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CDDHS students learn about more than just history on trip to Europe

Written By MARNI WALSH

A long flight delay from Toronto's Pearson Airport to Europe this month taught Centre Dufferin District High School (CDDHS) students a lesson in patience. The plane was to leave Toronto around 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 6, but some students did not leave until 48 hours later.

CDDHS Principal, Wendy McIntosh told the Free Press, "The group, which consisted of 45 students, five teachers and three additional adults, boarded the plane on schedule around 5:30 p.m. and started to leave the terminal - however, the plane was then stopped."

Linda and Joe Cruikshank's daughter Kayla was one of the students on the Lufthansa LH471 flight to Frankfurt. Reportedly the students were held up on the tarmac for almost four hours while mechanics tried to fix an engine that was giving codes. They say mechanics tried thawing the sensor and replacing electrical parts without luck.

Principal McIntosh says at "9:42 p.m. the flight was cancelled by the airline" and "around 11 p.m. students were taken to an area where a third party provider was to provide busing to a hotel and pizza. The bus ar-

rived and got students to the hotel between 1 and 1:30 a.m. Unfortunately, the pizza did not arrive until 3:30 a.m."

Ms. McIntosh says, "In the morning, staff spoke to the third party provider to get information on flights being rebooked."

However, finding a new flight during one of the busiest seasons at the airport proved challenging. "Staff was informed that the group would be split into five groups in order to rebook the flights," says Principal McIntosh. "It was not possible for the entire group to be rebooked on the same flight."

For example, Kayla Cruikshank went to Detroit, then Paris 24 hours later than originally booked. Her parents say, "This was unfortunate, but you don't want to fly with only three engines."

"Most students arrived in Paris one day late," says Ms. McIntosh, "a small group were delayed two days. School staff phoned all parents with the updated flight information, once we had it. It took some time for those details to get sorted."

"Due to the delay and changes to flights, students were unable to participate in some of the planned activities on the trip." She reports. "The students represented CDDHS

very well, the staff adapted as things changed and they all had a really great experience once they arrived."

The school trip is an annual event for the History department, in which students with a 70 percent average or above, with a senior social science course, are invited to join. Principal McIntosh says, "The goal for this trip was to have our students experience parts of Europe, the culture, and bring aspects of what they've learned in history class to life."

Reportedly, the last group to arrive explored Paris, while the others, who had already had the opportunity to see the historic city, travelled to Normandy for the day. After Normandy, it was on to Milan, Italy by train, and then to Rome where students visited such landmark sites as the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain, the Colosseum, and Vatican City.

The CDDHS students all returned home safe in Shelburne around 8 p.m. on March 15. Despite the delays, Linda Cruikshank says her daughter felt it was a wonderful historic trip overall.

She says, "Kayla had a great time and can't wait to travel again."

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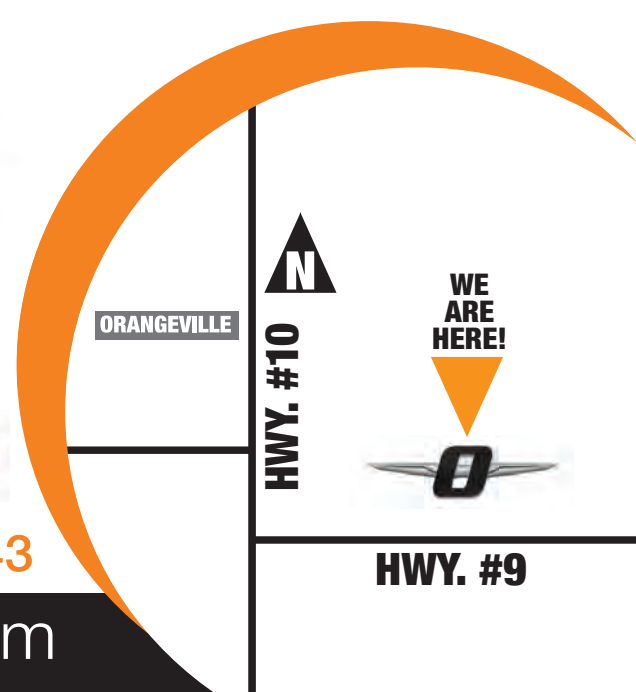
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Khattra Dufferin-Caledon Tories' surprise pick to succeed Tilson

Written By MIKE BAKER

In a stunning turn of events, local entrepreneur Harzadan Singh Khattra has been selected by Dufferin-Caledon party members to lead the Conservatives into this year's federal election.

Following a lengthy nomination meeting on Tuesday (March 19), which ran until approximately 2 a.m. and was held at the Orangeville Agricultural Society Event Centre, Mr. Khattra emerged as a somewhat surprised winner, defeating Kevin Weatherbee, former Caledon Regional Councillor Barb Shaughnessy and former Orangeville Mayor Jeremy Williams in the race to replace retiring MP David Tilson.

After he had initially refused an interview with the Citizen following the announcement of his victory, Mr. Khattra was located at his after party, held at Orangeville's Best Western hotel. There, he shared his thoughts on being selected to serve the Conservative party in our riding.

"It feels wonderful, I'm truly lost for words," Mr. Khattra said. "It's almost like a dream come true for me."

When asked if he had expected to secure the nomination, Mr. Khattra admitted he was on the fence. He declared during what could best be described as a shaky speech prior to the vote that a record had been broken for the number of Conservative memberships sold ahead of the nomination. During that speech, he pressed home the need for a majority Conservative government to take over in Ottawa.

