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## Neil Orford's Defining Moments Canada to launch VE Day, Insulin discovery projects

Written By MARNI WALSH

Retired Centre Dufferin District High School teacher Neil Orford, who now leads the heritage education organization Defining Moments Canada, shared two exciting announcements with the Free Press this week.

First, Defining Moments Canada will partner with the Ministry of Canadian Heritage over the next two years to lead the national digital commemoration celebrating the 100th anniversary of the discovery of insulin.

The digital project is called "Insulin2021." Neil Orford says, the project will honour "the four major milestones in the discovery of insulin - Canada's 'gift to the world'" - commencing April 2020 and running through to December 2022."

Mr. Orford's second announcement involves the 2020 national commemorative project to share the stories of Canadians' contributions to the Liberation of Holland and Victory in Europe (VE Day). The federal government made the announcement in a press release last month.

Neil Orford told the Free Press that Defining Moments Canada "will be sharing nine

incredible Canadian stories from the 'Road to Liberation' in 1944/45, where the contributions of Canadians to freeing the occupied Dutch and winning the Second World War are often neglected."

He says, "By commemorating VEDay75, Defining Moments Canada will be reawakening Canadians to the significant role our combined forces played in freeing Northwest Europe from Nazi oppression."

"What makes VEDay75 so unique," Neil Orford says, "is that for this commemoration we are partnered with the Canadian Research and Mapping Association, known as Project44.ca, one of Canada's leading organizations developing 'story-mapping' technology."

He says, "Project44 has digitizing thousands of WW2 maps, war diaries, correspondence and documents in our national archives, to help Canadians better understand our achievements in 1944/45 in Europe."

The federal government's press release noted that the online project allows Canadian educators to "take historical studies to the next level. From the classroom to the fields of Europe - learning will be virtual and experiential," calling 'VEDay75' a rev-

olution in how Canadians understand and share their history." The national project will launch in April 2020 in time for the May 8th VEDay.

Defining Moments Canada was co-founded by the award winning Neil Orford and writer Blake Heathcote. The project's earlier commemorations included the 1918 Spanish flu pandemic in Canada, and the 75th anniversary of D-Day.

"The good news for Dufferin County is that Defining Moments Canada is a Dufferin County success story," says Neil Orford. "We are still based in Orangeville, despite having a national audience."

Neil Orford says, "Since 2017, our work at Defining Moments Canada has been largely focused on the sharing stories of Canadians that are often little heard, if they are told at all." Mr. Orford says the interest in their micro histories has "grown exponentially" and their projects were "featured in over 100 schools nationwide, with dozens of museums and thousands of Canadians registered for our site."

To learn more visit: definingmomentscanada.ca.

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# Melancthon woman 'Hiking for Hope' in 800km trek

Written By MARNI WALSH



HIKING FOR HOPE: Claire Knight of Melancthon, will make an 800 km solo hike across the Camino de Santiago trail this spring, hoping to raise \$20,000 for the Canadian Mental Health Association and \$20,000 for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. So far she has raised just over \$3,500.

Kinesiologist, nutritionist, and mental health ambassador Claire Knight of Melancthon, will make an 800 km solo hike across the Camino de Santiago trail this spring to raise funds and "hope" for mental health in Dufferin County.

Commencing April 17, the challenge, which means leaving family, friends and work behind, is expected to take Claire five weeks to complete.

Ms. Knight started her non-profit campaign "Claire's Hike 4 Hope" in 2019, with 100 percent of donations going back to Big Brothers, Big Sisters, and Community Mental Health in Wellington-Dufferin. She says the campaign was her response to "the high suicide rates within Wellington-Dufferin County," and "lack of support services for individuals and families."

Ms. Knight says walking the Camino de Santiago trail, starting out in France, and crossing the Pyrenees mountains and Spain into Portugal, will test her both physically and mentally.

"This is why I chose to take this journey," she says, "to relate this 800 km solo challenge to the mental challenges so many of us have to overcome on a daily, or monthly basis. Each day, I will walk 30 km and share my physical and mental struggles on my blog and social media. I will also talk about one specific demographic of people, or a person, who had or did struggle with mental health challenges or mood disorders, every day."

She told the Free Press she has been "personally motivated to create change in our community by raising awareness to the increased suicide rates... especially with the number of suicides that have happened over the past three years."

The more people she spoke with who lost loved ones and colleagues, the more she realized that this was something that required the community to come together, to raise awareness and put systems in place to promote life and talk about mental health.

Claire says she has always been interested in physical health as a kinesiologist and holistic nutritionist, but she also took as many psychology courses as possible during her training. She knows first hand the challenges of mental health, having grown up with a mother and a brother with mood disorders. To this day, her family struggles to ensure they both have the care and support they need now and in the future.

Claire believes more support services for youth to seek help, to talk about their stresses and learn coping tools is needed.

"I have personally seen my own children and

their friends suffer with anxiety from as early as nine years old," she says. "I believe that social media, and the amount of time children are in front of a screen, has a lot to do with this increased pressure on children today."

As a holistic nutritionist, Claire believes that lifestyle, and especially diet, is a huge factor.

"Drug use has also been linked to many incidents of mental illness, even with children and teens within our community. I have friends who have lost children to suicide as young as 13 years old, and my teenage children have lost friends to suicide within the past few years," she said.

It is shocking to note, that, as Claire Knight points out, the suicide rate in Wellington-Dufferin County is almost "three times the provincial average."

She says organizations such as CMHA, Big Brothers and Big Sisters are increasing the amount of support for people who are struggling, especially youth. However, Ms. Knight says funding is limited. In light of this, she is committed to helping by fundraising, and by voluntarily offering "Lunch and Learn" presentations to offices, factories and organizations across Wellington-Dufferin County.

