electricity - a far-too-costly green energy program and the partial privatization of Hydro One.

In the circumstances, there's no need for the Liberals and New Democrats to be bickering over whether they should ever form a coalition government.

Barring a major miscue by Ford, the NDP will likely win no more than 20 of the 124 seats and the Liberals barely enough to keep official party status.

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1943- Operation Chastise: An attack on German dams by the No. 617 Squadron RAF, using a newly designed "bouncing-bomb," to cripple production along the Ruhr Valley.

1964- The first Tim Horton's coffee and donut shops opens in Hamilton, Ontario by Maple Leafs player Tim Horton. The shop eventually became one of Canada's most well known franchise's.

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OPP reporting positive results from April's gun amnesty initiative

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During April 2018, the OPP received 592 gun amnesty calls for service, 86 of which (or 14.5 per cent) were received through the online reporting option on the OPP website; recovered 689 items through appointments made with OPP officers including 267 rifles, 156 shotguns, 113 prohibited firearms, and 62 other guns such as replica and vintage weapons; and, collected 12,615 pieces of ammunition.

All Ontario police services participated in the month-long initiative. During that time, a total of 1,503 guns were voluntarily surrendered in non-OPP jurisdictions.

A majority of firearms that have been surrendered to police will be destroyed, but a number of guns will be retained for historical, educational or training purposes. Although the gun amnesty has officially ended, police will continue to accept submissions from the public. Interested gun owners may call the OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or their local police service's non-emergency lines to arrange for officers to attend and safely retrieve the weapons.

Police continue to encourage members of the public to turn in unwanted weapons despite the conclusion of this initiative. Police retain the ability to exercise discretion (amnesty) regarding weapons related charges at all times, not just during this month long event. The public is reminded that no one should ever deliver guns, ammunition or military ordinance directly to police facilities.

For more information on the Canadian Firearms Program visit the RCMP's national website at <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/cfp-pcaf/index-eng.htm>. There you will find some general safety information, as well as information on Inherited Firearms.

OPP endorses visor card to assist deaf people

The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) is committed to continuous improvement and finding new ways to deliver services to meet the diverse needs of our communities. In partnership with the Ontario Association of the Deaf (OAD), the OPP has endorsed a visor card to assist a Deaf person to communicate with a police officer during a traffic stop.

This is the first initiative of its kind to be endorsed by a police service in Ontario. The visor card was produced by the OAD. The OAD will be distributing the visor cards to members of the Deaf community who present an Ontario Driver's Licence during their annual Mayfest Festival being held from May 11-12, 2018.

The visor card may assist with bridging the communication gap by facilitating alternate communication methods such as hand signals and writing out instructions. The visor card includes images of what a police officer may need to see for identification from the Deaf person along with icons of common driving violations.

"The OPP works diligently with our community partners to recognize barriers and address them to provide the highest level of services possible. In addition to a number of uniform members who are able to sign, the visor card further enhances accessibility with members of the Deaf community by improving the quality of communication between a Deaf person and an OPP officer," Commissioner Vince Hawkes said.

Police continue to warn about discarded needles

The Shelburne Police Service is warning the public to watch out for discarded needles. The Shelburne Police Service has received a number of calls from the public regarding needles being discarded carelessly in public areas and parks. Not only can this activity be an indicator of intravenous drug use in the community, but the discarded needles can pose a health risk to the public if not handled and discarded properly.

Shelburne Police ask that if needles or

syringes are found that you call them at (519)925-3312 x1 for proper and safe disposal. Please do not try to pick these needles up yourself. The Shelburne Police also ask that you speak to your children about this problem and teach them never to touch a

