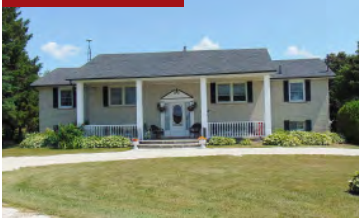


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ROYALS VICTORIOUS: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals field hockey team take on Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute on the main field at CDDHS on Friday, October 4. Teams from three schools played two games each as part of the regular season schedule. The Royals were squeezed out 2 - 1 in this game.

Tough three years ahead for Shelburne as Council prepares for 2020 budget talks

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Shelburne Council are already preparing to tighten their belts with deliberations over the municipality's 2020 budget on the horizon.

Town Treasurer Carey Holmes tabled a first-ever budget framework document to Council on Monday evening - and the details didn't quite make for exciting reading for our elected officials.

The document outlines exactly what Council should expect to see in the 2020 budget, and it isn't going to be a cheap one. The upcoming draft operating budget is to include an overall tax levy increase not to exceed 8 percent. It will include a 2.88 percent levy, equalling approximately \$200,562, to be placed in a reserve for 'Emergency Services Accommodations', read police housing. Remember when you were told that keeping the local police force would cost you? Well, here is the start of those costs.

This levy, is the amount equal to a de-

venture payment, should a loan need to be assumed. There is to be a 2 percent, or \$139,100, levy to assist in contributing to the future capital costs of parks and recreation infrastructure.

In addition, it will include money for an electrical generator for Town Hall, for emergency management and a new reserve for emergency Mmanagement.

It should be noted here, that growth in 2018 was less than 0.69 percent and will be even lower in 2019. Some 84 percent of Shelburne's assessment base is residential assessment. In other words, the residential taxpayer will foot the majority of any tax increase in the town, and there are other unavoidable cost drivers that will affect life in Shelburne, including legislative changes at the federal and provincial level, with 39 percent of Town income derived from boards of management, such as police, fire, library, arena and conservation. In addition, service level changes, project implementation and other services coming from the Communi-

ty Improvement Plan, strategic priorities and others, will have both an initial capital impact and ongoing implications for future years, depending upon the nature of the project.

The labour contract for the Shelburne Police Service expires on Dec. 31. Cost increases related to subsequent re-negotiations will not be known by the time the 2020 Budget is adopted. Nevertheless, accommodation must be made to meet those increases. The Town must bargain in good faith.

Added to this will be expected increase in CPP, EI, WSIB, EHT and OMERS contributions. All of these are uncontrollable increases that will not be known before March of 2020, but that affect all payroll and salary expenses.

The next three years are going to be extremely difficult financially and will require hard decisions on the part of both ratepayers and Council if Shelburne is to prosper and grow.

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Community called to support Little Haunted House



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QUITE FRIGHTENING: The 5th annual Little Halloween Haunt is coming up, with events planned for Oct. 26 and Oct. 31.

Written By MARNI WALSH

As Halloween fast approaches, Shelburne's Little family is hard at work building their free Haunted House in Fiddle Park.

"Putting this kind of effort forward, insane amounts of paperwork, applications and red tape, hours upon hours of setting up, sewing, creating, painting and even cooking to feed all the volunteers... all of this is only worth it to us if the community comes out," says Carola Little.

Attendance figures were down last year, and Carola says, "We need the community's help to make this a record breaking year. We'd love to have 1,200 people come out and hit either 1,000 lbs of food or \$1,000 for the food bank. We refuse to start asking for an entrance fee - it will always remain a free event."

In 2015, the Town supported the family in setting up the Haunt in Fiddle Park and the event has raised hundreds of pounds of food and hundreds of dollars in cash for the Shelburne Food Bank every year since.

The inspiration for the event began over 25 years ago with Bob Little's enthusiasm for Halloween leading to frightening scenes being erected in his own front yard. People came from all over for a 'Little' scare, and rather than charging fees, the family decided to set up a donation box so people could give to the Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank.

The Little Haunt In The Park now has over 50 volunteers and great support from businesses in the community.

"As we begin to load trailers and truck in supplies from various barns and storage facilities throughout the area, we realize what a massive undertaking this Haunt In The Park has become," says Carola Little. "From just a quick afternoon set up to almost

four solid weeks of work; from a few creepy creatures to at least a dozen trailer loads of wood, tarps, props, costumes, tools and gear; from a dad and his two sons to a team of more than 20 family and friends giving every weekend of their time from October to mid November to build an entire attraction and then take it all down again."

Due to the enormous work load, the Haunt is looking for volunteers again this year. Volunteers must attend a meeting on one of the following days: Oct. 10 at 7 p.m. or Oct. 15 at 7 pm at the main building in Fiddle Park.

The BIA's Treats In The Streets, and Little's Mini Boo are running together under the umbrella of "Spooktacular Shelburne" this year. There will be a free shuttle running between the two events, from the Royal Canadian Legion on William Street to Fiddle Park on 2nd Line, throughout the event from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 26.

"Mini Boo will feature a walk through the Haunt in the daylight to see the detail that went into the attraction," says Carola Little. Monsters at this event will all be friendly and without masks and good witches will be handing out treats to the little ones.

"Show us your enthusiasm. Show us your support. Show us that you think this is an event worth putting on," says Carola Little, "And we promise to show you a memorable, action packed, scream filled good time."

The Little's Halloween Haunt runs Mini Boo in conjunction with the BIA's Treats in the Streets on Saturday, Oct. 26 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with a full scare that same night at Fiddle Park from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. There will also be a full scare on Halloween night: Thursday, Oct. 31 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Fiddle Park.

For more information visit: www.facebook.com/Littlehauntedhouse.

Surge Gala raises over \$13,000 for Streams Community Hub

Written By MARNI WALSH

The founders of Shelburne's Streams Community Hub say last Friday's Surge Gala raised \$13,157 towards "additional capacity and covering the cost of scholarships" for the non-profit organization.

Held at the Hockley Valley Resort on Oct. 4, the Gala hosted 120 guests attending in support of the youth organization that has gained an 'at capacity' popularity with area families since it opened just three years ago.

Andrew James and his wife Juli-Anne told the Free Press that as this was Streams' first gala, they did not set a fundraising goal. "Rather," they said, "we hoped to increase awareness of the organization more broadly within Dufferin County."

Streams very first "Volunteer of the Year" award was presented to Brody Ireton at the gala. Brody is a 16 years old Centre Dufferin District High School student who has volunteered every single day of camp since the program began in 2016.