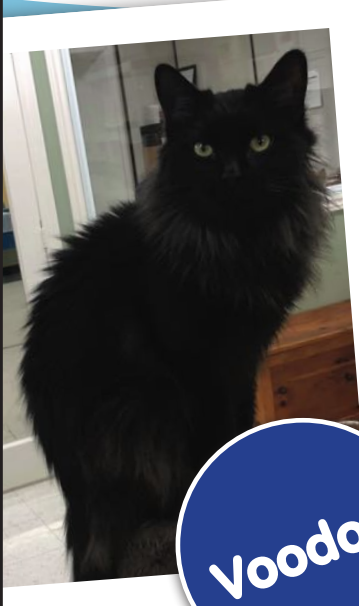
Ms. Knight is currently booking 30 to 60 minute talks - up until April 15 - and again when she returns in May following her pilgrimage. The talks, which are by donation with attendance, cover topics such as stress, sleep, nutrition, activity, and healthy relationships, and how they are all directly linked to mental health, digestion and overall energy level. As well, she says people can learn some simple tools to live a healthier, happier life at [www.Claire'sHike4Hope.ca](http://www.Claire'sHike4Hope.ca). She can be seen speaking at the Victoria Park Seniors' Centre in Fergus on April 7 and June 22.

"So many individuals and caregivers feel that they are alone," says Claire Knight, "or feel that they don't have support...yet it is out there, in many cases, within our community." This is one of the reasons Ms. Knight is such an advocate for mental health conversations within our community - so that residents know the services that are in place, such as the "Here-24-7 Hotline" for addictions, mental health and crisis, that is available for anyone to call any time at 1-844-437-3246 or on line at [www.here247.ca](http://www.here247.ca).

Claire Knight's goal is to raise \$20,000 for the Canadian Mental Health Association and \$20,000 for Big Brothers and Big Sisters. Thus far, she has raised just over \$3,500. To donate to Claire's Hike for Hope and support mental health in Dufferin County visit: [www.claireshike4hope.ca](http://www.claireshike4hope.ca).

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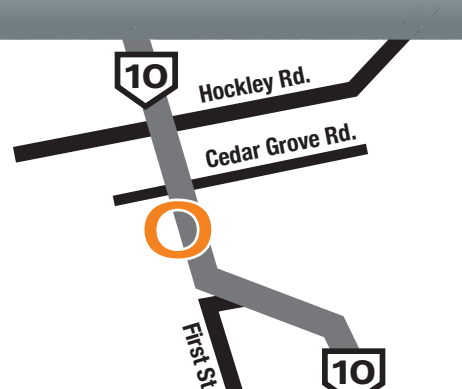




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**REFOCUSSED:** Former Shelburne Mayor Ken Bennington has been enjoying life as a real estate agent in town since stepping away from public office in 2018.

## Former Shelburne mayor reflects on many years in public office

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

The name Bennington has been around in Shelburne for a long time, but most residents today will recognize it as belonging to former mayor and now real estate agent, Ken Bennington.

Ken, has spent his entire life in Shelburne. His grandfather had a farm on the southern edge of town, on what is now Franklin Street, while Ken grew up on Main Street, along with his brother and sister. His sister still lives on Franklin Street, as do his parents. His brother resides just out of town, in Amaranth.

Growing up, Ken's dad worked in construction, in Shelburne, building streets and other pieces of important infrastructure. One of Ken's first summer jobs was with his dad in construction, when he was 16, helping to construct Andrew Street. The following year, when he was 17, he worked on building a new subdivision by the IGA store.

Following high school, Ken went to Georgian College, in Barrie, to study Business Administration, following which, in 1989, at 19 he was hired to work at the Honda plant in Alliston, which had opened three years previously. He worked in numerous departments, from welding to final assembly, stamping and back to welding, before starting with material service, where he spent his longest tenure with Honda. He was eventually promoted to an administration tech staff position, coordinating getting the parts into the hands of those installing them in the cars.

In 2019, Ken's 30 years with Honda entitled him to retire with a full pension, so he took the package and decided that he would start a new career, as a real estate agent, with Royal LePage Rcr Realty, in Shelburne.

Somewhere, along the way he chose to become deeply involved in public services in Shelburne.

His first foray was with the Fire Department. A position had opened up and Ken applied, in 1996. The night before his interview, Ken spent the entire night awake, taking care of his teething young son. He went through the interview, on no sleep and felt that it could have gone better. He recalls that he didn't hear a thing from the department for an entire month, although that may have had more to do with the area being hit by a tornado, which, in hindsight, probably kept the Fire Chief pretty busy.

However, Ken eventually got the call and stayed on with the fire department until 2014, when he was elected Mayor of Shelburne.

After spending 17 years as a volunteer firefighter, Ken still misses being a part of the department. It isn't so much the lights and sirens, he said, but the camaraderie and

helping people in need. He had wanted to get his 20 year pin, but being the Mayor simply took up too much of his free time.

So, how was it that Ken became interested in becoming a public servant? In 2000, after having a disagreement with one of the sitting members of Town Council, Ken decided that rather than just complain, he should step up and run for office. With no idea how to run an election campaign and very little money, Ken approached then Mayor Ed Crewson and asked his opinion. The mayor was very supportive said Ken, so he decided to proceed. With a name like Bennington, Ken said, you need a big sign, so he bought six signs, for \$200 and placed them at all the entrances to Town. Then he printed some pamphlets and started knocking on doors.

His first election was virtually, totally based on name recognition. As it turned out, both he and his adversary, ended up being elected.

After two terms as a councillor, Ken was elected as the Deputy Mayor, in 2006 and in 2014, became the Mayor of Shelburne. Since his first election, Ken has seen Shelburne grow from approximately 4,500 residents to more than double that today. He noted that being on Council tends to keep you running for office.

"There is always something that you are working on and you think, well, if I stayed for one more term, I could get this done and so you try again," Bennington said. "One term leads into the next, until it just becomes a part of life."