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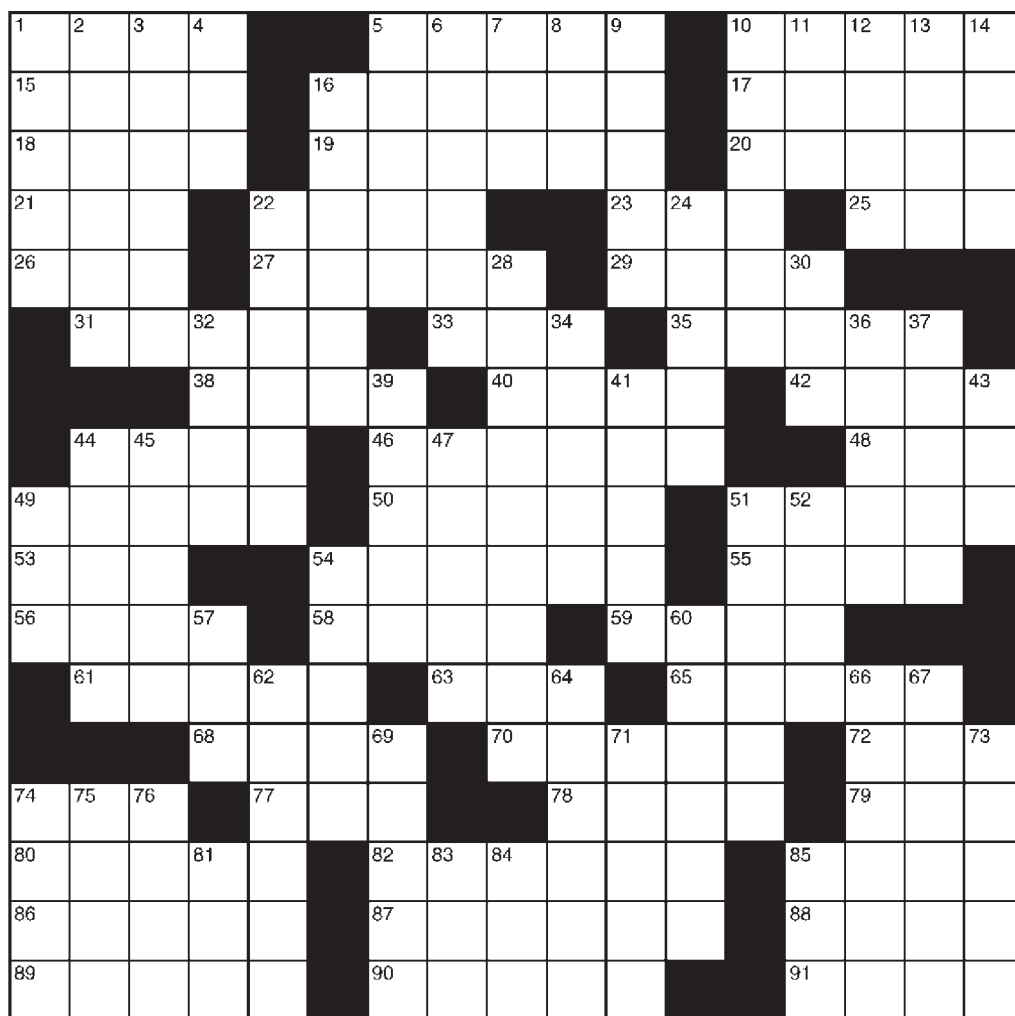
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5. Allow to enter
10. Gold bar
15. Word of regret
16. Record envelope
17. Horse sound
18. Antitoxins
19. Tropical fruit
20. Flood foiler
21. Type of silkworm
22. Maiden
23. Aegean, e.g.
25. Still, in poems
26. Kindled
27. Knight's garb
29. Censor
31. Go by ten-speed
33. Babble
35. "Talk turkey," e.g.
38. Zip

40. Catch the waves
42. Extol
44. Mentally healthy
46. Fish hawk
48. Shrewd
49. Unfilled
50. Violin's kin
51. Variety is the ____ of life
53. Masculine address
54. Avenue
55. ____ browns
56. Covered walk
58. Spinning sound
59. Racetrack
61. Come next
63. To's companion
65. Protozoan
68. British baby buggy
70. Certain agave
72. Liable
74. Take it on the ____

77. Bikini part
78. "More ____ You Know"
79. Dennis Quaid film
80. Soul
82. Tyrant
85. Frittata fundamentals
86. Passenger car
87. Excite
88. Sock fillers
89. Once too often?
90. Paint finish
91. Deuce follower

DOWN

1. Art stand
2. Churchman
3. Nonesuch
4. UN member
5. Startle
6. Arrange, as troops
7. "Cry ____ River"

8. College vine
9. Bedevil
10. Like parquetry
11. Named formerly
12. Bestow
13. S-shaped molding
14. Next
16. Rose-family shrub
22. Skipper's kitchen
24. Enlighten
28. Bronx cheer
30. "Dusk ____ Dawn"
32. 1/100 of a dollar
34. Blender button
36. Haven
37. Gardener's material
39. Compass point
41. Right-hand page
43. Artificial color
44. Strike
45. Cook's garment
47. Letter stroke
49. Sibilant sound
51. Tribal medium
52. Turn white
54. Pledge an oath
57. Cleo's serpent
60. Leave
62. Well-mannered
64. Product
66. Pester
67. Climax
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Town set to sell Fiddle Park to property developer in \$7 million deal

The Town hopes to work with the organizers of "Pickin' in the Park", Gregg and Heather Holmes, to redirect their \$106,250 donation to future costs of the Town's parks and recreation community projects.

Although on the surface, this appears to be a profitable venture for the town, there may be a definite downside, which could affect the viability of one of the town's largest employers. According to one source, KTH manufacturing, located just Southwest of the park, had decided to locate there on the understanding that no residential subdivisions would be built in the proximity of the plant.

The reason for this, is that KTH is essentially a stamping plant and when their large presses are in operation, during the work week, they create noticeable vibrations in the land surrounding the plant. These vibrations can be felt in Fiddle Park. Whether or not this will present a potential problem for future homeowners, or not, will be a question that only the future can answer. However, if KTH were to encounter significant negative reaction to

their operations, it would not be outside of the realm of possibility that they would consider relocation rather than protracted litigation or other counterproductive publicity. Were this to become a possibility, the impact on the economy of the town could be substantial.

Reaction from business leaders in town has been understandably guarded. Chair person of the BIA, Linda -Amour Grant, who like everyone else, was caught off guard by the announcement Monday morning, stated that the BIA and, likewise, the EDC were completely unaware that this was planned. Based upon the fact that little will change before September of 2019, it was her position that it would have been more constructive had Council held a meeting with all the parties involved, along with the business community to outline their plans prior to them being made public.