"Brody is also responsible for all of the wonderful photographs on our website, social media platforms and in the Surge Gala Magazine produced for Friday's gala event," says Juli-Anne.

"We were thrilled to have both our Mayor, Wade Mills and Deputy Mayor, Steve Anderson in attendance," said Juli-Anne James. "MPP Sylvia Jones could not attend, but provided some remarks, which we shared with the audience. We had the chairman of the Dufferin Community Foundation, Gord Gallagher in attendance, as well as members of the Headwaters Community In Action (HCIA) Shirley Boxem and Trish Keachie. The event was also well supported by some



SUBMITTED PHOTO

A GREAT NIGHT HAD BY ALL: (Left to right) Shelburne Mayor, Wade Mills, Streams' founders Andrew James and Juli-Anne James, and Deputy Mayor, Steve Anderson attending the "Surge Gala" in support of Streams Community Hub at the Hockley Valley Resort October 4th. Photo courtesy of Streams Community Hub.

corporate donors including Lennox Farm, Shelburne Family Chiropractic, and In the Hills Magazine."

Ms. James says that over the last three years, 44 percent of attendees at Streams Community Hub camps have attended programs through full or partial scholarships.

"We expect to see this number grow, as we continue to increase capacity by adding more programs," she says. "Financial support from our community, both individual and corporate, covers the cost of these subsidies and scholarships and ensures that no child gets turned away and every child can play, imagine and create."

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Local Rotary Club to move forward with \$300,000 splash pad project

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Following the playing of the National Anthem, Council got down to business listening to a presentation by the Rotary Splash Pad Committee, concerning their efforts to date and what they expected to get from the Town.

The issue was presented by Alexandra Georgakopoulos, from Shelburne Family Chiropractic and Kristy Sarauskys, of Lighthouse Small Business Support, with Rotary co-chair Sandra Gallagher and Bob McLarty from Park n Play Design.

They showed a short AV presentation, depicting a first look at one design and detailing their approach and planned schedule, as well as estimated costs to date and suggested locations.

A Splash Pad has long been on the want list of Shelburne residents and is a relatively inexpensive addition to the Parks and Recreation facilities in town. Relative, however, does not mean cheap. As outlined, in the presentation, the pad, as proposed, would require an outlay of some \$300,000 to purchase and build, followed by as yet undisclosed maintenance and services costs.

When asked by Council, Mr. McLarty explained that water, drainage, and hydro connections were not included in the estimated \$300,000 outlay and neither were any ancillary costs that may arise. The CAO Denyse Morrissey, pointed out that these costs would include things such as the added load on public washrooms, ongoing supervision of the facility, grass cutting, lighting and necessary repairs to the splash pad and of the surrounding park lands.

The committee, however, was amply prepared to address these issues. To date, they have raised \$75,000 towards the \$300,000 and they are fully confident, in their ability, to fund the entire \$300,000 cost. Their proposed schedule, is for the pad to be operational for the summer 2021 season, depending upon Council determining where it should be located and agreeing to their part of the project.

That part, as outlined by the committee, would be the ongoing maintenance and annual costs as well as some financial support. One would assume, that that support would be in the use of Public Works employees in the building of the facility and providing the necessary connections. Council was also asked to choose the final location and to provide a staff reference as a liaison person, for the committee to approach concerning permits, insurance issues and grant applications

The proposed design, included a nod to Shelburne's rural heritage, with a tractor figure being prominent in the water works.

Encompassing a total of 3,500 square feet, the splash pad would be an ample size to accommodate all ages of participants and a nod to that, was the inclusion of features better suited to older children, as well as those for the younger visitors. The committee had selected three possible parks to be home to the new attraction. These were Greenwood Park, Fiddle Park and Hyland/Natashia Paterson Park near CDDHS. Councillors then offered up the CDRC as another option. The committee responded that they had been told by the CDRC that there was no room there for the splash pad, but they were more than willing to have Council explore that venue further. Since the swimming pool is already at the CDRC, it would make a convenient home for the Splash Pad as well.

The committee explained, that in their search, they looked for a park that was easily accessible, had good parking and was already possessing added facilities to add to the experience of the splash pad. They noted that Fiddle Park lacked some of these features, but as it was an underused facility and was evolving steadily, they felt it should be included.

Included in the \$300,000 dollar figure, was the structural quote from Park N Play and all the administration and marketing costs for the project.

At this point, Council raised a point con-

cerning using a sole source supplier for the structure. Town policy required at least three separate quotes for an expenditure of this magnitude. The committee said they were unaware of this but that in previous incarnations of the committee, other companies had been approached and their quotes were in line with the quote provided by Park N Play.

The Mayor interceded, to state that policy was policy, however, depending upon how the finances were administered, an accommodation would be possible for a single source quotation. After the meeting, he explained that if the committee were to spend the \$300,000, to purchase the structures and then turn them over to the Town, they would not be bound by the Town's requisition policy, as it was not a Town purchase.

Bob McLarty, from Park N Play, and a resident of Shelburne, outlined the two types of systems that could be used for the Splash Pad's water supply. The first and initially the cheapest to utilize, was a single use system, whereby the water was pumped onto the pad and then ran off into the sewers and went to the treatment plant. This is a common system throughout Ontario.

The second system was a recirculating one. Here, the water is captured, treated and reused multiple times, similar to that of a swimming pool. The initial costs of this system are noticeably higher, however the savings are dramatic, over time, due to the use of less water and a very reduced demand on the water treatment facility, which as everyone knows is in need of and scheduled for, major improvements.

In discussions after the meeting, Mayor Mills felt that, in his opinion, the recirculating system would be the better way to go for Shelburne. Not only because of the reduced strain on the treatment plant, but also the more environmentally friendly approach to water volume consumed. He noted that although a volume of water would eventually go to the treatment facility, it would not be near the amount of the open system.

At the time of the presentation, neither water volume required nor annual costs were available to Council, due to the lack of concrete examples of either one.

The Mayor said that as the Budget process was currently starting, Council and staff would include the splash pad in their deliberations. He asked Jim Moss to be the temporary liaison with the committee.

Road resurfacing

Moving on, Mr. Moss then reported that the road resurfacing that has been going on is almost complete and would be completed by Oct. 9. Coun. Walter Benotto asked if the OCIF Connecting Link Grant had been re-applied for and if there was any money left to repair sidewalks in town.

