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GIVING TO THE COMMUNITY: The Shelburne and District Fire Fighters Association kicked off their annual toy and food drive in the Giant Tiger Parking lot in Shelburne on Friday, November 16. Toys donated will go to local deserving children and food received will be donated to the food bank. You can also drop donations off at the fire on Thursdays and Fridays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Shelburne receives \$65,000 in grants for community development plan & website

Written By **PETER RICHARDSON**

On Friday, November 16th, members of Shelburne's Economic Development Committee (EDC) met with Mayor Elect Wade Mills, CAO Denyse Morrissey and Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones to receive two Rural Economic Development (RED) investment grants from the new PC Government.

Totaling \$65,000, \$40,000 will go to develop a Community Improvement Plan (CIP), to help revitalize and transform the downtown core and surrounding communities. The Town is also receiving \$25,600 to develop, redesign and launch a new website.

MPP Jones, on behalf of her colleague Ernie Hardeman, the Minister for Agriculture Food and Rural Affairs, made the announcements during a brief noon hour meeting at Town Hall. "Our government is proud to support projects that help to grow jobs and open doors to economic development in rural and indigenous communities.



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BIG BOOST: Pictured left to right: Economic Development Committee Vice-Chair Steve Bowles, Shelburne CAO Denyse Morrissey, Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, Shelburne Mayor Elect Wade Mills were on hand to announce \$65,000 grants to develop a Community Improvement Plan, and a new town website.

Ontario has a first-class agri-food and agriculture sector, and I am pleased to be able to help our community identify their economic strengths and development strategies that can attract business and investment," she said. She applauded Shelburne's

good fortunes and commended the Town on both their projects. The RED program helps create jobs and prosperity in rural indigenous communities. Shelburne was one of over 80 communities in rural Ontario to receive grants for 2018.

Minister Hardeman stated in a press release that "Rural Ontario had been ignored for too long" and that a strong and vibrant agri-food and agriculture sector was a priority of the Conservative government. He went on to say that the RED commitments and the ones to cut red tape would help create a strong future for rural communities in Ontario.

EDC Coordinator Carole Maitland outlined the progress on the new website, explaining some of its many features and improvements over the current site. Mayor Elect Mills also spoke to the website's new features and better accessibility, a point, which he stated had been one of discussion in the recent election campaigning for Town Council. He also spoke to the downtown improvement issues and expressed his gratitude to MPP Jones for the government support of these projects.

"Our government is committed to ensuring that rural Ontario is open for business," added Ms. Jones.

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FEATURED ITEMS

Spaghetti dinner raises over \$1,500 for Christmas Hampers program

Written By MARNI WALSH

About 70 dinner guests defied the first snow storm of the season on November 15th to join friends and neighbours over spaghetti in an effort to raise much needed funds for the Shelburne Christmas Hamper Program.

Hamper Program Chair Bobbi Ferguson says a steady stream of people attended the event to raise "in excess of \$1500." "I would say the snow did affect things a bit, as there were a number of reserved tickets not claimed, but we are still very happy with how many braved the weather. It was a large undertaking made very easy by many volunteers and generous donors."

Shelburne Christmas Hampers is run by the service clubs of Shelburne to assist local families with the extra constraints of the Holiday season. The program is open to qualified families, couples, singles and seniors. Each applicant receives hampers of food, grocery gift cards to purchase a turkey, ham or holiday specialty food, gift cards for children aged 12 to 18 years, and toys for children under 12 years, as well as many other necessary and holiday items.

There were a number of raffle prizes at the pasta dinner, and the service clubs send out a big "thank you" to all who donated. Ed Aukema won the "Spaghetti" version of 'Chase the Ace,' which he generously donated back to the Christmas Hampers. Len Guichardi entertained dinner guests with Italian music, providing ambiance to the evening's

Italian bistro theme.

Ferguson says the highlight of the evening was that it "brought us all together as a community." She says, "Spaghetti eaters from the Kinsmen, Kinettes, Lions, Rotary, Legion, Churches, Food Bank, Town Council, EDC, and many others who just wanted to support this great cause, came out to make sure it was a success. The money raised will go a long way to make sure the Hamper Program is well funded."

The next Hamper event, "Jingle Jam," featuring the band "Little Current," will be held Friday, November 23rd at 9:00 p.m. in Duffy's Pub on Main Street across from the Town Hall. The service clubs ask that attendees bring a non-perishable food item, or a personal care item, such as body wash or shampoo, to donate for the hampers. There is no cover charge, but cash donations will gratefully be accepted.

Anyone wishing to register for a hamper can do so on November 22nd from 7pm to 9pm, November 28th and December 5th from 11 am to 1pm at the Mel Lloyd Centre Community Meeting Room, Entrance C, on the second floor. (Please bring ID for all members living in household, proof of income and expenditures for all members.)

For those wishing to donate, non-perishable food items and toys for children are still needed. Monetary donations are also needed to purchase grocery gift cards and gift cards for those aged 12 to 18 years. Cheques can be mailed to Shelburne Christmas Hampers



PHOTO: PETER RICHARDSON

FOR A GOOD CAUSE: Despite the first snow storm of the season hitting the community on Nov. 15, over 70 guests showed up to enjoy spaghetti, music, and raffle prizes to successfully raise \$1500 for the Shelburne Christmas Hamper Program.

Rotary Club of Shelburne PO Box 27 Stn Main, Shelburne, ON L9V 3L8. Donation boxes can be found at the Town Hall, RBC, Pace Credit Union, Arena, Caravaggio IDA, and at the Mel Lloyd Centre from December 19th to 21st.

On behalf of the service clubs of Shel-

burne, Bobbi Ferguson would like to "thank the residents of our town for their incredible support of this program that has been helping families for over 50 years. Thank you for your generosity, and we wish you all the best for the Holiday Season."

Council discuss Town's parks bylaw for final term meeting

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Monday night saw the final council meeting for the currently sitting council members discuss the interim re-write of the Town's Parks bylaw.

The re-write was predicated on the incidents of needles having been found, in community parks and the subsequent injury to one young resident by a needle. In July council asked that the current by-law be rewritten to better define and limit unsanctioned activities in Town Parks after hours. A more complete and finalized bylaw will be presented to council in late spring 2019, said CAO Denyse Morrissey.

