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**KIDDY DELIGHT:** Little ones dash for their treasure during the Easter egg hunt held at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Centre on Saturday, April 20. Kids and their families had a fun filled day at the arena participating in a variety of activities. The egg hunt had to be moved indoors this year when the weather didn't cooperate and it rained all day. For more, see Page 8

## Community invited to share in the magic of Shelburne's Multicultural Day on May 4

Written By MARNI WALSH

Althea Casamento invites the community to participate in the 2019 Multicultural Day to be held on May 4 at Centre Dufferin District High School.

V.I.P.'s such as MMP Sylvia Jones, Shelburne Mayor Wade Mills, Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson, Orangeville Mayor Sandy Brown, Orangeville Councillor Lisa Post, Amaranth Deputy Mayor Chris Gerrits, Conservative nominee Harzadan Singh Khattria, Liberal candidate Michele Fisher, and representatives from the Shelburne Police Service and Shelburne Fire Department will be in attendance.

"There are some great performances, food, and exhibits at the event from around Dufferin County," says Ms. Casamento.

Earlier this year, Ms. Casamento told the Free Press the celebration of cultural diversity in Shelburne showcases "our diversity" and celebrates "our differences."

"I am honored to be able to host an event

that brings our community together," says Ms. Casamento, "There is much more diversity throughout Dufferin County. Shelburne specifically has experienced tremendous growth within the last few years and we are still growing. Showcasing our diversity would be an amazing step for our community."

She added, "I am challenging everyone in the community to enter an art, crafts, traditional clothing, entertainment and any finger foods that showcases your culture."

Event highlights include crafts and story time by Shelburne Public Library; art work by Glenbrook Elementary, Hyland Heights Elementary, and Centre Dufferin High School; performances by Centre Dufferin High School students, including drumming, poetry, and dancing; food samples from Guyana, Jamaica, Trinidad, Sweden, Italy, and India; community leader Philip H. DeWar and Soulyve Catering; Shelburne Garment Manufacturing showcasing African fashions; Sarah Redger performing Native songs

and drumming; as well as participation by the Museum of Dufferin.

A "House Party" organized by the Shelburne Primrose Pastoral Charge will be held at Trinity United Church on Friday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in celebration of the rich cultural diversity of the community.

Ms. Casamento believes Multicultural Day facilitates "a positive message to youth in the community". One of Ms. Casamento's goals is to create new business opportunities to cater to the community's cultural needs, while educating the younger generation on different cultures of the world. She says the event can help to break communication barriers, build a community people are proud to be a part of, and open the door for future growth.

Multicultural Day is free and open to all from 12 noon to 4pm on May 4th at Centre Dufferin District High School. Anyone wishing to volunteer or sponsor the event may contact Althea Casamento at altheacasamento@gmail.com.

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# Local Conservative AGM postponed as questions remain over nomination process

Written By MIKE BAKER

While reports surrounding Harzadan Singh Khattrra's standing within the Conservative party have, as of press time, been unconfirmed by senior party officials, local board chair Jennifer Innis has taken the step to postpone the association's Annual General Meeting.

With the meeting originally scheduled to take place last night (Wednesday, April 24) at Victoria Parks Community Centre, Ms. Innis informed the Citizen the AGM has been postponed as the "nomination appeal process" is still underway. She indicated the meeting will be rescheduled once a certified Conservative candidate was in place here in Dufferin-Caledon.

The decision to cancel this week's AGM was made over the Easter long weekend. At approximately 9:26 p.m. on Saturday (April 20), Ms. Innis sent out an email to Dufferin-Caledon Conservative Association board members stating she had been contacted by the party's National Council, who were requesting the meeting be postponed.

The National Council, which is made up of volunteers spread across the country, have been considering an appeal submitted by Barb Shaughnessy more than three weeks ago. In that appeal, Ms. Shaughnessy questioned the validity of the Dufferin-Caledon voters' list, alleging some of the newer members signed up by Mr. Khattrra, or members of his team, shouldn't have been allowed to vote during the March 19 nomination meeting.

Earlier this month, Ms. Shaughnessy informed the Citizen she had signed affidavits, which she claims prove that ineligible members had been allowed to vote during the nomination. She says that both international students and out-of-riding residents helped to swing the vote in Mr. Khattrra's favour.

According to a well-placed source within the local Conservative association, the National Council made a decision regarding that initial appeal by Ms. Shaughnessy over the weekend. It has been claimed by our source, who wishes to remain anonymous, that the National Council has accepted Ms. Shaughnessy's appeal, although official details are scarce at this time.

Multiple requests for comment from Mr. Khattrra have been unsuccessful. When asked to provide an official update to substantiate any of the rumours that the National Council has come to a decision regarding Ms.

