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Five Shelburne residents take on starring roles in upcoming 'Mamma Mia' production

Written By MARNI WALSH

Five Shelburne area residents are playing big roles in the upcoming production of Mamma Mia! opening this week at the Orangeville Opera House.

Produced by Orangeville Music Theatre (OMT,) the juke-box musical and romantic comedy, presenting the popular music of ABBA, features Shelburne theatre buffs - both on stage and behind the scenes. The five shared their enthusiasm for the show with the Free Press.

Costumes for Mamma Mia! are designed by professional theatre director, performer and choreographer Raeburn Ferguson, alongside her mother, Bobbi Ferguson. Raeburn got her start in the business right here in Shelburne in Ms. Omen's Drama Class at Centre Dufferin District High School.

"My grandmother took me to see Mamma Mia! when I was only 10 years old and it has been a favourite of mine ever since," she says.

Raeburn, who works professionally in Toronto, says, "Although life is crazy busy these days, I needed to be involved in a show I love. Working with my amazing Mom on this project has been so fun and I can hardly wait to see our costumes under the lights

on opening night." With the opening fast approaching, this Friday, January 10th, there is not long to wait.

Raeburn's busy mother, Bobbi Ferguson, Chair of the Heritage Music Festival and the Shelburne Christmas Hamper Committee, told the Free Press, "After designing my 25th show in a row last June, I decided it was time for a break, but the lure of Mamma Mia! drew me back for one more show with OMT. What clinched my decision, however, was my daughter wanting to partner with me in costuming. It has been a great experience bouncing ideas off Raeburn, and costuming this beautiful show."

On the boards, is Shelburne area resident Elaine Capes playing the hilarious role of "Rosie." Elaine Capes says, "A friend talked me into auditioning, so I did some practicing with her and tried out. I love the Mamma Mia! storyline, characters and the upbeat feel of the ABBA songs. I have invited everyone I know and they all ask me if they can sing and dance in the aisle - which tells me there are a lot of Mamma Mia! fans out there. Elaine says she is "thrilled to be part of this production, as the artistic team and cast are brilliantly talented, and over and above the production excitement, I have met a whole new 'cast' of people who are wonderful new

friends."

Also on the boards, Shelburne area mother and son team, Sabine Rohner-Tensee in the ensemble, and Lukas Rohner-Tensee in one of the leading roles as "Sky."

Sabine says, "This is my first time with OMT and the first musical I have been in, in over 20 years. The singing and simultaneous dancing has been challenging, but loads of fun. Best of all, I am on stage with my teenage son - singing ABBA songs."

Lukas Rohner-Tensee, who was last seen as one of the gang in OMT's high energy production of Grease, says, "Learning to play 'Sky' in Mamma Mia has been pretty exciting. It is a very upbeat, fun experience, and getting to know everyone in the cast has been great!"

Raeburn Ferguson says, "We'd love to see lots of Shelburne friends in the audience to enjoy this fun show with us."

Mamma Mia! is set on a Greek island, and should prove a sunny lift to the dull days of January. The show opens this week, Jan. 10 to 12, and runs to next week, Jan. 17 to 19, at the Orangeville Opera House. Evening and matinee performances available.

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MP Kyle Seeback discusses 'big plans' for riding in 2020

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback looks back fondly on 2019, but is determined to provide local residents with the best representation possible in Ottawa as we move into the new year.

After securing 42 percent of the local vote in the Oct. 19 federal election, Mr. Seeback has been tasked with representing the Dufferin-Caledon riding in the nation's capital, and it's a responsibility he is not taking lightly.

In what will be his second stint on Parliament Hill, after previously representing the riding of Brampton West from 2011 to 2015, Mr. Seeback has promised to make a difference in Dufferin-Caledon, and plans to move forward with many of his campaign promises now we're into the new year.

We sat down with Seeback to discuss his thoughts on 2019, what was accomplished, and what we can look forward to in the new year.

When asked what he was most proud of during his successful election campaign, Seeback simply pointed towards the way he, and his opponents, conducted themselves during the entire process.

"We ran a very positive issue-based campaign. We were part of the Better Ballot initia-

tive; all of us took that pledge in Dufferin-Caledon. So, we had a positive election, where all of the candidates just talked about the issues," says Seeback. "For me, that was really a big highlight. That and winning the election, and then being named the Deputy Shadow Minister for Citizenship and Immigration."

Seeback was announced the Deputy Minister for Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship on Dec 20, while also sitting on the Standing Committee on Citizenship and Immigration.

Starting Jan. 23 in Shelburne, MP Seeback will be living up to one of his election commitments locally by beginning Town Hall style meetings.

"The focus on the Town Hall is going to be on agriculture, because I know that we have some agricultural issues in the riding right now. But people can come and raise any issues they want. I always like to have a theme but it doesn't always mean that people can't ask other questions," explains Seeback.

