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MUCH OF DUFFERIN COUNTY FOUND ITSELF under thick blankets of snow this past weekend as extreme weather returned to the region. Shelburne was met with the full wrath of mother nature as backyards, driveways and roads alike were covered in snow, with approximately 10 centimetres falling overnight Sunday. Several roads in the region were temporarily closed, while kids had an extra day tagged onto their Christmas holidays. Above, 11-year-old Logan Leonardo (right) and three-year-old Jaxson Horsley (left) play in waist-high snow. Above right, the snow was starting to pile up along Main Street as businesses kept their doors open despite the increment weather.

Shelburne may lose Heritage Music Festival parade

Written By **MIKE PICKFORD**

One of the longest running annual music festivals in Ontario may have lost one of its premiere celebrations for good. Shelburne's Heritage Music Festival, previously known as Fiddlefest, celebrated its 67th anniversary in style last August, with hundreds of people from the community and beyond taking to the town to enjoy some good, old-fashioned Canadian music. At the heart of the event, alongside the music of course, is the traditional parade, which helps to promote long-time local businesses and supporters of the event, as well as show off the always impressive musical line-up. The future of the parade is in "serious jeopardy" according to local mayor Ken Ben-

nington after Town Council learned on Monday there simply aren't enough volunteers to help organize the parade in 2018. Representatives from the Kinsmen Club of Shelburne notified Council that it was no longer in a position to sponsor and organize the event after longtime club member and parade coordinator Robin Pickett announced he wouldn't be returning to plan this year's parade. "We received notice this evening from the Kinsmen Club of Shelburne that the (Heritage Music Festival) parade is in jeopardy," Mayor Bennington told media. "The Kinsmen club has been running the parade forever and they're having some membership concerns." While the news must have come as something of a shock to Mayor Bennington, he

refused to simply give up and allow the parade to die, instead calling on members of the public to step up and help a 67 year legacy live on in the community. "We need to find some people willing to come forward and take this under their umbrella, that's how we'll be able to continue with the parade," Mayor Bennington said. "It's part of our identity and I would sure hate to lose it." Proudly presented by the Rotary Club of Shelburne, the Heritage Music Festival will return for a 68th year this summer. Anyone with an interest in helping to organize the event's parade is encouraged to contact either Mayor Bennington at mayor@shelburne.ca, or Coun. Dan Sample at dsample@shelburne.ca.

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Mayor Bennington taking the plunge at Shelburr Fest

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Shelburne residents are being asked to take a cold shower, or more accurately, a cold plunge, in support of the Special Olympics at this year's ShelBurr Fest.

The event, to be held on the February 19th Family Day Holiday Monday, in conjunction with Shelburne's ShelBurr Fest, is open to the public and is in support of the Special Olympics and the Law Enforcement Torch Run, for Special Olympics Ontario.

Constable Jeff McLean of the Shelburne Police Service is spearheading the drive to have the event at ShelBurr Fest and was at Council Monday night. There, he explained the initiative and issued a challenge to the residents of Shelburne and, in particular, the Mayor and Council to "Take the Plunge" in support of the Special Olympics!

The concept is a simple one, participants may either pay a single fee and join in, or they can fundraise pledges from the community

and local businesses and be eligible for prizes as well as a cold bath!

There are different prizes for various levels of pledges and there is even a "get out of plunging free option," for anyone who can raise \$2,000 or more in pledges. The goal is for Shelburne to raise \$10,000 towards the Special Olympics.

The pool and the cold water will be provided by the Shelburne Fire Department and there will be ample safety precautions in place and safety personnel in attendance to ensure a safe and fun event. There will also be warming centres set up to "revive" the participants after their plunge.

As for Constable McLean's challenge, it has already been accepted by Police Chief Kent Moore and Fire Chief Brad Lemaich, and Mayor Bennington stepped up on Monday night to join the ranks after being assured that Paramedics would be standing by to restart his heart once he surfaced from the icy water!

Other members of Council were slower to respond, but a willingness to become a popsicle for the cause was affirmed by Councillors Steve Anderson and Wade Mills, while Councillor Randy Chambers, who would be unable to attend due to a commitment to take his grandson to a hockey tournament in Barrie that day, vowed that he would pledge financially to every councillor who took part.

Anyone wishing to take part, or get further information, may contact Constable Jeff McLean, or go to polarplunge.ca/shelburne2018 for all the details and an online pledge form.

The Polar Plunge and ShelBurr Fest will be held at Fiddle Park on Dufferin Road 11, Monday February 19th, 2018.

OPP Costing

Council also heard a motion, from Councillor Anderson, instructing staff to reach out to other municipalities that have gone through an OPP costing, requesting their input on the process and the results.

In particular, the motion spoke to those communities that had accepted the OPP proposal and were currently being policed by them. Council questioned the broad implications of such an outreach and discussion led to a consensus, that a list of specific questions be sent to the Mayors and the CAOs of those communities, to get a more accurate and impartial response, rather than a broader one that could easily be tainted by individual opinion and bias.

By approaching the people most directly involved in the financial and the operational proceedings of the towns, it was felt that a more accurate answer to questions such as: 'Did you receive what was promised?' and 'Did the financial costs change, after the transition, or were they what was assured?' would be received.

Councillor Dan Samples also asked if the questionnaires should not be sent to those municipalities that did not accept the OPP costing, however the majority of council felt that this information would not be as relevant

to the discussions to come.