CAO Denyse Morrissey assured him they had replied and Mr. Moss stated that sidewalks were a separate line item and that work would commence on those in the next week. He noted that most of those repairs would be done in 2020.

Strategic Priorities Plan

The CAO provided a report to Council regarding the adoption of their Strategic Priorities Plan.

In essence, this is a plan outlining what Council wants to see done in Shelburne during their tenure in office. It is, a considered a blueprint of how Council will make thoughtful decisions about the Town's future, to ensure success.

The Council established a vision, a mission, values and goals for the plan. Their vision, guiding the Town, their mission is what they do, their values are their core beliefs that underpin their activities and the goals are what they want Shelburne to be known for, reflect and represent, They are, 'Sustainable, Engaged and Livable'.

The details of the plan are available on the Town website, under the Council Agenda package for Oct. 7.

Other business

Council passed a new Corporate Donation and Sponsorship Policy, outlining what you will and will not be able to receive for your expenditure.

The new Shelburne and District Fire Department Agreement, between all the municipalities availing themselves of the Fire Service, was received by Council but was not ratified.

The Fire Department, is currently governed by the Fire Board, on which all municipalities have an equal vote. However, Shelburne bears the brunt of the cost, 52 percent in fact. Coun. Benotto, a board member and the Chair, wants to see this changed. In fact, he would like to see the Board dissolved. Shelburne is one of only two Ontario Fire departments that

are governed by a Fire

The surrounding municipalities are all serviced by multiple fire departments, who either bill for each fire call or have negotiated a set fee per call. This system allows these departments to reduce their budget requests from their home municipalities and helps keep costs in line.

By legislation, all communities must have a fire service and if they do not want to establish their own, they must make other arrangements. Coun. Benotto wants to see Shelburne's force run by Shelburne and is tired of being out voted by the Board on matters that matter to Shelburne, but not necessarily to the surrounding municipalities.



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NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF A PROPOSED ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

COMPLETE APPLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that Council for the Township of Melancthon has reviewed zone regulations from other jurisdictions regarding the regulation of cannabis production facilities and has prepared a draft zoning by-law amendment to define and regulate such uses.

AND PURSUANT to Section 34 (10) of the Planning Act, the application file is available for review at the Municipal Office. Please contact the Municipal Clerk to arrange to review this file.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING WITH COUNCIL

TAKE NOTICE that the Council for The Corporation of the Township of Melancthon will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.P. 13 as amended, to allow the public to comment on the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING

Date: Thursday, November 7, 2019
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Township of Melancthon Municipal Office (Council Chambers)

DETAILS OF THE ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend the Restricted Area (Zoning) By-Law No. 12-79 as amended to define and regulate cannabis facilities in the Township's Zoning By-law.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND MAP OF LAND SUBJECT TO THE APPLICATION

A draft Zoning By-law Amendment has been prepared and is available for public review by contacting the Township office. This amendment would apply to the entire Township and therefore a key map has not been provided.

The purpose of this meeting is to ensure that sufficient information is made available to enable the public to generally understand the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment. Any person who attends the meeting shall be afforded an opportunity to make representations in respect of the proposed amendment.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon in respect to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, you must submit a written request (with forwarding addresses) to the Clerk of the Township of Melancthon at 157101 Highway 10, Melancthon, Ontario, L9V 2E6 fax (519) 925-1110

If a person or public body files an appeal of a decision of the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Melancthon, as the approval authority in respect of the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment, but does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to Council before the proposed amendment is approved or refused, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss all or part of the appeal.

Further information regarding the proposed amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Township of Melancthon Municipal Office on Monday to Friday, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

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Thinking outside the box

The phrase to 'think outside of the box' was a term that made its way into the general lexicon a few decades ago.

It is a metaphor that suggests thinking differently, unconventionally, or viewing a situation from a different perspective. No one is entirely sure where it started but it is generally attributed to some management consultants who coined the phrase.

It was a popular way of telling your business staff to take on challenges by providing new and different solutions.

Unfortunately the phrase became so popular that it ended up losing all real meaning, because every time there was a meeting someone would say, "let's think outside of the box." When you repeat the same phrase at every meeting, sooner or later the concept is lost and the people at the meeting just hear 'blah blah blah.'

I used to go to meetings where the words 'verbiage' and 'transparent' became company buzzwords for some reason – so much so that after a while managers were using those words so often that half the time it made no sense at all.

"Lets start his meeting. How's the new verbiage?" "Oh, very transparent!"

Not to mention most business meetings

are an absolute waste of time because at the end of the meeting, no matter which suggestions have been made or ideas tossed into the fray, most people are going to do what the VP tells them to do anyway.

"Now lets go out there and market our new product – bags of broken glass – to elementary school children," the VP says at the end of the meeting while all the managers smile and nod in agreement. I've seen that plenty of times in the corporate world.

Smile and nod and collect a paycheck. When it comes to outside of the box thinking however, some people have been able to do just that with incredible results.

Bill Gates didn't become the world's richest man by following a linear way of thinking. And there's a whole list of others that had an unorthodox idea and parlayed it into incredible success.

Elon Musk comes to mind – quite the smart fellow.

During the Second World War, the Allied Bomber Command was doing a study on the damage aircraft received during bombing runs.

When an aircraft returned to base, they

would make a note of all bullet holes from attacking enemy fighter aircraft to determine the most likely places a bomber would be struck. They compiled all this information and made a detailed diagram showing bullet strikes and damage indicating the most common place on the fuselage and wings that were hit. The damaged areas on the diagram were marked with red dots.

The idea was to build the aircraft with more protection in those areas to shield the crew and protect the aircraft.

It sounds like a logical way to strengthen the aircraft and minimize casualties.

However, one man, a mathematician, who was indeed thinking outside the box, pointed out the diagrams were all wrong. At first he was criticized for having the audacity to challenge the high command.

When questioned about his preposterous judgment of the plan, he pointed out that they were only studying the aircraft that made it back to the airstrip.

Instead of looking at the red dots, he reasoned, they should be looking at the areas of the aircraft diagram that had no dots at all. That represented the aircraft that were shot out of the air and because

they never returned to base, their damage wasn't noted.

The areas with no red dots meant those were the parts of the aircraft that were most vulnerable.

He was of course right, and his outside of the box thinking caused the air command to rethink the entire strategy of protecting aircraft and crew.

This phenomenon is called survivorship bias. At its simplest, it's when we look at the things that survived when we should be focusing on the ones that didn't.

The same strategy can be applied to many areas of life.