Ken feels that the Town of Shelburne, was always the "other woman" in his life. She took up many of his nights and weekends, early mornings and late nights, a demanding mistress, always in need of attention!

Overall, Ken feels good about his time in public service. He feels he has left his mark, with that of his fellow councillors, all over Shelburne. Driving past the Natasha Paterson Park, adjacent to the high school, he remembers that in his time as Mayor, the Town rebuilt the pavilion there, and he is particularly proud of the \$3 million renovation of the CDRC complex. It was the biggest project that he had ever been involved in.

Ken remembers many endeavours undertaken, but does not believe that he ever took 100 percent of the credit for any one thing. He set himself as just a part of the team that got something accomplished. As long as all seven members of Council were moving in the same direction, he was happy to just be one of the team.

Another point of pride, is the Hometown Heroes Banners that the Legion displays around town every November.

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## Which of These Costly Homeseller Mistakes Will You Make When You Sell Your Shelburne Home?

SHELBURNE - A new report has just been released which reveals 7 costly mistakes that most homeowners make when selling their home, and a 9 Step System that can help you sell your home fast and for the most amount of money.

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# Fake news

There was a posting on my Facebook feed about a month ago that I found quite disturbing.

It was a photo of actor / director Clint Eastwood with dates under his photo indicating his birth and death. A caption said he had died suddenly while working on a movie set.

I've always been a fan of Eastwood's movies. He's the man with no name. He's the poncho-wearing, cigar-chomping, steely-eyed gunslinger who can hit 10 targets in under a second with his six-shot revolver.

"Do you feel lucky? Well do ya, punk?"  
"You just shot an unarmed man!"

"He should have armed himself if he was going to decorate his saloon with my friend."

I've seen just about every one of his movies since I was captivated by his character in 'The Good, The Bad, and the Ugly' when I saw it on TV one Saturday afternoon when I was a kid.

I was more than a little disappointed to learn of his death.

Wait a minute. Facebook is a credible news source, isn't it?

Well, no it's not. I quickly checked into the mainstream media and found that the death announcement was a hoax. Mr. Eastwood is alive and well.

So, fake news really does exist.

Fake news has been in the spotlight over the past few years and with the advent of internet-based sources, fake news is everywhere – but it's not new.

There have been actual newspapers based on fake news or at the very least, based on ridiculous reports by a single person – and they sold a LOT of papers. I would like to think that most people didn't believe the stories about the guy who wrestled Big Foot in a mountain campsite or had a conversation with an alien who landed his flying saucer on his farmland and asked to borrow a wrench to adjust the Johnson rod on his spacecraft.

The National Enquirer had similar stories on a weekly basis and their circulation was in the millions.

Last week, news stories hit the airways and newspapers that the Federal government was considering requiring media to obtain a license to operate to combat fake news. That story was very alarming to all media outlets.

Whether the Heritage Minister who made the news with this announcement was not clear, or whether he is now backtracking on his statements, is too early to tell.

On Monday of this week, the Minister made another statement at a news conference saying "Clearly some people were confused."

Well, no, some people weren't confused, everyone who covered the story heard the same thing.

The Minister clarified his comments, saying he was referring not to news organizations, but to organizations that produce and distribute cultural content.

Licensing just organizations that produce 'cultural' content, doesn't make this sound any better.

The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms includes 'freedom of thought, belief, opinion and expression, including freedom of the press and other media of communication.'

During an interview broadcast on Toronto radio, the Minister made the comment that this type of licensing is already in place in many European countries.

Well, so what? Many European countries do not have the same value we have when it comes to news media and a free press.

Just ask anyone, and I personally know several people, who lived in an Eastern European country when the Iron Curtain separated the continent – a free press did not exist. In many countries in the world today printing a story that has an unfavourable slant toward the government can land you in some serious trouble.

Many people in Eastern Block countries would secretly listen to Voice of America

or Radio Free Europe over shortwave radio just to hear the real news – not the propaganda put out by state run radio and newspapers who had to have stories approved by government.

Yes, there is going to be fake news out there, especially on internet-based media type sites that allow pretty much anyone to post a news story or those that want to further an agenda.

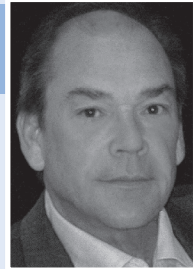
Whether the Minister really made a mistake in his original comments or was backtracking due to a very negative response, we'll have to wait and see how this shakes out.

Requiring any news media to be federally licensed would be a serious mistake and an infringement on the rights of every citizen.