"We desperately need a majority government, not a minority government. We need to make sure our neighbours, our surrounding

ridings turn blue as well in this election," Mr. Khattra said.

While little is known about Mr. Khattra's political background, he described himself as a local entrepreneur and property manager. It has also been reported that Mr. Khattra has some involvement with Orangeville Taxi.

Born and raised in Canada, Mr. Khattra notes, on social media, that he attended both elementary and high school in Brampton and currently resides in Orangeville. In 2010, he enrolled in Atlantic University's School of Medicine, receiving his doctor of medicine credentials in 2015. The school, located in St. Lucia, closed in 2017 and was not accredited by the Caribbean Accreditation Authority for Education in Medicine and other Health Professions (CAAM-HP). In early 2018, the Canadian government announced graduates from the program would not be eligible to apply for Medical Council of Canada (MCC) services, or apply for licensure in Canada.

Official results and numbers have not been released by the local association, with Derek Clark, Chair of the Candidate Nomination Committee refusing to elaborate when asked how strong Mr. Khattra's victory was.

"I will not, as chair of the nomination committee, be releasing any results. The reason for that is that any one of the contestants could lodge an appeal," Mr. Clark said.

As the smoke cleared on Wednesday morning, it didn't appear that an appeal would be forthcoming. Mr. Williams took to social media to thank all of his supporters and offer congratulations to Mr. Khattra for winning the nomination, while Mr. Weatherbee, while unhappy with some of the processes put into

place during Tuesday's nomination, indicated he would accept the result.

"Obviously we're not happy with the result, but this is how these things go sometimes. We are disappointed with the experience a lot of members had. Some people were denied the ability to vote, and weren't given a clear explanation, in some cases, as to why they weren't on the voters' list when they should have been. We're disappointed with the way the Party conducted the vote," Mr. Weatherbee said.

He added, "At this point, we're trying to survey exactly what happened. We have people reaching out to us this morning letting us know what their experiences were like. I wouldn't say there is (a plan to appeal) at this point, but we'll see what happens as everyone continues to follow up."

He, too, would go on to offer words of support for Mr. Khattra.

"Harzadan is the candidate now. We look forward to seeing him go on and carry our party's banner and we'll see what comes next," Mr. Weatherbee concluded.

In a statement issued to the Citizen, federal Conservative leader Andrew Scheer, who was introduced to Mr. Khattra during a visit to the riding last year, offered his own words of congratulations.

"Canada's Conservatives have a positive vision for Canada, and having Harzadan Singh Khattra join our team will ensure Dufferin-Caledon gets the strong representation they deserve in a Conservative government that will lower taxes, and put people first," Mr. Scheer said.

For Mr. Khattra, the next step is to get out into the community. With a loud, boisterous

support team behind him, Mr. Khattra is positive he has what it takes to secure a sixth successive term for the Conservatives in Dufferin-Caledon. In what was a short acceptance speech, Mr. Khattra noted he would be leaning on experienced Conservatives in the community along the way.

"This victory is all of ours, not only mine," Mr. Khattra said. "We need to be a team. I'm going to lean on your knowledge and your experience and promise to do my very best," he told Mr. Weatherbee, Mr. Williams and Ms. Shaughnessy. Turning to Mr. Tilson, Mr. Khattra noted, "And David, even though you are retiring, I will still call on you for advice."

He concluded, "What's next for me? I'm going to be knocking on lots of doors, learning the issues and speaking to local voters. So far, I've been hearing people talk about health care, especially as we only have one hospital in our riding."

Unofficial results posted on Facebook Wednesday indicated that Mr. Khattra led throughout.

With just 1,771 of the 3,800 eligible voters casting ballots in the first round, Mr. Khattra received 796 votes, short of the 50 per cent required for victory, yet was well ahead of Mr. Weatherbee and Ms. Shaughnessy, who received 468 and 409 votes, respectively. Mr. Williams was far behind with 73 votes and was not on the second-round ballots.

The second round saw Ms. Shaughnessy eliminated and the final-round vote had Mr. Khattra garnering 852 votes to Mr. Weatherbee's 675.

The 2019 federal election is scheduled to take place on or before Oct. 21 of this year.

County launches 2019 Community Grant initiative

Written By MARNI WALSH

Applications for 2019 Community Grants are now available through the County of Dufferin.

Funds are reserved for projects that address areas in need of support or development in the community. Residents interested in applying must submit a completed application form and supporting documents before April 15.

In 2018, the County of Dufferin entered into an agreement with Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA) to administer the Community Grant program. HCIA has put together a grant team that will review the applications and evaluate them against established criteria. The criteria ensure that submissions support one of five County priority areas, which include Cultural Enhancement, Economic Development, Human Services, Seniors Support, and Youth Engagement.

"HCIA was itself an applicant for funding in past years," says Project Lead Shirley Boxem. "For the 2018 granting cycle, we proposed managing the process on behalf of the County, seeing that the application and review method could benefit from analysis and re-work. The county saw the opportunity to better align how it manages grants and align with priorities."

The HCIA leader says, "Any County that is able to make room for community support like this must be applauded. Running a County is about so much more than managing the essentials and balancing the books. What are issues that affect many of us but no one has the ability to address? What are the gaps we see and also the things we want to see more of that make this a great place to live? How can we bring more people together and be more inclusive?"

She added, "A key ingredient is surely a government that demonstrates leadership in a variety of ways."