It's easy to look at the obvious and find faults.

It's much more difficult to look at the missing pieces of a puzzle and find a solution.

Sometimes just taking a step back and looking at the bigger picture allows you to focus on other areas where you can improve.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Editorial

Too many open microphones

MONDAY NIGHT'S LEADERS' DEBATE may well go down in history as the worst ever, at least in modern times.

As many observers have pointed out, there were too many leaders, who likely all felt short-changed by the format.

There was also a curious positioning of the six, with Green Party leader Elizabeth May and NDP leader Jagmeet Singh at opposite ends and Liberal leader Justin Trudeau and Conservative leader Andrew Scheer next to one another, allowing them to engage in shouting matches.

In a Globe and Mail opinion piece Tuesday, Steve Patterson, host of The Debaters on CBC Radio One and The Debaters Live touring show, found it "the most ridiculous debate that our democracy has ever staged. And I say this having moderated more than 700 debates that were intentionally ridiculous."

He said there were at least two leaders who shouldn't have been there, Maxime Bernier and Yves-François Blanchet – "the former because he is a fearmonger who espouses xenophobic policies and broke off from the Conservative Party because he thinks Andrew Scheer is a Liberal – perhaps the least disturbing of his misconceptions – and the latter because his entire mandate is to pursue the interests of one province."

And while applauding the "unprecedented all-female journalist lineup of debate moderators," there were also too many of them.

Then there was the unusual audience setup, with one-third on the stage behind the leaders, and the other two-thirds behind the party leaders' backs. "The end result: an awkward staring contest between the 'stage people' and the 'behind-the-back people,' with each one wondering who would blink first and what the hell was happening. They had also been specifically instructed not to make any noise or, apparently, show any signs of life."

And then there was the matter of the questions put to the leaders. "It's always difficult to determine exactly what questions to ask of leaders. Apparently 8,000 questions were submitted by Canadians, which were then divided into five categories. Yet none of the ones selected really touched on foreign policy, and the section on Indigenous issues

was quickly hijacked, becoming exclusively about pipelines – a further indignity to the issues. Meanwhile, the best question of the night, about the climate crisis, came from a man who was watching from the Halifax library. Which begs the question: If you're going to go to everyday Canadians for questions anyway, why have any moderators at all?"

In the end, there was "not enough of the one thing debate viewers are looking for: a clear idea of the grasp of issues of each leader. A ridiculous idea on paper was turned even more ridiculous by its execution."

One thing not mentioned in the opinion piece was what we see as the chaos caused by having six open microphones, a choice that opened the door to shouting matches, which occurred regularly between Messrs. Trudeau and Scheer and often made it impossible to understand what either was saying.

As we see it, each leader ought to have worn a small mic that would be turned on only when he or she "had the floor."

In the end, we doubt that the debate changed anyone's mind and may actually have led some viewers to conclude that they wouldn't vote for anyone.

If there were any winners, they might have been Ms. May and Mr. Singh, who were relatively calm in addressing the issues and might be seen as expecting this election race to end in a dead heat, giving them an ability to keep a resultant minority government from taking any actions they would oppose.

And with the Liberals and Conservatives both unable to govern without help from the NDP and Green caucuses, there might even be the possibility of Canada having its first coalition government, with Green and/or NDP MPs having seats at the cabinet table.

That possibility might also open the doors for the new government to adopt some of the policies being advanced by the two parties, which recent polls show having support from about one-quarter of the electorate.

In the circumstances, it will be interesting to monitor the polling between now and Oct. 21.

Our Readers Write

Better Ballot Pledge

Mike Baker's comprehensive article on the recent Dufferin-Caledon Federal debate at Orangeville District Secondary School entitled "Six D-C candidates take Better Ballot Pledge" should have read "Four of Six candidates followed Better Ballot Pledge".

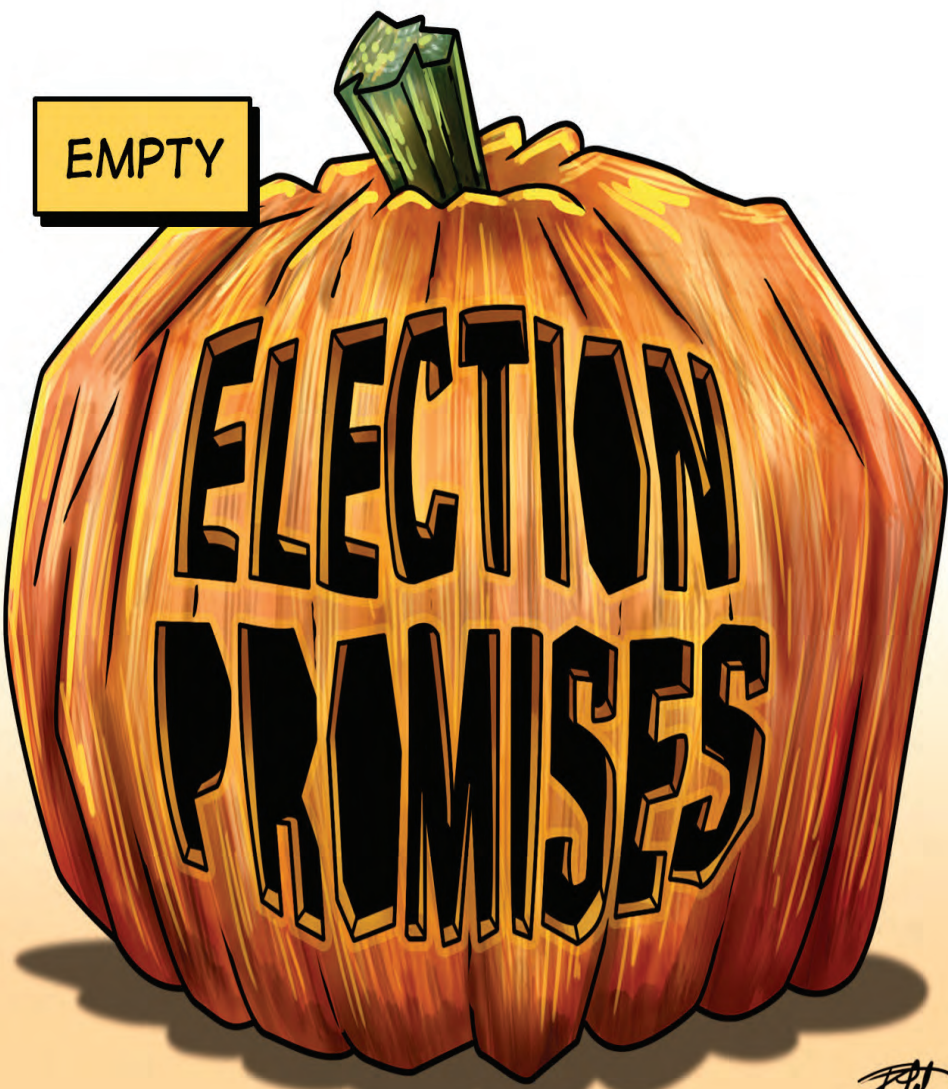
Liberal candidate Michele Fisher broke the pledge first attacking Scheer personally as a weak leader who would just "take any bread crumbs from Trump" which prompted a response from PC candidate Kyle Seebach that Trudeau's blackface fiasco would

leave him unable to "negotiate any treaty with credibility". The disgust from the audience was audible.