Another exciting development Seeback is in the process of organizing is creating a mobile office to serve other parts of the Dufferin-Caledon community. Currently, the MP's office is located on Broadway in Orangeville, but he thought it would be better to come up with a portable service for residents, rather than open up a second location.

"I didn't think having a secondary office is fair to other parts of the Dufferin-Caledon community. Our first mobile office is going to be in Bolton on Jan 24, and it's going to be at the Caledon Centre for Wellness and Recreation," explains Seeback. "People who need services for federal government services, they can come and meet them in Bolton, and will rotate throughout the riding, in Bolton, Southfields, Grand Valley, Shelburne as well as Honeywood."

He added, "The idea for me, back in the day when doctors used to make house calls. We're going to move this office around, make sure we advertise it well to those communities where we are going to be, so that people can come and get services from my office in their own community."

During the campaign, Seeback pledged, and is currently organized, scheduled meetings with municipal counterparts to learn more and understand local issues in the Dufferin communities.

"I want to make sure I know what those local issues are. Whether it's in Caledon, or Shelburne or any part of Dufferin. I want to make sure I know the local municipal issues, what the funding needs are, so that I can make sure that the government know that these are municipal priorities in Dufferin-Caledon,"

comments Seeback.

With so many things on the go for the new year, Seeback is committing to his promises and commitments he made during the campaign. Seeback will be introducing a private members legislation.

"I'm excited to introduce some private member's legislation, which is something I'm working on right now. I made a commitment to introduce, during the campaign, a private member's bill on democratic reform with respect to committees," explains Seeback.

Looking recreationally, Seeback wants to lend from an idea launched by current Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown when he was an MPP in Simcoe North.

"My dream, which will take a lot of work, but it was started by Patrick Brown in Barrie, and he used to do Hockey Night in Barrie, and they would raise money for local charities. So, I'm looking to set up a first ever Hockey Night in Dufferin-Caledon, and try to get some former NHL players or current NHL players to come and play an exhibition game and all the money that we raise will be donated to three local charities," explains Seeback. "It's going to be a busy year, no doubt about it."

For more information on MP Kyle Seeback and to learn more about what's coming up in 2020 visit kyleseeback.com.



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Dog, owners reunited following pet's two-week wilderness adventure

Written By MIKE BAKER

Christmas came eight days late for one Toronto-based family, who were finally reunited with a missing pet, two full weeks after it had escaped from a property just north of Shelburne.

"It sort of seemed like fate," Nick Giambianco informed the Citizen, just hours after he was reintroduced to his beloved three-year-old dog Benji. "It means the world to have him back with us."

When Mr. Giambianco, and his partner Jennifer Kou, dropped Benji, a Korean Jinto dog, off with family friends in Bowmanville before they traveled to British Columbia for the holidays, they had absolutely no idea what they were, inadvertently, setting themselves, and Benji, up for.

The first few nights went by without an issue. Benji was familiar with William and Sarah, the couple entrusted to look after him. It was only after the trio had traveled west to a property in Mulmur, to visit Sarah's sick father over the holidays, that trouble began to set in. Within 24 hours of arriving at the rural property on Prince of Wales Road, Benji escaped. The date was Dec. 19.

William and Sarah spent the best part of four days frantically searching the bushy wilderness for Benji. They didn't so much as catch a glimpse of the "scared" animal. With, seemingly, nobody to turn to, the cavalry arrived on Dec. 23 in the form of France Lajeunesse and her Aid 4 Paws search and rescue group. Since launching her organization back in 2014, Ms. Lajeunesse has assisted in hundreds of searches across Ontario and Quebec. Boasting an 80 percent success rate in cases she, and her team, have been associated with, France's presence was a welcome one as Benji's trail went cold.

"First of all, we formed a core team, with some local volunteers and William and Sarah. Then we created 60 large neon signs that we installed outside, and printed off around 400 flyers that we delivered throughout the community," Ms. Lajeunesse told the Citizen. "Then we started with our tracking."

The first recorded sighting came on Christmas Day, in the evening. A homeowner spotted Benji on his property along County Road 17. A couple of days later, he was seen again, this time sprinting on the shoulder of County Road 124. Benji was almost struck on several occasions, weaving in and out of traffic before disappearing once again.

Being that Benji was an international res-



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IN A SAFE PLACE: Pictured above, three-year-old Korean Jinto Benji recuperating at Graham Animal Hospital in Hillsburgh.

cue dog, France noted he was "rather elusive". The team, made up of approximately 10 individuals, had to get creative with their potential recovery techniques. They set up several 'feeding stations' in the area, in the hopes that Benji would take the bait and show his face. In the early hours of Dec. 31, he did just that, showing up on one of France's cameras installed at a feeding station on a horse farm at Centre Road and 5 Side Road.