Shaughnessy's original appeal, the Conservative Party's Director of Communications Cory Hann kept his cards close to his chest.

"There is an appeal still in process right now, so I don't have anything I can add until that has been heard and decided. When I hear of a decision, I'd be happy to follow up," Mr. Hann informed the Citizen.

There has been a clear divide within the Dufferin-Caledon Conservative Association since the March 19 vote. On that night, Mr. Khattrra emerged as the surprise winner of the nomination, soundly beating Kevin Weatherbee in the final round of voting after Ms. Shaughnessy and former Orangeville Mayor Jeremy Williams had been previously eliminated in the ranked ballot voting system.

Shortly after results from the nomination were revealed to the public, Mr. Weatherbee informed the Citizen he had serious concerns regarding membership, indicating he'd heard from several members who were prevented from voting during the nomination, despite holding a valid Conservative membership. Both Mr. Williams and his campaign chair, Kelly Zammit, have taken to social media on

numerous occasions over the past month to question the entire process.

On Tuesday, Mr. Williams addressed local party members via social media, offering his thoughts on the current situation.

"My sources have told me that irregularities were found in the selection process. Based on my personal observation of the nomination process, that comes as little surprise," Mr. Williams wrote. "If the process was in fact tainted, it would mean the entire vote

held on (March) 19 was invalid. You can't pick and choose which parts you like from a spoiled process. If it's tainted, it's tainted."

He went on to state that he has been informed the party will not hold another vote, regardless of the National Council's final decision. It is Mr. Williams' belief that either the National Council or the Electoral District Association (EDA) will likely select one of the three other candidates to stand if Mr. Khattrra is, ultimately, disqualified.

The decision to cancel this week's AGM has outraged at least one local board member. In an email addressed to Conservative Party of Canada Executive Director Dustin Van Vugt and David Dillon, another high-ranking executive within the federal party, Richard

Majkot questioned the logistics of cancelling the AGM with almost no notice provided to local Conservative members.

"Members are contacting me asking about a recent media release indicating that the AGM has been postponed. No member who has contacted me has received any official notification confirming this postponement from the National Council," Mr. Majkot, who describes himself as the Dufferin-Caledon Conservative membership chair, wrote on Monday evening. "While all 3,800 members have not contacted me, a significant number have... and are looking forward to the AGM."

Mr. Majkot went on to question what bearing any appeal currently being considered by the National Council has on the local association's ability to host an AGM, while also asking how the National Council intends to effectively contact more than 3,800 members in a timely manner to inform them of the cancellation.

He asked Mr. Van Vugt and Mr. Dillon to provide some much needed leadership in this situation, seemingly calling into question the local board's ability to effectively handle what has become a significant controversy.

"As you know, our Board has been fractured for a long time. We have not operated in an open, fair and transparent manner. We should be pulling together instead of pulling apart," Mr. Majkot wrote. "This is not in keeping with our duty to uphold and enforce the provisions of the Association constitution. This is not good for the riding, or our Conservative party."

Mr. Majkot informed the Citizen that, regardless of the meeting's cancellation, he would be on hand at Victoria Parks Community Centre to welcome any member who attends. In her original email to board members, Ms. Innis noted she would also be onsite to advise any member who arrives of the postponement.

Requests for updates on Ms. Shaughnessy's appeal went unanswered by both Conservative National Council Chair Scott Lamb and Dufferin-Caledon Nomination Chair Derek Clark. When contacted by the Citizen, Ms. Shaughnessy said she wanted to wait for an official decision to come down from the National Council before providing any more comments.

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Richard Majkot  
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# Is Paris burning?

This past week demonstrated what good media relations and publicity can do for an organization, cause, or just about anything else that you want to be made well known.

Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris caught fire. The centuries old wooden roof burned hot and bright as old timbers tend to do when exposed to flame.

After it was all over, other than the roof, the damage wasn't quite as bad as might be expected. Since the main structure is mainly stone and doesn't burn, and fire fighters were actively working to preserve what they could and save relics, much of the interior was miraculously saved.

They've already started work on plans for restoration.

Yes, this was a tragic fire. Thankfully no one was hurt, but you just don't want to see a beautiful old building destroyed.

However, it was the hoopla surrounding the fire that caught my attention.

I learned about the fire during my drive home from work on a talk radio station where the host announced, rather dramatically, that Notre Dame was burning.

The host was emotional in that 'oh the

humanity!' kind of way. Only the Hindenburg didn't explode, it was just a fire – in a foreign country.

They brought on people giving live witness accounts of the fire. The radio show host described in detail how the spire had collapsed and the horror of watching it happen.

That evening, there was video of a group of French people suddenly breaking out in a song version of Hail Mary, or some other Catholic prayer as they watched the flames. This occurred in a country that is largely secular and doesn't even recognize church marriages as official. In France you have to be married in a civil ceremony for it to be legal.