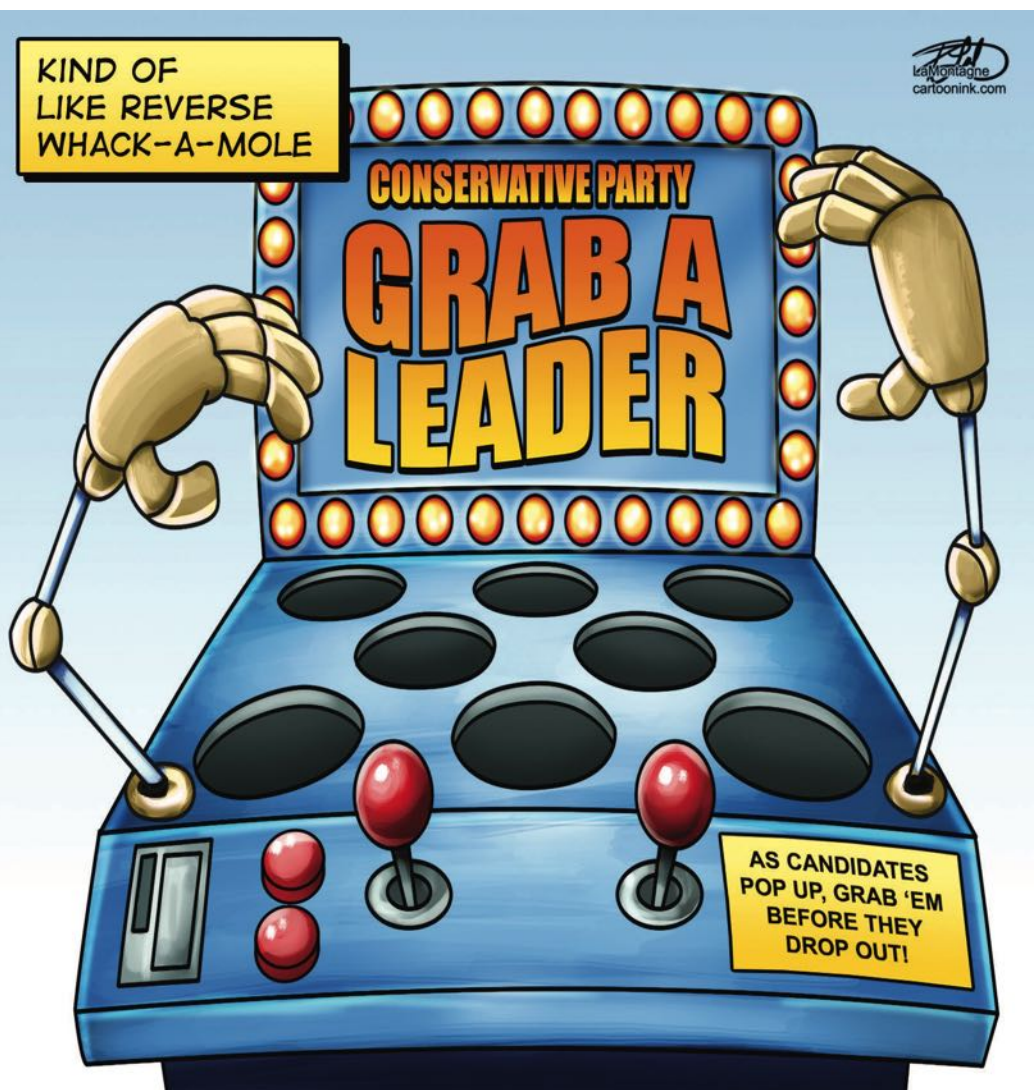
Any normal person has the ability to figure out for themselves which news sources are credible and which are not.

I'm glad Mr. Eastwood is alive and well, and I don't believe farmer Brown's story of an alien borrowing a wrench to fix his Johnson rod.

It didn't take much digging to find the truth.



**BRIAN LOCKHART**  
FROM THE SECOND ROW



## Editorial

# Can they make the playoffs?

WITH LESS THAN A QUARTER of the NHL's regular season left to play, Toronto Maple Leafs find themselves in a dog fight to secure a playoff berth for the fourth successive year.

It has been a topsy-turvy 12 months for the Leafs. This time last year, the team, backed by the mercurial skills of Auston Matthews, Mitch Marner and John Tavares, were flying. There wasn't a doubt in anyone's mind that, come April, the Leafs would at least be in the conversation as far as Stanley Cup contenders go. Then the Boston Bruins happened. Again. All of a sudden, things weren't so rosy in Toronto.

Now into a new year, the gloom that set in following that agonizing first-round loss has yet to really clear. Mike Babcock, heralded as the saviour when he became a focal point of Leafs' President Brendan Shanahan's 'Shanaplan' in 2015, is gone.

There has been an uptick in form since former Marlies darling Sheldon Keefe took the reins in November. In Keefe's first 20 games as head coach, the Leafs posted a 15-4-1 record, the best start of any head coach in Toronto's 102-year history. Results have tailed off since then, with the Leafs going 4-4-2 in the last 10 games (before last night's game against the New York Rangers).

It's clear that more changes are required if the Leafs are to fulfil their potential and become a bonafide Stanley Cup contender. First order of business for GM Kyle Dubas should be to secure some much-needed help between the sticks, a problem made all the more pressing by Frederik Andersen's injury Monday against the Panthers.

The Dane has played in 42 of the Leafs' 53 games this season, posting a respectable 2.87 goals against average and .910 save percentage. His backup, Orangeville Crusher alumni Michael Hutchinson, has been an absolute disaster across his 14 appearances with the team this season, putting up a 3.62 goals-against average and .886 save percentage. He has backed the Leafs to just four wins since the start of the year.

With the trade deadline approaching, the Leafs could do a lot worse than trading for New York Rangers goaltender Alexandar Georgiev. While the Russian has played in 24 games for the Blueshirts thus far this campaign, he is, seemingly, the odd man out in the Rangers' three-way goalie rotation. Carrying a cap hit of \$792,500 for the remainder of this season, picking up Georgiev could be a real coup for the Leafs. The 23-year-old netminder has played in 67 games across three seasons with the Rangers, posting a combined 3.02 goals against average and .913 percent save percentage in that time.

But that isn't the only position where the Leafs need help. Despite the off-season arrival of Tyson Barrie, and assimilation of Jake Muzzin in his first full season in Toronto, the Leafs' blueline has been a porous one in 2019/20. While some of that can be attributed to injuries – the team has been without Muzzin and all-star Morgan Rielly for key spells – the most significant

issue is that Muzzin is, really, the team's only seasoned stay-at-home defenseman. If the Leafs can find a way to plug that second gap, perhaps by dangling one of Kasperii Kapanen or Andreas Johnsson as trade bait, the team may be better equipped for an extended post-season run.

Here's a not-so-fun fact, the Leafs haven't made it past the first round of the playoffs since the 2003/04 lockout-shortened season, when they beat the Ottawa Senators in seven games before succumbing to the Philadelphia Flyers in the eastern conference semi-finals.