The financial impact to the Town, due to new signage outlining the new hours of operation, will amount to \$1,875. The decided

hours the arks will be closed for public use is between 11:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. seven days a week, except when being used for an event with an extended hours permit.

Police Chief Kent Moore, who consulted with staff in drafting the interim bylaw, presented his opinions and to answer any questions. He stated the bylaw had his full support and it would give officers a better tool to help police and control after hour's activities in the parks. Although a police presence will not be increased in the parks, Chief Moore stated they are already adequately patrolled, the new bylaw will allow for better enforcement and the laying of charges, such as trespassing, if required. The Chief also noted that the issue of needles seems to have abated, perhaps due to the publicity received by the incidents.

Councillor Sample noted that some of the parks are lit at night and asked the Chief if he felt this should be stopped. Chief Moore responded that he did not feel this would be necessary and CAO Morrissey later pointed out that lights in pavilions and other such features could be put on timers and extinguished at park closing hours.

Councillor Benotto mentioned that the rink in Greenwood Park is used after hours frequently, perhaps to finish up a game or for other reasons, and asked the Chief what his solution would be. He also wondered if there would be a grace period before charges would be laid. Chief Moore indicate that such incidences would fall under officer discretionary powers and generally would simply result in a warning and a request to leave the park, and CAO Morrissey told

Council there would be a transitional period to allow all residents to acclimate to the new rules.

Following the meeting, CAO Morrissey took a moment to express the gratitude and admiration of the involvement with council and staff. She said that they were all people of integrity and had been a pleasure to work with during their tenure. Mayor Bennington, who is now leaving public office after 20 years of service, when asked to summarize his career and term as Mayor, stated that he felt gratified to have served the Town and wished the new Council well in their endeavours.

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My Son Pinocchio Jr. opens at Grace Tipling Hall this week

Written By MARNI WALSH

The classic tale of a toymaker's little wooden puppet coming to life will open at Grace Tipling Hall this week. LP Stage Productions' My Son Pinocchio Jr. features a ream of local kids all ready to sing and dance their hearts out in this heart warming script by Disney.

LP Stage Production's director Alison Port says, "This version focuses on Geppetto's journey beyond the toy shop to discover the true meaning of family." What better theme as we begin the Christmas season?

The cast ranges in age from 7- 15 years old with Shelburne's Brody Ireton perfectly cast for the lead role of Geppetto. At 15, Brody is literally growing up in LP Stage Productions, and has participated both on stage and off. Brody has learned the ropes over the years and earned his role as the loveable toy maker. Brody is a student at Centre Dufferin District High School, and is well known around Shelburne for his excellent work as a photographer for Troupe-Adore and community events. Those who follow LP Stage Productions' shows at Grace Tipling will remember his stellar performance as "Pumba" in

The Lion King.

As can be imagined, the sets and props for Pinocchio have been a challenge for the LP Stage team of Dale Lundy and Jason Riedel, who must see the little wooden boy travel far and wide from the toy shop to the belly of a whale. Alison Port says because of this, they are working with a simple, but double-sided set. Performers are utilized as the Professor's "perfect child machine" instead of building a set piece, with each child acting out an individual piece to make the machine function. LP Stage Productions is known for its creative solutions to difficult challenges and there is no doubt that set designer Dale Lundy will have a few tricks up his sleeve to amaze the audience.

All the new music for My Son Pinocchio was composed by Stephen Schwartz, who is famous for the Broadway shows Godspell, Pippin, and Wicked. Kristen Gamache is the musical director for the show, as well as the choreographer. Audiences will recognize Disney's "When You Wish Upon a Star" and "I've Got No Strings" in addition to Schwartz's score.

With a theme of unconditional love, Geppetto's wish to have a son, quickly teaches

him that being a parent is full of challenges. His desire to make his Pinocchio the perfect boy, nearly leads to disaster. It is in the end, that Geppetto learns the true joy of being a father when he is faced with never seeing his son again.

See My Son Pinocchio Jr. running Novem-

ber 23rd to December 2nd at Grace Tipling Hall at the corner of Main and Victoria Streets in Shelburne. Ticket prices are \$18.00 for adults and \$12 for students and seniors. Call the box office at 519-925-2600, ext.0, or order on line at Eventbrite. Cash only tickets will be available at door.

Local chiropractor hosts shoe drive for those in need

Written By JASEN OBERMEYER

With the Christmas season upon us, many groups, organizations, and individuals raise money and food for the less fortunate. For Dr. Richard Magder of Shelburne Family Chiropractic, he is accepting donations of shoes to keep everyone's toes and feet warm for the cold winter ahead.

The shoe drive, now in its second year, runs from Nov. 1 to Dec. 15. Dr. Magder is looking for comfortable shoes with good support, such as running shoes and boots, not flats or high heels. "As a chiropractor, I know that proper foot wear is important to low back comfort."

He explained to the Free Press how the shoe drive came about. "Last year I was working at the clinic, and I had a pair of shoes outside that were drying, my own personal shoes, and I went in to treat a patient, came out, and they were gone."

His wife pointed out that the person prob-

ably needed the shoes more than he did. "A light bulb went over our heads." From there, the shoe drive was born. "We decided to start collecting gently used or new shoes with good support for people who could not afford it."

Last year's efforts raised 300 pairs of shoes, with this year's goal now 500. Just over 200 shoes have been donated so far. "Some of them will go towards Choices Youth Shelter in Orangeville, some of them are going to go to the Shepherds Cupboard Food Bank, and for distribution to families in Shelburne that are in need," Dr. Magder said.

He added it's great seeing the community being so receptive, and is very thankful for the donations brought in and the opportunity to implement this kind of donation. "It's pretty amazing how helpful the community has been."

Donations can be dropped off at the chiropractic office, on 310 Main St East.

Centre Dufferin's Co-op Corner

Student: Sam Gayle
Placement: Early's Machining Ltd.

Sam Gayle from Centre Dufferin District High School shares about his experience at Early's Machining and how they are contributing to our community's future.

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Sam's goal is to become a Mechanical Engineer, and has found that this placement allows him to gain valuable hands on experience. He has learned how to differentiate between different metals, price out jobs, as well as use a variety of different tools and machines. Sam says that he has learned how to think outside of the box and how to use mathematics to get the job done.