"When we saw Benji had been to this site, and eaten some of the food, we figured there was a strong chance he would come back. Unfortunately, that evening was New Year's Eve. With all the fireworks, parties etc. we completely lost sight of him," France said.

Hitting brick wall after brick wall, it was left to an Aid 4 Paws volunteer named Norma to make the breakthrough. Having been embroiled in what she described as a "devastating experience" two years prior when her then 10-month old poodle Sierra spent five lonely nights alone in the wilderness, Norma was eager to help reunite Benji with his owners Nick and Jessica. On Jan. 2, while searching the horse farm with another

of her dogs, Du, Norma was successful in locating Benji.

She spent the better part of an hour calmly and quietly tailing him, hoping there would be an opportunity to retrieve. Eventually, Norma got within arm's reach and clasped onto Benji's collar. In the heat of the moment, frightened, Benji sunk his teeth into Norma's arm, but she didn't let go. Showing nothing but love and empathy, Norma was successful in calming Benji down. France was soon on the scene, and Benji was transported to Graham Animal Hospital in Hillsburgh.

There, it was revealed that Benji had lost a quarter of his body weight, sustained several serious scratches, endured a likely painful encounter with a porcupine, and was serving as a host to a single tick.

"The poor guy had quills all over his mouth. We think he encountered a porcupine fairly early on. He lost 10 pounds off his 40 pound weight, which meant he was at risk of something called Refeeding Syndrome," Ms. Lajeunesse said. "He had a few scratches, had the one tick latched onto him. When we found Benji, he was absolutely exhausted and dehydrated."

Going back to Mr. Giambianco's earlier reference to fate, Nick was already scheduled to fly back to Toronto, from Vancouver, on Jan. 2. As he traveled to the airport out in B.C. he was being informed that Benji had been located, and that the team hoped to secure him that day.

"It was amazing when we heard he was safe," Nick said. "I was on the way to the airport, literally in the car, when I was getting messages saying they were going to try and capture Benji. It was just the best news. With all of this going on, I couldn't wait to get on the plane."

Benji was finally recovered while Nick was in the air. Upon landing at Pearson International Airport, he rented a car and made his way to Graham Animal Hospital to see Benji.

"I was so excited just to see him, hang out with him and have time with him. When I walked through the door and he saw me, he started to spin in circles, and cry a little bit. There was a lot of excitement," Nick said. "To be honest, it was a little difficult and gloomy seeing him in the condition he was in. He was very, very skinny. We've had to put him on a special diet, prescribed to us by the vet."

He added, "He had quite the adventure though. I guess it was Benji's two week vacation from us, and, well, everyone really. I just wish he were able to tell us about everything that happened to him - I'm sure he'd have some crazy stories."

While it's normal for dog owners to fear the worst after an escape, Ms. Lajeunesse stated that most dogs are, in fact, recovered.

"Every case is different. Some dogs aren't recovered because of the terrain - some dogs will fall through thin ice, some get hit by cars, or even trains. Some dogs are kept by other people," France said. "But, in the six years we've been doing this, we've found if people do the right things quickly, they have the best chance of recovering their animals."

Not one to rest, France is already working on her next case - a missing two-year-old Husky named Darce, who escaped from his owner's property in Melancthon on the same day that Benji was recovered, Jan. 2. As of press time, Aid 4 Paws were still actively working the case in the hopes of recovering Darce.

For more information on Aid 4 Paws, visit www.facebook.com/AID4PAWSsearchandrecovery.

Various HCIA projects working hand-in-hand to help create a vibrant community

Written By MARNI WALSH

Shirley Boxem, the Executive Director of Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA) says, "There are two active projects working hand in hand with much to tell."

Those projects, Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance and Volunteer Dufferin, Ms. Boxem says, are both working towards a more vibrant community.

"There is lots bubbling for HCIA," says Ms. Boxem of the non-profit organization which is primarily funded by Dufferin County and The Guelph, Wellington, Dufferin United Way.

Headwaters Food and Farming Alliance (HFFA,) which "fosters a food system that supports the health and well-being of our residents and food providers and contributes to a prosperous and equitable economy," is currently promoting the Winter Harvest Dinner Series. "Some fabulous Headwaters dining spots have stepped up to the 'plate' to sponsor a dinner in support of the Farm to School program," says the Director.

The primary objectives of HFFA are to grow a stronger local economy through the development of a local food system - that includes residents who have access to

healthy food and have the skills needed to support healthy eating; a diverse and sustainable farming system; and local leaders who embrace the development of a local food system through development of supportive policies.