So, who, realistically, could Dubas target ahead of the Feb. 24 trade deadline? Fans can forget about the likes of Alex Pietrangelo, TJ Brodie and Chris Tanev. While each of those guys are UFAs following this season, the St. Louis Blues, Calgary Flames and Vancouver Canucks are all in contention to make the playoffs, and playoff contenders do not trade top four defenseman. Not unless the offer is too good to refuse. Before you get ahead of yourself, the Leafs simply do not have the combination of picks and prospects required to make such a blockbuster deal happen over the next few weeks.

Instead, Toronto will be looking at the likes of Brenden Dillon, currently with the San Jose Sharks, or a veteran like Mike Green, with the Detroit Red Wings – although any move for either of those will almost certainly rely on those teams eating a significant chunk of salary. Yes, despite the aforementioned gaps on their roster, the Leafs still find themselves in something of a salary cap pickle.

Our best guess? The Leafs find themselves a new backup goaltender. Georgiev would be ideal, although someone like Aaron Dell, Casey DeSmith or even Ryan Miller would be a major upgrade over what they currently have. We're not as confident that Dubas will find the help he needs on the blueline. With key members of their current core due back from injury soon, the Leafs will likely hold tight in hopes that improvement between the sticks will help steady the ship.

So, what does all of this mean for the team's playoff chances? As silly as it sounds with the team languishing in and around the wild card spot, the Leafs, at least offensively, are too good to bet against. They showed across that 20-game period what they are capable of playing under Sheldon Keefe. If they put a similar run together between now and the end of the season, they should secure a fourth-straight post-season appearance.

Can this team finally end the curse? While not impossible, we say that would be unlikely. Should they squeeze in, the Leafs will face either the Bruins or Tampa Bay Lightning in the first round. Beat one, and they likely face the other in the second round.

Pull it off and Sheldon Keefe, and pretty much every member of the Leafs' roster, will be handed the keys to the city.

Over to you, boys.



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# Troupe-Adore to serenade Shelburne in Valentine Dinner Show

Written By MARNI WALSH

"If music be the food of love play on," wrote Shakespeare... and what could be more romantic than the combination of delicious food and amorous music to celebrate Valentine's Day?

Troupe-Adore will give Shelburne lovers, young and old, an opportunity to enjoy both food and music on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at their Valentine Dinner Show.

Taking a side step from their Murder Mystery tradition this year, Troupe-Adore is serenading locals with a musical concert to accompany their gourmet meal.

"It's a dinner and concert this year," says Troupe-Adore owner, Sohayla Smith, "featuring local talent, including Adrian Smith, Carissa Arvanitis, Josh Oatman, Michelle White, Kelly Jensen, Tristan Jensen, Ashley Martindale (Ash Hoops Entertainment), Adalynn Vienneau, Roxton Smith, Patricia Huckfield, and comedian, Melo.

Chef Sohayla Smith says the culinary theme for the meal this year is "Asian fusion." The five course dinner prepared by Ms. Smith and served by Troupe-Adore vol-

unteers, boasts a menu that includes: Thai vegetarian glass wraps with sweet & spicy sauce to start, miso soup with wakame and tofu, followed by mandarin-chicken-quinoa salad with toasted almonds and crunchy noodles atop mixed greens with a honey and ginger reduction.

She says, although minor changes may occur to the menu, at this point, "The main dish is teriyaki pork on rice with roasted carrot purée, black sesame, and organic greens, finished off with a vanilla-lemon mousse cake with shaved white chocolate, and berry coulis."

Under the direction and ownership of Sohayla Smith, Troupe-Adore is a community driven group of artists pooling their skills and doing what they love - by bringing art and community together in Shelburne.

Performed in the Curling Club dining lounge at 110 O'Flynn St in Shelburne, the Valentine Dinner and Show costs \$40 per person, and will have a cash bar available.

For ticket information, email troupeadore@gmail.com with the subject "Valentine" or follow Troupe-Adore on Facebook (facebook.com/TroupeAdore) for the event link and ticket information.



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SERENADING SHELBURNE: The cast of Troupe Adore's Valentine Dinner Show gathered at rehearsal for their February 15th performance at the Shelburne Curling Club. (Left to right:) Michelle White, Adrian Smith, Patricia Huckfield, Josh Oatman, Roxton Smith, Kelly Jensen, Adalynn Vienneau, Tristan Jensen, Comedian Emanuel Melo aka "Melo," (not in photo - Ashley Martindale of Ash Hoops Entertainment, and Carissa Arvanitis).

# Ontario Trillium Foundation gives grant \$78,600 to Mono Nordic Ski Club

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Mono Nordic Ski Club is getting ready to build a new storage facility at Monora Park.

To help with construction, the Club has been awarded an Ontario Trillium Foundation grant of \$78,600.

The Club welcomed members, the public, and members of the media to attend a plaque presentation ceremony at Monora Park on Saturday, January 18.

Dufferin-Caledon MPP Sylvia Jones, and

Ontario Trillium Foundation volunteer Wayne White presented a congratulatory plaque for receiving the capital grant.

"I am very pleased to see the Mono Nordic Ski Club being awarded a grant from OTF," Ms. Jones said. "The money invested today will allow this volunteer-led club to continue offering year-round recreation for all ages in a natural setting."

The investment by the Ontario Trillium Foundation to help build the storage facility will provide the local community with the opportunity to remain active in all seasons

at Monora Park.

Many people in the community will benefit, as it will ensure the trails will be made accessible to persons of all ages and abilities in all seasons.

"The impact of the Ontario Trillium Foundation grant cannot be underestimated," said Gerry Gregoire, president of the Club. "This grant has permitted the Club the opportunity to remain viable and to be able to move forward for the next 35 years of its existence."

The Mono Nordic Ski Club is committed to keeping the trails at Monora Park avail-

able for year-round recreation. Over 600 members, their guests and the public enjoy year-round access to over 16 kilometres of groomed trails with 2 km that are lighted for extended night skiing.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the government of Ontario, and one of Canada's leading grant foundations. OTF awarded \$108 million to 629 projects last year to build healthy and vibrant communities in Ontario.

