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Stacey Daub reflects on her first year at HHCC

Written By MIKE PICKFORD
 Having recently celebrated her first anniversary in the community, Stacey Daub believes she has finally found a home here in the Headwaters region.
 It has been a busy 12 months for the CAO and President of Headwaters Health Care Centre (HHCC). As well as overseeing important projects such as the construction and subsequent opening of the new ambulatory care unit, and the ongoing renovations to create a third operating room, Ms. Daub has been working hard to put what she described as "necessary" steps in place to improve and streamline services at the hospital.
 Having met with approximately 250 different municipal representatives, service clubs and business leaders over the past year, Ms. Daub spoke about the uniqueness of the community when sitting down with the Free Press earlier this month.
 "This was an amazing opportunity for me, from both a professional and personal standpoint. I knew that right away last year when I first took the job," she said. "I was looking for a place that aligned with my values and a place I could make a difference personally. There's been a really great match here between myself, the hospital and the community."

She added, "After meeting with various people over the last year, I can see now how important this hospital is to the community. This is a community that is very invested in its hospital in a way that is a little bit different from other communities. There's a really special connection here."
 Having spent more than a decade working in the industry in Toronto, she says the move to the Headwaters region has been like a breath of fresh air, both figuratively and literally, as she seeks to build on the "fantastic" structure in place at HHCC. Recent moves to pilot a new 'Fast Track' system in the emergency department, as well as introducing the Ontario Breast Screening Program to the facility, have been welcomed by the community.
 And while her leadership has definitely helped in bringing some of these improvements to the hospital over the past year, she is the first to admit she has not done it alone. In adding to the hospital's new leadership team, Ms. Daub drafted in Peter Varga as Vice-President of Patient Care & Chief Nursing Executive and Monique Porlier as Chief Financial Officer and Vice-President of Corporate Services.
 "It's definitely been a goal of mine to bring some new people into the organization who can help support the fantastic people we

already have in place to make us stronger over time," Ms. Daub said. "I'm proud of the team we have in place right now and I'm really excited about moving forward and seeing what the future brings."
 And, from this reporter's perspective, the future is going to be bright at HHCC. Buoyed by the support of the Headwaters Health Care Foundation, which recently made a \$2 million capital commitment to the hospital, Ms. Daub is excited to announce the facility will finally be in a position to replace all of its beds. Currently, the hospital has 81 beds in-house, up from the 73 it had budgeted for at the beginning of 2017. Last October, the provincial government revealed it had made funds available to HHCC to add eight additional beds to help with wait times during the flu season.
 Erin Burcham, Public Relations and Communications Manager with the hospital, told the Free Press the hospital hopes to make those beds a permanent addition moving forward. Ms. Daub noted the hospital was also hoping to purchase some custom-made travel bassinets in 2018.
 One of Ms. Daub's biggest highlights, she says, has been visiting Shelburne and learning and the "unique" needs in the community.

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Mystery dinner night aims to raise \$10,000 for Autism research

Written By MARNI WALSH

Shelburne's 'Autism Grandma' Deanna Avison says things are coming together for the 3rd annual Hearts Wide Open for Autism mystery dinner theatre and silent auction. "We raised over \$14,000 in the past two years, and we are growing," says Deanna. "Our goal this year is \$10,000."

Proceeds will be donated to the Upper Grand Learning Foundation for the Special Education Program in Shelburne's local schools. "This year we are raising funds for all five schools in Shelburne; we donated to the four elementary schools in the past, and now we are proud to be able to include Centre Dufferin High School," says Ms. Avison.

Some of the items purchased with funds have included sensory items, calming pillows, adjustable desks which allow children

to either sit or stand, and bean bag chairs. Such items help children of all ages with special needs learn and manage their day at school.

In support of the cause, the Town of Shelburne will be once again 'Lighting it up Blue' and declaring April 2nd as World Autism Awareness Day.

"We have amazingly generous sponsor's this year, original ones as well as new ones," says Ms. Avison, "We already have many silent auction items lined up; fantastic silent auction items including an acrylic painting by Duncan Paterson, Blue Jays tickets donated by Craig and Brenda Mackenzie, a weekend away at the Shamrock Resort, and a golf package from the Shelburne Golf and Country Club.

Deanna is inspired, year after year, by her twin grandchildren with autism. "What

started out as a dream to make a difference for children with autism and other special needs has now become a reality," she says. "Together we are making a big impact on these beautiful children by helping them learn easier, and overcome their fears and struggles at school with the devices that we supply with the funds raised."

The mysterious entertainment for the evening is Diamonds, Death and Second Chances performed by "Murder for Hire," a mystery theatre company out of Kitchener. Based on a 60's-70's theme, the audience is encouraged to dig out their bell bottoms and mini skirts, and get ready for a fantastic night of fun. "This is going to be a great night - turning back the hands of time to the 1960's in the middle of a murder plot," says Ms. Avison. The lovely atmosphere of the Shelburne Golf and Country club sets the theme for the show while serving a delicious chicken dinner.