All projects submitted for Dufferin Community Grants must be sustainable and a registered non-profit or charitable organization, or partnered with one. All project proposals must have a clear benefit for the

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The grants are one-time funding opportunities - with eligible expenses including advertising, marketing, and the purchase of goods and services for the project. After project completion, organizations may be subject to a project review, and required to submit invoices and proof of payment for goods and services.

Shirley Boxem says HCIA is hoping to see "projects that enhance our community in the priority areas." She says, "That enhancement could take many forms. New ideas that stimulate thinking, new collaborations, or different opportunities for community."

However, Ms. Boxem acknowledges, "New projects for one time funding are not easy to do. Funding in the past has typically added impact or a new component to planned activities." She says, "The applications demonstrate that there are underfunded efforts and populations in our community."

According to Ms. Boxem, there were 20 applications last year with a wide range of requests. "Most of them were around adding capacity to established efforts, such as a music group requesting new sheet music; a community beautification organization asking for additional materials; or a community event needing marketing funds." She says, "Generally the funds have helped make events or efforts better."

"The immediate benefit of the Community Grants 'is supporting wonderful efforts by super citizens and groups,'" says Ms. Boxem. "As we socialize the new application process and get the project results, we are hoping to glean inspiring stories to share. People can be motivated to connect, contribute, volunteer, and many other things when they hear a story that resonates with them. It inspires people into action and to be part of creating the community that they want - one that is inclusive and resilient to challenges that we all face."

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It would have made a lot more sense if the teacher actually explained what she was talking about. Instead she just glared at a class of nine year-olds in that "I'm the teacher, so you're wrong about everything" kind of way they learn in teacher's college class 101.

It's hard to ask for clarification when you know if you raise your hand and question a statement you're not going to get a real answer because if you can't read the teacher's mind – you must be stupid.

The recent scandal hitting the front pages of such reputable news sources as the National Enquirer and Yahoo news regarding high profile people being arrested on federal charges for such crimes as 'conspiracy to commit mail fraud' and 'honest services mail fraud' pretty much defines the 'cheating yourself' part of the above quote.

These high profile celebrities, allegedly, used bribes, and outright fraud in some cases in an attempt to ensure their kids get a spot in a 'prestigious' school.

The allegations include everything from

having a ringer pose as a kid to write entrance exams, to photoshopping a girl into a rowing scull to showcase her athletic prowess – even thought the kid had never rowed a boat in her life.

These are serious charges. In the U.S., if you are up on federal charges, the odds of you being found not guilty are pretty slim. Federal prosecutors don't like to lose, and federal judges have a tendency to find you guilty so they can arrive at the restaurant on time for their dinner reservations. Just ask Martha Stewart and Conrad Black.

There are probably a lot more people who are nervously chewing off what is left of their fingernails while waiting to see how this situation plays out.

Remember, if a bribe was paid, then someone received that money. If someone received that money then someone else was either influenced, paid back a favour, or was paid off to ensure the payee gets the service they shelled out the big bucks for.

What's remarkable about these allegations is the parents seem to have no idea of their children's skill or academic level.

If the kid can't qualify for admission on their own, the likelihood of success at a school is minimal. No employer was ever impressed

that you lasted a full semester before flunking out – even if it was a 'prestigious' school.

One daughter of an accused celebrity has been described as a 'social' or 'media influencer' because she has a Youtube channel. I'm not sure how much influence a 19 year-old has, unless it's to influence ten year-olds who are easily impressed because they saw her mother on TV.

A recent question asked of her was her plans for college. The genius girl was not impressed with school, but said she would like to go to college for 'game days and the parties.'

Parties are fun, but if that's your main objective in post secondary education, you're probably going to fall short of making the Dean's list for exemplary work.

Even so, the parents figured if they put out thousands, and in some cases a LOT of thousands of dollars in bribes, their kids would be admitted to a school in which they had little, or no chance of succeeding.

All this does is take away a space in a program from another student who worked hard to achieve success and is more deserving of a place in the school and more likely to graduate.

The fact that 'celebrities' are involved in this supposed scandal of course makes it news

– especially in Tinsel Town, where of course no celebrity ever got caught doing anything shady before.

When it comes to U.S. 'colleges', this type of nonsense has been going on for years.

The U.S. is the only place where you can get a full scholarship to a university based on your ability to toss a ball through a hoop or throw a 40 yard pass on a gridiron with accuracy.

In a recent interview, a well known college basketball player was asked about his classroom work.

His classic reply was "Classroom? I came here to play basketball, not play school."

And yet, when his four years are done, he will graduate and be given a degree in something for not attending classes, but averaging 20 points per game on the court.

Maybe these celebrity parents could have avoided losing a lot of money and possibly spending time in a federal penitentiary if they just tried to steer their kids in the right direction in the first place.



BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW

Editorial

Identity politics in all its glory

WHAT A NIGHT IT WAS at the Orangeville Agricultural Society Event Centre on Tuesday (March 19).

Following nine long hours of talking, voting, counting and, presumably, re-counting, Harzadan Singh Khattrra emerged as the surprising winner of the local Conservative nomination race.

Little was known about Mr. Khattrra heading into the vote, with many Conservative members on the night informing the Free Press they had not received so much as an introductory email from the candidate at any point during the nomination process. Strange for a man seemingly desperate for votes ahead of a night that could change his life.

Could it be, perhaps, that Mr. Khattrra knew beforehand that he had enough votes to secure this nomination? He proudly boasted on stage that a new record had been set for Conservative membership sales ahead of the event, with rumours whirling throughout the OAS Event Centre that his team managed to sign up more than 2,000 new members.