All the blueprints and diagrams used by Early's are designed and created by a Mechanical Engineer, and Sam is confident that his Early's Machining experience could lead to a career in this field. A related career could be a Welder or Fabricator. All the



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LEARNING ON THE JOB: Paul Early (left), owner of Early's Machining & Sam Gayle (right), Centre Dufferin District High School Co-op Student.

metals that they order come from a metal superstore, another job prospect that could evolve from this experience.

As one of the first established businesses in town, Paul pride's himself on keeping the shop's relationship with the town as tight as possible, and Paul is often the first place the town will go if it needs any sort of fabrication done. At the moment they are working on a job for the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

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Six degrees of separation

There are a handful of events in life that really call for a celebration.

We're all born and we all die and presumably there will be a celebration or ceremony for both of those occasions, although you won't be able to appreciate either of them even though they are about you.

Along the way there will be a few other times that people celebrate occasions other than the standard holidays.

It's the anniversary of your birth, and whoever you see on a regular basis will wish you a happy birthday and you'll probably get a birthday card from your Aunt Mabel in Saskatoon and these days you'll get birthday greetings on Facebook from some people you have met only once, or maybe never.

There will be graduations to celebrate a milestone in your education. Although no one other than immediate family really cares much about those.

You finally graduated high school - so what? So did everyone else standing around you in their fancy graduation gowns. After a single night of handing out diplomas that no employer will ever ask to see, your parents and grandparents will tell you how proud they are of you for doing

something that 200 other kids in your graduating class also did - you're not special.

Usually the next big step are weddings. As a generation hits a certain age you've got a few years of family weddings on the go.

Around the world, weddings are seen as a big deal. In some countries a wedding celebration can last for days - and there is a reason for this.

You are uniting two families and beginning the next step of creating an entirely new generation - it's a big deal.

If you do it right, in 50 years you can celebrate your golden anniversary and look back at a life altering event in a good light.

If you don't do it right, well, that's a whole different story.

However, weddings do one thing that a lot of other celebrations don't - they provide the opportunity to meet all those relatives and friends you haven't seen in years. The great aunts and uncles, second cousins you barely remember, and that favourite cousin you remember from growing up but they moved away and you haven't seen them for years.

Everyone looks older, except you of course - you haven't changed a bit.

The final celebration of sorts is when someone leaves this life.

Set aside a funeral for a younger person who died too soon. That of course is tragic and a right of passage no one wants to celebrate.

However, when someone has lived a long and fulfilling life, this seems to be the place where the six degrees of separation really comes into play.

Unlike most other events, a funeral draws people who have a connection not only to the deceased but also their family through a network of social interaction. Friends, family, co-workers, club members, motorcycle riding buddies, or the just the waitress who served granddad his breakfast at the diner for the past 30 years might make an appearance just to say goodbye.

Funerals, as they say, are for the living. Over the past couple of years I have attended a few funerals where it really did become a celebration for the living.

On one occasion, a friend's mother had died. In the end it came as more of a relief than anything else.

However, when I arrived at the funeral home, it became a reunion with people I hadn't seen in years. Friends, friend's

parents, high school classmates - were all there - and we all shared a common bond through our church, our school, and the deceased. I spent a couple of hours just reconnecting and reminiscing over good times.

This past spring I was invited to a funeral for a neighbour and former co-worker. Again I was pleasantly surprised to meet around a dozen or more people I hadn't seen in over ten years.

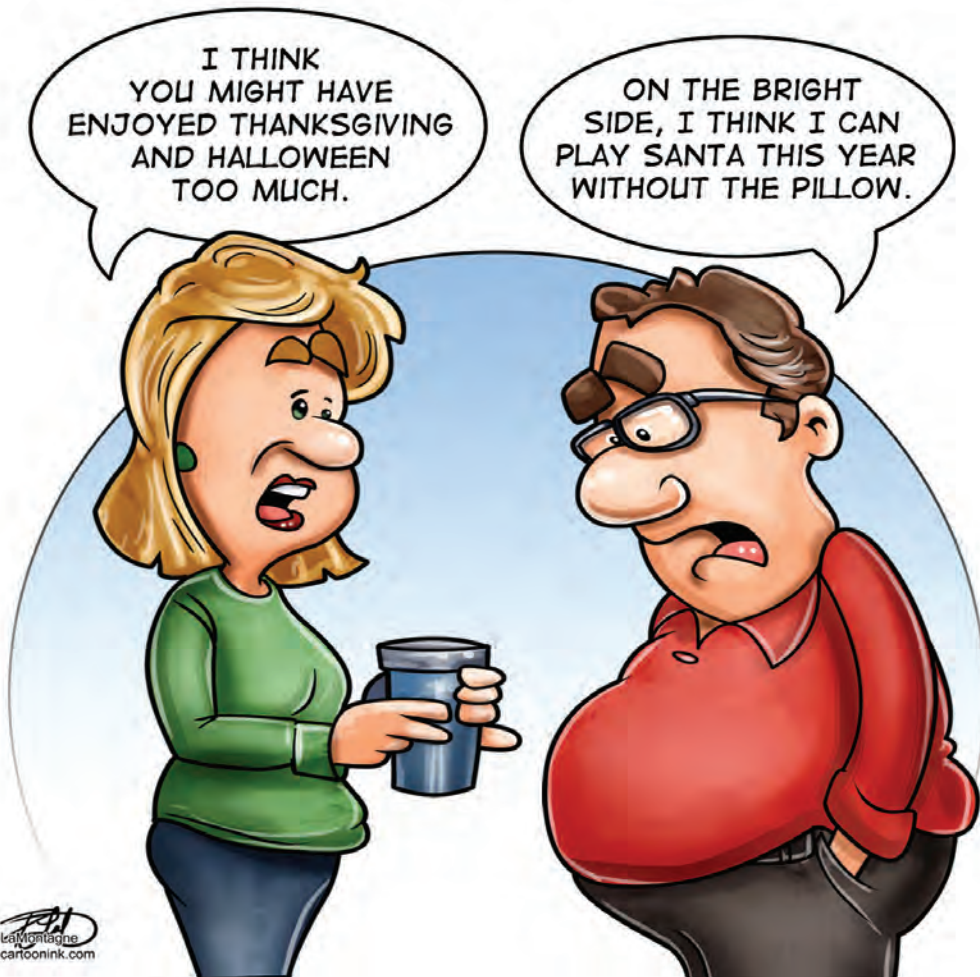
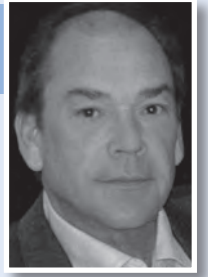
They were all former co-workers from when we had all worked for a large company together.