Not that this would in any way challenge or change Council's decision, but rather that it would have kept the business community and others involved, "in the loop" as opposed to "in the dark" concerning such an important



FILE PHOTO
UP FOR SALE: Shelburne's historic Fiddle Park is set to be sold to a property developer in a deal that will net the Town more than \$7 million.

issue. In response, Mayor Ken Bennington countered that Council was not trying to avoid the citizenry, but that due to the sensitivity of the issue, Council did not have the option of including other interested groups in their negotiations. However, there will be an upcoming public meeting, later in the year, which will be attended by all the local participants, including the various service clubs involved and at that time the public response will be heard.

When asked about the KTH situation and the June 4th confirmation meeting for the sale, Mayor Bennington stated that at this time, KTH had not been contacted, but that he did recall having seen some documentation regarding their decision to locate on 2nd line and nearby housing, however, he admitted that it was several years ago and he would need to look up that information. The mayor also stated that this could become a point of discussion with the developer. The Mayor also emphasized that no one on Council or at Town Hall, wanted to alienate KTH in this matter, as it would be very counter productive for Shelburne.

Concerning the June 4 meeting, he stated that it was possible for Council to reverse it's unanimous support for the sale, but that he believed that by doing so, the Town would become, potentially liable for punitive damages from such an action.

As to the secrecy surrounding the identity of the developer and the planned development, the Mayor stated that this was at the insistence of the developer, but that all details

would be made public at the June 4th meeting. The Mayor did say that the developer was a high profile company, considered to be one of the largest and best in their field. He went on to explain that before accepting the offer, the Town had acquired the services of a private assessment firm who determined a fair market value for the land and that Council had negotiated a deal considerably higher than that value.

At this time, the Fiddle Park is under used and could potentially provide much better value to the Town through it's sale and use of the proceeds to enhance other recreational facilities in Shelburne. However, there are certain uses for which Shelburne has no other facility and the biggest of these is the trailer park camping that occurs during both The Heritage Music Festival and Pickin' in the Park.

For the Music Festival, in particular, the park is completely full of recreational vehicles and there is no other facility close by which might accommodate them. On the other hand, it was pointed out that this use is limited to the two events and at other times only a portion of the park is ever utilized. Beyond that, it is felt that the park is really too far out of town to be accessed on a general basis, like the Town's other recreational facilities. Council feels that this is the best course of action and they expected emotions to run high over this issue but remain convinced of the value of the plan. Mayor Bennington urges residents that, if they have questions, to contact him directly and he would try his best to answer concerns and objections.

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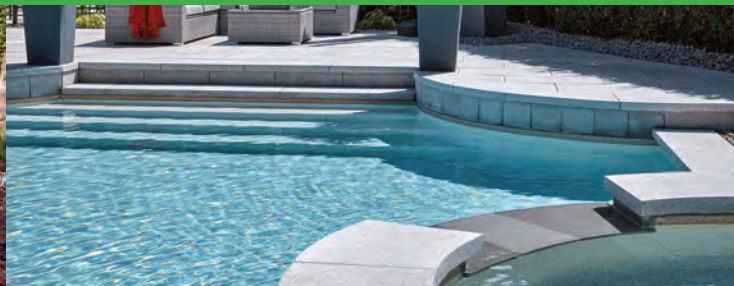
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Centennial Hylands Elementary celebrates half-century of learning

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

A walk down the main corridor at Centennial Hylands Elementary School in Shelburne reveals a display of more than 20 old photographs depicting the various one-room schoolhouses that used to serve the region.

All those old one-room institutes of learning were closed in 1968 when schools were centralized.

That was when Centennial Hylands was built and the first students were bussed to their new school home.

The school held an event on Thursday, May 10, to celebrate its 50-year anniversary and many former students and teachers arrived to reminisce about their days as teachers and students.

Former educator Marian Phillips was a grade six teacher at the then brand new school, having previously taught for 15 years at rural schools prior to arriving at Centennial.

"I liked it so much here I didn't want to go home at night. I wanted to stay longer," Ms. Phillips said. "I came in here in 1968 and retired in 1985 from this school."

Ms. Phillips started her teaching career in 1948 at the age of 17.

"I hadn't been to teachers' college. I was right out of school. At that time you could teach right out of high school. I had a full school of 42 pupils and eight grades."

Fellow teacher Myrtle McCutcheon also arrived at the school in 1968. The two ladies became friends and are still friends to this day.

"They brought the students here from all these rural areas. All the old country schools closed and everybody came here," Ms. McCutcheon said of the first year of the school's existence. "I was here for 18 years and then I went to Mulmur-Mono School

because I was doing special education."

Ms. McCutcheon started teaching career in Violet Hill at S.S. #2, Mulmer. That school is now known as Mrs. Mitchell's restaurant.

She remarked how much the school had changed since she was teaching there.

"They need to change. You can't expect things to stay the same. Even when we were here things changed," she said.

The event featured a lot of nostalgia including graduating class photos and even a video that was shot in 1993 that was created to celebrate the school's 25th anniversary.

The school was originally supposed to open in September of 1967, hence the tribute name to the nation's centennial year, but it was delayed and actually opened in January of 1968.

Current principal, Tammy Fleming, is currently in her second year at Centennial.

"We timed this event to go with education week," Ms. Fleming said. "We have around 400 students now. We have 19 classrooms ranging from kindergarten to grade 8," she said of the school's current enrollment.

That includes the school's first year with a French immersion program of which around 150 students participate in.