# Shelburne Police Service preparing for annual Polar Plunge, to benefit Special Olympics

On Feb. 17, Family Day, Shelburne Police Service is once again hosting the annual Shelburne Polar Plunge for Special Olympics Ontario. It will be taking place at Fiddle Park as part of Shelbrrr Fest. Registration starts at 11:30 a.m., and the chilly plunge will start at 1:30 p.m.

This year the goal is to raise \$15,000.00. Last year, the goal was the same, but the event raised \$36,000.00.

This year, there are some new incentives:

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There will also be a prize for the best costume.

Again this year, Constable Jeff McLean is organizing this event, who also organizes the annual Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics Ontario, and recently took on the role of being the zone co-ordinator for the Law Enforcement Torch Run.

So far this year 35 plungers have registered in the following teams.

There is still time to sign up to plunge as an individual or as part of a team. Simply go to [www.PolarPlunge.ca/Shelburne](http://www.PolarPlunge.ca/Shelburne) to register a team, or sponsor a plunger!

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18. Snake tooth
19. Modernize
20. Roman Catholic brother
21. Brunch dish
23. Large parrot
24. Average
25. Madden
28. Showed up
31. Honored fighter pilot
34. Low-lying area
35. Not consumed
39. Gin game
41. Banal
44. Type of silkworm
45. Faithful
46. Daisy part
47. Young swan
49. Great work
53. Seaside pool
56. Fair
57. Fleet
61. Have property
62. Full
64. Lofty pad
65. Violent noise
67. Surmounting
69. Gull's call
70. Close attention
71. Grand property
73. "Free Willy" whale
76. Air-safety gp.
78. Severe fright
82. Catch on
84. Scuff

**DOWN**

1. Facts, briefly
2. Fraud
3. Rural route
4. Raptor
5. Eat late
6. Ampersand
7. Relieve thirst
8. Address
9. Awry
10. Eye part
11. Wedding band?
12. Food thickener

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15. Collection of Hindu aphorisms
16. Tempest in a \_\_\_\_
22. Deadly sin
26. Tilting
27. Refined
29. Aromatic herb
30. Corpsman
31. Creative creation
32. Nasty mutt
33. Flightless avian
36. Perfect number
37. Sooner than, in poetry
38. Insect egg
40. Jotted reminder
42. Dish up
43. Driving force
48. Chromosome component
50. Major vessel
51. Scornful look
52. Clumsy
53. High toss
54. Leatherworking tool
55. African animal
58. Militarize
59. Struggle competitively
60. Bow material
63. Ready to assemble
64. Poker move
66. Sacred beetle
68. Western
71. Soil
72. TV's "Trial and \_\_\_\_"
73. Stewpot
74. Extract juice from
75. Walking aid
77. Border on
79. Sitar music
80. Where one's goose is cooked
81. Foul smell
83. Actress Long
85. Broke a fast
86. Stitch together

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# Former Shelburne mayor reflects on many years spent in public office

Ken and then Councillor Dan Sample, worked with the Legion to make those happen. Ken felt that the hiring of John Telfer, first as Town Clerk and later as CAO, was a particular highlight. Council had a vision, Ken said, to develop Shelburne, but no idea how to accomplish that. John Telfer was the man who brought Council's dreams to fruition, in Ken's mind.

Things were not always bright and shiny however, and there were certainly some devastatingly difficult situations while

Ken was Mayor. The potential sale of Fiddle Park, was by far the worst. Ken recalls that Council could not control the message they were trying to deliver and it blew up in their face.

The news of the impending sale went out at 10 p.m., following a Council meeting, and the townspeople had twelve hours to stew about it before they could reach anyone to voice their opinions, the next day. By then, the tempest had leapt out of the teapot and spread throughout the Town. Despite

the uproar and the subsequent cancelling of the sale, Ken still believes that that sale was the answer to Shelburne's financial woes at the time. With the arsenic in Well 3, the police accommodation issue and all the other infrastructure issues facing the Town, Ken saw the sale as the savior of all this. He says the response was overwhelming, but was particularly critical on social media sites.

He recalls a letter, sent to Town Hall by his Sunday School teacher, expressing her dismay at the decision and her disappointment in the Mayor, as a person.

"This is a woman I had probably not spoken to since I was ten years old, and I grew up to be a disappointment," said Ken. "The reaction of the public was overwhelmingly negative. Council just never was able to explain how this money would be spent and the benefits that the development would bring the town."

If everyone has their Waterloo, this was certainly the former Mayor's.

Nevertheless, the sale was bigger than people realized. In addition to the \$8 million dollar sale price, there would have been \$40 million in development charges and a further \$1 million annually in tax revenue. Beyond that, Council had a back-up plan for the park. There was a 45 acre parcel of land for sale near the arena, that could have been purchased for only \$1 million, meaning Fiddle Park would have been saved, only being moved to a new location. One that was actually larger and closer to town than the existing one.

That message, however, was drowned out and never heard by the electorate. Adding to this, the objections of KTH and the potential loss of jobs, and the potential sale's fate was sealed. Shelburne had gone through a huge job loss when Johnson Controls left town and Council could not justify going through that again.

When asked why he withdrew his candidacy for re-election as the Mayor, Ken's

reasoning was multi-faceted.

Firstly, he was retiring from Honda and starting his real estate career. He had learned from Ed Crewson, that when a controversial decision was made at Monday night's Council meeting, Ed's phone would ring Tuesday morning with people cancelling their insurance. Ken did not feel he wanted people calling telling him to get his sign off their lawn, when he was just starting out. Then, he had remarried and felt that having that "other woman" in his new married life, might be a recipe for disaster.