I had lunch with a former office mate and we had a lot to catch up on - and the conversation seemed to pickup from the last one we had in the company cafeteria over a decade ago, as if no real time had elapsed.

Through those degrees of separation and a once in lifetime (you only die once!) event there can always come some good.

The sad part is quite often someone has to die before those degrees of separation finally meet.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Editorial

Those media attacks: all about power

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN political leaders and the media is seldom warm, with some presidents and prime ministers seeing both media outlets and their employees as out to get them.

But few leaders have gone so far as to declare the media as "enemies of the people" and purveyors of "fake news," let alone bar reporters from their press conferences.

Yet that was what happened in Washington, D.C., when Donald Trump held his first press conference following the mid-term elections that saw Democrats take control of the U.S. House of Representatives while the Republicans strengthened their hold on the Senate.

The low point in the press conference came when the president refused to take questions posed by Jim Acosta, senior White House correspondent for CNN (Cable News Network), shouting "fake news" and ultimately barring him from the White House on the specious grounds that he had assaulted an intern who wrestled a microphone from him.

The president's action was unprecedented, and CNN filed a lawsuit against the president and several of his aides seeking restoration of Mr. Acosta's press credentials. The judge, a Trump appointee, ordered the pass returned but invited the White House to explain its action and establish a process for any future revocation of credentials.

The lawsuit alleges that the action was a clear violation of the U.S. Constitution's guarantee of freedom of the press and freedom of communication.

CNN says that in 2016 Mr. Trump assured a reporter that if he was elected, he would not kick reporters out of the White House, but that since taking office he had mused privately about taking away credentials.

The agency says his threats fly in the face of decades of tradition and precedent. Republican and Democratic administrations alike have had a permissive approach toward press passes, erring on the side of greater access, even for obscure, partisan or fringe outlets.

Could such a thing happen in Canada? Although some prime ministers, among them Stephen Harper, have held few press conferences and sometimes regarded the media as hostile, none has ever barred a reporter from access to the Parliamentary Press Gallery.

In the circumstances, it's reassuring to see Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, whose election victory three years ago came despite most daily newspapers in the country calling for the Conservatives' re-election, speak out last weekend in favour of press freedom.

Speaking in Paris last weekend at a meeting hosted by Reporters Without Borders, he said attacks on the media by political leaders are really about power - getting it and holding it.

"The powerful throughout history have always tried to silence those who would challenge them... There's always been tension between those who would speak truth to power and those who like having their power. But we are now in a phase where that capacity to speak truth to power, that very capacity for a citizen to engage with truth, is under attack," he said, adding:

"Attacks on the media are not just about getting your preferred political candidate elected; they are about increasing the level of cynicism that citizens have towards all authorities, towards all of the institutions that are there to protect us as citizens. And when you combine that with the very real anxiety that so many citizens are feeling... there are lots of levers one can tug on to exacerbate that anxiety, to undermine our trust in institutions and increase our cynicism.

"One of the bulwarks against that, and one of the institutions that is most under stress right now, is a free-thinking, independent, rigorous, robust, respected media. If a democracy is to function you need to have an educated populace, and you need to have an informed populace, ready to make judicious decisions about who to grant power to and when to take it away."

Amen to that.

Short Editorial

Steady hand

Those who feared the Tory government of Ontario Premier Doug Ford would take the slash-and-burn approach to deal with the \$15-billion deficit inherited from the Wynne Liberals must be somewhat relieved that the machete and matches have not been hauled out.

In the fall economic update delivered last week by Finance Minister Vic Fedeli, it became obvious that no scorched earth policy would be adopted.

It was more slow as it goes.

In a few short months, the Tories have managed to chip \$500 million from the deficit with no visible wounding of programs most Ontarians look upon as essential.

This was no small task, but at least it is a step in the right direction when it comes to righting the books.

Instead of mass firings within the bloated public service, a hiring freeze has been imposed to allow the annual attrition rate to thin down the numbers.

Remember how OPSEU leader Smokey Thomas argued it was wrong to go after his union members without first looking at the bureaucracy?

He reminded us, for example, that for every five of his workers there is a bureaucrat oversee-

ing them in middle-management nirvana making in excess of \$100,000 annually.

That's a lot of bosses for so few workers. Progressives in the media are already decrying the absorption of the Ontario Child Advocate office into the provincial ombudsman's portfolio, and the elimination of the French Language Services Commissioner, a toothless optics-driven make-work project from its outset.

Neither bothers us a whit. And nor does it surprise us that the Ford contingent axed the environment commissioner since it is the economy, and returning dollars to the taxpayers, that must be this government's main priority.

The result of Ford eliminating the Wynne Liberals' tax on carbon has already giving us some relief at the pumps, and will save us more dollars as we heat our homes this winter.

It was a long time coming.

Then there is the tax-credit for low-income families and the proposal to have minimum-wage workers pay no provincial income tax whatsoever.

It's an excellent start on the long road to long-overdue balanced budgets.



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Ontario Provincial Police provides winter driving tips

People living in the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) area have recently been reacquainted with Old Man Winter himself, with multiple snow falls over the past two weeks.

Every year the first snowfall brings with it the excitement of winter activities. Unfortunately the winter weather also brings a significant increase in Motor Vehicle Collisions.

With the increased risk of having a collision police would like to pass along some safety tips when involved in a collision. If you are involved in a collision on the Highway do not get out of the vehicle unless it is completely safe to do so given all the circumstances, e.g. location, lighting, number of vehicles involved, and weather conditions.

Please call emergency services if you do not feel safe at the accident scene. Often people looking are a bigger risk to safety than the initial accident. If you are waiting for emergency responders and are staying in your vehicle, wear your seat belt.

- Some more winter driving tips include:
- Have snow tires installed
 - Carry an emergency assistance kit.
 - Keep the vehicle full with fuel.
 - Keep cellular phones charged.
 - Let someone know your route and estimated time of arrival.
 - Get re-acquainted with winter road conditions, take your time and reduce speeds when inclement weather hits.
 - Brush the snow off your vehicle and lights so you have visibility.
 - Make sure your wipers are working and you have extra windshield wiper fluid.