The Farm to School initiative pairs local farmers with Dufferin County, Caledon and Erin schools. In-class visits teach students various aspects of the local food system and farming life. Engaging activities for kindergarten to grade 6 include many curriculum links and full lesson plans.

"The local food scene is vibrant in Headwaters and 2020 will be even better," says Shirley Boxem.

She invites area residents to start the New Year off with support for the Farm to School program on Saturday, Jan. 25 at Pia's on Broadway; Thursday, Feb. 27 at the Terra Nova Public House; or Sunday, March 29 at the Millcroft Inn and Spa. Tickets may be purchased at HFFA.ca "to help make this the year even more kids get better acquainted with fresh local food," she says.

New Year's news from Volunteer Dufferin includes a tune up for its website that will make it even more supportive of local not-for-profit organizations, Ms. Boxem told the

Free Press. She says a Volunteer Dufferin survey is currently active on the HCIA site and that feedback will be used to help make improvements. There is one survey for volunteers and another for organizations that require volunteers. To participate visit VolunteerDufferin.ca.

Since the launch of the new Volunteer Dufferin website in 2017, Ms. Boxem says, "We have grown from 30 to 112 member organizations - a very significant increase - with 1,381 volunteers having completed a profile."

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Unreasonable speed limits

If you don't remember history you are doomed to repeat it.

That old saying makes a lot of sense. In other words, learn from your mistakes.

I have never been a fan of military intervention except as a last resort and then only when it will save lives – notably innocent civilian lives.

I have mentioned before the absurdity of the Iraq invasion that resulted in no good outcome and caused the deaths of several hundred thousand innocent people.

However, I also believe in the 'speak softly and carry a big stick' ideology, that being the exercise of intelligent forethought and decisive action prior to resorting to the worst case scenario.

The Middle East is heating up again. It's been a couple of weeks so the region has to get back into the swing of things and blow something up or destroy something so everyone knows life is back to normal.

The U.S. carried out a precision strike on a location in Baghdad this past week and killed a top Iranian general.

That's some pretty good intelligence reports backed up by some seriously accurate shooting from an airborne drone.

Obviously someone on the ground called home and gave the code word.

I would imagine someone got on the

radio and said "the fox is in the hen house, repeat, the fox is in the hen house" or some other phrase that indicated his location.

Most likely that report was called in by a local Iraqi CIA operative.

Given the ordnance delivered to kill the general, most likely several of his friends also got a chance at martyrdom at the same time.

Now to be fair, this general wasn't targeted because he said the wrong thing on a TV talk show.

He was targeted for his actions as a military commander.

The prelude to this assassination was an attack on the American embassy in Baghdad.

The embassy managed to defend itself and had soldiers posted on the roof ready to shoot.

However, it was apparent the attack on the embassy was backed by high-ranking officials in Iran – notably the now-deceased general.

An embassy should be sacred ground. That's the whole point of having an embassy in a foreign country. It serves as a diplomatic go-between to hash out

affairs between countries. In times of strife, diplomatic staff should be protected at all costs.

Here's the thing about remembering the past.

Anyone who's old enough to remember the Iran Hostage Crisis of 1979 remembers what a big deal it was.

The American embassy in Tehran was attacked and occupied by Iranian 'students.'

They held 52 American diplomats and citizens for a total of 444 days. During that time the hostages were subject to abuse and torture.

I guess at that time the 'students' classes were out for the semester.

No one forgot the hostages. Every night on American it was counted down: "Day 100 of the hostage crisis. Day 200 of the hostage crisis."

The hostage crisis became a rallying point for American patriotism.

Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini praised the attack on the embassy and said the fate of the hostages would be 'decided by the Iranian parliament.'

Unfortunately, then president Jimmy Carter's response to the crisis was weak. You can't deal with a leader like Khomeini by negotiating.

You can't and must never negotiate with terrorists, whether they operate a small group or a country.

It was an election year. Ronald Reagan,

the Republican candidate was well known for his thoughts on the use of the military, and said he did not agree to "ransom for people who have been kidnapped by barbarians."

The hostages were released the day Reagan delivered his inaugural address.

The U.S. has not forgotten the Iran Hostage Crisis nor should they.

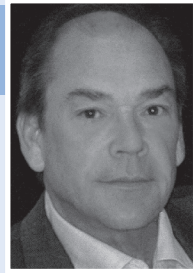
When terror-sponsored groups start attacking embassies or foreigners in their own country and the nation's leadership either ignores or condones it, there must be a response. From a western viewpoint that includes every member of NATO.

Iran has said they will retaliate for this incident. However, the regime does not have support of many of its own people and even less in neighboring countries.

This particular general that was eliminated is responsible for the deaths of a lot of people, including many of his fellow citizens.