"Some of the classes prepared the presentation in the gym tonight. We have some historical documents and pictures on display. The kids were very involved in everything that happened today," Ms. Fleming explained.

Most people have a sentimental attachment to the school they attended when they were younger, remembering friends, teachers, and memorable occasions, and looking back fondly on what are really some rather innocent care-free days.

Some of the visitors at the event attended Centennial Hylands when they were younger and returned with their children who are now current students at the school.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

MAN WITH A PLAN: Centennial Hylands Elementary School celebrated its 50th anniversary this year. The school hosted an open house celebration on Thursday, May 10, and many former students and teachers attended. This group of former teachers along with current principal Tammy Fleming returned to help the school celebrate a half-century of learning.

Changes coming to PACE Credit Union

Written By **MIKE PICKFORD**

The Shelburne branch of PACE Credit Union is set for a complete renovation this year, with management and staff at the local facility also excited to announce the addition of the town's first drive-thru ATM.

VP of Branch Development Heather Sarnecki noted the organization's goal was to "enhance the branch experience".

"While many financial institutions are reducing their branch footprint, we are committed to maintain the space and personal service our members have come to expect."

Once renovations are complete, visitors will enjoy the comforts of a welcoming teller

line, bright offices, a sitting area, fireplace and coffee centre.

Branch manager Tammy Austen noted her excitement in a release to media.

"This is an exciting project for our staff, our members and our community," Ms. Austen said. "The new branch is important to our future, both in service delivery to our membership and the efficient operations of our management and staff."

A temporary branch will run at 144 Owen Sound Street, on the same site as the current branch. Service to members will not be interrupted during renovations. Work is set to begin at the end of May, with a tentative completion date in August.

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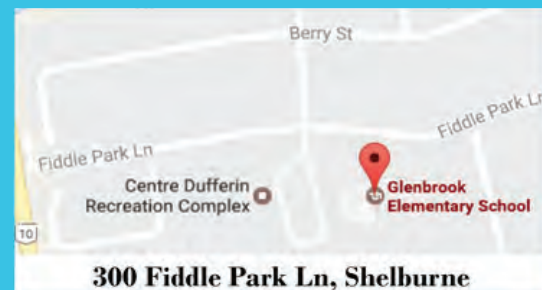
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Mayor Bennington notes finding of needles around town is a “great concern”

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Council met Monday evening facing a full agenda to consider, with the first item being a Question Period query from Kimberley Sher regarding the recent findings of used needles in Greenwood Park. The Mayor responded that needles have been found all over Town, including along the Railway Trails and that this is an issue of great concern to the Town. Police are currently investigating and Staff are doing everything they can to ensure the safety of residents, Despite these efforts, an 8

year old boy did find an uncapped syringe in Simon St. Park and pricked one of his fingers. The boy was treated at Headwaters Hospital and is reported to be OK at this time. Public Works staff later found four more needles in the same area.

CAO Denyse Morrissey reported that an overview of this problem is being prepared for Council and that Staff are receiving training in handling used syringes, referred to as “Sharps” in the medical jargon. The Mayor urged all residents not to touch the needles that are found, but to call police immediately and to await their arrival. This will allow the needles to be collected as evidence in the ongoing investigation and to ensure public safety. At this time there is no indication of what the needles have been used for although speculation would point to drug use.

UGDSB long-term accommodation plan

Councillor Mills spoke to an item in the Consent Agenda, concerning a letter from the Upper Grand District School Board outlining their Long-Term Accommodation Plan for Shelburne. At this time, the Board does not force building a new Secondary School in town, although another Primary School is scheduled. Councillor Mills questioned the viability of this plan indicating that with the rapidly growing population, the current High School will not be able to handle the increase in student bodies.

Councillor Benotto agreed, stating that the existing enrolment is already at capacity. The two Councillors then brought forth a Motion that Council request that Jennifer Passy, from the UGDSB be invited to attend Council and discuss the reasoning behind the Boards decision.

Development in Shelburne

Next up, Steve Wever, the Town Planner brought forth two items concerning the Town's latest residential developments and their proposed fill requirements. The first concerned the Fieldgate Development, officially known as Shelburne 89 Developments Limited. This is the site to the North and West of Hwy 89 and CR 124, where the MTO has required a large amount of fill to level the grade and bring the land up to Provincial standards prior to building. to accomplish this, the developer plans to build a left turn lane from 124, so as not to impede traffic flow and also will not allow any queuing of the trucks along 124. This is of primary importance due to the fact that for roughly 12 hours a day, there will be one truck every five minutes turning into the site.

Councillor Samples asked if anything would be done to keep 124 clean during the fill process and was answered that a road sweeper would be on hand throughout the day to prevent debris from accumulating. Council approved the request to amend the site alteration permit for the site.

The second request was for the same type of permission, from the new Hyland development at 401 Main St, West. However this issue presented a problem for Council. The haulage route for Hyland required that the trucks would potentially use CR 124 and that the timing would coincide with Fieldgate's proposed operation. This was caused by a refusal by the Township of Amaranth to allow the trucks to use 30 Sideroad in Amaranth. Having all of these trucks using 124 simultaneously, would be a potential nightmare for traffic flow, as the trucks would be

travelling in both directions and the Hyland trucks would have to also come through the intersection of Hwy. 89 and 124. Council could foresee this as both, a dangerous and congestive issue, with the potential of 400 trucks a day using the route.