The Highway Traffic Act (HTA) requires every person that is directly or indirectly involved in a collision where persons are injured or the apparent damage exceeds a combined total of \$2,000 to property, that the collision is reported to police forthwith.

There are a few exceptions where police will be dispatched to the scene. Police will attend any collision:

- Where there is injury or death.

- Criminal activity is suspected e.g. Impaired driving, stolen vehicle.

- Federal, Provincial or Municipal vehicles are involved.

- Vehicles are transporting dangerous goods.

- Damage to private, municipal or highway property.

- Collisions involving transports, pedestrians, cyclists, railways and school buses.

- Collisions involving two vehicles where someone has left the scene.

If you are involved in a collision where the value appears to exceed \$2,000 and is does not fall under the exceptions listed, you are encouraged to call the nearest OPP Communications Centre toll-free at 1-888-310-1122.

Here are a few details you should know. Exchange information with the other drivers. Copy down driver licence information, insurance details, licence plate detail, make and model of their vehicle, witness information, and any other significant details you want to remember. Document this information and make it available to the police. Make sure to see all the documents and do not take their word for it

Please be careful this winter and take the extra time to get to your destination safely. Taking a few extra minutes could save hours, money and injuries.

Driver clocked at 100 km/h over limit

Dufferin OPP were conducting speed enforcement on Highway 10 in Melancthon Township Monday (Nov. 19) when the officers observed a Hyundai sport utility vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed.

The vehicle entered the radar zone at close to 200 km/h and was locked in at 185 km/h in

the posted 80 km/h zone.

Police initiated a traffic stop. The 28-year-old male driver from Shelburne was charged with stunt driving and had his vehicle towed and driver's licence seized for seven days. He will appear in an Orangeville court at a later date to answer to the charge.

Rash of wrong-way drivers

A rash of incidents involving a vehicle travelling the wrong way on a highway or road has the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) raising awareness about what drivers should do when encountering a vehicle travelling the wrong way towards oncoming traffic.

Between October 5 and November 5, the OPP responded to 25 reports of a vehicle travelling the wrong way. A collision occurred in five of the incidents and two

people lost their lives in two of the crashes. Twelve charges have been laid so far in five of the incidents, two of which are driving while ability impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.

There were 182 wrong-way vehicle incidents on OPP-patrolled roads last year (2017) and 207 so far this year (2018).

When drivers encounter a vehicle travelling the wrong way towards oncoming traffic, they should immediately and safely pull over to the side of the road, call 9-1-1 and provide their location, a description of the vehicle and the licence plate number if possible.

The OPP is reminding drivers to pay full attention to the road and observe all directional signage, especially when driving on busy, multi-lane highways



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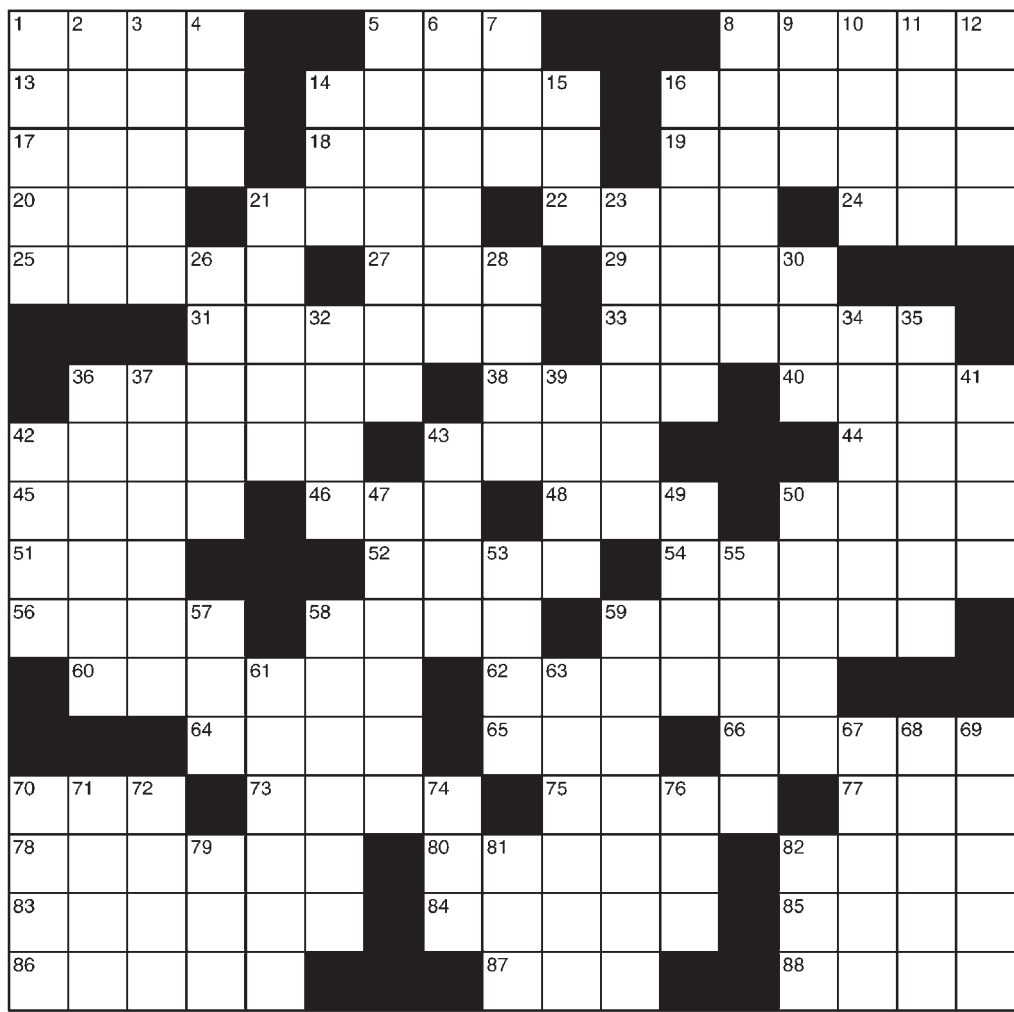


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- Mischievous child
- Strange
- Type of bear
- Played part
- Hurry
- Optical phenomenon
- Of the ear
- Moray fisherman
- "The ___ Cometh"
- Head
- Light brown
- Union soldier
- Painting, e.g.
- Like fresh lettuce
- Have an ___ to grind
- Slipper
- Inn
- Tiny frog
- Seer
- Don't strike!