However, the final marker was the police issue. Ken could see the writing on the wall for the Shelburne Police Service. He had always been a big supporter of the force, and did not want to be the one, in the history books, responsible for dissolving the 147 year old service. After Fiddle Park, his crystal ball was pretty foggy and having served on Council for 20 years, and done a good job, he decided that this might be a good time to step aside and let younger minds have a crack at the complexities of governing the Town.

In retrospect, Ken Bennington is happy with his time on Council and as the mayor, he has nothing but respect for those now around the table and for those to come. He admits that he may not always agree with their decisions, but he totally understands what they have to go through and the toll it takes on their other life, their friends and family and their regular jobs.

Although he personally preferred to just be a team player and avoid the spotlights, when they are thrust upon you, you do your best and soldier through. Being the Mayor was never always bright and cheery, he said, but overall Bennington felt it was a great experience. Now Ken is now looking forward to the life and times of a successful real estate agent, here in his hometown of Shelburne.

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LITERARY CHAMPION: Congratulations to Leora K. from Pine River School for claiming first place in the Canadian Legion Zone Remembrance Day Literary Contest. Pictured above, Leora (left) receiving her award from Nikki McIntyre, Shelburne Legion Youth Education Chairman.

## WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to fruit.

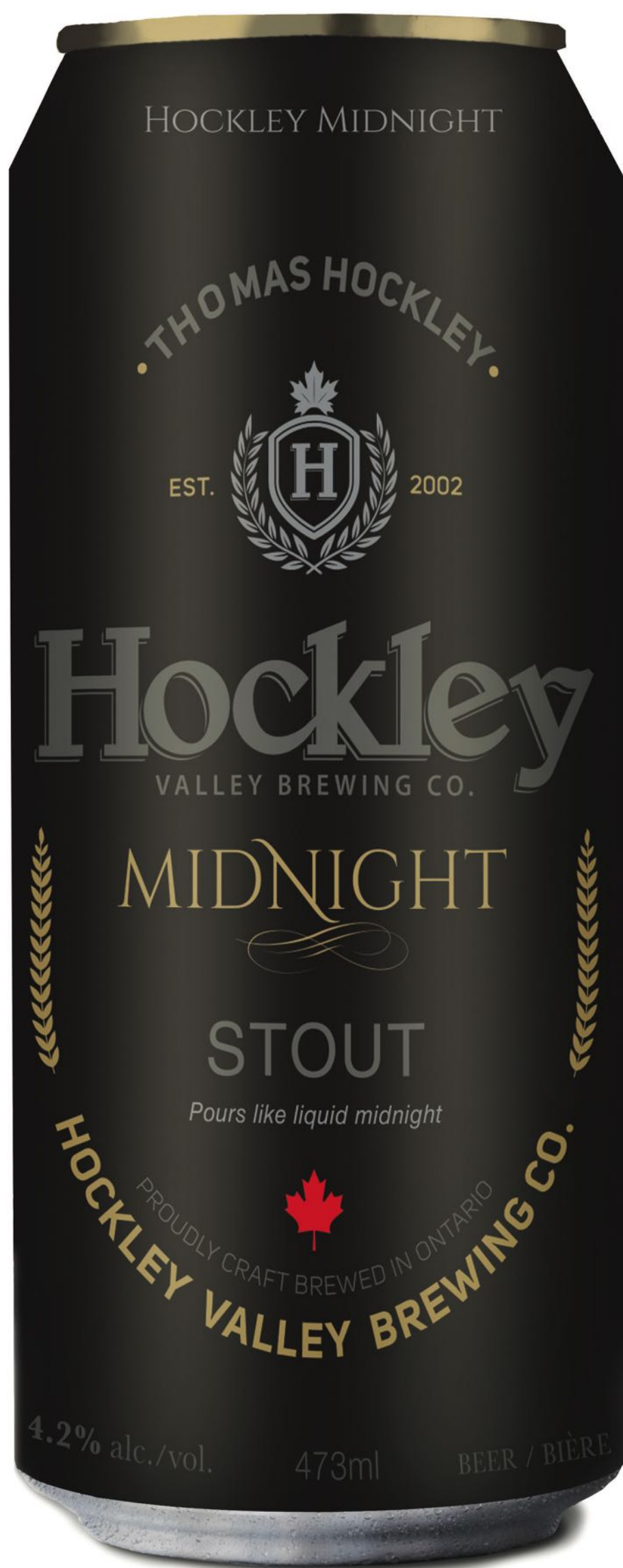
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*Answer: Seeds*

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# SHELBURNE SPORTS

## Muskies finish in second place after decisive win over Saugeen Shores

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

It was one of the most important games of the season for the Shelburne Senior Muskies when they hosted the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Friday (Jan. 31) night.

If the Muskies could come up with a win they would finish in second place – a loss meant they would drop to fourth spot.

The senior league is so tight this year those

final two points meant a lot to several teams battling for positions in the final standings before heading into the playoffs.

The Muskies managed to win 3-1 over the Winterhawks.

Josh Sguigna scored from Brandon Richardson with 5:13 left in the second to tie the game 1-1.

In the third period Sguigna scored his second on the powerplay from Chris Greer with 16:30 left in the game to give the Muskies a

2-1 lead. Ryan Hunter got the insurance goal at 11:01 from Nick Glassford.

Goalie Eddie Davey played great stopping 38 of 39 shots his way.

This has been one of the best seasons the Muskies have seen in several years.

"I think it's just the building blocks that we put in last year," said Muskies head coach, Tyler Hogan, of why he believes the team is doing so well this season. "We got a couple more local guys. The biggest thing is we are a team – everyone plays for the team. We've got a couple of younger local guys and everyone seems to be gelling as a team."

The squad was ramped up for a Friday night win with so much on the line in the last game of the regular season.