Whether some kind of retaliation takes place will be noted in the coming weeks or months. However, until then, speaking softly and carrying a big stick works very well.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Editorial

Walking on eggshells

MOST WORLD LEADERS, it would appear, are walking on eggshells right now as the smoke, both figuratively and literally, starts to clear following U.S. President Donald Trump's decision to use a drone to kill a top-ranking Iranian military official last week.

While the act has, largely, been condemned by mainstream media across the globe, there appears to be a concerted effort by political leaders, particularly in Europe and Asia, to de-escalate the situation by not taking a side, and instead calling on both Iran and the U.S. to remain calm and refrain from taking any measures that would further aggravate tensions.

In the immediate aftermath of Qassem Soleimani's death last Friday, Iran's Supreme Leader, the Ayatollah Ali Khomeini, vowed there would be "severe revenge" taken against those responsible for the attack. Soleimani was killed by missiles fired from American drones that targeted his convey near Baghdad International Airport. It was believed he was in Iraq to discuss de-escalating tensions between Iran and Saudi Arabia, although it has also been suggested the trip was designed to plan and coordinate attacks against the U.S.

The latter appears to be the official position of the White House. On the day of the attack, President Trump noted he had approved a move to kill "the number one terrorist anywhere in the world". He claimed Soleimani was responsible for attacks on the U.S. embassy in Baghdad on Dec. 31, and was plotting further "imminent and sinister" attacks on U.S. military personnel.

White House officials said later that Soleimani had long been on America's radar, although former presidents Barack Obama and George W. Bush had stopped short of taking action out of fear it could serve as the catalyst for a serious global conflict.

Relations between Iran and the U.S. have been tense ever since Mr. Trump announced in 2018 that he was withdrawing from the Iran nuclear deal, agreed upon in 2015.

That deal, also signed by the UK, Russia, France, China, Germany and the European Union, introduced framework that would see Iran redesign, convert and reduce its nuclear facilities, and accept inspections by international experts plus additional protocol to lift all nuclear-related economic sanctions, freeing up tens of billions of dollars in

oil revenue and frozen assets for the middle eastern power.

Now, after ordering the killing of a seemingly beloved figure in Iran – tens of thousands took to the streets in cities across the country on Tuesday in commemoration of Soleimani's funeral – relations between the two nations have never been worse since the hostage taking in the U.S. embassy back in 1979.

While there were fears Iran would seek serious immediate retribution – perhaps cyberattacks against U.S. interests, it is likely that Tuesday's bombing of two Iraqi military bases used by U.S. forces will be the most serious measure taken to get even, so to speak.

President Trump acknowledged the attack, communicating via Twitter that "all is well", later noting there were no American casualties as a result of the strikes.

Paying credence to our suggestion, Iran's foreign minister suggested the missile strikes could be the beginning and end of Iran's retaliation for the drone attack.

"We do not seek escalation or war, but will defend ourselves against any aggression," Mr. Zarif posted on his personal Twitter account.

Outside of Iran, there doesn't appear to be a great deal of upset over Soleimani's death. By all accounts he was, as branded by both the U.S. and European Union, a terrorist. While it's not unusual for the U.S. to take measures and strike against individuals it deems to be a threat to national security, as in well-publicized attacks on Osama Bin Laden, Abu Bakr al-Baghdadi and Anwar al-Awlaki, this is different. It's one thing to strike out against leaders of terrorist organizations such as Al Qaeda and ISIS and another thing entirely to assassinate a top ranking military official of an adversary.

The move itself speaks to the arrogance, or strength, of Mr. Trump, depending on where you stand and which way you look at it. While Soleimani, undoubtedly, had a questionable background, we believe the POTUS saw this as an opportunity to turn attention away from his recent impeachment and, possibly, to rally the American public once again in an election year.

While it clearly isn't the best thing for the rest of the world, an ongoing conflict with Iran may be the best thing for a U.S. President seeking re-election.

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Celebrate Family Day the Canadian way at Museum of Dufferin

Written By MARNI WALSH

The Museum of Dufferin (MoD,) treasured for its historical displays and archives, is also known for producing engaging home grown events. This year, Family Day 2020 is no exception, with lots to keep the whole family busy.

Entrance to the main building and participation in an outdoor hockey game, with local hockey legend Aaron Downey, is by donation only on Monday, Feb. 17. Events start at noon and run until 4 p.m., making for a fun and affordable Family Day - done the Canadian Way, with old time activities, a scenic winter setting, hot chocolate, and, of course, hockey.

Everyone is invited to join the museum for their first event of 2020. NHL Stanley Cup winner, Aaron Downey will organize visitors into teams in the MoD parking lot for the big "road hockey" game. Visitors wishing to participate should bring their stick, helmet, and comfortable boots.

Dufferin County First Responders will be on site with their trucks and equipment, while inside the museum, there will be lots of crafts and games to enjoy. There will be popcorn available, as well as coffee for the parents and hot chocolate for the kids.