DOWN

- Figure-skating jump
- Nativity scene
- Equipment
- "Shogun" wear
- Thrash
- Small crow
- Animation unit
- Night twinkler
- Hire
- Lincoln's coin
- Kindle
- Portend
- Complexion problem
- Shear
- Snuggle
- International syndicate
- Cut wood
- Green parrot
- Bread piece
- Furnish weapons to
- Sheet of cotton

DOWN

- Move up
- Indian bread
- Extra time
- Old womanish
- Palm's location
- Michaelmas daisies
- Gauche's tool
- Against
- Mount
- Layer
- Garfield's cry
- Wild horse
- Helicopter part
- Excuse
- Private eye
- Perform surgery
- First-class
- Barely passing grade
- Predicament

- Metallic dirt
- Tibetan priest
- Culture medium
- Payment to a landlord
- Not sweet, as wine
- Moistureless
- Stately dance
- Period in history
- Electrical unit
- Cabin
- Or ___! (threat)
- Clean-air advocate group: abbr.
- Dog-pulled vehicle
- Foreign
- Manufacturer's payback
- Prayer
- Go backward
- Diplomat's skill
- Former Italian currency
- Association
- Actress Verdon
- Stress, as a syllable
- Cheerful tune
- Baiting leader
- Body part
- Birds in a gaggle
- Curvy shape
- Eternally
- Weakness
- Knight's tunic
- Antenna
- Lacking reason
- Long-poem division
- Bestow
- Alack's partner
- Sleep
- Allot
- Paving goo
- Baltic, e.g.
- Willie Winkie's size
- Imbibe
- That fellow



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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Local artist paints Maple Leafs collage to support Shelburne Minor Hockey

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Wolves Novice LL team will benefit from the talent of a local artist who is donating an original work featuring former captains of the Toronto Maple Leafs.

Artist Kieran Hassey, whose son Dylan plays on the team, decided to create the work to help with the team's fundraising efforts. The painting was created using watercolour and gouache and has images of seven of the Leaf's former captains along with the Toronto logo.

He sells his paintings through several art groups and also does commissioned work for various clients.

"I was always drawing and painting, as soon as I could hold a pencil," Kieran said of his start as an artist. "My mom still has drawing of what I did when I was younger - Batman and Robin, Conan the Barbarian, all those guys. I studied different books about anatomy and some of the great animators - I took it from there."

A lifelong artist, Kieran creates fine art and has also branched out to working on human canvases through his work at a tattoo artist. The move to doing tattoos was a natural progression of his work and he

started Talisman studios in 2004 so there's a good chance you've seen some of his work around town.

Hockey is an expensive sport to play and parents and supporters are routinely asked to help out with fundraising. Kieran came up with the idea of creating a hockey themed original work to be raffled off to support the team.

This is the second year he has raffled off a painting. Last year he created a painting of Austin Matthews in his rookie year and it was won by a buyer in Mississauga.

Ticket buyers aren't just local; there is a lot of interest from people around the province who would like to have this original work. The painting comes with a certificate of authenticity as an original work.

The number of raffle tickets has been limited to 600 and they are \$4 each or three for \$10.00.

Tickets are available until December 21, and the draw will be done live on Facebook.

You can get tickets via e-mail at thetalismanstudio@yahoo.ca, by calling or texting 416-294-0383, or by messaging directly on the The Talisman Studio Facebook page.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

WORK OF ART: Artist Kieran Hassey has created an original painting depicting seven former captains of the Toronto Maple Leafs. The painting is being raffled as a fundraiser for the local Shelburne Wolves Novice LL team. This is the second year Kieran has created an original work of art to help support the team.

CDDHS Jr. Girls capture District 4 championship

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals junior girls basketball team won the District 4 championship with a 37-24 win over Wellington Heights Secondary School on Tuesday, November 13.

The Royals have gone undefeated this season, winning all eight regular season games, then knocking out Emmanuel Christian High School in the semi-final round of the playoffs.

Starting out with a lead, the Royals kept up the pressure for the full game in the final and were successfully hitting hoops and working a strong defence to stop Wellington Heights from getting opportunities around the net.

The Royals had a seven point lead midway in the third quarter then opened the gap to lead 31-14 to start the fourth quarter.

They finished strong to win the District title.

"I think our defence was really strong and we were fighting for it - we really wanted the ball this game," said Royals centre Carly McLean. "In other games we wanted it, but this was the winning game and we fought for every ball we got. I feel like we passed it a lot (on offence), we moved the ball around so they had to really run to get it from us. We did good passes, and we looked to see where open players were. Instead of doing quick passes we thought about our passes."

The Royals have played a solid game all season scoring 349 regular season points while allowing only 125 against.

"We did really well, especially our transitions," said Royals forward Tashlyn Jackson. "We were a lot faster than the other team,



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals junior girls basketball team captured the District 4 championship with a 37-25 win over Wellington Heights Secondary School on Tuesday, November 13. Team members, in front, Carly McLean, first row, Julia Miller, Katie Galbraith, Emilie Hill, Alexis Leid, second row, coach Matt Barlow, Taylor Bester, Tashlyn Jackson, Taylor Pate, Franny McGowan, Karylle Valera, Karly Doolittle, and coach Shane Trainor celebrate the championship.

even though we were tired. We have won every other game but we didn't want to be cocky. We made sure to try our hardest. The coach said to try our hardest and not be cocky. He goes over every play that he wants us to do and tells us everything he wants done."

Head coach Matt Barlow and coach Shane Trainor have done an excellent job working with this young team this season.

As District 4 champions, the Royals will now go on to represent the District at the Central Western Ontario Secondary Schools Association (CWOSSA) and compete at the regional level.

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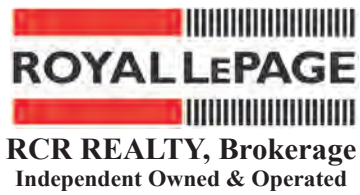
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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



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TEAM: CENTRE DUFFERIN DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL ROYALS SENIOR BASKETBALL
POSITION: WING

"I like the competitiveness of basketball - especially because I'm very competitive," said CDDHS Royals senior basketball player Ally Sodoma of why she likes the sport. "I like how we're in a group and working with others."

