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Timmerman Haskal & Mills LLP, Crewson Insurance, Stutz Brown & Self, as well as Dufferin Mutual Insurance (not seen here,) presented Centennial Hylands Public School with a prize of \$800 for a new school computer as the winners of the Castle Building Contest at the first ever Shelbrrr Fest winter carnival February 16th at Fiddle Park.

## Sun shines on Shelbrrr Fest

BY MARNI WALSH

Monday, February 16th brought a break in the dangerously cold temperatures accompanied by blue skies and sunshine to Family Day and the first ever "Shelbrrr Fest" winter carnival. The free event organized by the Kin Clubs of Shelburne and led by Cherie and Dan Sample and Nikki Williams opened with great success, as young and old snow lovers and their families gathered at Fiddle Park in Shelburne from 11am-4pm for frosty fun and events.

"We wanted a way for not only families to get together," Nikki Williams said in planning the event, "but also to bring the community together." The organizers accomplished their goal, bringing in over 400 happy Shelburne and area residents to join in the activities and raising approximately \$800 in donations at the gate.

Centennial Hylands Public School was the winner of the Castle Building Contest sponsored by Crewson Insurance, Timmerman Haskal & Mills LLP, Dufferin Mutual Insurance and Stutz Brown & Self. The companies donated \$800 towards the presentation of a Board approved computer for the winning school. Glenbrook, Hyland Heights, Centennial Hylands and Primrose schools all participated in the contest, but it was Centennial Hyland's design that won over Shelburne Town Councillors who judged the competition. Nikki Williams said one of her favourite moments of the Festival was when students of Centennial Hylands showed great community spirit as they realized the small group of students at Hyland Heights needed help to finish their castle and went over to aid their opposing school.

The cold weather kept everyone hungry and the Kinette kitchen busy serving up hot dogs, chilli, coffee and hot chocolate to warm chilly toes. Stump Busters of Shelburne also took the chill off patrons with a warming bonfire while the Shelburne Fire Department, Police and Ambulance Services showed off their vehicles and answered questions from the kids. Greg and Heather Holmes of Holmes Appliances and Music Store provided the sound system and music for the event. Local young actors from LP Stage Productions added to the musical

entertainment delighting the audience on the snow packed hills by singing numbers from their upcoming spring shows at Grace Tipling Hall: The Hobbit and the popular Broadway musical Into the Woods.

Other winter events included a low-grade slope tube ride hosted by the Shelburne Beavers, Cubs and Scouts; a snow mountain climbing hill; toboggan pull races and Tug of War. The Good Guys sled dogs were extremely popular and said they couldn't believe how many people were out for the first time event. The dogs were as much fun to pet as ride and the \$2.00 sled rides raised \$450 for the Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank to purchase pet food for clients in need of assistance with their pets.

The Clydesdale sleigh team was unable to attend due to the impending and happy arrival of a new foal. Organizers say they would like the tube hill to be a little bigger, and see more involvement from the schools for the castle contest, but that everything else was great, and they are looking forward to more activities to be added next year. Many positive comments could be heard throughout the day and everyone hopes it returns. The organizers extend their thanks to the public for supporting the event, to Steve Arnold of Shelburne Public Works for last minute modifications, and to all the sponsors of Shelbrrr Fest:

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PHOTO BY WENDY GABREK

AS COLD AS IT SOUNDS, SHELBRRR... - The Town of Shelburne advertised for the 'Shelbrrr Festival', which took place on Monday, February 16th (Family Day) on the town hall marquee last week. The first time event was a tremendous success, despite the frigid temperatures.

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### Never too cool for Shelbrrr Fest!



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Harrison Freeman with Olaf the snowman from the Disney movie 'Frozen'.

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  - LC's Creations
  - Good Guys Carting Dogs
  - Foodland
  - Dufferin Drift Busters



Dog sled rides were offered for \$2 each. What a unique experience to have, right here at home!

## Family Day fun at Dufferin County Museum & Archives



PHOTOS BY WENDY GABREK  
Former NHL/Stanley Cup hockey player Aaron Downey with his nephew Cole and the curator of the Dufferin County Museum and Archives Sarah Robinson in front of a glass display case containing museum archives during Family Day activities on Monday, February 16th. Visit the DCMA online at [www.dufferinmuseum.com](http://www.dufferinmuseum.com) for a complete list of upcoming activities.



PHOTO SUBMITTED  
Former NHL player Aaron Downey plays a good old-fashioned game of street hockey with local children at the DCMA Monday, part of Family Day at the Museum activities.

### BY WENDY GABREK

On Monday, February 16th, the Dufferin County Museum and Archives (DCMA) hosted Family Day events, an opportunity for the community to "ask questions, learn and have fun".

For a nominal fee, local families were able to come out and enjoy a variety of activities – both inside an out – including making shadow puppets, decorating cookies, playing boardgames, making masks, creating a family tree or heart map, enjoying a book in the cozy reading corner, taking part in a museum scavenger hunt and touring the museum and its current exhibits, of course!

"Our Museum is a great place to spend time together as a family (on Family Day or any day that we are open)," said Nanci Malek, DCMA coordinator, marketing and promotions. "The historic buildings and the charm of the Museum had our visitors feeling warm and fuzzy during the cold of Monday's winter weather."

Special guest of the day was former NHL/Stanley Cup hockey player Aaron Downey (Red Wings) who signed autographs and played street hockey and ran hockey drills with local

children – much to their delight!

Upcoming events at the Dufferin County Museum and Archives:

- Maple Syrup Festival: Tuesday March 17th to Friday March 20th – Maple Syrup Festival

Explore the history and science behind maple syrup. Visit the learning stations in the museum to discover how Dufferin County pioneers made syrup and how it is produced today. Visit activity stations for maple syrup related games, crafts, and storybooks. The DCMA will have horse and sleigh rides as well.

Cost: \$14 (incl. HST) per group of 4 / regular admission applies to additional visitors.

BBQ lunch - \$3 hot dogs/veggie dogs and beef hamburgers

- Sugarin' Off Party: March 21st 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Join the DCMA for a "Sugarin' Off" party that kicks off with a "Maple-In" ceremony followed by a pancake brunch, live music, and special demonstrations.

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