'Spenser's Kids' will be joining the event with shoot out hockey. The organization, established in memory of Spenser McFayden,

a six-year-old hockey player who suffered fatal injuries en route to a game in 2014, promotes and supplies used gear for kid's hockey in the area. Chuck McFayden, Spenser's brother, will be bringing their hockey van, so that anyone with extra gear to share can drop it off at the event. 'Spenser's Kids' will see that it gets to an eager child whose family does not have the funds for hockey equipment.

"Family Day is one of our fundraising initiatives," says Museum of Dufferin Promotions Co-ordinator, Nanci Malek. The event has run for the past six years, with Aaron Downey volunteering his time for the community as the highlight for the event for the fourth year. "We get an amazing crowd for the game," she says, "primarily kids, but some parents help out too."

"The MoD is always excited about our Family Day event," says Nanci Malek. "Aaron Downey is such a community supporter and we are thrilled that he is joining us again this year - and having the Dufferin County First Responders always makes the event special."

Family Day will be one of the last chances to see the 'True. Grit' display, as the museum will be opening a brand new exhibit in May of 2020. 'True. Grit' is a display of artifacts, archival materials, and modern photography that compares and contrasts local pioneers and present-day residents, all of whom have



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MoD ON FAMILY DAY: Dufferin First Responders will have vehicles and equipment on display at the Museum of Dufferin Family Day events next month.

Family Transition Place women's shelter offers hope for victims of abuse

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

"We're full all of the time," said Norah Kennedy, executive director of Family Transition Place (FTP) executive director, regarding the demand for services at the local shelter for women and children in Orangeville.

The shelter serves the entire Dufferin/Caledon area.

With FTP currently in its 35th year of operation, the fact that the shelter is always full speaks volumes about the hidden abuse that takes place in our society. Not every victim of abuse makes it known to family or friends.

However, sometimes a situation becomes so dire a person will reach out for immediate help and Family Transition Place is there to offer support by finding shelter and providing counseling.

The Bredin Parkway location is divided into two sections. One wing houses the emergency shelter for women and children. The other section is for administrative staff as well as social services and counseling services.

"We have the emergency shelter where most nights we have 24 women and children living with us," Ms. Kennedy explained. "On the community counselling agency side we have counselling services for sexual assault for both women and men. There is abuse counseling, services for woman with substance misuse issues, we have supportive housing programs, and we also have a rural response program based out of Shelburne and youth education programs."

While the shelter serves to help people in need, stopping abuse before it ever starts is part of FTP's mandate.

"Our youth education programs are held in the schools," Ms. Kennedy said. "They are an eight-week curriculum. We go from grade five to grade eight with age appropriate programs. We work with the kids on self esteem and healthy relationships and good communications skills. We try to prepare them for healthy, violence-free relationships for the rest of their lives."

The shelter is constantly filled to capacity. This is due in part to the fact that there is a shortage of available and affordable hous-

ing in the community.

"What used to be possibly a six-week stay in the shelter while they were getting themselves set up and on their feet is now turning into months because there's nowhere available in our community and if it is available it's not affordable. That is one of our biggest challenges right now. The bottleneck is at the front door. We've got women calling and needing a safe place to go and we don't have a bed available. Sometimes a woman is ready and able to move on an it's safe for her to do so but she can't because there's no where for her to go."

She said that although the shelter is usually full, FTP will find alternative places for a woman to stay and does not turn anyone

made important contributions to Dufferin County. "New this year," Nanci Malek says, "We have 15 hands-on/minds-on activities throughout the 'True. Grit' Exhibit."

Additionally, Ms. Malek says that guests will be able to explore the work of local artists, try their hand at weaving, learn to draw

a Pegasus, or sit in a 100 year old school desk to test their spelling on a slate.

Doors open at noon of Feb. 17 with the parking lot road hockey game running for an hour and a half - or until people need warming up," says Nanci Malek. Entrance is by donation. The event closes at 4 p.m.

away.

The shelter works with other agencies in the region to ensure clients are helped and are safe.

"We are very closely tied to our community and all of our community resources," Ms. Kennedy explained. "We have some amazing partners in the community and really good relationships with pretty much everyone in town. Our counselors are very knowledgeable. If this isn't the right service here, we will find someone to connect you to,"

There is no typical person that needs the shelter's help.

"Domestic violence affects people from all socio-economic classes. It affects people from all races. If there is a woman in a

violent situation at home and it's not safe for her to be there, she may come by herself or with her kids. She may be brought here by the police. She may have been referred from another service or the hospital or another shelter in another community. We also take in women who are homeless. Quite often we find that is someone is homeless there's also violence in their history."