"Eddie Davey (goalie) played unreal last night," Hogan said. "He really kept us in there in the second period. We got our first goal then got the second one on a powerplay, we just took advantage of the opportunity. Our fourth line got the third one, the insurance goal so it was a full team effort. We keep with the regular schedule now, (going into the playoffs) we have practice Tuesday night and go from there. We're not going to change



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

**HEADING TO POST SEASON:** The Shelburne Muskies are moving onto the playoffs following an impressive victory over the Saugeen Shores Winterhawks at the CDRC on Friday (Jan. 31)

anything. We're going to keep on doing what we've been doing all year – it's been successful. Everyone's playing for each other. No one is bigger than the team."

After the results of the final weekend of play, the Muskies will be up against the Minto 81's in the quarterfinal round of the playoffs.

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**FIRST PLACE:** The Shelburne Wolves Peeewe AE team take on the Essa Eagles at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Saturday, February 1, in the first game of their OMHA playoff series. The Wolves left the ice with an 8-0 win to start the series.

## Wolves Peeewe AE finish in first place

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Wolves Peeewe AE team finished the regular season in first place with a 15-2-3 record. The Wolves not only clinched their division with 33 points, they topped the entire League finishing a point ahead of the Midland Centennials in the Georgian Bay Group A.

That's a pretty impressive record for a team with just 10 skaters.

Going into the OMHA playoffs, the Wolves are up against the Essa Eagles in the first round.

"We skate a lot during practices. Since we're a short team we work hard," said Wolves right wing Luke Bennington of what the team does to remain competitive.

The team came out on top with an 8-0 shut-out over the Essa Eagles in the first game of their OHMA playdown series on Saturday, February 1.

"We had a good start to the season but where they got stronger was in their skating," said Peeewe AE coach John Hare of the team's improvement on the ice. "They're a short team – they're only ten skaters, so two lines. Most of the teams we went up against

had three lines. We knew right from the start that we needed to condition them to be able to last the whole game. They did really well at being as strong at the end of the game as they were at the start of the game. We did it through practice. We worked them hard and they took on the challenge."

The current series is a best-of-five match-up with Essa.

"I asked them not to do anything different on the ice that we did during our regular season because we were very successful," Coach Hare said. "There's nothing that we want to change. The guys played very defensive hockey so we had a very low goals against average. We have two of the best goalies in the League. They actually finished one and two in the League. Part of that is because they are very good goaltenders and part is because our team plays very defensively. Not only do our defencemen play a very strong game, our forwards play defensive hockey as well."

The Wolves Peeewe AE team will play their next series game against Essa on Saturday, February 15, at the CDRC.

Game time is 2:30 p.m.

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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK



LUKE BENNINGTON

"It's just fun to get out on the ice and skate around and play," said Shelburne Wolves Peeewe AE right wing, Luke Bennington, of why he likes playing hockey.

Luke is a key member of his team and they have finished in first place in the League.

When hockey season is over, Luke gets out on the baseball diamond and will be playing first base and pitcher this summer with the Mansfield Cubs.

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# Black History Month at Shelburne Library

Written By ROSE DOTTE

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### Teen Scene:

Do you think you have what it takes to avoid being shot by Cupid's arrow? Test your skills in our Escape Cupid's Arrow Escape Room just before Valentine's Day @ YOUR Library! You can register for upcoming events by emailing jwyse@shelburnelibrary.ca, or registering at the circulation desk.

### Upcoming Events:

- Thursday, February 13th, 4:00-5:00pm- Escape Cupid's Arrow Escape Room\*
- Tuesday, February 18th, 4:00-5:00pm-

### DIY Cookie Jar\*

- Tuesday, February 25th, 4:00-5:00pm- Minute-to-Win-it\*

### Children's Programs

Books & Babies: Tuesday mornings, 10:00 am - 11:00 am -Put on your warm, winter clothes and visit this drop-in group for parents and children 2 years old and under. A group full of great conversation, and a safe place for children to socialize with others their own age.

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.

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 February we will be exploring everything to do with snow!

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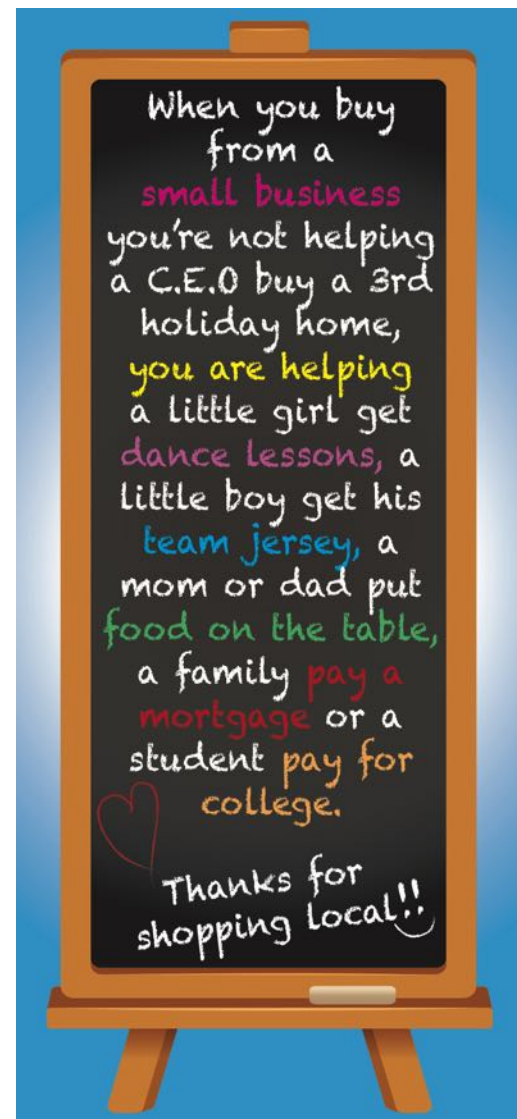
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