Playing both on school teams for several years as well as a club team at the Athlete Institute, Ally brings a lot of experience to her team.

When she's not on the basketball court the grade 11 student also takes part in cheer leading and plays volleyball.



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A SUCCESSFUL HAUNT: The numbers are in! Cast members of Little's Halloween Haunt accepting donations to fill the van behind them with what would add up to 577 pounds of food for the Shelburne Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank. The 1075 guests that attended the Haunt also donated \$800.35 to the Food Bank to help purchase fresh produce. "We want to thank the citizens of Shelburne for coming out and supporting the Haunt," says Carola Little, "as well as No Frills, Bluwood and other local businesses, without whom we wouldn't be able to do what we do. We look forward to providing this fun event again next year!"

Shelburne Library News

Silent Auction & Book Sale- Saturday, November 24th (10:00 am – 3:45 pm)

We have just acknowledged the tremendous support of the community for the 2018 Garden of Remembrance and we are on to the next event which is always a great success because of the generosity and great support of our community. This year is better than ever, as we display in advance all the beautiful and very unique items available this Saturday.

The funds generated go directly into the purchase of new materials for our collection so please come out and support this event by doing some special holiday shopping.

Teen Scene:

Here's a list of our upcoming events:

Thursday, November 29th, 6:00-7:00pm- Book Club. Tuesday, December 4th, 4:00-5:00pm- TAB Meeting. Thursday, December 6th, 3:30-4:30pm- Writer's Café. Tuesday, December 11th, 4:00-5:00pm- Gingerbread House Decoration Competition (registration required)

Children's Programs

Books & Babies: Tuesday mornings, 10:00

am - 11:00 am - This is a drop-in group for parents and children 2 years old and under.

PAWS TO READ: Tuesday afternoons, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Mac-the-therapy-dog is available for 15 minute appointments with children who would like to practice their reading in a calm environment.

LEGO Club: Wednesday afternoons, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - Drop in for lots of fun building challenges.

Story Time: Friday mornings, 10:30 am - 11:30 am - This is a drop-in group full of singing, dancing, and stories!

Upcoming Children's Events

Carolyn j. Morris will be visiting our library on Friday, November 30th at 10:30 am. She will be singing, reading some of her stories, and making a special craft with us. Register early as there are limited spaces.

The library will be hosting Wintertime Slime on Saturday, December 8th, 2018 from 1-2 pm. We will be creating three types of winter and holiday-themed slime. This group is open to children ages 6-12 years old. Sign up today, limited spaces available!

Christian Perspectives: Let's celebrate, it's Christmas time!

As we approach the final weeks to Christmas, boys and girls everywhere are stressed out as they try to be good. Many of them are chatting a lot about the most popular toy or video game. Some are making lists to hand out to family or Santa Claus. Parents are planning meals, decorations and shopping. Calendars are filling up with events, parties and other social gatherings. It's called the most wonderful time of the year. In fact, many of us will experience joy at this time of year.

Having friends and family take time out to appreciate each other with gifts and with their visits is exciting and fun.

At Jesus's birth, the angel announced: "I bring you good news which shall bring joy to all people". People of all ages, cultures and countries celebrate Christmas. The joy of Jesus's birth is about Him giving his life to save us all. It is joy in life and in eternity. Happiness and security is knowing that He wants the best for us. This joy is proclaimed to touch everyone regardless of whether or not we are spiritual. Joy to the world.

Every year, we are bombarded with ads, store signs, sales and huge crowds, shopping. Each year, we are reminded to not lose focus on the reason for the season...and we should not. People celebrate in their own way at this time of year. So, let's not be judgmental of those who focus on making others happy by spending on gifts or those who shop like crazy. When we give, in general... including the giving of Christmas gifts, we perform an act that is very God-like. God is a giver, He loves a cheerful giver, He loved the world (without restriction to good people)

that He gave His Son at Christmas.

So too, let us encourage the act of giving and let us celebrate the newborn saviour. Our celebration can include singing carols, Christmas potlucks, concerts or worship services. Let our celebration be visible in as many ways as possible so others will pause to think about Jesus. Jesus said (Matt 5:16): "Let your light so shine before people that they may see the good you do, and glorify God in heaven."

Pastor Gavin Sullivan
Primrose Christian Church

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The Council of the Township of Melancthon will be making citizen appointments to certain Local Boards/Committee at its Inaugural meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2018. Anyone interested in serving on any of the below Boards/Committee, please apply in writing to the undersigned providing a brief outline of your background, experience and interest. Applications must be received no later than 12 noon on Wednesday, December 5, 2018. The term of office for most positions is concurrent with the term of Council, being four years (ending on November 14, 2022), or as determined by Council.

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St. Paul's Cemetery	4 public members
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Township of Melancthon Police Services Board	1 public member
Property Standards Committee	5 public members

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To be grateful for all life's blessings...is the best condition for a happy life. A joke, a good meal, a fine fall day, a work of art, a human personality, a voice, a glance... BUT this is not all. For there is another kind of gratitude... the feeling that makes us thankful for suffering, for the hard and heavy things of life, for the deepening of our characters which perhaps only suffering can bring... - Thomas Mann

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name.
- Hebrews 13:15

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Museum marks 100th anniversary of Spanish Flu pandemic

Written By **JASEN OBERMEYER**

Although 1918 is best known as the year the First World War ended, it was also the year of the Spanish Flu, one of the deadliest natural disasters and pandemics that swept across the entire world.

The Museum of Dufferin marked the 100th anniversary of this almost forgotten epidemic with a presentation at the Orangeville Mill Street Library last Thursday, Nov. 15, given by Archivist Laura Camilleri, focusing on the impact it had on Dufferin County. An online exhibit is also available on the museum's website.

"It started as a project that we had given to one of the students in the Digital Historian Project," explained Julie McNevin, the museum's education programmer. "From there it kind of got us curious."

The Spanish Flu began in January 1918, and peaked from the end of the year to spring 1919. It infected 500 million people around the world, including remote areas such as the Arctic and Pacific islands, leaving almost no one safe or untouched. Though it gripped the world for a short time, it claimed 50 to 100 million lives – three to five per cent of the world's population – and was the first of two pandemics involving the H1N1 influenza virus.