But suddenly all these people who have probably never attended a church mass in their lives, were singing a prayer.

One of the 'most important' buildings in Paris has an interesting past.

During the French Revolution, the building and its artifacts were desecrated.

In the late 18th century, the statues in the cathedral were destroyed.

By late in the century, the building was used as a warehouse.

In the early part of the 19th century, Notre

Dame was in ruins due to neglect. That's hardly the fairy tale history we associate with the 'heart of Paris.'

The only reason it wasn't bombed into oblivion during the Second World War was because the French decided to surrender the city rather than have it destroyed.

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As far as cathedrals go, Notre Dame is impressive. However, it is no more impressive than a lot of other really old cathedrals, basilica's, and churches both in Europe and around the world.

If the roof of the Duomo di Milano, or the Lincoln Cathedral caught fire you would barely hear anything about it other than a small news item and you certainly wouldn't have people calling in live reports, because most likely you haven't even heard of these places.

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You've got to love Quasimodo clanging his bells and yelling 'sanctuary!' from the top of the bell tower.

Notre Dame became a huge tourist attraction thanks to the writing of a novelist and Hollywood latching on to a story. Otherwise it probably would just been another big church in a big city.

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## Editorial

# Turmoil in Tory-land

What a mess the Conservative Party has created for itself here in Dufferin-Caledon.

It has now been five weeks since Harzadan Singh Khattrra seemingly secured the local nomination on a controversial night at the Orangeville Agricultural Society Event Centre. Yet, questions remain over whether or not he will be approved as an official candidate, with the National Council currently investigating an appeal against last month's result. The reality is, the Dufferin-Caledon Conservative Association may enter the month of May without an approved candidate.

That, in itself, isn't necessarily a huge issue. After all, neither the Liberals, Greens, NDPs, or any other interested party have put forth an official candidate yet. The problem here is the way the Conservatives have allowed such a situation to play out in the public eye with little, or in some cases, absolutely no comment.

The allegations levelled against Mr. Khattrra and his team have cast a cloud over his win. On nomination night, he proudly claimed that a new record had been set in Conservative membership sales this year. It has since been alleged that a significant number of those new members were improperly signed up – with one-time candidate Barb Shaughnessy claiming international students and out-of-riding residents were registered to help Mr. Khattrra secure the local vote.

Those claims are currently being investigated by the Conservative Party's National Council. If true, questions would almost certainly have to be asked about the process used to vet membership lists ahead of future votes.

The lack of transparency, both at the local and federal level, has been a particular cause for concern over the past few weeks. Local nomination chair Derek Clark has taken something replicating a vow of silence, claiming on multiple occasions a non-disclosure agreement prevents him from discussing any and all details relating to the nomination. While Dufferin-Caledon Conservative Association President Jennifer Innis has been happy to talk to media, she had little

involvement in the finer details of the nomination process and, as such, has been unable to offer much substance when asked for her thoughts.

To his credit, Mr. Khattrra has responded to requests for comment from at least two local media sources, but the fact he has had very little presence in the community since nomination night is puzzling. As the only candidate in place in Dufferin-Caledon, one would think Mr. Khattrra would take the opportunity to get a head start on his potential opponents ahead of October's election.

He should be everywhere right now, listening to residents, discussing his ideas and educating people about the Conservatives' platform. Instead, he has remained in the background, seemingly waiting for a decision to come down from the National Council before entering campaign mode.

So, what can the Conservatives do from here? Regardless of the National Council's decision, the party needs to get out in front of this developing story. Further investigation will be required. A significant portion of the Conservative voter-base in Dufferin-Caledon have been left in the dark for weeks as the Party has scrambled to investigate what exactly happened during this most recent nomination process.

First and foremost, the Party needs to be up front with its members. The issues that have plagued this process need to be addressed, and quickly. This will mark the first time in 15 years the local association will head into an election without the experienced David Tilson at the helm. There is a sense of uncertainty. In the 2015 vote, Liberal candidate Ed Crewson pushed Mr. Tilson relatively close, securing 23,643 votes to Mr. Tilson's 27,977.

If the Conservatives aren't careful, they could be faced with the prospect of losing the Dufferin-Caledon riding for the first time in the new millennium. What has long been considered one of the Tories' safest seats might not be so safe anymore.

## Our Readers Write

# Dismayed by severe budget cuts to Ontario Library Services

The following letter is addressed directly to Minister of Culture, Tourism and Sport Michael Tibollo.

It was with deep dismay, that we were informed today that because of the severe budget cuts (50%) to the Ontario Library Services – North and South, that this would immediately end the Interlibrary loan service to our patrons. Clearly, there is little understanding on the part of your Ministry as to the severe impact this will have on small and rural libraries. Due to limited resources for this segment of the Public Library sector, we rely heavily on meeting our patrons' needs through the opportunity of being able to access and borrow on their behalf, materials from other libraries. Effectively, this will create a hardship and contrary to your statement will impact day-to-day operations at our library.