The local south Asian community came out in full force to support one of their own. Make no mistake about it, this is identity politics in all of its glory. While Mr. Khattrra, on the face of it, appears to be a very genuine and humble man, he does not appear to possess the personality and presence required of someone who wants to represent his riding on the national stage.

Public speaking is a huge component of the federal political arena. As is talking to, and dealing with the media. Mr. Khattrra failed in a big way in both respects on Tuesday evening. With each candidate being afforded five minutes to address those in attendance prior to the vote, Mr. Khattrra stumbled over his words, paused for long periods on several occasions and failed to put across a single note of any point, apologizing numerous times before retreating to his seat. Later in the evening, he stared blankly at reporters, who were asking fairly basic questions,

before his support team ushered him away.

Taking something of a back seat, the Free Press decided to wait before approaching Mr. Khattrra for an interview. When we finally did, we were told thanks, but no thanks, with Mr. Khattrra then leaving the building. It should be noted that each of the three other candidates spoke to us over the course of the evening.

Unsatisfied, we eventually caught up with Mr. Khattrra at Orangeville's Best Western, where he was hosting a celebratory after-party. It took some convincing from his team, but Mr. Khattrra gave us two minutes of his time. During those two minutes, he offered nothing of substance, with the only real take-away being that his number one issue heading into the federal election was improving health care in the riding. Health care is, of course, almost exclusively a provincial issue.

Notwithstanding these points, one has to question Mr. Khattrra's resumé. While his age has not been disclosed to media, he is a relatively recent graduate of a now-defunct medical program out of St. Lucia and describes himself as a local entrepreneur and property manager. He claims to have worked, previously, on Andrew Scheer's leadership campaign, but to most party members Mr. Khattrra was before, and today remains, an unknown quantity.

The local association, in particular the nomination committee, should come under particular scrutiny here. There is, apparently, a lengthy and quite substantial vetting process in place that potential candidates must go through prior to being approved. That Mr. Khattrra received that approval is, quite frankly, a failure of that system in our opinion.

It is unfortunate, but from the little we have seen thus far, Mr. Khattrra isn't yet ready to serve as Dufferin-Caledon's next MP. Those who voted for him, we feel, have done a huge disservice to the local Conservative community.

It will be interesting to see how this unfolds over the coming months.

Small Editorial

Lavscam again

There is no question the Trudeau Liberals would love for the LavScam scandal to just go away.

But that's not going to happen, and Canadians should be thankful the pressure to get to the bottom of the SNC-Lavalin affair is at the top of the federal Opposition's agenda.

There are calls now for an RCMP investigation, not because of the obvious attempts by the Liberals to cover it up, but because it smells of a criminal act that involves the political interference of trying to abort a criminal prosecution.

We all know from the testimony from former federal justice minister and attorney general, Jody Wilson-Raybould, that she received "inappropriate pressure" from Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and his tight inner circle to waive the criminal corruption charges against the Quebec-based engineering firm and give it a sweetheart plea-bargain arrangement that involved only an admission of guilt and a large fine.

Wilson-Raybould stopped short of stating the pressure on her crossed the line into criminality, but she is a Liberal and she still remains in the Liberal caucus.

And, besides, she had an Order-in-Council gag order that prohibited her from commenting

beyond the moment Trudeau fired her from her attorney general role, and with little to no explanation despite Wilson-Raybould's high profile.

So, we believe, too, that an RCMP investigation is required to get the answers we all want to hear.

It is obvious now that the Commons' special justice committee investigating his mess, dominated as it is by Liberal loyalists, doesn't want get to the truth because the truth will invariably hurt the Trudeau brand.