Compounding this problem was the potential for trucks to pull over on 124 to get coffee at the Tim Horton's, a problem that already exists. Mayor Bennington addressed this issue by noting that the County had recently put up no parking signs along 124 and that police now had the authority to ticket violations. Councillor Anderson questioned the safety of pedestrian walking along 124 and enquired about the installation of portable concrete barriers to offer some protection there.

Mayor Ken Bennington suggested that the Town reproach Amaranth in regards an alternate route, while Councillor Walter Benotto opined that as Shelburne and Melancthon shared ownership of 4th Line, that an alternate route using that road might be possible. The request was approved, but with a route to be determined.


Heritage Music Festival

Councillor Samples reported to Council that the Heritage Music festival Committee would be dissolving, over conflicts with the Rotary Club. Originally formed to co-ordinate all parties participating in the event organization, Councillor Samples explained that the Rotary Club generally overruled the Committee and proceeded along their own lines. Consequently, the members felt it best to simply leave the organizing to Rotary. All members would still be participating in the event, just not actively taking part in the organization. Councillor Samples would still sit on the Rotary Committee so as to keep Council appraised of developments.

Councillor Samples also informed Council that this years Fiddle Parade route had been changed. Due to insurance cost issues, the parade would no longer form up in the school yard, but would start and end at the fairgrounds. The new route would proceed past the Curling Club, turn south on Owen Sound Street, proceed to Main Street, then East to William and turn left back up William to the Fairgrounds.

Commendation

In other business, Councillor Benotto commended the Works Department for their efforts in highlighting areas of raised joints in the Town sidewalks, stating that this was of a great benefit to those using canes or walkers or who otherwise had walking difficulties. Councillor Chambers ask s as to the progress of the OPP Costing and was told by the CAO that some delay might be expected due to the Provincial Election, but that the OPP would inform the town of a date later in the week or early next week.



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THE PROCESS
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The Town has negotiated the terms of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale with a developer for the surplus lands subject to Council approval.

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- Natural Environment or approximately 83.5 acres
- Special Tourism or approximately 31 acres.

The Special Tourism lands are proposed to be developed for residential land uses. The developer will redevelop the approximately 83.5 acres of natural woodland to the north and south of the Fiddle Park area back to the Town of Shelburne and these areas will remain natural wooded areas for community use.

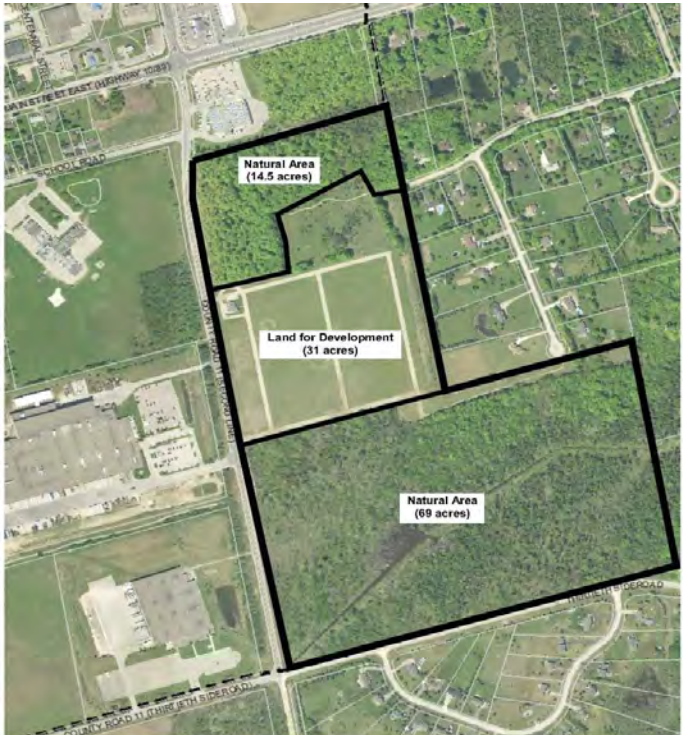
A map of the Fiddle Park property is provided below.

The Town of Shelburne's Information Release dated May 14, 2018, on the surplus of the property is provided at www.shelburne.ca

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that consideration of the proposed sale of surplus lands to the developer will take place at the Council meeting scheduled for 7:00 pm Monday June 4, 2018 in the Council Chambers of the Town of Shelburne Municipal Office, 203 Main Street East, Shelburne ON L9V 3K7.

Written comments will be received by the Clerk until 2 pm on June 1, 2018.

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"I am Alice", LP Stage Productions' latest hit an absolute 'wonder'

Written By MARNI WALSH

LP Stage Productions did a 'wonderful' job of bringing "Wonderland" to life this week at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne. Visually stunning, Disney's Alice in Wonderland Jr. is a colourful and lively musical romp through the world of Alice's imagination that is perfect for the whole family. Luckily, theatre patrons still have four more chances to see the production: May 18 and 19 at 8 p.m. and May 19 and 20 at 2 p.m.

Featuring 40 area youths, ages six to fifteen the show is a visual spectacle from beginning to end. LP Stage Productions has gained a reputation for creating professional quality sets and props with each successive show, and Alice in Wonderland is no exception.