With World War One dominating the headlines, censorship prevented the public from being informed of the influenza. "They didn't want to create panic, it was still wartime. You really have to read between the lines to really uncover the true picture of what was happening," described Ms. McNevin. The exact origin of the pandemic is not certain, but since Spain, neutral during the war, reported freely, it led to the widespread belief that the country was the source, hence its name.

A mass dispersion of civilians from the

war-torn areas, and soldiers returning home helped to spread the virus rapidly. Victims were stricken with a sudden onset of shivering, severe headache, pains in their back and legs, and a general feeling of weakness. This was followed by a sore throat, cough and fever. Within as little as a few days to a week, pneumonia would set in, with death following a day or two later. It killed mostly healthy people in their prime, between the ages of 20 to 40, unusual given the typical flu hits the very young and old.

In Canada, some 30,000 to 50,000 were killed, with an estimated 9,000 of them in Ontario, and the Spanish Flu gaining a foothold in Dufferin by October 1918. The museum gained information from news reports from local papers, including the Orangeville Banner, Orangeville Sun and Shelburne Free Press. "The information was really interesting," commented Ms. McNevin. "You would be hard-pressed to find a family with roots in Dufferin County that doesn't have a case of Spanish Influenza in their family history."

Eight per cent of the population were infected in the County, and 35 people – 1.94 population percentage – died from the virus: six each in Amaranth, Mono, Orangeville, and Melancton, three in Grand Valley, East Garafraxa, and Shelburne, and two in Mulmur. Mulmur had 67 cases, East Garafraxa, Grand Valley, and Shelburne each had 100, and Orangeville, Mono, Amaranth, and Melancton had about 200 each.

The County sustained a high morbidity (rate of illness), but low mortality (rate of death), in comparison to more densely populated areas of Canada, such as Toronto or Montreal. "Dufferin fit perfectly into that mould of what historians are saying," noted Ms. McNevin.

For the survivors, the 1918 Flu left a lasting mark. Those recovering often found symp-

toms ranging from general weakness to nerve damage or heart conditions affecting their ability to return to a normal life. "It had this cloud over the community for awhile, and that was something people were keen to forget about and move on," Ms. McNevin explained.

She added that the virus "really shut down our communities, towns, and villages," both economically and socially, as during the height of the epidemic, many businesses, especially those related to entertainment, were closed down. Many suffered a loss of income, and made it difficult for the population as a whole during the Christmas shopping season.

Ms. McNevin said the Spanish Flu changed the medical system, leading to the establish-

ment of the Canadian Department of Health, as before, health boards were left on their own with no protocol to make decisions on how to handle the virus. "As a result, we have a Federal health organization that controls the messaging of what happens if there is a serious outbreak like this ever again."

She noted, "Orangeville had a relatively new hospital by the time the outbreak happened."

She encourages others to share their stories on the Spanish Flu through a new social engagement platform, www.joinindufferin.ca, which will be launching soon, to help gain more information. "It's a dark subject, but it was certainly fun to research."



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**Corbett, "Cookie"
Alison Blair**



Passed away peacefully with her daughter by her side on Saturday, November 17, 2018 a few days short of her 99th birthday, a long life, well lived. Predeceased by her loving husband Bud. Devoted mother and best friend of her daughter JoAnn Grime, gardening buddy and golf partner for her son-in-law Bob and beloved Nana of Geoffrey (Victoria, BC).

The daughter of a Vimy veteran and his Scottish nurse, Ailie as she was known to family, grew up with her brother Jack in Milton with summers spent at Sauble Beach. She enlisted in the first women's division of the RCAF in WWII. It was at Trenton she was given her nickname Cookie and met her future husband Bud. Together they built two businesses, Corbett Sports of Oakville and the Shelburne Golf Course. Cookie was a natural athlete who had the most effortless golf swing. Her true passion, however, was gardening of every kind. Trees were planted and beds built wherever she or the family resided.

A gracious lady, beautiful inside and out, Cookie was known for her twinkling eyes, a lovely smile and ready laugh. Having lived for many years in the granny flat spoiling the family with her love and cooking, it was tough when Mum had to leave home yet she remained a gentle soul, true to herself despite the challenges of dementia.

Special thanks for their love and support to lifelong friend Deb Campbell, as well as Barb and Fred Greenwood.

Our appreciation goes to all departments at Dufferin Oaks for their work on behalf of residents. Sincere gratitude to 2nd floor staff for the care, companionship and compassion you provide the residents in ways large and small. In respect of Cookie's wishes, cremation will be followed by interment alongside Bud at the Stone Church Cemetery, Beaverton.

Please take a moment to revisit a memory of Cookie.

If desired, donations to Dufferin Oaks, for the Quality of Life Team, would be appreciated.

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**Prentice,
Norman**



Passed away peacefully with family by his side at Headwaters Health Care Centre on Thursday,

November 15, 2018 in his 89th year.

Beloved husband of 63 years to Leona.

Loving father of Terry (Barb), Dana (Wendy), Lynnette (Dan) McIntyre, Paul (Jana) and Leanne (Jamie) Doig.

Cherished grandpa of Michelle (Skee), Heather (Diptesh), Carley (Taylor), Andrew (Janelle), Ryan (Kristi), Jesse (Jill), Emma (Rob), Eric, Evan, Dakota, Dylan, Jordan, Zackary, Leighton, Aidan and Devan.

Great-grandfather of Hana, Makayla, Matthew, Nathan, Sadie, Lauren, Savannah, Nicholas and Gracie.

Predeceased by his grandson Kyle, his parents Roy and Annie Prentice, his sisters Edna and Dorothy and his brothers Harold and George.

The funeral service was held in the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home chapel on Sunday,

November 18, 2018 at 1:00 p.m. A come and go reception and visitation took place at the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 220 on Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

A private family interment followed at Honeywood Cemetery.

If desired, donations to Honeywood Minor Hockey Association, Honeywood Arena, Honeywood Cemetery or Badjeros United Church would be appreciated.

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Madden Taylor McCleary Reid

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Funeral Service will be held at *Dods & McNair Funeral Home, Chapel & Reception Centre*

21 First St. Orangeville, Ontario on Saturday,

November 24th, 2018 at 11:00 am. The family will receive friends beginning at 10:00 am.

Memorial donations to Drake Rayden Foundation-for NKH (www.drakeraydenfoundation.com) Research would be appreciated by the family.

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