Last month, the over 500 Interlibrary transactions at our library reflect about 15% of our total monthly circulation and will leave 500 patrons disenfranchised. This is

not significant and does dramatically undermine the quality library service we have been providing.

Public library services epitomize value for taxpayers' money spent. They provide an equitable learning and societal benefit for all citizens in Ontario. It would be unfortunate that this recent effort at budget cutting affects very vulnerable members of our society - the children, the seniors, recent immigrants, and the poverty stricken members who are the ones most in need of the support that public libraries provide.

I do hope that you reconsider and find some other means to fund necessary services. As CEO of a small, rural library, I would be very happy to speak with you in a consultative way to ensure deeper understanding of these issues.

Rose Dotten  
 CAO, Shelburne Public Library



# Shelburne Police Service lay charges after in-depth fire investigation

The Shelburne Police Service has laid charges in a 4 months long investigation into an explosion and house fire that took place on December 3, 2018 at a residence on Fleming Way in Shelburne. This was an arduous and complex investigation that involved extensive teamwork with our partners at the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office.

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solvent and Fail to comply with conditions of Undertaking Given by Officer in Charge.

Mr. Sottile was held for bail and later released with a recognizance of bail. He is scheduled to appear at the Ontario Court in Orangeville in late May to answer to the allegations.

Also charged in this incident was 43 year old Manon Allard of Orangeville. Allard was charged with the following: Arson by Negligence; Mischief Endangering Life; Alter or offer to alter the chemical or physical properties of Cannabis by the use of an organic solvent.

Allard will also appear at the Ontario Court in Orangeville in late May to answer to the allegations.

### Shelburne Police arrest Orangeville man for impaired driving

On April 19, 2019 at approximately 1:20pm the Shelburne Police Service was notified by a concerned member of the public that there was a possible impaired driver on highway 89 westbound heading into Shelburne. The caller was able to provide a good vehicle description and the licence plate. The excellent information provided by the caller and quick action by a Shelburne police officer resulted in the suspect vehicle being located within the Shelburne town limits.

The Shelburne police officer conducted a traffic stop and after making contact with the male driver they became suspicious that the driver had consumed alcohol. The male driver failed a roadside test for alcohol and was consequently placed under arrest and transported the Shelburne Police Station for further testing, which he also failed. Also, seized from the vehicle was an amount of cocaine which has an estimated street value of \$700.00. As a result, 30 year old Jacob Brownell of Orangeville was charged with:

- Operation while impaired- alcohol and drugs
- Operation while impaired- blood alcohol concentration 80 and over
- Possession of Cocaine
- Driving motor vehicle with open container of liquor
- Fail to surrender insurance card
- Fail to surrender driver's licence

Mr. Brownell's driver's licence has been suspended for 90 days and his vehicle was impounded for 7 days. Mr. Brownell will appear in Ontario Court in Orangeville in early May to answer to the allegations made

against him.

### Shelburne Police Service arrest two males for sexual assault in two separate incidents

The Shelburne Police Service has been particularly busy this week investigating two separate sexual assaults. On April 12, 2019 a 64-year-old man was charged with various sexual assault charges on two victims who were known to the accused. On April 13, 2019 a 22-year-old local man was charged with sexual assault on one victim who was known to the accused.

The identities of the accused are being withheld to protect the identity and privacy of the victims.

The Shelburne Police Service understands and respects the courage that it takes to report a sexual assault. If you have been a victim of sexual assault please contact your local police service, if you are unable to do that, please contact Caledon-Dufferin Victim Services at (905)951-3838, Family Transition Place (519)941-4122 or attend your local hospital. It is important to report the crime, but it is equally important to seek supports.

# Mother's Day tradition to continue at Primrose United Church

Written By MARNI WALSH

Attending the annual plant and bake sale at Primrose United Church is a Mother's Day tradition for many in the community. Church members offer a wide variety of beautiful, healthy, basket flowers and potted perennials. The sale, which is a popular fundraiser for the historic wee church at Primrose, has brought smiles to the faces of Dufferin County moms for many years.

Also offered at the plant sale are handmade crafts and homemade baked treats, including a wide variety of pies and sweets made with love by the congregation. Although a tiny congregation, the historic church hosts many knowledgeable gardeners within their membership, and those 'green thumbs' provide excellent information about the perennials and all that makes them flower and flourish.

A first hand view of little white church at Primrose is well worth the short drive east of Shelburne. The historic wooden building is a quaint reminder of simpler times. Built nearly 150 years ago in 1875, as a Methodist Church, Primrose joined with the Presbyterians in 1925 to become the United Church.