Beautifully painted canvases create the background of Wonderland, while the proscenium arch is framed with giant magical flora and fungi. Director Alison Port promised earlier this month that the artistic team led by LP's Dale Lundy, with help from Jason Riedal as painter and puppet-costume creator, along with Kaylea Angus, would "wow audience with their talents," and she was true to her word.

There was a ream of exceptional costumes to go with the sets, such as "tall Alice," the Cheshire Cat, the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter, Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, the Queen of Heart's cardsmen, and especially impressive - the beautifully feathered Dodo Bird. To describe the quality and character of these costumes would be to give away the



PHOTO: MARNI WALSH

WHAT A SHOW: Young Lainey Schyven takes centre stage in Alice in Wonderland Jr. as the "Queen of Hearts," along with Beckett Barnes as the "King of Hearts" and on the left Charlotte Payne and Emily Payne as "Tweedle Dee" and "Tweedle Dum," at Grace Tipling Hall in Shelburne last Sunday. Naomi Cameron is "Alice" at the Mad Hatter's (played by James Schyven) Tea Party celebrating a very "Un-birthday." The LP Stage Production runs again this weekend: May 18th and 19th at 8 pm and May 19th and 20th at 2 pm.

surprise. But, they alone are worth the small price of the ticket.

All three "Alices" and the entire ensemble of kids did a great job. It was easy to see

that they too were caught up in the 'wonder' of the world they had entered. Some standout performances included identical twins Emily and Charlotte Payne showing

both acting and vocal skills in their comical portrayal of Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum; Avery Smith for the physical skill required to bring Tall Alice to life; Mathew Cameron's smooth characterization of Caterpillar; and Lainey Shyven for her excellent singing and 'mean' portrayal of the Queen of Hearts.

Kristen Gamache's choreography, particularly in the Caterpillar break dance and "The Supremes" style flower dance, shone alongside the work of musical director Noni Campbell, and directors Alison Port and Andrew James. It was a smooth operation as always from the crew on lights, sound, and backstage, including Justin Da Silva, Brody Ireton, Even Harley, Caitlyn Da Silva, Brianne Ellis, and Mackenzie Acker.

In "Wonderland," Alice meets many new and unusual characters and often asks the question - who are you? In the end, this central question is directed back to Alice: "Who are you?" The little girl answers, "I am Alice" and it is this simple answer that guides her home. It is a question all children must find the answer to as they grow up and are influenced by the sometimes crazy world around them; a "to thine own self be true" moment that carries them, one way or another, into adulthood.

Alice in Wonderland presents a worthy message and is time well spent in the theatre. Tickets for the LP Stage Production show range from \$12 to \$18 and are available online at www.eventbrite.com or at the box office 519-925-2600, as well as at the door of Grace Tipling Hall: May 18th and 19th at 8pm and May 19th and 20th at 2pm.

Seventh candidate steps forward in Dufferin-Caledon for provincial vote

Written By MIKE PICKFORD

There will be an unprecedented seventh name added to the ballot when local voters turnout for next month's provincial election.

Stephen McKendrick will run in Dufferin-Caledon as a candidate for the Consensus Ontario party.

One of the founding members of the newly registered association, Mr. McKendrick is looking to take advantage of what he sees as a big opportunity to make waves in a riding he believes "are undecided as to their best representative."

It will be something of a homecoming for Mr. McKendrick, who lived in Albion Hills and Bolton as a child, attending Palgrave Elementary School. His family later moved to Prince

Edward Island, where Mr. McKendrick lived for several years before eventually returning to Ontario.

"I fished commercially for eight years in PEI. I moved back to Ontario when the number of federal bureaucrats regulating 2,000 fishermen outnumbered us three to one. I knew then it was time to hang up my rubber boots," Mr. McKendrick said. "Since returning to Ontario, I have lived on a farm in East Garafraxa for the last 24 years."

Professionally, Mr. McKendrick operated a general contracting business in Bolton for 27 years.

"For the majority of my life, I have lived in Dufferin-Caledon," Mr. McKendrick said. "I love it here but I see the same economic decline happening as I once did in PEI. This is

not right. If a democratic society is hinged on governments, then those same governments need to be accountable and transparent with the people who elect them."

The Consensus Ontario party was founded in 2016 as an association, previously operating as a public affairs think-tank prior to its registration as a provincial political party this month.

According to party spokesperson Brad Harness, early interest and membership in the party has been positive. The public, he says, are buying into the party's mantra to systematically revolutionize politics as we know it in Ontario, where elected officials act on an independent basis, with no party line to toe.

"Consensus Ontario is the party to end all parties, including itself, and replacing all of

them with a system of consensus government focused around only independent MPPs," Mr. Harness said. "This is not a new system in Canada - our northern territories have operated on this party-less system for over 100 years."

Mr. McKendrick will face stiff competition in the riding, with six other candidates confirmed. Incumbent Sylvia Jones will once again be running for the Progressive Conservatives, beef farmer Bob Gordanier will represent the Liberals and Bolton resident Andrea Mullarkey for the NDPs. Elsewhere, Orangeville business owner Laura Campbell is running for the Green Party, with Jeff Harris representing the Libertarian Party and Andrew Nowell the Trillium Party.

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Mansfield Jr. Cubs open 2018 season with big win over Bengals

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Mansfield Jr. Cubs opened the 2018 ball season with a win over the Orangeville Bengals on Monday, May 7.