It should be noted that a common argument against OPP policing is the implication that a personal connection to the officers would be lost, if the local force were disbanded. In speaking with a senior OPP officer earlier this year this correspondent was told that this is, indeed, not the case any longer.

In it's new mandate, the OPP recognized that officers who live and work in their communities are better at policing those communities than officers who do not. This has led to the force no longer moving officers around on a continual basis, as has been the case in the past. They confirmed also the hiring of existing officers in those communities where the OPP assumes the policing duties, should the officers be considered to be "in good standing". The local relationship, with their police force is, therefore, continued within these communities and is perceived as a responsible and worthwhile position by the Provincial force.

Police Station

In a separate, but related matter, Council also accepted a resolution from the Police Services Board to continue the search for a new police station, while the OPP costing is ongoing.

The reasoning being, that, if the process were to be truncated during the costing, the town would then be up to a year behind in the search for a new facility. A facility, that is needed now and will be even more an urgency, in a years time.

Council voted to allocate a budget, of up to \$20,000 for this purpose and instructed staff to proceed with the research into the matter. It was dually noted, by Mayor Bennington, that it is the responsibility of Council to deal with the search and as such, all financial resources required will have to be approved, by Council and thus will be tightly controlled, which should alleviate any concerns that the process could become a source of financial strain on the Town coffers.

Two dead, one injured in Hwy. 10 crash

Written By MIKE PICKFORD

Two people are dead and a third has been badly injured following a crash on Highway 10 south of Shelburne last week.

At 5:46 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4, Dufferin OPP, Dufferin EMS and the Orangeville Fire Department responded to a head-on collision involving a pair of Ford F-150 pickup trucks on the highway just south of Mono's 10 Sideroad. All three individuals involved in the crash were transported to hospital with serious life-threatening injuries.

The driver of a red Ford F-150 succumbed to his injuries and was pronounced dead at an area hospital, while the passenger in that vehicle, and the driver of a burgundy Ford F-150, were airlifted to Toronto. At 11:10 a.m. on Jan. 5, Dufferin OPP confirmed that the passenger had died at a hospital in the city. As of press time, the driver of the second vehicle was revealed to be in stable condition in a Toronto area hospital and is expected to survive.

OPP informed media they would not be releasing the names of the deceased at the request of their families; however, a union that represents more than 1,500 employees with the Peel District School Board identified two of its custodians as having been killed in a crash en route to work on the morning of Jan. 4.

Posted to social media this past Friday (Jan. 5), CUPE Local 2544 told its members that Mark Raney, head custodian at James Grieve Public School in Caledon and Dan Donelle, head custodian at Rowntree Public School in Brampton had died.

"Sisters and brothers, it is with great sadness that we must announce the recent passing of two CUPE 2544 members," the post reads. "On Thursday, Jan. 4, Mark Raney... and Dan Donelle were on their way to work and were in a fatal car accident... Our deepest condolences go out to the families, friends and work colleagues of each."

Tributes from friends flooded in on the post, with the pair remembered for their strong work ethic and bubbly personalities.

"I worked with Dan for three years... He was the nicest, most giving person I have ever worked with. Not only were we co-workers, but he was my friend," wrote Michelle Santos.

Tracy Burk recalled working alongside Mr. Raney at James Grieve Public School over the past few years. "I'll never forget his thoughtfulness, and the way he shared his life on the farm with teachers and students. I can't imagine not seeing his grinning face."

A visitation for Mr. Raney was held at Dods and McNair Funeral Home on Wednesday (Jan. 10), with a service taking place today (Jan. 11) at 2:30 p.m. A visitation for Mr. Donelle will take place today (Jan. 11) at McMillan & Jack Funeral Home in Dundalk between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. and again between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m.

An investigation of the crash is ongoing. As well as local emergency service responders, members from the OPP's Technical Traffic Investigations team were on site to investigate the scene. Highway 10 between Hockley Road and Side Road 10 remained closed for eight hours on Thursday (Jan. 4). Cst. Paul Nancekivell told media he doubts any charges will be laid.

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New Foundation to enrich community wellbeing

Written By MARNI WALSH

The Dufferin Community Foundation, (DCF) was incorporated in December of 2017 to support benevolent efforts in Dufferin County for the long term. A charitable organization, DCF will set up and administer endowment funds dispersing investment income as grants for projects and services that enrich the community.

In Dufferin County, there are already over 80 charities and non-profit organizations, not including churches and sports organizations, doing the hard work of raising funds to enrich the community. However, organizers at Headwaters Communities in Action (HCIA) say staff and volunteer time is often diverted to bursts of fundraising and administration.

HCIA Lead Shirley Boxem says, "The idea for a Dufferin Community Foundation came up a few years ago, but didn't get traction at the time. This time Gord Gallagher got the effort rolling by inviting some inter-

ested residents to a meeting with the head of Community Foundations of Canada – Cindy Lindsay. Meetings to draft articles of incorporation started early in 2017.

Steering group members include, from HCIA, Gord Gallagher and Shirley Boxem; and many citizens, including MaryAnn Lowry of Mulmur, Jill Stevens of Amaranth, Brenda Burman of Georgian College Orangeville, Joan Waechter and Laura Ryan of Mono, Steve Doney of Orangeville, Ken Topping of Shelburne, as well as others.

Shirley Boxem says, "The Foundation will fund the community issues that the individual donors and funders wish to support. Donors make bequests to the foundation and often specify how the funds or rather the income of those invested funds, are to be used."