The shelter is a secure facility with controlled access. They have a very good relationships with local police to ensure the safety of their guests.

However, the location is not hidden.

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- Stop
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- Daybreak
- Boor
- Steep flax
- "The Ten Commandments," e.g.
- Race, as a motor
- Ballerina's short skirt
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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Wolves Peewee team undefeated in Silver Stick tournie win

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Wolves Peewee Rep team gave it their best shot and it turns out their best effort brought home a Silver Stick championship banner that will be hoisted to the rafters at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

The team were in Kincardine from December 28 to 30 to compete in the regional Silver

Stick tournament and went undefeated in five games to claim the title.

Team manager, Lisa Smith, searches for different tournaments to challenge the team through the season. Tournament play gives the kids experience and also helps them bond and gel as a team.

Lisa applied for the Silver Stick and they were granted a place in the tournament.

"I was surprised that we went 5 - 0," said

Wolves head coach Paul Smith. "We played three very tough games out of the five. I knew going in, from looking at the other team's records that it would be a good challenge."

Smith said that the coaches challenged and inspired the team by having them take a look at existing championship banners hanging in the Centre Dufferin Recreation Centre.

"Prior to the tournament, we would have the kids look up at the banners and I think it was a big motivator for them," Smith said. "I told them I grew up playing minor hockey in Shelburne and played in many Silver Sticks. Our team didn't win a championship, but I went through all the banners and counted six going back to 1983 and four of the six are finalists. I told the kids it would be something special for us to bring one of those home. I

think they just started getting motivated."

Wolves centre, Lauren Smith was named MVP of the Kincardine tournament.

The win qualifies the team to go to the International Silver Stick Tournament which will be held in Forest, Ontario beginning on January 11.

"We try to keep them motivated," Smith said. "Anything we can get beyond this is great. As a coach I know how draining this can be and it takes a toll. Obviously there was dedication from everybody to stay focused. These kids wanted it and now it's a matter of keeping that goal."

The Silver Stick Tournament and other tournaments take place on top of the team's regular season schedule.

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BIG WIN: The Shelburne Wolves Peewee Rep team won the Regional Silver Stick Tournament in Karcadine. The Wolves went 5 - 0 in the tournament. Team members, Mason Burke, Jackson Davis, Tyson Galbraith, Robbie Harris, Hunter Lester, Ben Moylan, Mikey Niedzweicki, Austin Nolet, Logan Peters, Ayrton Pomeroy, Lauren Smith, Owen Stinson, Erik Thalenhorst, head coach Paul Smith, coaches, Mike Moylan, Yens Thalenhorst, Chris Pomeroy, trainer Robb Stinson, and managers Lisa Smith and Amanda Gailbrath, brought the winning banner to home ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Friday, January 3.

Bantam LL teams battle it out on home ice

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Shelburne Wolves Bantam LL teams met on home ice at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, January 4.

The local teams had a rare chance to face each as part of the regular season schedule.

The game was tied mid way in the first period on a goal from Jordan Funston from the LL1 team and Carter Prins on the LL2 squad.

LL2's Mario Broniek picked off the top corner to give his team a 2 - 1 lead at the end of the frame.

LL1 tied the game when Noah Scherer scored early in the second period.

The LL1 team had a two goal lead at the end of the second when Funston got his second goal with less than a minute remaining on the clock.

That was followed up by a marker from Dylan Scott.

The LL2 team was back in the game in the third when Jaipal Deol made a nice deke in front of the net and took the shot to score.

Both teams worked hard in the final minutes of the game.

LL1 forward Dylan Scott got his second of the game late in the third.

LL2 forward Nicholas Harrod scored late in the game to bring his team within one goal, but the buzzer sounded before they could tie it up.

The Wolves Bantam LL1 team left the ice with a 5 - 4 win.

"They wanted to win so they kept going," summed Bantam LL1 coach Kurtis Ricci.



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HEAD TO HEAD: It was a battle of the Shelburne Bantams as the Wolves Bantam LL1 and LL2 teams faced off at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, 4. The Bantam LL1 team got the edge in the third period and left the ice with a 5 - 4 win.

"They used the puck to their advantage and kept going for all three periods. The team has been playing together and working together and gelling as a team. We work on our faceoffs and breakouts, that kind of stuff. They are playing more structurally which is nice. They're all first year guys. We only have one first year guy."

The Bantam Wolves LL1 team will be back on home ice this Saturday, January 11, when they will host the Grand Valley Twisters.

Game time is 3:00 p.m.

The Wolves Bantam LL2 team will be on local this Friday, January 10, when they will meet up with the Clearview Canucks.