The other candidates Green Party Stefan Wiesen, NDP Allison Brown, PPC Chad Ransom and CHP Russ Emo should have been commended for following the Better Ballot Pledge.

Peter Yan
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OPP recognizing Cyber Security Awareness Month

Cybercrime costs all Ontarians by directly victimizing individuals, businesses and provincial infrastructure. The Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) views Cyber Security Awareness Month as an opportunity to take a multi-pronged approach to address the many threats posed by cybercriminals and, through education and awareness, reducing cybercrime and its negative impact.

Cybercrime occurs when technology is used to carry out criminal offences such as fraud, identity theft, cyberbullying and child exploitation; or when technology is the target of the criminal offence, such as the disruption of computer systems through ransomware or Distributed Denial of Service (DDOS) attacks. In 2019, ransomware attacks in Ontario alone have cost victims millions of dollars to repair and mitigate. In Canada, cybercrime now totals in the billions of dollars annually.

As technology develops and interconnectivity of computer devices continues to expand through the 'Internet of Things,' there are increasingly more opportunities for cybercriminals to victimize those neither prepared nor knowledgeable on how to protect themselves and their workplaces from cyberattacks.

The OPP, along with other police services and cyber security experts from across the country, want to safeguard all Ontarians from becoming victims of cybercrime. This October, the OPP 2019 Cyber Security Awareness Month campaign will focus on four themes:

How Cyber Threats Work and How! They Affect You, How to Protect Yourself Online, Reporting Fraud and Scams, and Preventing Cyber Threats

If you or someone you know suspects they have been a victim of digital or online cybercrime, contact your local police service or local OPP detachment, the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre or through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-8477 (TIPS) or p3tips.com.

Hillsburgh man wanted for several break and enter offences

Orangeville Police Service has obtained a warrant to arrest a 26-year-old Hillsburgh man for several criminal offences as a result of three break and enter incidents over the past two weeks.

On Monday, Sept. 23, at approximately 1:45 a.m., two males attended a business on Green Street in Orangeville. The suspects attempted to enter the business and unoccupied vehicles in the immediate area but were unsuccessful. Further investigation revealed that the vehicle they were operating had been reported stolen from a residence in Etobicoke. The entire incident was captured on security video cameras.

On Saturday, Sept. 28, at approximately 12:20 a.m., a male and female attended a business located on First Street in Orangeville and entered the business by damaging the front door. The suspects fled the scene with approximately \$300 worth of merchandise. Nearby witnesses called police.

At approximately 1:00 a.m., the suspects attended another First Street business and attempted to gain entry by damaging the front door. Although successful in damaging the

door, they were unsuccessful at entering the business. This incident was also captured on security video cameras.

Further investigation revealed the identity of one of the suspects. Police have obtained an arrest warrant for William Tremblett, 26, of Hillsburgh. Tremblett is facing numerous criminal charges including three counts of Break and Enter, three counts of Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Over \$5000, six counts of Failing to Comply with a Recognizance, and one count each of Theft Under \$5000, Possession of Property Obtained by Crime Under \$5000, Mischief Over \$5000 and Mischief Under \$5000.

Police are continuing their investigation to identify the second suspect at each incident.

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of William Tremblett or anyone who has further information is asked to contact the Orangeville Police Service at 519-941-2522 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.crimestoppersdm.com.

Fraud and scam reminder to residents

Local police are reminding residents that fraud and scams are still prevalent in the local community. Area police continue to receive reports of residents being targeted by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) scam, authority scams and distraction scams.

Phone calls are being received by fraudsters claiming to be from the CRA advising people that they owe money to the CRA. They are told that they can settle their debt for a fraction of what is owed if they pay off the debt immediately. They are told to make payment with various gift cards and in some incidents by Bitcoin. The fraudsters will even go so far as to tell the person that the police will attend

their homes and arrest them if they don't follow the instructions given. The public can easily recognize that these incidents are scams by remembering that the Canada Revenue Agency would never operate in this fashion. If you are questioning whether or not you owe money to the CRA please contact the CRA directly to make inquiries.

On Friday, Oct. 4, a 31-year-old Hanover woman was in Orangeville when she received a call from who she believed to be the Hanover Police Service as her call display said Hanover Police. The woman was advised to complete a Bitcoin transaction to avoid being arrested.

The woman attended a convenience store on Broadway and completed a transaction of more than \$10,000. The woman contacted police when she realized that she had been the victim of a fraud.

Distraction scams involve at least two fraudsters. One may engage the targeted victim by dropping some money on the ground while the second is stealing an item such as cash or a credit card from a purse. Police remind

the public to be aware of their surroundings and not leave handbags unattended and vulnerable to thieves.

Police are continuing to investigate both incidents and remind residents to be vigilant for these kinds of scams in our community.

For more information about frauds and scams visit the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre website at www.antifraudcentre.ca.