HCIA believes, "Over the next 30 years or so, there will be considerable generational turn-over of wealth, from aging boomers especially. For some, donations of property, equities, or cash to a charitable founda-

tion in their community offers significant tax benefits. And what better way to create a lasting legacy for improving the wellbeing of your community than to transfer those assets to a community foundation."

"Community foundations are becoming more common across Canada," says Ms. Boxem. "By 2015, there were 191 community foundations. Collectively, they have given grants of more than \$200 million to worthy causes. Healthcare, social and community services, arts and culture, and environment benefited from these grants."

She says, "The key is to combine efforts and do so efficiently. Community foundations do not compete with local fundraising activities. Instead, they work with local fund raisers to encourage philanthropy and to create a new source of funds for organizations."

The goal of the Foundation is to "connect caring community members to worthwhile causes through growing endowment funds and providing responsible grants that will

leave a positive legacy of enriched community wellbeing in Dufferin County." It offers an opportunity for people to give back to the community that has nurtured them.

"Although, early benefits may not be evident, as it is the income from invested funds that are used to support community initiatives, when the foundation becomes mature and well funded, there will be a revenue stream for Dufferin charities. This will mean less effort will be required for fund raising," says the HCIA Lead.

Ms. Boxem says the next phase of development is outreach and growth. "There needs to be significant funds being managed before the benefits begin. The foundation needs to raise its profile and connect with donors. Currently, DCF is building the founders circle which asks for donations of \$2500 to be used towards start up activities."

To become involved, contact anyone in the steering group or email DufferinCommunityFoundation@gmail.com.

Award-winning flamenco artists playing in Shelburne on Jan. 20

Written By MARNI WALSH

On Saturday, January 20th Shelburne residents will have the rare opportunity to experience internationally recognized, award-winning flamenco guitarist Roger Scannura along with flamenco dancer Valerie Scannura live in Shelburne. The evening of "Ritmo Flamenco" and Spanish Tapas is presented by Troupe-Adore as a fund raiser for Soup Haus and the Troupe's 2018 dinner theatre productions.

Ritmo Flamenco has performed in festivals, private functions and self-produced concerts both nationally and internationally. Sohayla Smith the owner of Troupe-Adore studied flamenco guitar with Roger Scannura at York University. "He's amazing... just amazing," says Ms. Smith. "I met his wife Valerie through that connection, and I've had the pleasure of watching her dance, as well as her class recitals perform. It has always stuck with me - it's hauntingly beautiful to experience - the music, the dance, the art." Sohayla has invited Roger and Valerie to "come and spread some of the passion they instilled in her," the Scannura's say.

Roger Scannura began his musical career studying classical guitar, but soon "discovered he had a talent for improvisation." He says, "His love for flamenco guitar had been instilled in him by his aunt who loved to listen to flamenco as she cooked." He travelled to Spain at an early age and studied for over 12 years with Spanish gypsy guitar masters in Granada.

Valerie Scannura has studied ballet and all forms of dance since she was a child and graduated from the National Ballet School's teacher training program. While at the National, Valerie had the opportunity to study flamenco, and says she "began to focus intensely on it, eventually travelling to Spain to immerse herself in the art form." Roger and Valerie founded their own company together in 1995 called Ritmo Flamenco. Mr. Scannura has composed and released eight CD's of music spanning genres of flamenco, and his music has been featured in both film and television.

The Scannura's say the audience will experience an authentic evening of flamenco guitar and dance with passionate guitar solos composed by Roger, who will be joined by Valerie for traditional and improvised flamenco dance.

"We enjoy spreading the love of flamenco



FILE PHOTO

INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED flamenco guitarist Roger Scannura will be joined by Valerie Scannura in presenting an evening of 'Ritmo Flamenco' to local residents on Jan. 20. The event is running in conjunction with Spanish Tapas, presented by Troupe-Adore, as a fundraiser for Soup Haus and the Troupe's 2018 dinner theatre productions.

all over the world, especially places where it is rarely seen," they say. "We hope to enthrall the audience with our music and dance and bring some of the Spanish warmth to Shelburne and meet some of the local people and musicians."

Sohayla Smith says it is one of Troupe-Adore's goals to bring talented artists, and culturally rich art forms to Shelburne, "for all to enjoy and experience and learn about." She also says, "It's the perfect excuse to cook up some authentic Spanish Tapas."

Tapas selections will include: Spanish Shrimp, Tortilla Española Bites With Manchego, Puff tapas Rolls With Serrano Ham and Fig Preserves, Tortas de Aceite, Higos con Miel y Queso, Albondigas with Spicy Tomato Sauce, Mojo Picon Pork Skewers, Gambas al Ajillo, Garlic and Parsley Grilled Squid, Buñuelos de Bacalao, Cured Tuna With Mushrooms, Mushroom and Ham Croquettes, Apple and Manchego Crostini, Serrano Ham Wrapped Plums, Alcachofas al Ajillo, Tortilla Española, Marinated Olives, Almendras al Pimentón, Jamon, Spanish Manchego Cheese and White Anchovies, Chorizo, and Paella.

Ritmo Flamenco takes place Saturday, January 20th at the Shelburne Curling Club on Owen Sound Street in Shelburne from 7pm-9pm. Cash Bar. Doors open at 6:45pm. Tapas served from 7pm onward. The entertainment is scheduled to begin around 7:45pm with questions welcome after the performance. Tickets may be purchased through www.eventbrite.com.