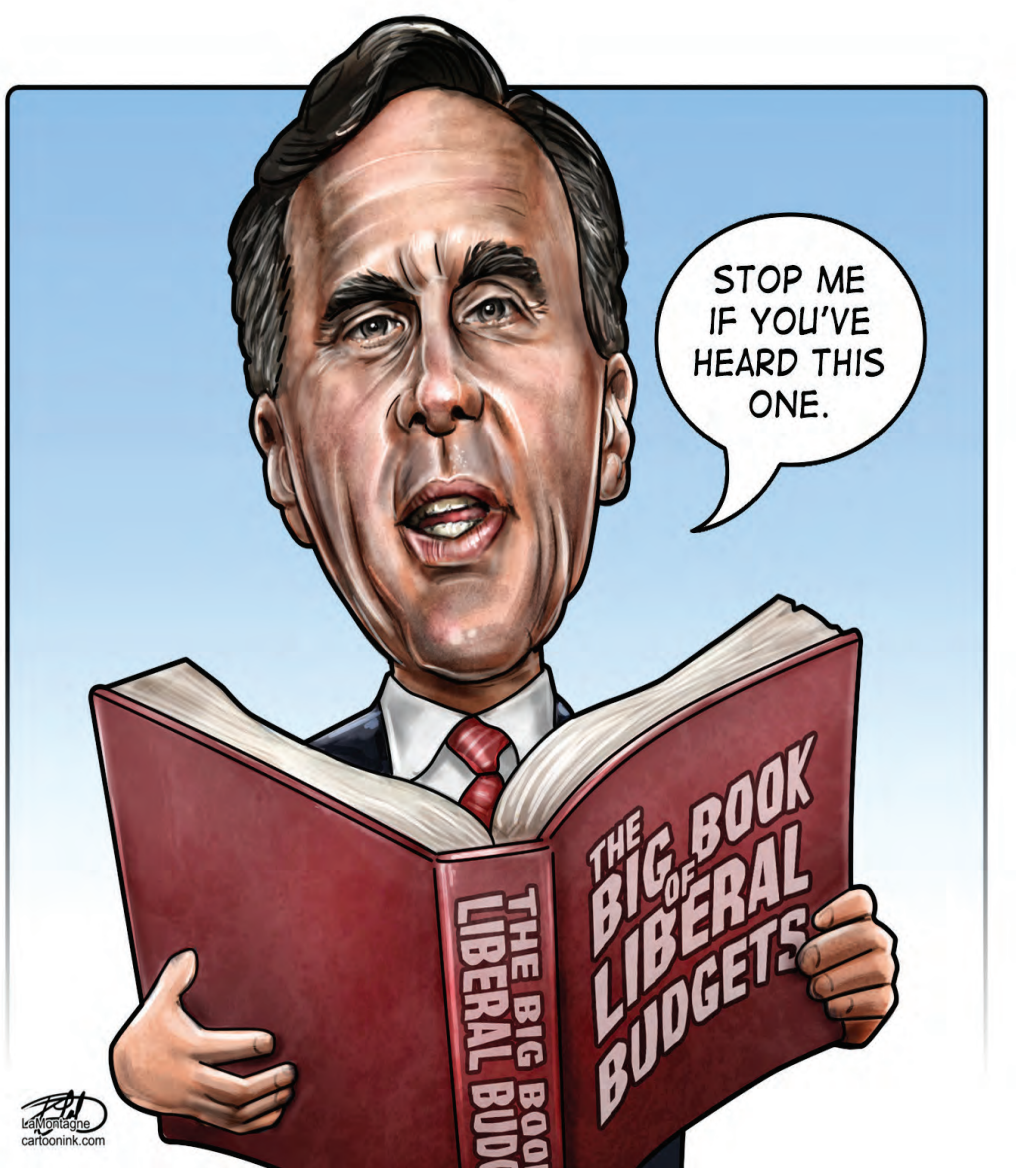
Last week, the special hearing to have Wilson-Raybould return for a second round of questioning lasted all of 24 minutes—which was the time it took for the Liberal majority on the panel to get the hearing abruptly adjourned.

Those Liberals have been called everything from Trudeau puppets to bobbleheads, and those labels seemingly fit.

The Liberals have a known history of playing back-door politics and game rigging, the most recent being the sponsorship scandal in the Chretien-Martin government.

Canadians deserve to know everything about LavScam.

And, if it takes the Mounties to do it, so be it. It's too important to simply go away.



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Shelburne man facing drug trafficking charges following RIDE spot check

During the afternoon hours on Saturday March 16, Shelburne Police officers were conducting a RIDE spot check.

One car caught an officer's attention when he noted evidence that led him to believe there were drugs in the car. A roadside investigation was initiated, which eventually led to a quantity of marijuana, cocaine and percocet being seized. Additionally over \$1,200 cash and other evidence of drug trafficking was seized. Further, brass knuckles with a built in knife was seized, which is a prohibited weapon.

The total street value of the cocaine and percocets seized is approximately \$700. The marijuana was of a minor quantity but was not properly stored in the vehicle.

The loan occupant of the vehicle, 18-year-old Christopher Van Houten of Shelburne was arrested and charged with:

- Drive Vehicle with cannabis readily available under the Cannabis Control Act
- Possession of Schedule I substance under the Controlled Drugs and Substance Act (2 counts – one for the cocaine and one for the percocets)
- Possession of Schedule I substance for the Purpose of Trafficking under the controlled Drugs and Substance Act (2 counts – one for the cocaine and one for the percocets)
- Possession of Proceeds of Crime under the Criminal Code
- Possession of a Prohibited Weapon under the Criminal Code
- Breach of Court Recognizance Condition under the Criminal Code

The accused was held for a bail hearing to answer to the allegations

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

Local man charged with impaired driving

On March 12 at 3:07 p.m. the Shelburne Police Service received a complaint of a possible impaired driver leaving a local business. Officers quickly located the vehicle and the male driver at a plaza on Main Street East in the Town of Shelburne.

After speaking with the male driver the officer became suspicious that the male had consumed alcohol and conducted a roadside test for alcohol, which the male failed. The man was arrested and taken to the Shelburne police station for further tests which the man also failed, with readings of 3 times the legal limit.

Consequently, 59-year-old William Munshaw of Shelburne was charged with one count of Operation of a motor vehicle while impaired and one count of having a blood alcohol concentration of equal to or over 80mgs in 100ml of blood.

Munshaw's driver's licence has been suspended for 90 days and his vehicle impounded for 7 days. Munshaw will appear in Ontario Court in Orangeville at the end of March to answer to the allegations.

Sgt. Bennett of the Shelburne Police Service states that this particular incident emphasizes why Shelburne Police Service conducts RIDE spot checks at all times of the day. "People are legitimately shocked that we're (conducting RIDE) during the day, but impaired drivers are there at all times of the day".

Shelburne Police arrest theft suspect

On March 13, 2019 at 7:41pm the Shelburne Police service received a complaint of a theft from a residence in the Town of

Shelburne. Good information provided by the complainants, as well as, perseverance from the investigating officer ensured that the crime was solved by early the following morning and the property returned to the rightful owners.

As a result of the investigation, 31 year old Randy Lanktree of Orangeville has been charged with 2 counts of theft under \$5000.00, 2 counts of possession of property obtained by crime under \$5000.00 and 1 count of breach of probation. Lanktree will appear in Ontario court in Orangeville in early April to answer to the allegations.