The meditative garden behind the church,

has had a new addition recently, and is part of the International Quiet Garden Movement. Reverend Candice Bist says it is "a wonderful place to sit quietly or go for a little walk." She says, "It is open all year around, so when people come for their plants, they can also make use of the meditation garden before

they return home."

Primrose United Church is located just off Highway 10 on the 30th Side Road of Mono Township. Family, friends, neighbours and all are invited to come out to a wonderful celebration of Mother's Day at the event.

The Primrose Annual Plant and Bake Sale

takes place on Saturday, May 11th from 8am to 11am. For order forms and more information visit Primrose United Church on Facebook, call 519-925-2397, or email: gailbrown.pharm@yahoo.ca. For more information about Primrose United Church or its services call 519-925-2233.



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**ANNUAL TRADITION:** Joan Wallace(left) and Gail Brown (right) are two of the many volunteers from Primrose United Church who will be ready to help customers at the annual Mother's Day Plant and Bake Sale on the church grounds located at 30th Sideroad Mono at Hwy 10.

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- Dry creek bed
- Esoteric
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- Command to oxen
- Zoo creature
- Pledge an oath
- Facial expression
- Gradual
- Pudding
- Desire for food
- Glorify
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- "Yes \_\_\_\_" (Sammy Davis, Jr. autobiography)

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- Shoot the breeze
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- Active word
- Kind of feeling
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- Type of chisel
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- Bugle call
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- Brief doze

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- Grating
- Some sons: abbr.
- Plump
- Supply with oxygen
- "The Bard," e.g.
- Bamboo, e.g.
- High male voice

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- Buck
- Whittle
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- Parrot
- Fly a plane

- Category
- Theme
- Rural road
- Former Spanish coin
- Sad cry
- Twist
- Window part
- Lodging place
- Give a view
- Ornamentation
- Jazz or Magic
- Along the middle
- Spaghetti or linguine
- Entirely
- Dairy-case selection
- Declare
- Go-between
- Mesa
- Own up to
- Wry
- "Blue \_\_\_\_"
- Sign of crying
- Ship's crane
- Neckline style
- Sit a spell
- Shooting star
- Alum
- Consider
- Pass by
- Alliance
- Last Greek letter
- Guitar's relative
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- Relay
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# SHELBURNE SPORTS



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**BALL HOCKEY IS BACK:** It was opening night for Shelburne Shooters ball hockey at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Wednesday, April 17. The Benchwarmers and the Bomb Squad play their first game of the season. The Bomb Squad managed a 2-0 win or the night.

**FIRST GAMES OF THE SEASON:** The Blueline Buffoons take on the Bar Down Junkies during opening night of Shelburne Shooters ball hockey on Wednesday, April 17. The first games of the season took place at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex. The Blueline Buffoons came out on top in this game with an 8-2 win.

## Shelburne Shooters kick off new season with opening games

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The ice is gone at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, which means goodbye to winter sports and hello to summer activities. While a lot of kids lament the end of hockey season a good majority of them also look forward to the start of ball hockey season. With minimal equipment required, you just need a helmet, shin pads, a stick, gloves, and a lot of energy.

The Shelburne Shooters kicked off their 2019 season on Wednesday, April 17, at the CDRC. Ball hockey is played pretty much the same as ice hockey with a few exceptions. Instead of a blueline, the offside line is white and is farther out to compensate for the fact that the ball can bounce and quite often get away from a player. Since the Shooters is a house league they try to balance out the teams as much as possible to create a fair and competitive environment.

“We did equalization on Sunday,” explained Shooters executive member Kerry Young. “All those kids went out and we ranked them for each age group. “We want every game to be a game. There are kids out there that are at rep level and kids that just play ball hockey for fun.” Players are eligible to try out for higher level teams at the provincial level. Quite a few Shelburne ball hockey players have gone on to big things in the sport.

“We have a squirt program, which is learn to play,” Ms. Young said. “We have a tyke / novice, novice / atom, peewee / bantam, and major bantam junior divisions. We have six divisions with four teams plus the squirts. Around 75 to 80 per cent of our players also play ice hockey. It’s a very popular sport. The best part about house league is that kids who don’t play hockey can come out and compete in this. These first few games are interesting to see how our ranking system worked and how evenly we can do it.” The Shooters season runs through to the end of June with games on Wednesdays and Sundays.

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**Student:** Allison O'Neill  
**Placement:** Centennial Hylands Elementary School



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Centennial Hylands is a diverse Elementary school that offers special individual teaching to students who struggle in big class environments or have special needs. Centennial Hylands also has a French immersion program for certain grades. The vice principal Wayne Peeters and principal Tammy Flemming work hard to manage and provide a safe environment at the school. Mr. Whitten, my supervising teacher, uses his lunch time to help students with robotics and is there to encourage them and help with problems they run into.

