

# Artist's work part of Christmas Seal campaign

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For years, rural Georgetown artist Shirley Deaville has been well-known for her paintings of pets, houses, and kids playing sports.

But now, as a part of a fundraising program for the Canadian Lung Association 2007 Christmas Seal in partnership with the Canadian Hockey League, one of Deaville's limited edition prints will be featured across Canada as part of the Holiday Ice fundraising program.

The brainchild of Milton-area fundraiser Bill Hunt, he approached Deaville and her husband David last winter, suggesting they could raise funds by selling limited edition prints of kids playing hockey. To play hockey, especially on a frosty cold day, one needed strong lungs, so it was a perfect message to promote the Lung Association.

"It sort of fell into my lap," said Deaville. "Bill (Hunt) sat with David and I at the table at home, and we talked about all the ways we could run this project. Bill is very energetic about this project. I call him an Energizer bunny."

After they had decided on the concept, all Deaville had to do was wait for the right day to set up the image.

"It was the coldest day in January," said Deaville. "David and I went out with the boys and it was such a beautiful day, so cold and crisp. Max the dog was walking around on three legs most the time, because his feet were so cold. David shot hundreds of photos for me to work from, and we had hot chocolate—it was a very happy day for me, enjoying time just watching the kids have fun."

Deaville later submitted a few sketches



At the launch of the Holiday Ice Christmas Seal 2007 and Holiday Ice fundraiser at the Hockey Hall of Fame, local artist Shirley Deaville (third from right) was joined by from left, former Toronto Maple Leaf Ron Ellis, her grandsons Marc and Matthew Leblanc, ex-Leaf goalie Johnny Bower, Montreal Canadiens star Yvan Cournoyer, and Joseph Coady who also posed with her grandsons for the painting. The original painting was unveiled to kickoff the Holiday Ice campaign to raise funds for the Canadian Lung Association.

*Photo courtesy David Deaville*

of the concept, and the Lung Association decided on one. Deaville had to make sure one of the boys was facing full frontal, so the logos for the various teams could be inserted into the jersey on the print.

"As soon as I got the approval, I started work on the final painting in January (2007)," said Deaville, "I enjoyed painting this one so much—it brought back memories of that beautiful winter day."

The final print, entitled *Holiday Ice*, has Deaville's two grandsons Matthew and

Marc Leblanc, and their friend Joseph Coady, showing the boys playing some shinny on a local pond, located on 15 Sideroad of Halton Hills.

The 950 numbered and signed limited edition giclée prints feature the three boys, Bill Hunt's dog Max and also two more generic boys Deaville added, to balance the composition of the painting. Her grandson Marc is wearing a generic hockey jersey, which can be personalized with the addition of any of the 52 teams in the

Canadian Hockey League, inserted by a computer during the printing process.

The print is only available from the Lung Association, and Deaville said all money raised goes directly to the Lung Association.

Each print is personally signed and numbered by the artist, and is available framed in a black frame and mat for \$149.95 (25 x 29 inches) or unframed for \$99.95, with 16 x 20 inch dimensions.

On November 9, The Canadian Lung Association unveiled its 2007 Christmas Seal "Holiday Ice" as well as the campaign partnership with the Canadian Hockey League (CHL). The print was officially unveiled and launched with a reception at the Hockey Hall of Fame, hosted by NHL greats Johnny Bower, Ron Ellis and Yvan Cournoyer.

As part of the campaign, Ellis and Cournoyer will act as the official spokesmen or "Lung Champions" for the season.

In addition, the Deavilles recently learned that Prime Minister Stephen Harper will be presented with a print by Ron Ellis within the next two weeks.

Deaville is no stranger to having her work showcased across Canada. In 2002 her painting entitled, *C'mon Dad It's Time* showed a little boy dressed in hockey equipment, waking up his father at the crack of dawn. It was used as a presentation calendar by Tim Hortons.

Deaville has also produced a Lang wall calendar featuring pets, every year since 2002.

Anyone wishing to purchase a limited edition print of *Holiday Ice* can receive more info online at [www.holidayice.ca/](http://www.holidayice.ca/) or by calling 1-888-569-6411.

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## Councillors trim, tweak budget

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Councillor Mike O'Leary suggested when they are removed, "there are shops downtown that might be able to use them."

In the end, committee decided to keep the doors in the budget.

After discussion, committee decided to defer until next year \$79,000 to replace the bleachers in Georgetown Fairgrounds with a mobile bleacher unit.

"Would they survive another year?" asked Councillor Dave Kentner. "We're going to cut somewhere."

Town Recreation and Parks Director Terry Alyman said staff recommended they be removed because of "their condition and eventual liability to the town."

Also removed from the budget was \$15,000 for automated vote counting and \$65,000 expenditure for a Organizational Business

Process Review.

Items approved include GPS tracking for public works vehicles, fairground sports field lighting replacement, traffic signal installations on Mountainview Rd. at Armstrong Ave. and on Guelph St. at Main St. N., resurfacing of tennis courts in Acton and Georgetown, park improvements in Acton and Georgetown and a transportation master plan update.

Also at the meeting committee heard from Mark Rowe, chair of Heritage Halton Hills, who made an \$8,300 funding request for a Heritage Property Tax Relief Program.

That item wasn't discussed, but will be considered when the operating budget is considered in January.

The capital budget is not official until its approved by council, expected next month.

## Police blotter

### Three 'threatening' letters found

Letters containing "general threats" against gang members and Halton Police were posted at three locations in town sometime late Wednesday or early Thursday.

The three, typed, identical letters were taped on doors at Georgetown District High School, Halton Hills Cultural Centre and the Acton Tanner office. They were found Thursday morning.

"The letters are from someone who appears to have likened themselves to a vigilante-type group," said a police spokesperson, who would provide no details about the letters' contents.

"We treat any kind of threat seriously," said the spokesperson.

Police have seized the letters and are conducting forensic tests on them.

Anyone with information is asked to contact Halton Police at 905-878-5511 ext. 2485.

Police have made an arrest in connection with a recent tire-slashing spree in the Sinclair Ave. and Duncan Dr. area last week in which tires were cut on seven vehicles and another incident

at KIA on Guelph St. in March.

Charged Friday with 21 counts of mischief under \$5,000 and one count of carrying a concealed weapon is Douglas James Morris, 44, of Sinclair Ave. He is to be in Milton court Dec. 18.

Police are investigating a break and enter into a Mill St. residence that occurred sometime Saturday. Entry was gained through an unlocked rear balcony door. Stolen was a 100 lb. safe containing an undisclosed amount of cash.

Copper wire and a portable generator valued at about \$6,000 were taken from a locked storage bin at the rear of Ramrock Electric sometime late Thursday or early Friday. A padlock was broken to gain entry.

An item that appeared in the police blotter in the Nov. 14 edition of *The Independent & Free Press* included the incorrect age of a man charged in an incident. The man is 25. *The Independent & Free Press* regrets the error.

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