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Ottawa Journal: Trudeau breaks sections of Conflict of Interest act

Written By DAVID TILSON

It was almost one year ago when my colleague, Mr. Blaine Calkins (Red Deer-Lacombe), wrote Ethics Commissioner Mary Dawson, regarding serious concerns raised by Canadians about Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's Christmas 2016 vacation to a private island in the Bahamas. On December 20, 2017, the Commissioner released her report on this vacation and sadly, it confirmed those concerns. It is yet another example of the current Liberal government's arrogance and disrespect for rules.

Canadians remember the Prime Minister's widely covered Christmas 2016 holiday vacation he took with Mr. Seamus O'Regan, M.P. (St. John's South-Mount Pearl) and the President of the Liberal Party of Canada to the private island of the Aga Khan in the Bahamas. Canadians remember this trip not only for ethical concerns, but also for the cost to the taxpayer. Last September, we learned the trip cost Canadian taxpayers over \$215,000, 70 per cent higher than the \$127,187 tab first tabled in Parliament. Then in December 2017, the Ethics Commissioner released her report on the ethical concerns of this same vacation.

Commissioner Dawson found that Prime Minister Trudeau broke four sections of the Conflict of Interest Act, which include: accepting gifts that could influence decision-making; not recusing himself from discussions that could further private interests; failing to arrange his private affairs to avoid this opportunity;

and accepting travel on a non-commercial aircraft. These are considerable breaches of the Act and Canadians are rightfully concerned by the Prime Minister's questionable ethical behaviour.

Following the release of the Commissioner's report on December 20, 2017, Prime Minister Trudeau apologized during a press conference. We, the Conservative Official Opposition, accept his apology for breaking the law, but it's unfortunate that this issue dragged out for a year and the Prime Minister misled Canadians, and continually dodged questions about his behaviour. It seems Justin Trudeau believes that the rules shouldn't apply to people like him. He must start recognizing that it is the Prime Minister's job - nobody else's - to ensure he is following the law.

If the last year has taught us anything, it is that Prime Minister Trudeau and his Liberal government have continued to make questionable ethical decisions and that they are looking more and more like the Liberal governments of old. Canadians deserve better than a Prime Minister who believes there is one set of rules for Liberals and their friends and another set of rules for everybody else.

Conversely, the Conservative Official Opposition spent the last year standing up for hardworking Canadians who pay their taxes and play by the rules. We've held Prime Minister Trudeau and his government accountable for unethical behaviour. We will continue to stay focused on holding them accountable when they fail to play by the rules or deliver results for Canadians.

Shelburne Legion News:

Written By LESA PEAT

Welcome 2018. We hope everybody had a safe and happy holiday. It's business as usual for Shelburne Legion.

Monday during the day we have Euchre, this is open to all please arrive by 1:30pm to register. Monday evenings we have Bingo in the Warriors Hall, doors open at 6:15pm play begins at 7pm. Bingo is also open to everyone 19 and older.

Wednesday evenings darts is in the Warriors Hall, if you wish to spare please arrive by 7:30pm. Dart Canteen is open from 6:30 - 9:30pm. We will be serving Home Made Burgers with Fries or Baked Macaroni and Cheese.

Thursday evenings we have open Euchre please arrive by 7pm to register.

Friday January 12th is another Red Friday Wing Night with entertainment by

DJ Jerry Daniels. Please wear RED to show your support to our troops. Custom T-Shirts are available at the branch.

Saturday the 13th we will be hosting Zone Team Darts, good luck to all of those that are playing.

Sunday is always a Funday at the branch. Volunteers play a major role in the success of Legions.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lesa Peat (President) or Denyse Chopee (Ladies Auxiliary President). Even though the holidays are over, people are always in need of help. We will have our Food Bank Bin out all year for donations, Thank You in advance for anything you could give to help.

Happy Birthday to all the January Babies. Sunday January 14th please join us for our monthly Breakfast from 9am - 12pm



Can Dufferin adapt to change?

EDITORIAL

DUFFERIN COUNTY is probably unique, in the sense that while other parts of Ontario have witnessed counties amalgamating or being renamed "regions," in 1881 Dufferin was carved out from three large counties, in part because local residents wanted to be closer to a county seat.

At the time of its formation and well into the 20th Century the county had just one town (Orangeville) with a population of about 2,000, and two villages, Shelburne and Grand Valley. The vast majority of its population was rural.

Appropriately, the county's six townships dominated County Council, each sending their reeves and deputy reeves. The three urban centres all sent their reeves and Orangeville was represented by both its reeve and deputy reeve (but not its mayor!).

Over the years, Dufferin's townships became depopulated as the result of a sharp decline in the number of farms, and in recent years Orangeville's population has soared from about 3,000 in the 1950s to today's roughly 30,000 - almost half the total Dufferin population of about 62,000. And the county now has three other fast-growing towns in Mono, Shelburne and Grand Valley with a combined population that could soon approach 20,000.

Sadly, this transformation of Dufferin from an overwhelmingly rural to a mainly urban population has not been reflected in the county's government, so that unless changes are made before this year's municipal elections, Mulmur's 3,500 residents will send the same two representatives to next year's Council sessions as Orangeville, both being represented by a mayor and deputy mayor.

Granted, a "weighted vote" system does give Orangeville's representatives a lot of clout on some issues, but we've never seen any cogent explanation for giving one politician five times the clout of one sitting beside him.

Something else that hasn't changed over the years is the selection of a warden from within the ranks of county council members for one-year terms, at a time when municipal councils are elected for four years.

Clearly, a warden experiencing a single year in office has barely enough time to acquaint himself or herself with the county staff, let alone do some long-term planning for the county. Just as clearly, we've never seen any justification for retaining either the appointment system or the one-year terms.