As a teacher's assistant in a grade 4 classroom I spend most of my time helping students one on one, focusing on their individual learning plans. While Mr. Whitten my employer teaches lessons I often take students out of the classroom to work on goals, that include reading, working on math problems, language skills etc. I plan to work with another teacher in the school, Mrs. Sutter, who works with kids who have special needs. I look forward to working with her as it will help me learn different teaching techniques for certain learning disabilities.

During my time at my co-op placement I have started to explore career opportunities. I have looked into becoming a special education teacher. From my tasks at my placement I have learned that I enjoy working individually with students so I am able to focus more

on their individual goals. I could also see myself working as a child life specialist which is someone who works with children and parents in a hospital setting and helps them cope with challenges they may be dealing with. At Centennial Hylands they are involved with a variety of different community events, such as an assembly on how to help fund a greenhouse for our First Nations community. They plan on running a bake sale to raise money to help provide affordable food for this community as well. Centennial Hylands plans on having a couple of spirit day but instead of traditional “funky hat day” or “green and yellow shirt day” they plan on April 13 having reusable container day and on April 26 reusable water bottle day. This is their way of contributing to help the environment by reducing their waste use.



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Playing hockey since he was a Mite, Shelburne Wolves peewee rep right wing, Ben Moylan, brings a lot of experience to his team.

“I like how it’s a team sport and a fast pace game,” Ben said of why he likes playing hockey. “You have teammates and you can pass it around and work together.”

When he’s not on the ice, Ben plays lacrosse with the Shelburne Vets during the summer.

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# Cuts to budget will significantly affect Shelburne Library

Written By ROSE DOTTE

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We wanted to let you know about the serious impact of the Government's 50% funding cutback to the Southern Ontario (and Northern Ontario) Library Services. We wanted to let you know how these cutbacks will affect us, you, our patrons and indeed all libraries in Ontario.

Although, Mister Tibollo in his Statement on Public Library Funding wrote that the cutbacks to SOLS would have no effect "on the day-to-day-operations of Ontario's public libraries," the contrary is true. The cuts had to be absorbed into the SOLS 2019-2020 budget necessitating immediate action.

Accordingly, SOLS has had to cut back on the Interlibrary loan services by terminating the courier service and suspending all

Interlibrary loans until May 31st. This is an arbitrary date while they are trying to see if a solution can be found.

This drastically affects us and other small, rural libraries who augment their collections and thereby provide quality services to their patrons. We routinely borrow and lend approximately 500 items per month. We have been able to provide materials for our patrons for which we have no room or budget by having the opportunity to access all provincial libraries.

I have written to both Minister Tibollo and Minister Jones in an attempt to have them review the situation. There is a provincial petition circulating that already has 16,000 names. We are exploring other means as well to have some impact on this issue.

**Further information:**

Email: Minister Michael Tibollo - michael.tibollo@pc.ola.org

Minister Sylvia Jones - sylvia.jonesco@pc.ola.org

We will post direct links to the electronic petition, the SOLS blog and the Minister's feedback line on our website,

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*Non fiction:*

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- Lessons from Lucy by Dave Barry
- This much country by Kristin Knight Pace
- Whatever gets you through by Stacy May Fowles

# Anti-carbon tax stickets coming to all gas pumps across Ontario

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

As a court battle takes place with Ontario issuing a constitutional challenge against the federal carbon tax, the Ontario government has tabled legislation that would require stickers to be placed on gasoline pumps in the province.

The stickers are designed to show gas buyers the hidden cost of the carbon tax that will add more than 11 cents per litre to the price gasoline by 2022. In addition, the government has communicated to the Ontario Energy Board its expectation that the tax is clearly reflected on natural gas bills.

The carbon tax added five cents to each litre of gasoline when it was put in place on April 1.

"The people of Ontario deserve to know the full truth about how the federal carbon tax will make their lives more unaffordable," said Greg Rickford, minister of energy, northern development and mines. "This job-killing tax will make everything more expensive, but it will hit our wallets hardest when it comes to gas prices and home-heating costs."

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, visited the Shell station on Broadway in Orangeville on Wednesday and brought an example of the sticker that will be required on gas pumps if the legislation passes.

Ms. Jones said the provincial government's opposition to the carbon tax is based on the increased costs that will affect both regular households and other services in the community.

"We continue to our commitment to fight the federal carbon tax because we have seen how it is going to impact individuals whether it's at the pumps or heating their homes," Ms. Jones said. "In my own ministry as solicitor general we've seen the impact of how it's going to make it more expensive for our OPP officers, for our firefighters, and our paramedics to fuel up their vehicles. They won't get a rebate cheque."