Orangeville Police issues warning over purchasing 'street drugs'

The Orangeville Police Service has issued a Community Safety Alert after becoming aware of a possible public safety concern regarding the ill-advised use of non-prescribed medication.

Information has come to light that unknown individuals are repurposing the prescription drug "Xanax" by crushing it and adding an unknown quantity of another drug, thought to be fentanyl.

On March 7th a 19-year-old Orangeville male died as a result of a suspected drug overdose and on March 11 a 20-year-old male also died as a result of a suspected drug overdose. In both cases police recovered evidence to suggest that fentanyl laced Xanax tablets contributed to the deaths.

Please continue to educate family members as to the dangers of prescription and non-prescription drug use and abuse.

"These deaths should serve as a warning to anyone who is tempted to buy prescription medication from street dealers" said

Orangeville Police Chief Wayne Kalinski. "The only way to protect yourself and your loved ones, against unknowingly consuming these deadly products, is to steer clear of street drugs altogether".


Orangeville man facing gun charges

The Orangeville Police Service has arrested and charged a 24-year-old Orangeville man with weapons charges after a search of a Second Avenue residence on March 10.

On Saturday, March 9, 2019, at approximately 8:30 p.m., police were called to a Second Avenue residence regarding a suspected drug overdose. A male was in medical distress and was transported to hospital. As a result of the investigation police obtained a warrant to search the residence. On Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 6:00 a.m., the residence was searched and police seized a sawed-off shotgun, a quantity of ammunition, a quantity of illicit drugs believed to be cocaine, purple heroin and Xanax tablets suspected to be laced with Fentanyl.

On Monday, March 11, 2019, at approximately 1:00 p.m., Jake Jason Smith, 24, of Orangeville was arrested at the residence. He is charged with Unauthorized Possession of a Firearm, Careless Storage of a Firearm and Unauthorized Possession of a Weapon. The accused male was held in custody pending a bail hearing regarding the allegations.

Police are continuing their investigation. Anyone having information is encouraged to call the Orangeville Police Service at 519-941-2522 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 or online at www.crimestoppersdm.com.



Town of Shelburne
Notice of Special Council Meeting
Community Information Session with the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP)

Wednesday April 3, 2019 – 6:30 to 8:00 pm
 Grace Tipling Hall
 203 Main Street East, Shelburne

Your participation and input is encouraged. The OPP will be taking questions from the public at a community information session on April 3, 2019. It will be held from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm in the Grace Tipling Hall.

The Town of Shelburne received a costing from the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) on January 14, 2019 and is reviewing police services. The Town has 6 months to respond to the OPP or by July 14, 2019.

The Town of Shelburne has hired a consultant, to study, analyze and compare policing services and costs between the Shelburne Police Service (SPS) and the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP). The analysis of the OPP costing proposal is to include comparing the operating and capital costs of the Shelburne Police Services.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

One final memorial tournament in honour of Jennifer Widbur

Written By MARNI WALSH

The puck will soon drop for the last time to signal the opening of the Jennifer Widbur Memorial Hockey Tournament at Honeywood Arena. On the weekend of April 5-6, the 12th tournament in memory of Jennifer Widbur will make one last play to raise funds in support of Cancer Care Centre at Headwaters Hospital in Orangeville.

Tournament Chair, Mike deLatt was Jennifer's husband. He told the Free Press, "The tournament board has decided that this will be our final year because we have reached and surpassed our greatest goals for this tournament. We could never have imagined its success. It is time however, to end on a high note, knowing that this community has done such a wonderful, generous thing for our friends and family members who live and battle with cancer."

Jennifer was just a young mom when she passed away in 2007 from a rare form of breast cancer. The Jennifer Widbur Memorial Hockey Tournament was started in the

following spring by her friends and fellow 'Hockey Moms' from Honeywood. "A group of young ladies," says Mike deLatt, "who thought they would like to learn the game that they had been watching played by other members of their family." The organizers say, "We play in this tournament to enjoy the game Jennifer loved, and to help others in our community who are experiencing their own battles with this disease."

"The tournament endeavors to provide a fun, friendly weekend of hockey for women over the age of 30," organizers say. "At the same time, players strive to raise funds for the cause by gathering sponsors for their team." Teams of hockey moms, over the age of 30, play in a three game round-robin format in Competitive and Non-Competitive categories with humorous team names like "Fifty Blades of Grey."

Once again this year, funds raised will be donated to support Oncology at Headwaters Hospital - with a goal to raise \$30,000. "We do this because we want our hospital to have the best care possible for our friends

and family members who have to fight this disease," says Mike DeLatt. "Our sponsors donations will be used to improve the equipment available at the hospital so that better care can be given close to home for these patients." Of Jennifer, he says, "I can think of no better way to honour her memory."

In addition to the \$510,000 already donated to Cancer Care at Headwaters, the tournament has donated another \$40,000 in support of the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation, Hospice Dufferin, the Humboldt Broncos, and Honeywood Minor Hockey.

The final Jennifer Widbur Memorial Hockey Tournament takes place April 5-6 at the North Dufferin Community Centre in Honeywood. Mike deLatt says, "The tournament offers a huge number of raffle items for the public to bid on, a pork chop dinner Saturday night, and a dance to end the events. Admission is by donation. Sponsorships for teams or players can be made online through Headwaters at www.jwtournament.ca.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

ONE LAST TIME: The final Honeywood hockey tournament in memory of Jennifer Widbur will finish its phenomenal run of fundraising for Cancer Care on April 5-6.