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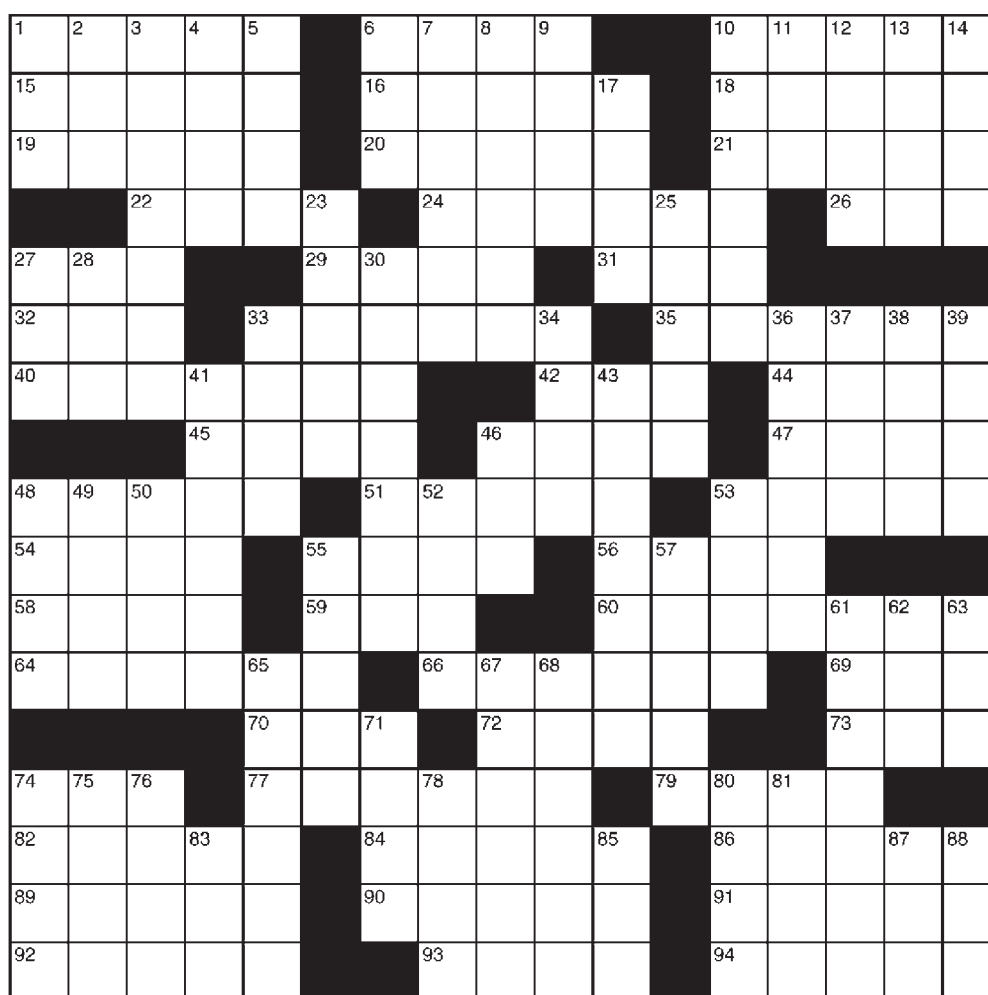
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1. Greek vowel
6. Ardent
10. Chest
15. Nobleman
16. Category
18. Express an idea
19. ___ and beyond
20. Prospectus listing
21. Tango or waltz
22. Former GIs
24. Egyptian dog
26. "I ___ a Kick Out of You"
27. Citrus quencher
29. Hammerhead part
31. "What's up, ___?"
32. "Neither snow, ___ rain ..."
33. Clothesline wheel
35. Brit's fuel

40. Kind of boat motor
42. Exploit
44. Hindu ascetic
45. Creeper
46. Storage framework
47. Cinema drink
48. Radio word
51. Horned mammal
53. Card game
54. Affirm confidently
55. Entreated
56. Surrogate butter
58. Robert Carradine role
59. Positive response
60. Taint
64. Farthest from the outside
66. Dislike intensely
69. Romanian coin
70. "Dusk ___ Dawn"
72. Mythology
73. Delay

74. Carol, to Marcia
77. Tot's garment
79. Marathon
82. Join forces
84. "Moby Dick," e.g.
86. Cartoon-character Hobbes, e.g.
89. French school
90. Puccini creation
91. Eared seal
92. Precise
93. Enough of yore
94. State of confusion

DOWN

1. Sleeveless garment
2. "Weird Science" area
3. Saying
4. Lifted with effort
5. Dill herb
6. Turkish official

7. Watercraft
8. Mad
9. Cross swords
10. Dress part
11. WWII agency
12. Do some Karaoke
13. ___ in a lifetime
14. Confront
17. Wall support
23. Scorn
25. St. Petersburg penny
27. Tropical bird
28. Put on
30. Old
33. Duo
34. Chinese money
36. Wayne/Day film
37. Swindle
38. Leer
39. Equivocator
41. Cook too much
43. Child's vehicle
46. Send packing
48. Rajah's mate
49. "Iron Chef" prop
50. Infection carrier
52. Obey
53. Disrespectful
55. Deck's cousin
57. Intense beam
61. Forbidden
62. One of seven
63. Cuddle
65. Boulevard
67. Soccer-team number
68. Corrida star
71. K-P connection
74. Lounging slipper
75. Black stone
76. Flaky, transparent mineral
78. Vatican figure
80. Particle
81. Refer to
83. Private eye
85. Edict
87. Before, to a bard
88. Bread or cereal grain

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Royals senior girls basketball tournament held at CDDHS

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior girls basketball team hosted a tournament on Friday, October 4, and Saturday, October 5, in the gym at CDDHS.

It was an opportunity for teams from around the region to compete with schools they won't usually play on the regular season schedule.

Eight teams signed up for the tournament. Teams were guaranteed three games in the round-robin style tournament in a bid to advance to the final and consolation rounds.

Squads from as far away as Tottenham, Barrie, and Paris, made the trip to Shelburne to compete.

In their first game of the weekend the Royals were up against Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute.

GCVI is a District 10 team the Royals wouldn't normally meet during regular season play.

At the half the Royals managed to take 29 point lead going ahead 37 - 6 when the buzzer sounded.

Going into the fourth quarter the Royals were still well head with a 43 - 20 lead.

The shut-down the GCVI defence pinning them to the outside while producing some good offensive moves that netted them 12 points in the final quarter to leave the court with a 55 - 20 win.

"We've never played Guelph before, ever, they're in a different district," said Royals forward Franny McGowan after the game against GCVI. "It's definitely different. Espe-

cially since I'm in my third year and know all the teams we usually play. It's more nerve racking but then you just go out there and play your game. We don't know who the team is but then it just becomes another game."

The Royals went 2 - 2 for the tournament. They made it to the consolation but lost to Orangeville District Secondary School.

The final saw a match-up between Notre Dame and ST. Josephs with Notre Dame coming out top to win the tournament.

The Royals senior girls will have a couple of games on the road.

They return to the gym at CDDHS on Wednesday, October 23, when they will host Wellington Heights Secondary School.