The first game of the season took place at the diamond in Mansfield.

After taking a 1-0 lead in the first inning then playing to a 2-2 tie at the end of the fifth, the Cubs blew the game wide open in the sixth inning.

A bunt from Kashtin Winchester put two men on base. That was followed up with a drive to right field from Alex Attenborough that loaded the bases with no men out.

Jacob Hall drove in a run on a hit to left.

From there the runs started piling up as the Bengals started having trouble on the mound with three runs walked in an a couple more hits that brought in additional runs to bring the score up to 11-2

with no outs.

The umpire called the game on the NDBL mercy rule after six innings to give the Cubs their first win of the season.

"I thought all our pitchers did really well," said Cubs coach Dave Metz. "Right at the start of the year they are only pitching two innings no matter what happens. That way you get a lot of guys in and you're not going to hurt anyone's arm. We've only had two practices, it's not like the major leagues. It's been hard to get any practices in. We have had a couple so we get the guys in to pitch and tell them not to pitch their hardest today. Next game maybe they'll do an extra inning."

The late spring this year has caused

problems across all outdoor sports with wet fields stopping teams from getting out on the grass.

"I though everybody played really good. For early in the year there was some really good plays. Sometimes it's not about making the really great plays, it's about not screwing up the really easy plays," Metz said.

The junior division of the NDBL has expanded to include seven teams this year which will make for some lively competition through the season.

The Cubs will be back on their home diamond in Mansfield on Friday, May 25, to host the Lisle Astros.

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He's a valuable member of his Major Novice / Atom team called Forecheck Backcheck.

A well rounded athlete Brody also swims, plays lacrosse, and plays ice hockey.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

YOU'REEEE OUT! The Mansfield Jr. Cubs hosted the Orangeville Bengals for their home opener on Monday, May 7. The game had a slow start but the Cubs blew it open in the sixth inning to score seven runs and shut down the game with a final 11-2 win.



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BATTLING HARD: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior boys rugby team host Guelph Collegiate on the field at CDDHS on Monday, May 7. It was a tough battle for both squads but the Royals had to settle for a 38-21 loss in their first game of the season.

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Better in Mulmur market on scenic hilltop

Written By MARNI WALSH

The Better in Mulmur Farmers' Market will open for a second season, on the scenic hilltop at Dufferin County Museum and Archives located at the corner of Hwy 89 and Airport Road, next Sunday, May 20th.

The Farmers' Market is run by the Board of Directors of Better in Mulmur, a community hub organization that provides information on "what to see, what to do, where to go, activities, local businesses, and the great outdoors" of Mulmur Township.

Better in Mulmur has created a tourist map and produces a monthly newsletter that is emailed out and can be found on their website at www.betterinmulmur.ca. "We are always looking for interested Mulmurites who would like to get involved and help our community grow," says Market Manager Helen Martin.

"Farming seems to be a cornerstone of Mulmur Township," says the Market Manager, and "the catalyst for starting the market." She says, "The aim of our market is to become a community business incubator and draw together our wonderful inhabitants from all their 'hideouts' in the hills. That is the reason we choose a scenic, but a rather windy hilltop to locate our market. The view is great, the wind discourages mosquitoes, and the museum is an added attraction."

"Not everyone can make a Saturday morning market," says Ms. Martin, so the Better in Mulmur market is a "great opportunity to get fresh produce, meat, and baking if you have missed other local markets."

Vendors at the Better in Mulmur Farmers' Market include: Rosemont Organics with organic produce; Big Thunder Farm with microgreens and vegetables; Minduik Farms with vegetables; Rachel's Home-Grown Poultry; Woodfield Farm with pork and

lamb; 4M Farm with beef, veal, and chicken; honey and beekeeping education from Heritage Bee Co.; Connie's Kitchen with fresh maple syrup and Italian style baked goods; fresh cut flowers from Jessica; and dessert from Franca's Home Baked Goods. Several vendors will also offer a variety of preserves and locally forged vegetables will be available for a short period by Nomadic Foods.

"In our hills, we also have many artists with wonderful talents which will be featured at the market," says the Manager, "such as local potters Jackie Warmelink with berry bowls; the Red Hen Gallery with egg poachers and beer chicken stands; and rustic woodcraft from Essa Highlands Farm."

Special events have been added this season, including a pancake breakfast on June 3rd, organized by the Mulmur Events Committee, and a Better in Mulmur corn boil which is planned for later in the season. There will be ready to eat food, including wood-fired pizzas made on the spot by Bestia Food Truck, and Italian cuisine from MMEA catering, as well as Connie's veal and chicken parmigiana.

A community business booth will be provided to showcase Mulmur businesses on a first come basis. "This is not an opportunity to sell," says Helen Martin, "but rather to meet and educate the community on what you have available for them. There is no cost involved, dates are still available, and you can contact market@betterinmulmur.ca to start the discussion."

The Better in Mulmur Farmers' Market begins May 20th and runs from 12 - 4 pm on Sunday afternoons until October 7th. Exciting new renovations at the Dufferin County Museum and Archives are scheduled to be done this summer.

Christian Perspectives: A fitting tribute

This past weekend many celebrated motherhood with fitting tributes given and received. Some mothers did not feel worthy, even if they were.