Wolves peewee rep team race to championship series lead after Game 1 win

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Wolves peewee rep team have entered the final series in the League championship and came out on top with a 5-3 win in game one of their match-up with the Stayner Cyclones on Sunday, March 17.

The Wolves have had a stellar year finishing the regular season in tied for first place with Cylcones with 32 points.

Over the season so far, they have a 22-8-5 record making them the last Wolves team still going this season.

In the first game of the final series the Wolves jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first

period.

It was tied a two midway in the second period but the Shelburne team broke the tie for a 3-2 lead going into the final period.

Two quick goals only ten seconds apart gave the Wolves a 5-2 lead.

Stayner scored to close the gap but the Wolves turned it up a notch and managed to hang on for a 5-3 win to lead the series after the first game.

"I think we pestered them hard, that's what we asked the kids to do," said coach Paul Smith after Sunday's game. "We asked them to take away their time and space and that really helped us with a couple of goals. I also

thought the kids were very disciplined. They got a couple of penalties and the kids didn't retaliate."

Depending on how the series shakes out it may go on to the end of the month.

The Wolves will take a break to go to a tournament in the middle of this series.

"The team has done an excellent job this season," Smith said. "They finished first in the division - tied with Stayner who we played today. We had a couple loss on the year but that's it. It will be a good final series. It comes down to mental mistakes. I thought our defence played great. They played smart hockey."

The two teams met for game two of the series on Tuesday, March 19, will results not available at press time.

Game three of the series is scheduled for



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

EARLY LEAD: The Shelburne Wolves peewee rep team took a championship series lead after beating the Stayner Cyclones 5-3 on Sunday, March 17

March 28, at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

Mount Forest & Alliston to duke it out for North Conference Jr. C title

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It's going to be the Alliston Hornets against the Mount Forest Patriots in the first round of the Schmalz Cup Junior C playoffs.

The teams will play off to determine the 2019 North Conference champions in the Provincial Junior Hockey League.

Alliston won their division title in a four game sweep over the Penetang Kings with the final game ending with a 5-4 Alliston win on Wednesday, March 13, in Penetang.

The Hornet finished second in the Caruthers division before dispatching the Huntsville Otters in the quarter-final and knocking out the Caledon Golden Hawks in the semi-final round.

The Penetang Kings delivered a huge upset over the first place Stayner Siskins this year by knocking out the Siskins in four games during their semi-final battle and earning the right to go to the championship series.

That Division series got underway on March 6.

"I think we played real well the first three games," said Hornets coach Travis Chapman of the series. "I think we got off to the start we wanted tonight, but through this game I think we were far sloppier than we needed to be. That being said, they did a real good

job of forcing us into turn-overs and putting pressure on us. They created a lot of their own goals tonight so I'll give them a lot of credit. I think they had a game plan coming into it. For us, we thought our depth would be the difference and I think that's how it ended up. Our whole game plan in the series was to get on their D, get turnovers, and once you have it get it to the net and get bodies to the net and create traffic."

In the Pollock Division, Mount Forest and the Wingham Ironmen finished first and second in that order - both with 65 points.

Wingham won their quarter-final and semi-final series in five games.

Mount Forest had a bye in the first round then swept the Walkerton Hawks in four games in the semi-final.

The Divisions championship was tied 2-2 after four games making for a real battle between two talented teams for the title.

Mount Forest took a 5-4 win in game five then capped the series with a 7-1 win in game six.

The winner of the North Conference championship will go on to play the winner of the East Conference final.

South of here, the South Conference and West Conference will play off to a winner who will go on to the Schmalz Cup.



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

TAITUM MORLEY

"I like how aggressive it is and being the only girl on my team," said Shelburne Wolves Midget right wing Taitum Morley of why she likes playing hockey. "I like how this team is more competitive."

Playing hockey for five years, Taitum said she plans to continue playing as long as she can.

When she's not on the ice, Taitum plays ball hockey during the summer with the Shelburne Shooters.

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Special birdwatching event at Shelburne Library on April 7

Written By ROSE DOTTEN

For those bird-enthusiasts, David T. Chapman (our favourite storm chaser) will be back at YOUR Library Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m. for his "Exploring the Birds of Ontario" presentation. You'll be able to see birds of all sizes, from the backyard neighbours we all know, to the largest birds seen in Ontario like the Bald Eagle & Great Blue Heron! Register by calling the library at 519-925-2168 or emailing jnoble@shelburnelibrary.ca.

TEEN SCENE:

Now that March Break is over, our events are back to a regular schedule. This week Teens tested their skills with a painting technique called acrylic pouring. It was messy, but a lot of fun! Be sure to check out all of our upcoming events on our website at <http://shelburnelibrary.ca/teens.html>!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Tuesday, February 26th, 4:00-5:00pm- White Pine (art award)
- Tuesday, April 2nd, 4:00-5:00pm- TAB Meeting
- Tuesday, April 9th, 4:00-5:00pm- DIY Marble Pots (registration required)
- Tuesday, April 16th, 4:00-5:00pm- Easter Minute to Win It (registration preferred)

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS:

We had a wonderful March Break with all of our friends at the Special Events hosted by the Library this week. As always, if you have any pictures you would like to share from attending library events, please email them to children@shelburnelibrary.ca.

The Children's Library has just invested

in a brand-new set of French Early Reader books. These books are perfect for children just beginning French Immersion, or any children that are interested in expanding their knowledge of the French language! Books will be available and on display this coming week.

Books & Babies: Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am - 11:00 am - After your morning walk in the fresh, spring air, come and visit this drop-in group for parents and children 2 years old and under. A group full of great conversation, and a safe place for children to socialize with others their own age.