The semi-formal Mystery Theatre Dinner

and Silent Auction will take place on Saturday, April 7th at the Shelburne Golf and Country Club on Hwy. 124 just north of Shelburne. Cocktails and Silent Auction will start at 6pm, with a 7 pm dinner and mystery, followed by music by DJ Master Mix spinning tunes from the 1960's. Tickets are \$100 each, or a table of eight for \$700. "We have a significant number of children in our community with autism and other special needs, who need our help, acceptance, respect and understanding, say the organizers.

Shuttle service to the Shelburne Golf and Country Club is generously donated by Stock Transportation, with bus pickup at the CDRC parking lot at 5:30 pm on April 7th. First return drop off is at 9:30pm, with the last drop off at 11:30pm. For tickets call: 519-806-6065, or Deanna at 519-925-9326, or Megan: 519-925-5581, or Visit: Facebook: www.facebook.com/3rdAnnualHeartsWide-OpenforAutism.



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HAPPY AT HEADWATERS: Headwaters Health Care Centre President and CAO recently celebrated her first anniversary in the position. Above, she poses for a photo alongside longtime hospital volunteer Bruce Graham.

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"One of the early things we did was go out to Shelburne and talk with people at all the primary care practices in an attempt to better understand the community and gauge each individual's thoughts and ideas surrounding the hospital," Ms. Daub said. "I think Shelburne, with its growth, presents a great match with HHCC, both in terms of how we can support more local family practitioners, and to bring services closer to Shelburne."

There was much controversy when the HHCC board decided to shut down the old Shelburne hospital back in 2010, but Ms. Daub believes the Mono-based facility has everything in place to serve Shelburne well for the foreseeable future.

"I understand that not having a hospital directly in the community you live in is hard on some people, especially when there was a hospital there before, and I respect people's perspective on that," Ms. Daub said. "We need to ensure that we're working hard to ensure that when people do need services, they are available locally, or that our partnerships are strong enough with HHCC that the distance doesn't seem so bad because they get an amazing level of service."

In an attempt to maintain current service levels at the hospital, Ms. Daub has called on the provincial government to increase its investment at HHCC. She estimates the facility needs an additional \$3 million annually to keep things running as they should.

"I'm really hopeful that we see a funding adjustment. We have been using one-time funds to operate the hospital for a while now. This isn't about growth, this is about continuing with our existing services," Ms. Daub said.

Looking to the future, she revealed the hospital is in the process of launching a long-term strategic plan, which is expected to touch on improved services to mental health and cancer-related surgical procedures. According to Ms. Daub, representatives from Trillium Health Partners, a regional partner for HHCC in cancer services, have said the local facility could double its capacity in terms of surgical interventions and supports and still wouldn't come close to meeting demands in the region.

"There is a lot for us to focus on here moving forward. When I came in, my plan was to get us focused back on the community and focused on the hospital and accelerating our impact locally. I think we've been pretty successful with that so far," Ms. Daub said. "There's lots of opportunity for us to build on the services we offer, some we're already exploring, and really bring people closer to home to get the care and support they need and deserve. That's the most important thing for us now and for the future."

For more information on HHCC, visit www.headwatershealth.ca.





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Ottawa Journal: Planning a Spring Break getaway?

Written By DAVID TILSON

It's that time of year again when our thoughts often shift to spring break getaways, especially following the very long and cold winter we've been experiencing this year. For those who are planning escapes just over the border or further south to even warmer, sunnier climates, there are many things to take into consideration when planning a vacation. This can be a very busy time of year for Canadians travelling and by taking a few preparatory steps, spring break getaways can hopefully be stress-free and relaxing.

Global Affairs Canada has many helpful tips and information to guide Canadians as they plan for their spring break getaways to ensure they are prepared for anything that may arise during their travels. This includes:

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- In taking the recommended steps provided by Global Affairs Canada to prepare for travel outside of Canada, you can ensure you have the most enjoyable and stress-free spring getaway possible. Whatever your travel plans may be for spring break 2018, I wish you safe travels. If you're planning a "staycation" and taking in the many wonderful sites and activities that can be found here at home, enjoy!



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This time, will the best one win?

EDITORIAL

THE RULES GOVERNING the election of the next Ontario Progressive Conservative leader are the same that led to Patrick Brown's victory in 2015.

Then, as now, Christine Elliott was the front-running candidate but wound up in second place, after Mr. Brown's campaign team managed to sell a lot of \$10 party memberships. Did the best candidate really win?

A lot else has changed in the interim. In 2015, Ms. Elliott was an MPP and Mr. Brown the Conservative MP for Barrie. Today, Ms. Elliott is no longer an MPP, having accepted the position as Ontario's Patient Ombudsman in 2016, while Mr. Brown is sitting as an independent despite his election as PC MPP for Simcoe North in a 2015 byelection, having been ejected from the PC caucus a few days ago.

Now, all Ontarians who were PC party members as of last Friday (Feb. 16) will be able to cast preferential ballots containing the names of five candidates – Mr. Brown, Ms. Elliott, Doug Ford, Caroline Mulroney and Tanya Allen – although we suspect many would prefer to vote only for their favourite or perhaps list only their top three choices.