Perhaps the most challenging issue parents experience is dealing with feelings of inadequacy for the task. Then too there are all those "what if" thoughts and questions. We all need to remember that our parents were on a learning curve when we were young.

They did not have all the answers. They probably made mistakes, and guess what, the same holds true for us. Children cannot, for the rest of their natural lives, blame their own failings on the parenting skills, nor the real or perceived inadequacies of their parents.

Parents need to understand the wisdom found in this advice someone once gave me, "You have to do your best and leave the rest."

Life is an ongoing journey of growth and maturing. No matter what our parents were or are like, each individual has a responsibility to grow, to become all they can be, and to thrive. A relationship with God facilitates this process.

When you have a close relationship with God you gradually learn, grow and take on the mind and character qualities of God as you follow and embrace biblical principles and truths. When you live with integrity you share your insights with your children and others the best you can.

One of my favourite Bible passages is from Philippians 4:4-9. I believe the words would be a fitting tribute for any person, regardless of age or gender, whether they are a parent or not.

It is good practice to personalize the Scriptures to make them a part of yourself. In honour of having just celebrated Mother's Day, in the following paraphrase I have used the feminine pronouns and words in the present tense. You could insert your own name. Whomever you are, may it be said of you in this present life and death.

"She chooses to rejoice in the Lord always! I will say it again, she chooses to rejoice. She lets her gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. She chooses to not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, presents her requests to God., And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, guards her heart and mind in Christ Jesus. Finally, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable, she chooses to think about these things. Whatever she has learned or seen or heard

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Westminster's annual Gala concert caps annual music festival

Written By **CONSTANCE SCRAFIELD**

As it has done for so many years, Westminster United Church hosted the Gala Concert for the Orangeville and District Music Festival Monday evening, May 14.

The much-anticipated annual event for the last 21 years sees students and their teachers come from Orangeville and the wider area to perform to a sizable audience of adoring family, teachers and friends.

There is every reason for admiration on the part of the audience members, for all the students come looking wonderful and performing their finest pieces after months of practice and effort. Full credit to all, there was a wide variety of music and several different instruments on the program.

The participants range in age from eight to 19 years old. Their choices of the music each performed were interesting. Just to mention a few, from an elaborately arranged but traditional version of Greensleeves on the piano played by Sissi Kennedy to Aaron Laing's gift to us of the jazz piano piece, Land of the Misty Giants by Oscar Peterson.

Sonia Chernov, tall and elegant, brought her accordion to the stage to squeeze, with solid joy, Bonita Myrita by D. Dean. Great to see an accordion is still being played by young people. Ms. Chernov later told the Free Press that her family are from the Ukraine and she was born here.

There were bells ringing in the hands of eight ringers, a group calling itself Heavenly Metal and playing Pizzicato Bells by Sallie Lloyd.

Vocal stars Darcey Baker and Duncan Lang sang solos and a duet. Ms. Baker sang "A New Life" from Jekyll and Hyde as the opening number of the concert. Mr. Lang tied it up for intermission with Music of the Night from Phantom by Lloyd Webber and C. Hart.



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A SPECIAL NIGHT FOR ALL: Sonia Chernov poses for a photo at Westminster United Church's annual Gala Concert, held in Orangeville on May 14.

Later, in the second half, they shared a duet with Take Me as I Am, also from Jekyll and Hyde, by F. Wildhorn & L. Bricusse.

The festival ran from April 30 to May 1 and 2, which were the adjudication dates for performers. The adjudicator this was Melodie Hewer, ARCT (Performance), RCM, BSc McMaster University, ORMTA, CFMTA, MTNA. Ms. Hewer is, among other accolades and achievements, an RCM-certified teacher of all disciplines, Examiner and Adjudicator.

The Annual Gala Concert this week was the celebration of it all, in which the young performers had the opportunity to perform before an audience as part of their education and development, as well as being given the chance to show their family and friends their progress in performance.

About half their numbers were given scholarships from the Festival, which are funded by a list of sponsors. One these, Dick Byford, upon being asked to come and give

the next envelope, took over the microphone for a moment.

"I just want to say that we should praise the parents who do all the driving and encourage their children to love music and to play music," he commented, and returned to his seat to appreciative applause.

Came the Oscar moment when the award of the night was to be handed out: the 2018 Most Promising Musician.

Last year's winner, Darcey Baker, was asked to come up to present the award. And the winner was Sonia Chernov. Ms. Baker handed her an envelope and a small plaque, hers to keep. Lynne Smith, one of the founders of the festival and MC for the evening, joined them to note that Ms. Chernov's name would also be added to the larger awards plaque which hangs in the church.

Once the festivities began to break up and people stood about chatting, we too sought out a couple of the performers.

Brother and sister, Aaron and Eden Laing, said they were both studying classical piano. Mr. Laing loves to play jazz as well, and, not surprisingly, he admires the work of the late, great Oscar Peterson. He has been playing piano for 11 years and is working on his ARCT. He wants to teach and do music therapy; he plays for Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Then, there was a quick word with Darcey Baker and Duncan Lang, who reminded us that they are singing in a concert - Music in May - with their teacher, Mark DuBois, and several others at Tweedsmuir Presbyterian Church, on May 26.

Sonia Chernov talked briefly about her ambitions within her musical life. Currently in grade nine, she loves playing the accordion and wants to teach music.

"I want to inspire when I teach," she averred.

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