The Progressive Conservative government estimates Ontario hospitals will experience an increase in annual heating costs of \$10.9 million in 2019 and \$27.2 million in 2022. Those increases will also apply to colleges, universities and nursing and senior care homes.

The stickers will be required to be placed at a prominent place on gas pumps if the legislation goes through.

"The budget bill has not passed, but when it passes we will be distributing these stickers to gas stations across Ontario and it will be an immediate and regular reminder of how much the federal carbon tax is costing the people of Dufferin-Caledon and Ontario when they fill up their tanks," Ms. Jones said, adding "Frankly I think the vast majority of private gas companies understand and want to be able to explain to people the impact of the carbon tax. I don't anticipate that there will be a lot of gas stations that aren't interested in posting it."

Gas stations owners could be fined under the legislation if they refuse to post the stick-



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

**MANDATORY STICKERS:** Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones presents a carbon tax sticker to Hardip Singh, owner of the Broadway Shell gas station in Orangeville on Wednesday, April 24. The Ontario government is currently passing legislation that will require all gas station operators to post the stickers on gas pumps to inform them of the increased cost of fuel due to the federal carbon tax.

ers.

The government says provinces, not the federal government, should have control over how they reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"We have a history of understanding and wanting to make our environment better," Ms. Jones said. "We don't want the federal government to impose their system. In British Columbia they've had a carbon tax since 2008 and their emissions have actually gone up. To suggest that a carbon tax is the only and exclusive way to decrease carbon emissions is flawed. The assumption that it's only going to impact gas is flawed. We know that the cost of moving our goods from the purchaser to the seller is going to increase and that's how we're trying to educate people and make sure people understand that this is a federally imposed carbon tax. These labels that we will be putting on gas pumps is part of that reminder, that while it started in April it's going to continue and continue to be a part of our lives. What I'm hearing from constituents is that the cost of living continues to be a problem in Dufferin-Caledon."

Ms. Jones said the PC government's plan is to focus on the big polluters in the province, not the little guy.

"You cannot change an individual's patterns by increasing the cost of gas. They still have to get to school, they still have to get to work, they still have to get their children to hockey and lacrosse," Ms. Jones said. "That is not a pattern that will shift people's ideals."



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# Hundreds in attendance at annual Shelburne Easter Egg Hunt

Written By MARNI WALSH

Coun. Lindsay Wegener says it is difficult to estimate the number of "smiling faces" that came through the doors of the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, on April 20th, to hunt for Easter eggs, but she believes there was somewhere between three and five hundred children.

As promised, the Easter Bunny arrived in Shelburne for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Despite damp weather conditions, that forced the hunt indoors, insurance issues, and a shortage of volunteers, Councillor Wegener says she was encouraged by the positive response from people who attended the event.

Rules around insurance for special events made organizing the event challenging for the Councillor this year, with vendors and entertainers required by the Town of Shelburne to carry two million dollars in liability insurance.

Coun. Wegener says, "Due to the insurance requirements, some compromises were made with regards to activities." For example, the event was not able to have a face painter, but, instead, opted for a free temporary tattoo booth. Some vendors who had planned on attending, but did not have insurance, had to decline participation.

Highlights of the popular event included the Shelburne Muskies with "Take Your Best

Shot." Children lined up to take their shot on the goalie and tried to score and shoot to win. "Fastest Pitch" with Junior schoolers was another active and popular event with children throwing a ball into a pitching net and having their speed recorded.

"Of course the biggest highlight was Easter Bunny himself, and a petting area with baby goats." The Councillor says, "All in all it's hard to pick out just the highlights, because everything was wonderful." There was a balloon twister, pictures with the Easter Bunny, crafts, hula hoops, skipping ropes, bean bag toss, and a few excellent vendors.

Sponsors for the event were the Town of Shelburne; Amber Borger of Royal LePage, Islamic Relief Canada, and John's No Frills supplied the chocolate eggs. Thanks go out to the volunteers who did help - "Without them I could not run this event," says Coun. Wegener.

"I am not 100% sure about the event happening again for next year," says Lindsay Wegener, "that would be something that maybe the Special Events Committee would have to discuss in order to take it on as an added event. If the event does continue next year, unfortunately the insurance issues of this year will not be changed." She hopes, "Getting the message out sooner, that any vendor or activity wanting to participate must obtain their own insurance" will help.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

EASTER CELEBRATION: Hundreds of kids enjoyed hunting for Easter eggs and petting baby goats, along with many other activities at the annual Easter Egg Hunt April 20.