Is there really any valid reason Dufferin could not at long last move to the election of its warden for the same four-year terms as council members?

As we see it, the growing areas of responsibility at the county level have created a situation where the wardenship ought to be a full-time job, with the occupant not having to be a member of a local council.

As for the council itself, we think the time has come to turf the "weighted votes" in favour of a council in which each member represents roughly the same number of residents. Based on current populations, Orangeville might be entitled to five members (the mayor, deputy mayor and three councillors), while Mono and Shelburne would continue to have two members and the other five municipalities one each.

Something else that ought to be addressed as the need for Dufferin to become involved in some jurisdictional areas, three examples being fire, recreation and library services.

As we see it, all residents of the county need fire protection and it makes no sense for this service to be left at the local level rather than being provided by the county in much the same way as the Town of Caledon, with a similar population and land mass, has one fire department but fire stations in urban centres like Alton, Inglewood and Mono Mills.

Similarly, libraries and recreation centres could and should be a county responsibility, since many users come from outside the immediate area.



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2017 was a big year for local Crime Stoppers branch

Written By MIKE PICKFORD

2017 was something of a record-breaking year for Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka, with the local non-profit organization helping area police towards 281 individual arrests and the seizing of more than \$5.5 million worth of drugs.

Speaking with the Free Press last week, OPP Constable Leslie Woodley credited Crime Stoppers' increased presence on social media for improving public awareness of its program. As police co-ordinator for the local branch, Cst. Woodley noted it had been a successful year for Crime Stoppers.

"There has been an increase for sure in almost every category. We believe that an increased social media presence is helping with the awareness of our program," Cst. Woodley said. "We have been working

hard to increase followers and to post local crimes to increase the engagement from the community and media and it seems to be successful so far."

In total, Crime Stoppers Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka (SDM) received 2,391 tips last year, up from 1,802 in 2016. There were 116 more arrests made in 2017 from the year before, while the number of charges laid more than doubled – up to 796 last year from 389 in 2016. At final count, Crime Stoppers SDM paid out just over \$28,000 in rewards in 2017.

Established close to three decades ago, Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka provides a platform for members of the public to "safely, securely and anonymously" report information about a crime or potential crime, says Cst. Woodley. Callers are never required to reveal their identities, make a statement or provide testimony in

court and even the slightest piece of information can lead to a cash reward of up to \$2,000.

"Crime Stoppers assists citizens in making a worthwhile contribution to stopping or solving crime, without fear of retaliation or involvement in a lengthy legal proceeding," a media release from Crime Stoppers states.

Since its inception close to three decades ago, Crime Stoppers of SDM has received 59,742 tips, which in turn have led to 4,572 arrests. Over that period, police have seized just over \$70 million worth of drugs in the region, while also recovering \$12.5 million worth of property.

"Crime Stoppers is an incredible tool to police. Sometimes the information provided anonymously from a Crime Stoppers tipster is the final piece of the puzzle needed to solve a crime, and other times it may be the

first piece of the puzzle when no other clues were available," Cst. Woodley said.

She added, "We believe that this is a team effort and we are working with the police, the media and the community in the fight against crime!"

Crime Stoppers of Simcoe-Dufferin-Muskoka services a geographical area encompassing more than 110,000 square kilometres and 530,000 residents. The organization can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 1-800-222-8477 or online at tipssubmit.com and crimestoppersdm.com. Crime Stoppers can also be found on Facebook and Twitter by searching 'CrimeSDM'.

From Queen's Park: Winter driving - stay safe

Written By SYLVIA JONES

With the recent arrival of cold, wintery weather, road safety should be at the forefront of everybody's mind, particularly in light of some recent tragic accidents on Dufferin-Caledon roads and across Ontario. Our community has suffered a number of serious accidents, including fatalities on our roadways this winter.

Driving safe on our roadways takes our complete focus. We need to be careful when driving to be in control and leave extra time to get where you are going. Simply put, winter driving is different. Drive for the weather conditions and allow extra space and time for maneuvers on our highways and roads. Steer gently and avoid hard braking, quick acceleration or abrupt gear changes. If you do find yourself skidding, stop braking, and steer into the skid. Remember to take the extra steps to be safe this winter.

That said, even with cautious driving, some of our local highways are in need of safety improvements. I have been working with the Town of Mono to make Highway 10 north of Camilla and south of Primrose two lanes. Together we have raised concerns directly to the Minister of Transportation about the safety on that stretch of road and the turn off onto Mono Centre Road onto Highway 10. I have also been working with the Town of Shelburne's for an advance green at the intersection of Highway 89 and County Road 124.

Advocacy on the behalf of municipalities and residents can work. In 2013 I was successful in convincing the Ministry of Transportation to install a northbound and southbound left turning lane at Olde Base Line Road and Highway 10 in Caledon. I also successfully advocated for transverse pavement markings and temporary and periodic deployments of Speed Activated Feedback Signs around Caledon Village.

I also have been calling for better win-

ter road maintenance. Since the Liberals reduced maintenance standards in 2009 from a 2 hour bare road standard after a snow to 8 hours, I have been hearing about concerning examples of road maintenance. That is why the PC Caucus and I have been calling for the Liberals to restore the standard back to 2 hours.

More can be done. That is why I am going to continue to work with your local munic-

ipalities and residents to ensure the right investments are being made in our roads throughout Dufferin-Caledon. Please contact my office if you have suggestions for road safety improvements or concerns at sylvia.jonesco@pc.ola.org or 1-800-265-1603. Take care and drive safe this winter.