Game time is 2:30 p.m.

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TOURNAMENT AT CDDHS: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior girls basketball team take on Guelph Collegiate Vocational Institute in the gym at CDDHS on the first day of the school sponsored senior basketball tournament on Friday, October 4, and Saturday, October 5. The Royals won this game 55 - 20. They lost the consolation final to Orangeville District Secondary School on Saturday.

Shelburne Muskies win home opener in OT over Tavistock

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Senior Muskies are back on the ice for the 2019 / 20 season at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

The Muskies season got underway with a home game on Saturday, October 5, when they hosted the Tavistock Royals.

After playing to a tie at the end of three periods the game went into overtime.

The Muskies came out on top with a 6 - 5 win in their first outing of the season.

With a 22 game regular season schedule ahead of them the Muskies have a long way to go to establish their place in the league this year.

There are 14 teams in the line-up in Se-

nior hockey for this season.

Last year the Muskies finished with a .500 record recording 11 wins and 11 losses for the year and a tenth place finish. They are hoping to see an improvement on that record this season.

The Clinton Radars finished at the top of the standings last season with 41 points. They were followed by the Ripley Wolves with 39 points and the Durham Thundercats with 31.

The Muskies will have another home game this Saturday (Oct. 12) when they host the Shallow Lake Crushers at the CDRC.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

TORI SODONA

"I like the competitiveness," said CDDHS Royals field hockey team captain Tori Sodona of why she likes playing the sport. "It's called a girly sport but it really is aggressive. I like the satisfaction of playing. It's a really fun game. You can't play individually, you have to play as a team to score."

A well rounded athlete, Tori also plays badminton, soccer, volleyball, and flag soccer on the high school teams.

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Shelburne Library News: Traveler's tales coming up

Written By ROSE DOTTE

Another of our special Traveler's Tales - A Night in Canada's Arctic Parks

Tuesday, October 29th @ 7:00 pm
Sit back and relax as our tour guide takes us through some of Canada's most picturesque National Parks! Our tour guide, Marlis, could claim she has been to ALL of Canada's National Parks; however, as she was hiking her last Park in July 2019, Canada created a new National Park! Her adventures will continue. Email jnoble@shelburnelibrary.ca to register for this event.

Teen Scene:

October is our favourite time of the year, so we have a couple of spooky events planned for Teens. At our DIY Glow in the Dark Pumpkin event, participants will design a pumpkin that will glow in the dark! Our Halloween Celebration will see a mix of activities, including a Halloween-themed Minute to Win it, alongside other spooky crafts! Teens can register for events by going to www.shelburnelibrary.ca/teens.html!

Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, October 22nd, 4:00-5:00pm- DIY Glow in the Dark Pumpkins*
Tuesday, October 29th, 4:00-5:00pm- Halloween Celebration*

Children's Programs

It's October and that means our Children's Programming is getting a little bit spooky!
Books & Babies: Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am - 11:00 am - After your morning walk in the fresh fall air, come and visit this drop-in group for parents and children 2 years old and under. A group full of great conversa-

tion, and a safe place for children to socialize with others their own age. A reminder that Books and Babies will not be held on Tuesday, October 15 as it is the day after the long weekend.

LEGO Club: Wednesday afternoons, 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm - This drop-in program for children ages 6-12 has a brand new build challenge every single week. As your child's skills grow they can also attempt the weekly "Expert Build Challenge". LEGO CLUB is often not just LEGO! We also have lots of fun incorporating other STEM activities and experiments each week along with building our LEGO creations.

Sleep Story Time on Thursday, October 17th from 6:15 - 7 pm. Stop by the library in your pajamas and snuggle up for 45 minutes of sleepy stories.

Join us on Wednesday, October 30th, from 3:30 pm - 4:30 pm for our annual LEGO Club Costume Party! Come in your costume, enjoy some special treats, and create scary LEGO creations before Halloween.

Story Time: Friday mornings, 10:30 am - 11:30 am - This is a drop-in group full of singing, dancing, and stories. Each week we have a themed craft that connects to what we learned from our story. Visit Story Time, and leave with new friends and amazing art creations. For the month of October, we will be reading about pumpkins, bats, skeletons, witches, and other fun Halloween themes!

Need more information about any of our programs? Call us at 519-925-2168, or email children@shelburnelibrary.ca.

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New Books:

Fiction:

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- The cold way home by Julia Keller
- Stolen things by R.H. Herron
- A door in the earth by Amy Waldman
- Someone we know by Shari Lapena
- Their little secret by Mark Billingham
- The whisper man by Alex North
- The first time Lauren Pailing died by Alyson Rudd
- The murder list by Hank Phillippi Ryan
- The last widow by Karen Slaughter

Non fiction:

- Everything happens for a reason by Kate Bowler
- Ontario scholarship: 2020 edition by Brian Harris
- If I understood you, would I have this look on my face? by Alan Alda
- Ruth Bader Ginsburg: a life by Jane Sherron DeHart
- Survival skills: extreme environments by Bear Grylls
- Long journey home by Helen Notzl

Centre Dufferin's Co-op Corner

Student: Anjalie Rohoman
Placement: Kayla Dawn Photography

This week Anjalie Rohoman from Centre Dufferin District High School shares a little bit about their experience and how Kayla Dawn Photography is contributing to our community's future.

Kayla Dawn Photography is managed and owned by Kayla Dasley and she has been running this business for about 10 years. Kayla works in her home studio as well as at other locations taking and editing photos of newborns, children and adults.

As Kayla's Co-op student my job is to be her Assistant Photographer which includes such tasks as helping to set up photo shoots, taking photos, and then also editing photos. Kayla is also teaching me about the business side of photography, and the finer points of how to use the equipment that is needed for this job. This includes learning all the features available on a DSLR camera, using manual settings, proper lighting, specialty items that can be used to set up shoots such as paper backdrops or the special bean bag used for taking pictures of newborns and also the software that I can use to edit photographs.

Throughout my time working with Kayla I have also come to understand that there are many different careers connected to the photography world. The four careers that peaked my interest are Wedding Photographer, Commercial Photographer, Film and Video Editor, and Newspaper or Maga-



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READY, SET, SHOOT: Anjalie Rohoman (left), CDDHS student & Kayla Dasley (right), owner of Kayla Dawn Photography.

zine Editor.

When Kayla was in high school, she took a Co-op course and had the opportunity to work with a photographer. About 10 years after this valuable experience, she started her own business and has taken on Co-op students of her own, eager to teach them everything she knows about photography and running a small business, and passing her knowledge on to the next group of up and coming Photographers.