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Shelburne Public Library launching survey over opening hours

Written By ROSE DOTTE

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Upcoming Events:

- Tuesday, January 14th, 4:00pm-5:00pm-TAB Meeting
- Tuesday, January 21st, 4:00-5:00pm-DIY Cookie Dough*

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- Mycroft Holmes by Kareem Abdul-Jabbar

Non-fiction:

- Don't keep your day job by Cathy Heller
- The pocket guide to houseplants by Jack Kramer
- Leave something on the table by Frank Bennack
- Two firsts by Constance Backhouse
- Range by David Epstein

Centre Dufferin's Co-op Corner

Student: Gavin Scheiwiller
Placement: Maxacre Farms

This week Gavin Scheiwiller from Centre Dufferin District High School shares a little bit about his co-op experience and how Maxacre Farms is contributing to our community's future.

Maxacre Farms is a cash crop and egg layer facility just outside of Grand Valley and they have been in business since the 1980s. Maxacre Farms provides farm fresh eggs from our 3 barns. They also have over 1200 acres of cash crops including wheat, corn and beans. This farm is run full time by Max Scheiwiller, Jordan Scheiwiller and myself, Gavin Scheiwiller.

Working at Maxacre Farms consists of a lot of manual labour like collecting eggs every morning from 8am -11:30am. Other jobs consist of cleaning/maintaining equipment, running the equipment as well as doing field work like seeding and spring/fall tillage. This workplace has some very important safety rules like always wearing steel toe shoes and never putting your hand near any moving parts.

From working on this farm I have learned about many different jobs that are associated with farming. Some of these jobs include being a Salesman which involves learning all the different kinds of seeds to knowing the different prices of fuel. A person could become a Farm Mechanic which requires



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FARMING ROOTS: From left to right in the picture: Gavin Scheiwiller, Co-op Student and Max Scheiwiller, Company Owner

a person to learn how to properly fix and maintain equipment. The farm also requires an Accountant and sometimes a Lawyer and both these jobs require a person to have knowledge of all the paperwork that has to be done along with contracts.

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 Full details for all these positions including hours of work and wage ranges, are available on the Town of Shelburne website at www.shelburne.ca
 Resumes for the Summer Camp Head Counselor and Summer Camp Counselor positions will be received until 3:00pm on Friday, January 24, 2020 by email or in person, addressed to:
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Service Line Protection Available for Town of Shelburne Homeowners

Shelburne, ON – December 18, 2019 - The Town of Shelburne has partnered with Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC) to offer protection to city homeowners for the water and sewer service lines that connect their homes to the city's systems. The coverage is voluntary and available at affordable monthly prices. Since 2015, SLWC has partnered with over 50 leading cities in Ontario to provide repair service plans that offer homeowners peace of mind and convenience.

"Many homeowners do not know that damage to the service lines on their property is their responsibility to repair," said Joanne Marceau, Utility & Public Works Coordinator. "In the event of a service line repair emergency, the homeowner is responsible for scheduling the repair and covering the associated cost. As the Town of Shelburne homes age along with the infrastructure serving them, SLWC repair plans provide homeowners with an optional solution so they can be prepared for this type of unexpected repair."

The SLWC Service Line Warranty Program protects against repairs needed to pipes on homeowners' property. Repairs to these pipes are not covered by basic homeowners insurance or by the Town of Shelburne. If a customer's service line is in need of repair, a simple call to the SLWC 24-hour hotline will dispatch a local, licensed contractor familiar with local code. There are no service fees or deductibles.

Many factors contribute to the life expectancy of a service line including the age, type of piping material, soil conditions and installation quality - all factors which are covered through the SLWC protection program. This program is voluntary for homeowners, provided at no cost to the Town of Shelburne and no public funds are used to promote or administer the program.

"Our service plans not only cover the cost of the repair; they also provide homeowners with reputable, local contractors who will do the best possible job," said John Kitzie, CEO of SLWC parent HomeServe NA. "We're pleased to be partnering with the Town of Shelburne and look forward to the opportunity to provide Town of Shelburne homeowners with the assistance they need when faced with a home repair emergency."

SLWC is the nation's largest and most trusted source of utility line plans partnered with the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and their commercial division Local Authority Services (LAS). The company is committed to delivering an excellent customer service experience and maintaining an A+ accredited rating with the Better Business Bureau. For questions about this service, or to enroll, please contact SLWC at 866-922-9004 or visit www.slwofc.ca. About Service Line Warranties of Canada

Service Line Warranties of Canada (SLWC) is part of HomeServe USA Corp (HomeServe), a leading provider of home repair solutions serving over 4 million customers across the U.S. and Canada. Founded in 2014, SLWC is the trusted source of utility line protection program in Ontario as recognized by Local Authority Services. Together with HomeServe, SLWC is dedicated to supplying best-in-class repair plans and delivering superior customer service to consumers through over 700 leading city, municipal and utility partners across North America.

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