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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Shelburne Muskies take OT win over Elora

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

The Shelburne Muskies notched their ninth win of the season on the coldest night of the year at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Centre when the Elora Rocks came to town on Friday, January 5.

The Muskies did all their scoring in the first period when they rattled the Rocks with an opening salvo that saw the Shelburne squad score three times in just over three minutes to start the game.

The Muskies opened the scoring when Ty McCallum took the feed from Nick Hodgson at eight minutes into the game.

Just over a minute later, Chris Greer followed up with a second Shelburne goal to make it a 2-0 game with less than half a period behind them.

The Muskies were up by three when Ed Gaffney took an unassisted shot from the corner that made it to the back of the Elora net.

After the hot start, the Muskies cooled down and didn't score for the rest of the game.

In net for the Shelburne squad, Craig Byford shut down several opportunities for the Elora team.

It was a 3-1 game when the Rocks scored in the second period.

Elora closed the gap with a second goal four minutes into the third period.

The game was tied at three when Elora scored in the third period.

It went into overtime when neither team could break the tie.

The Muskies took the game 4-3 when Nate King took the feed from Luke Richardson with 22 seconds left in overtime and scored for the Shelburne win.

It was a lopsided game in many ways with the Muskies out-shooting the Rocks 60-28 for the night.

The Muskies spent only four minutes in the penalty box with two minors. Elora was assessed for three minors for the night.

The Muskies now have a 9-7 record for the season and a fifth place in the League standings.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

THE SHELBURNE SR. A MUSKIES host the Elora Rocks during their Saturday (Jan. 5) night home game at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex in Shelburne. It was a tough battle with the Muskies coming out on top 4-3 after the game went into overtime to decide the winner.

Shelburne Wolves Novice LL2 gearing up for the playoffs

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

With four games left on the regular season schedule, the Shelburne Wolves Novice LL2 team are gearing up for the playoffs.

The squad hosted the Flesherton Golden Hawks on Sunday, January 7, at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex.

The Wolves played a good game both on offence and defence but just couldn't score.

After giving up three goals and playing out the final minutes of the game they avoided the shut-out when Travis Van-Nest hit the back of the Flesherton net to put the Wolves on the scoreboard.

At the end of the game they had to take a 3-1 loss.

What the team did right during this game, coach Brian Van-Nest said, "Everything, in terms of what we've been teaching them so far this year. What I've been trying to get out of them is, going to the net, communication on the ice, looking out for your teammates. The whole team environment. That's what they're starting to work towards now - this game showed that - they're listening to all the instruction the coaches are giving to them."

The team, Van-Nest said, has put out a lot of effort and improved significantly over the course of the season.

"In the beginning they were totally all over the place. We had kids that couldn't skate and kids that couldn't listen. Now, it's a full team environment. When the coaches talk, they're all about it. They want to learn, they want to win, they want to gain all the knowledge about the game they can possible get."

The team is currently in sixth place in the division. They will have to win the next four games if they want to move up in the standings.

The Wolves Novice LL2 team will be back in action with another home game when they host the Stayner Cyclones at the CDRC on Sunday, January 14.

Game time is 3:05 p.m.

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THE SHELBURNE WOLVES BANTAM LL1 team host the Coldwater Wild Cats at the Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex on Sunday, January 7. The Wolves gave up a 9-4 loss in this game.

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Auditioning for 'Alice' brings Wonderland to Shelburne

Written By MARNI WALSH

Auditions for LP Stage Productions' Alice in Wonderland Jr. will be held at Centre Dufferin High School on Friday, January 12th from 6-9pm and Sunday, January 14th from 1-3pm and 4-6pm. The Disney stage adaptation of the 1951 film is sure to garner a lot of excitement for the large group of young performers that enjoy the creative experience that LP provides in the community.

Founded by Alison Port and Dale Lundy in 2011, LP Stage Productions focuses on musicals for youth and adults and workshops for area children interested in theatre. A payment to cover the performer's insurance is the traditional cost to take part in their plays.

Alison Port, who will direct the show alongside her co-director Andrew Charles James, says LP is producing Alice in Wonderland on a suggestion from cast members. "I like the idea of getting input from them,"

she says. "We asked them to research some websites for show ideas and they did." She calls Alice "a different kind of show where your imagination can take you anywhere."

Lewis Carroll's beloved "Alice" will lead the actors down the rabbit hole into a crazy upside down adventure. The fast paced tale features updated songs from the animated film as well as some new ones. Performers will get to meet the White Rabbit, chat with the Cheshire Cat, join the Mad Hatter at the 'unbirthday' party, race a Dodo, get tied up with Tweedle Dee and Tweedle Dum, and rap along with the bubble-blowing Caterpillar as Alice endeavours to beat the Queen of Hearts at her nasty game. There are many roles to be filled including over 20 parts in the ensemble alone.

"Basically, we can make this into anything we want," says Ms. Port. "Alice in Wonderland really appeals to me. The script gives suggestions on blocking and is simple to follow, but I always have a few tricks up my

sleeves when it comes to adding my own ideas." Choreographer Kristen Gamache, Musical Director Noni Thomas, and set designer Dale Lundy, all known for their talent and creativity in LP Stage Productions, are sure to have plenty of surprises for Grace Tipling audiences as well.