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Potato farmer Glen Squirrell reflects on years in 'tough' industry

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Edzell Blue, Kestrel, Yethholm Gypsy, Salad Blue, Salad Red, Cardinal, Highland Burgundy, Urenika, Canada Black, All Blue, All Red, Yellow Fingerlings, Huckleberries, Blue Fingerlings and Peruvian Purples are but a few of the varieties of coloured potatoes in this world, and if you ask local resident Glen Squirrell, he'll tell you about most of them.

Glen is a multi-generational farmer, based in Melancthon and he knows his varietal potatoes, because he grows them. Glen's family has been in the River Road and Hornings Mills area since the the 1860's. Glen comes from a long line of Irish farmers and they have always grown some form of potato.

Today, on some 250 acres on the 3rd line, Glen grows seed potatoes, as well as rye, for Hiram Walkers Brewery, oats and hay. He manages two farms, his own and his mother Mary's, dating from the 1890's.

It is the farm Glen grew up on, attending SS11, at 4th and County Road 17, as had his mother, and then going on to CDDHS in Shelburne and, finally, Sheridan College for a business degree.

Somewhere along the line, Glen met and married Penny Bray and together they bought the farm land just up the road from the home farm, built a home and raised four children, Mary Beth, the oldest, breeds champion King Charles Spaniels, David, who lives in Calgary, is in sales, Jon and Julie, the youngest. Julie works on the farm with her dad and Jon helps out whenever he is not driving a tow truck or working for the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio. Now retired, Penny was a teacher, first at Mulmur-Mono, Centennial, Hyland Heights and finally CDDHS.



PHOTO: PETER RICHARDSON

A PASSION FOR FARMING: Potato farmer Glen Squirrell is carrying on the family business. His family have been farming in the River Road and Horning's Mills area since the late 1860s.

Glen has always farmed, first with his dad, who passed in 1990 and then continuing with his mother, who had chickens and beef cattle, before she retired. The chickens are long gone, and Glen sold the cattle, preferring to concentrate on his crops. Glen's potato efforts are in the Seed and Specialty potato sector and his seed potatoes are sold all across the province and beyond. Amongst

the specialty varieties grown, are, All Blues, All Reds, Yellow Fingerlings and Huckleberries. The latter, are a purple skinned variety with a yellow flesh, that apart from tasting marvellous, are a low glycemic potato, that studies indicate, is edible by people suffering from Type 2 Diabetes.

Potatoes are a problem for diabetes sufferers, since, although, they are very high in valuable carbohydrates, vitamins and minerals, their high starch content and rapid digestibility, can cause dramatic and very rapid, spikes in blood sugar levels, which diabetics cannot always overcome. These new potato varieties mean that diabetics can now have their potatoes, and eat them too! Although Glen grows primarily for the seed market, he still has potatoes to sell to the public, including the Huckleberries.

Glen grades his potatoes on the farm, but the seed potatoes are sold whole and prepared for planting by the buyers. Potatoes are planted in spring and normally harvested starting in mid September. Both the planters and the harvesters tend to be manufactured in Germany and can range in price from \$100,000+ to over \$1 million depending upon their size and complexity. They are either pulled behind a tractor, like Glen's, or may be self propelled, similar to a combine.

Glen plants his potatoes in small plots, which are each dedicated to a single variety. Once matured and harvested, the spuds are taken to the home farm, where they are

sorted and graded before being bagged and readied for shipment to the buyers.

None of Glen's potatoes are washed before they are packaged, so as not to introduce any pathogens or chemicals to the potatoes. A side note to this, is that many of Glen's retail customers prefer this for the same reasons plus, since no chemicals or soaps are introduced to the potatoes, their taste remains unchanged.

In Ontario, there is a Potato Board, which helps the growers to deal with the many government and market regulations and rules, as well as suggesting fresh potato prices and negotiating contracts with the processors, such as Frito Lay and other private chip companies. In addition they deal with labour issues expediting the use of offshore labour resources, plus matters of crop protection, such as insurance. The latter, will be a big issue for producers this year, as many have suffered from the long dry summer and the late season harvesting. Yields are not necessarily of either the quality or the quantity that was expected.

Glen, reluctantly, he says, accepted a position as a director of the Potato Board and then found himself accepting the Chairmanship, which he held for 10 years. The board liaisons with other provincial boards, as well as working closely with its American counterparts.

They meet the Americans annually, rotating between Washington DC and Ottawa as venues. In addition to the Potato Board, Glen has sat on the Agricultural Credit Corporation board and been a member of the Commodity Council, which interacts with provincial agriculture representatives to provide safety nets for the farmers and crop insurance.

Currently, Glen derives about 60 percent, of his farm income from his potatoes, but says that the rye contracts with Hiram Walker are slowly catching up. Part of this could be the cost of each crop. Potatoes cost approximately \$3,000 per acre to farm, while grain is approximately \$200 per acre.

A bad year, such as this one, with "its" hot, dry summer can devastate both crops, but the losses would be greater with potatoes as opposed to grain. Although the outlay for machinery would be similar, the labour and cost per acre, differ dramatically.

Still, despite the difficult year this year, Glen said he will continue to farm. Although the family farm appears to be a dying industry, as fewer and fewer next generation children want to farm, those with a niche market, such as the Squirrells', will continue to thrive amidst the milieu of huge corporate farms dominating the industry.

The next time you happen to be sitting down with a glass of Canadian Rye Whiskey and a bowl full of purple potatoes, you can thank Glen and Penny Squirrell, for the privilege!



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SMILING FACES TELL A STORY: The women of the first interfaith dinner and discussion evening, held at Trinity United Church in Shelburne, gathered for a photo to commemorate the success of the inaugural event which included men, women and children from all around the area. The event took place in the "You Belong Here Room" hosted by United Church minister, Reverend Candice Bist and Bella Carter, an Islamic scholar from Shelburne. Together with guests, they celebrated the rich diversity of faiths in the community with a dinner and a discussion focused on how guests live their faith. October 5th was the first of what is to be a monthly interfaith invitation to potluck dinners and discussions. All are welcomed. (Left to right) Suha, Jasmine, Megan, Lorna, Mulnar, Shahla, Bella, Rev. Lee Ann, Reverend Candice Bist, Nura, Rosanna, Ruth.

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October 20	October 21	October 22	October 23	October 24	October 25	October 26

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