# Stay 'tuned' for Heritage Music Festival announcement May 1

Written By MARNI WALSH

The Chair of the Heritage Music Festival says local music lovers should stay tuned for announcement from the organizing committee soon. Bobbi Ferguson told the Free Press this week, May 1st will be the date the 2019 HMF lineup will be announced for the annual Festival and the 69th Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Championship.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Shelburne, the Heritage Music Festival and Fiddle Championship features a variety of entertainers, as well as Canada's top fiddlers,

every summer. Community events include camping, Bands and Brews at Fiddle Park, a fiddle parade, an open-air market, and non denominational church service at the arena to close the events.

Ms. Ferguson says plans are well underway for the annual event with the committee working hard in preparation for the big announcement. Along with Bobbi Ferguson as Chair, the Heritage Music Festival committee now includes Sandra Gallagher and Kerstin Stinson in charge of Sponsorship; Caroline Mach continues in Promotion; and Bill Waite is the Fiddle Championship Lead.

Although details of the entertainment line-up will not be announced until May 1st, Bobbi Ferguson says she is able to divulge that there will be a Country theme this year. She says, "Bands and Brews in Fiddle Park will once again feature four local bands playing different genres of music." She says the selection process, to choose which bands those four will be, is still in development. Bands and Brews will start just after the parade, with the music going strong until 6pm.

Once again this year, the Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Championship will be a one-

day only event where fiddlers will compete for thousands of dollars in prizes. Tensions were high in 2018, when the HMF Committee feared that the iconic Fiddle Parade and Fiddle Championship were in jeopardy, but service clubs, the Town, former fiddle champions, and concerned citizens stepped forward to keep the old time traditions of 'Fiddleville' alive.

The 2019 Heritage Music Festival will take place in Shelburne from August 7-11th. Play-downs for the Fiddle Competition begin at 10am on August 10th and the Championship will start at 6:30 pm the same day.



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**Frey, Jack**  
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**Sandra Joan (nee Timmins)**  
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**Hendry, Betty Marguerite (Johnson)**  
 Peacefully at Dufferin Oaks on April 22, 2019 in her 101st year. Beloved wife of the late William F. Hendry. Betty will be greatly missed by her sister-in-law Islay Anderson. Lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews and also cherished by many great and great-great nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her parents Alfred and Sophia Johnson, brothers Douglas (Muriel) Johnson, Wallace (Bessie) Johnson and sister Annie, brothers and sisters-in-law Glen (Dorothy) Hendry, Mac (Mary) Hendry and Ken Anderson. Friends and family will be received at the Jack & Thompson Funeral Home, Shelburne on Thursday from 7-9 p.m. Funeral service in the funeral home chapel on Friday, April 26, 2019 at 11:00 a.m. Interment at Ventry Cemetery. If desired, donations to Dufferin Oaks or Trinity United Church would be appreciated. Online condolences may be placed at [www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com](http://www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com)

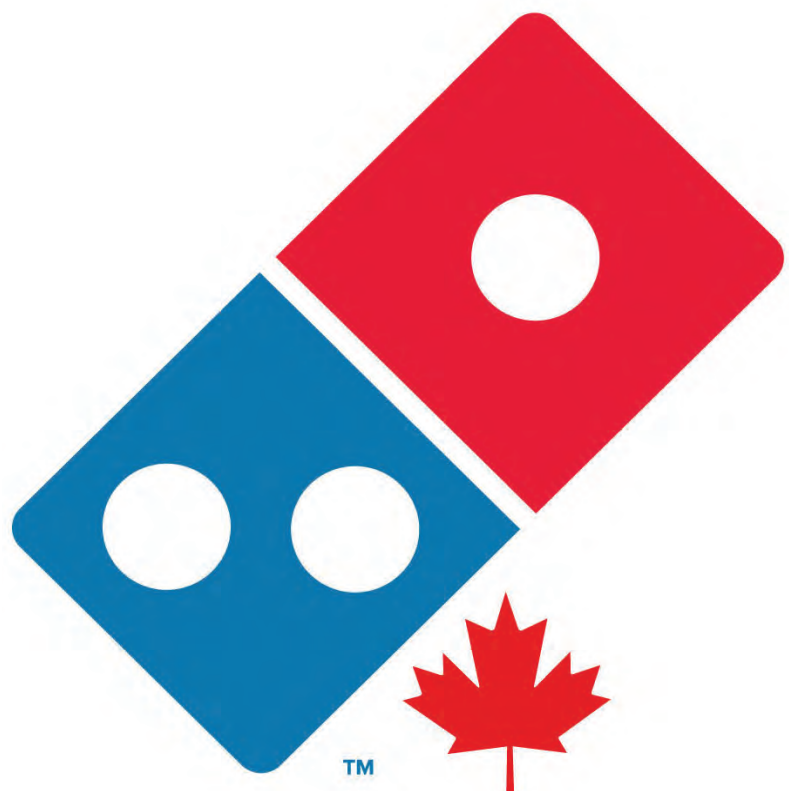
**Wilson, Ron**  
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