"Our auditioning process is fairly straightforward," says Alison Port. "We ask the kids to prepare a song with a backing track, so we can hear only their voice singing and we also ask them to perform a one minute monologue, so we can hear how well they can project their voice and how clearly they speak. We take notes during the audition on how well they have done and highlight key points like vocal ability and acting ability. We then compare our notes and narrow down our choices for lead roles."

Making those choices is "never an easy task," say the LP producers. "There is a lot of talent in Shelburne and surrounding areas." Already, LP has 57 kids booked for

auditions. "I think the appeal for audiences will be the kids for sure," says the director, "but also a show which is very familiar to everyone. There have been so many different movies about "Alice" and not one of them has been the same, so it's adding your vision that counts."

"The music and script are great for younger kids to follow and understand, but challenging as they still have harmonies to learn," says Alison Port. To book an audition time, call 519-939-9038 or email appreatescot@gmail.com. Prepare a song (with backing track) and a one minute monologue appropriate for the character for which you wish to audition. Rehearsals will start in January and run every Tuesday and Friday 6-9pm and Sunday 1-6pm. Ages 5-16 years only. For eager audience members the show dates are May 11-20th at Grace Tipling Hall.

Christian Perspectives: I wonder what 2018 will bring?

It is hard to believe we are well into 2018 already. What will 2018 bring us?

We see as we leave 2017 behind, the world is still in an unstable condition and in a very chaotic state. If you follow biblical numbering, #18 represents bondage, sounds like a nasty mess! But, #20 represents redemption. Put the two together and it says redemption from bondage in 2018; I sure want to believe and hope in that don't you?

The word I sensed the Lord gave me for 2018 is 'recalibrate'! It means to make changes to an instrument so that it measures accurately - in other words, to change the way one thinks and does things, to come in-line with accurate measurement; in this case, the bible, God's word. This gives me hope that we can be redeemed from bondage even though all around us is in a state of bondage and chaos.

2 Timothy 3:1-5 describes the perilous times we live in, or at least that we are starting to taste, at this time in history. Paul states that, "In the last days there will be very difficult times. For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred. They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good. They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God. They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly."

Some would say this describes many different generations from the past that have been through hard times, but something is different in the days in which we live: the earth, the heavens and our atmosphere are in a chaotic state. Earthquakes, unusual and wacky weather, volcanoes coming back to life, powerful storms, flooding and powerful winds, global warming, or should I say a return to the ice age!

The extreme cold which we are experiencing here in North America at this time, and other parts of the world like the UK, are just the start of the stress and birth pains the earth itself is manifesting.

What about the recent solar eclipse that took place in 2017 and passed from coast to coast in America, and it will take place again in 2024 making an X across America, could that be a sign? Maybe something is about to happen? Maybe major change is on the hori-

zon?

Jesus Christ our Lord said in Luke 12:54-56, "When you see clouds beginning to form in the west, you say, 'Here comes a shower.' And you are right. When the south wind blows, you say, 'Today will be a scorcher,' and it is. You fools! You know how to interpret the weather signs of the earth and sky, but you don't know how to interpret the present times."

Can you see what Jesus is saying? Are you preparing your hearts for the coming days? Is your heart right with the Lord Jesus Christ? Even if you understand these end time things but find it hard to handle, maybe it is all about focus! Not on what, but on whom! Like the children of Israel who were in Goshen in Egypt (Exodus 4 to 12) during the time of the ten plagues that were brought on the land of Egypt because of the king's stubborn rebellious nature; they were kept safe from 7 of the 10 plagues and were not touched in any way.

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In the coming year and coming years don't focus on the things that are going on around you as if they are strange! Get your hearts ready to meet our maker, whether in this life or the next. If you are in Christ Jesus, have

a relationship with him and acknowledge who he is, just like the Israelites who were in Goshen, you will be in the palm of your Father's hand, safe from death and eternal discomfort. Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge him and he will direct your path."

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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 Seasonal Head Lifeguard and Seasonal Head Day Camp Leader positions will be received until 2:00pm on Tuesday, January 23, 2018;

Resumes for the Seasonal Assistant Head Lifeguard, Lifeguard/Instructor and Day Camp Leader positions will be received until 1:00pm on Thursday, February 15, 2018 by email or in person, addressed to:

Kim Fraser, Facility Administration Manager
 Centre Dufferin Recreation Complex, 200 Fiddle Park Lane, Shelburne, ON L9V 3C9
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The prescribed fee, which may be refundable, must accompany the nomination form. The fee for Head of Council is \$200, and \$100 for all other candidates, payable by cash, certified cheque or money order. Candidates must not campaign, spend, or raise funds for their election campaign until their nomination form has been filed and certified by the Clerk.

The nomination form must be accompanied by declarations of endorsement by 25 qualified electors (this requirement may change).

The Province of Ontario will release nomination forms, endorsement forms and a Candidate Information Guide in April 2018.

For further information, please contact
 Jennifer Willoughby
 Clerk
 Town of Shelburne
 (519) 925-2600 Ext. 223
 jwilloughby@shelburne.ca
 www.shelburne.ca/electioninformation

IN MEMORIAM

Yokom, Jim

In loving memory of a wonderful husband, dad, grandpa, great grandpa and great-great grandpa who passed away January 8, 2014.

You lived your life for those you loved, you'll always watch over us from up above. We will never forget all your special ways and all the things you used to say. We all have special memories of you, that we love and cherish and will always do. You're loved and missed each and everyday, where in our hearts you will forever stay.

Forever loved, forever missed, Mabel, Leona & Ron, Linda, Lana, Laura & Don and families.