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.

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Our "Tween the Pages" book club is half-way through our read-aloud of "The City of Ember" by Jeanne DuPrau! If your child would like to be a part of this group, they are welcome to drop in during any session. This is a bi-weekly group that will be held on Fridays after school for children ages 7-12. We will spend each week listening to our novel read-aloud, and then working on activities that expand on what has been read. Our next group meeting will be held on Friday, March 22nd, 2019 from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm.

If you would like to sign up for monthly emails regarding all of YOUR Library's Children's events, please email children@shelburnelibrary.ca and we will add you to our online Children's Newsletter subscription.

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- A place called home by Jason Grant

Christian Perspectives: How to prevent marital distress & divorce

Weddings are beautiful, delightful, and blissful occasions. When a couple stands at the altar, holding hands, gazing into each other's eyes, reciting their vows, they are filled with joy and hope. Every couple believes their love is so special and their bond so strong that they will remain together, "in sickness and in health" and "for better or worse."

The reality is however, that most couples will end up on one of three paths: couples who flourish, couples who are conflicted, or couples who quit. It does not take careful observation to realize that marriages, as an institution, has taken a big hit around the world. Everyone knows someone or is related to a couple who has experience divorce. And in some cases, many couples are separated, live separate lives while occupying the same home, or live with high levels of distress. To be sure, most of us have lived through, either firsthand or up close, the pain of strained relationships.

Building a successful marriage is like building a home. It requires a plan and commitment to a lot of hard work. Here are five building steps for a strong and healthy marriage:

1. Build Your Marriage on Real Love – Real love requires understanding each other's needs and being willing to sometimes practice self-denial for the sake of the relationship. Real love requires much energy and sacrifice but keeps us determined to create the best marriage possible. "Love is patient and kind; love does not envy our boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; he is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoings, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never ends..." (1 Corinthians 13:4-8)

2. Be Gracious to One Another – Learn to value each other despite their imperfections. Demonstrate kindness, patients, gentleness, and more; even when you don't feel like it. Why? Because at some point—even daily—your spouse will have to do the same for you. The wonderful thing about grace is that you cannot earn it or buy it. Grace goes beyond guilt and shame and set the stage for growth and renewed commitment in the relationship.

3. Listen to Each Other – If married people, and people in general, learn to communicate better, they would have much more understanding between them and a basis for a stronger and healthier relationship. Good communication in any relationship is like water and sunshine to a healthy lawn. Good listening is like the fertilizer that will go deep beneath the surface to nourish and enrich the soil. In most relationships when there is complaint, it is because some needs are not being met—voices are not being heard. Couples who communicate well understand that active listening is an essential ingredient in their marriage.

Active listening means listening with your ears, eyes, and heart. It conveys to your spouse that you are more interested in hearing what they have to say than defending yourself and stating your point. When each person in the marriage feels heard and understood, intimacy increases, and

commitment to one another and the relationship is strengthened.

4. Forgive Often – Forgiveness paves the way for healing and reconciliation in every relationship. In marriage, both individuals will inevitably hurt each other. When we forgive, we give up our perceived right to punish or retaliate for the wrong that has been done to us. When we fail to forgive, bitterness and resentment increase in the relationship. Forgiveness releases us from these feelings. Forgiveness in essence is for the forgiver more than the forgiven.

5. Hug More – Most couples can hardly wait to get married to enjoy its physical benefits. But as daily life takes over and the giddiness wears off, we forget to do the things we did at first. Hugging is an easy way to reconnect daily. When we hug or touch each other, the hormone oxytocin is released, which tightens the marital bond, lowers blood pressure and reduces stress. Couples should be hugging each other every morning before they depart and every evening when they reunite.

With the implementation of these relational skills in your marriage, you will be building a marriage that will weather the storms of life. Although all marriages will experience distress at some time or another, they do not need to dissolve when trials come. Couples who learn to work together as a team during good times and bad times will see their marriage not only survive but thrive, and they will "live happily ever after"!

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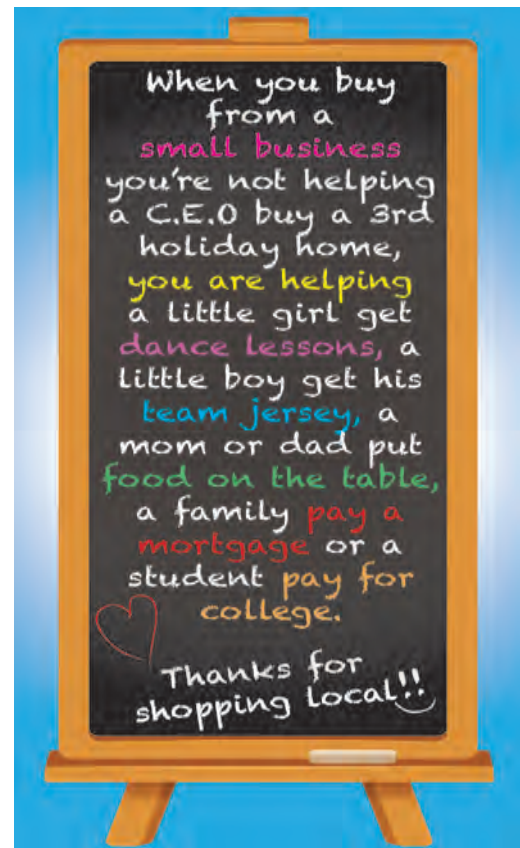
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