CARD OF THANKS

For all who extended kind and caring gestures of support, cards and calls for Mom's passing, we sincerely thank you.

To Dufferin Oaks staff, your ongoing love and care of Mom over the past thirteen years went far and above any measure of expectation. To you, our heartfelt gratitude.

To Norma Godbold and Gord Horsley, who so personally captured Mom's special being during the celebration of her life, our utmost appreciation and thanks.

To Jack and Thompson Funeral Home, our sincere appreciation of your adept professionalism delivered in such a caring manner. We are truly grateful.

The Mutch, Irwin and Hamilton Families

OBITUARIES

DONELLE, Dan

Passed away suddenly as the result of a car accident on Friday, January 5th, 2018 at the age of 52. Beloved husband of 30 years of Karen. Proud and devoted dad of Angela. Dear brother of Ian (Candice) Jones and brother-in-law of Valerie Lamontagne (Manny Pacheco). Uncle of Dustin, Kyle, Cody and Katie. Son-in-law of Wayne Stuggington and Leone Stubbington.

The family received friends at the McMillan & Jack Funeral Home, 291 Main St. E., Dundalk on Thursday afternoon and evening January 11th, 2018.

If desired, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society, Heart & Stroke Foundation or Golden Rescue would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy.

Scace, Edwin Ronald

Suddenly on Friday January 5, 2018 at his home in Georgetown. Edwin, in his 76th year, loved husband of the late Doreen Hills. Loving father of Ronald (Shelley), Jeanne (Bev Gibson), Ralph (Laura) and Jannette (Marc Nadeau). Cherished grandpa of Dwayne, Randy, Tanya, Kimberly, Samantha, Ashley and Jessica and great grandpa of Jacob, Gabriella, Amanda and Clara. Survived by his siblings Bert, Donnie, Betty, Dorothy, David, Ruthie, Carol, Douglas and Bobby. Predeceased by his brothers Billy and Harry. Missed by dog Lola. Friends will be received at the J.S. Jones & Son Funeral Home, 11582 Trafalgar Rd., north of Maple Ave., Georgetown 905-877-3631 on Friday January 12th from 10:00 am until time of Memorial Service held in the chapel at 11:00 am. Cremation has taken place. In memory contributions to the Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated. To send expressions of sympathy visit www.jsjonesandsonfuneralhome.com

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Applicants should possess a community college diploma with a background in business administration/accounting, and a minimum of three years' experience. This position requires an applicant who is highly organized, detail oriented, has the ability to work with minimal supervision and who has excellent customer service and communication skills. Computer proficiency using WordPerfect, Word, Excel, Keystone Property Taxation/Accounting System and EasyPay Payroll System, as well as experience with the TOMRMS file management system would be an asset.

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 157101 Highway 10, Melancton, Ontario L9V 2E6 Attention: Denise B. Holmes, CAO/Clerk

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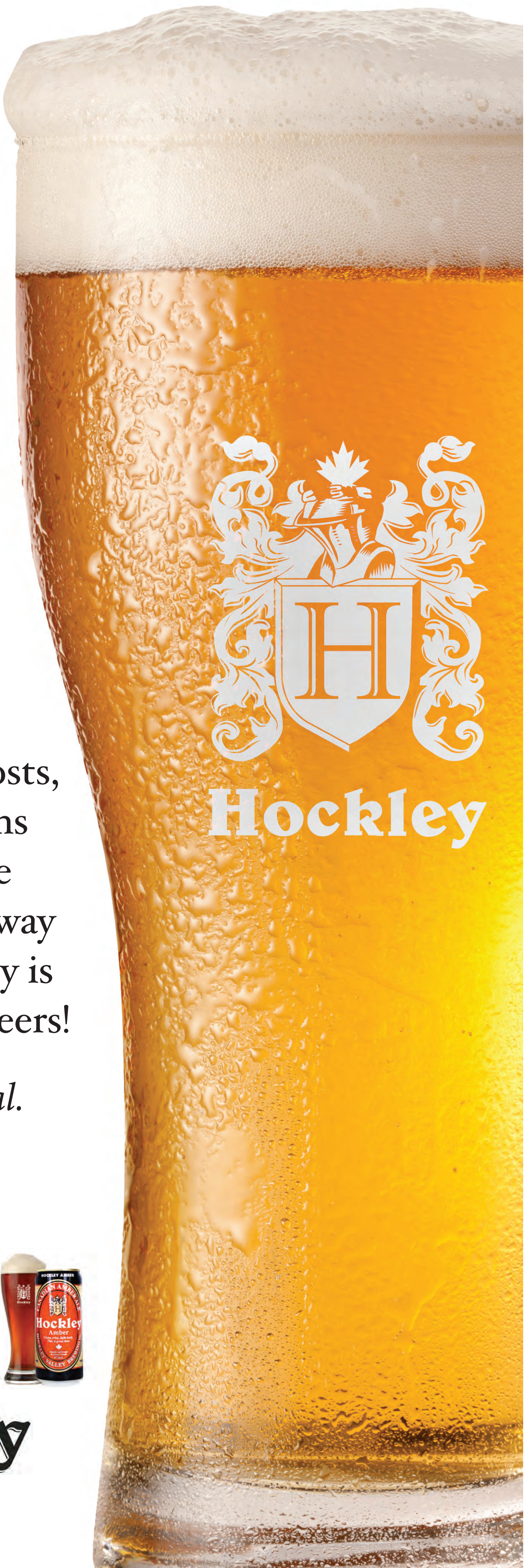
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