Perhaps the biggest difference between this election and the previous one is the lack of time candidates had to sign up new members. In 2015 they all had months to do it, while this time Mr. Brown had no time at all, having waited until last Friday afternoon to enter the race.

Although the other four candidates had the same couple of weeks to sign up members, only Mr. Ford objected to the Feb. 16 deadline, accusing the party of deliberately trying to thwart his leadership bid. "They're doing this on purpose to hinder me, because out of all the candidates they know I can sign up more people," he told the National Post. "This is about ... the insiders and the elites trying to figure out how they're going to stop Doug Ford. The common people want me in there."

As we see it, there's little doubt that the party establishment would like to see the victory go to one of the three female can-

didates, perhaps seeing Mr. Ford as having a mild version of Donald Trump's populist appeal and the same tendency to have a subjective version of the truth when it suits him.

Our suspicion is that any polling of the current PC caucus would disclose a near-unanimous support for Ms. Elliott despite her having taken the job with the Wynne government.

Now 62, the widow of former federal Finance minister Jim Flaherty served as MPP for Whitby-Ajax 2006-07 and Whitby-Oshawa 2007-15 and was a PC leadership candidate in 2009 (losing to Tim Hudak) as well as in 2015.

As of this Tuesday, a seemingly well-sourced Wikipedia article shows Ms. Elliott as having been endorsed by 10 MPPs, among them Bill Walker (Bruce-Grey-Owen Sound and Jim Wilson (Simcoe-Grey), as well as by former federal Conservative leadership candidate MP Michael Chong (Wellington-Halton Hills) and two other Conservative MPs.

The same article shows Mr. Ford, 53, as having the support of just one MPP, Raymond Cho of Scarborough-Rouge River.

Mr. Brown has apparently been endorsed by two MPPs, Toby Barrett (Haldimand-Norfolk) and Ross Romano (Sault Ste. Marie and three Conservative MPs, Ben Lobb (Huron-Bruce), Phil McColeman (Brantford-Brant and Alex Nuttall (Barrie-Springwater-Oro-Medonte).

Caroline Mulroney, the 43-year-old lawyer and daughter of former prime minister Brian Mulroney, has been endorsed by five MPPs and eight MPs and leads the pack in terms of endorsements from PC candidates – 19 to 18 for Mr. Brown and nine for Ms. Elliott.

Ms. Allen, 37, is an obvious fringe candidate with no MPP endorsements. A member of the Campaign Life Coalition and Catholic Civil Rights League, she's a social conservative who is an outspoken opponent of the province's sex education curriculum.

So what does this all mean in terms of the candidates' leadership qualities and the party's platform in the June 7 provincial election? Only time will tell.



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Dufferin OPP search for missing three-year-old boy after car submerged in Grand River early on Wednesday morning

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Crews are searching the Grand River south of Waldemar near Grand Valley for a missing child after a minivan driven by the child's mother was swept into the river's raging waters early Wednesday morning (Feb. 21).

Const. Paul Nancekivell, spokesman for the Dufferin OPP Detachment, said that just before 1 a.m. the car was on the 10th Line of Amaranth heading towards Waldemar. The driver passed a sign indicating the road was closed due to flooding. Several feet of water covered the road at the time of the incident.

"The driver tried to back up, turned her wheels, and the wheels acted like rudders and dragged the vehicle into the water," Nancekivell said.

The driver managed to get the three-year-

old child from the vehicle but the child was swept out of her arms by the force of the river.

The Grand Valley Fire Department rescued the driver from the bank of the river and she was transported to hospital and treated for hypothermia.

"We're doing a search for the three-year-old boy. We have the OPP helicopter here, the OPP dive team here, and the OPP Emergency Response team searching the river banks. We have our crime unit here – not that we think there's anything suspicious about what happened but just to use their expertise in interviewing witnesses and neighbours to see if they saw anything," Const. Nancekivell said.

Grand Valley District Fire Chief Kevin McNeilly told the Toronto Sun that conditions at the time of the incident were treacherous for all concerned.

"It was extremely foggy. Very, very violent river last night," Chief McNeilly said. "At one point it raised up three feet in a matter of 20 minutes."

The vehicle was located almost 2 kilometres south of where it entered the river. Crews managed to retrieve the vehicle from the river at around 3:00 p.m. Wednesday afternoon as a OPP helicopter circled the area above with a thermal imaging camera.

While police were initially optimistic of finding the boy alive, Nancekivell admitted to the Citizen the possibility of that happening decreases with every hour he goes unfound.

Police said no charges are pending and alcohol was not a factor.

Suspect runs from police through backyards in Shelburne

Shortly before 2am on Saturday February 17th 2018, a suspect in a criminal investigation ran from Shelburne Police in the Pineview Gardens area. The suspect fled on foot and was last seen on Jelly Street just north of Pineview Gardens, where he ran through some backyards.

Shelburne Police are asking the residents in that area to check their backyards and notify police immediately if they locate something on their property that does not belong there. The yards that the suspect fled through would include the west side of Jelly Street north of Pineview Gardens, Robert Street between Jelly Street and Greenwood Street, and Monica Court.

If anything is located, Shelburne Police asks that the item or items are not touched, but police are called immediately at 519-925-3312.

There is not concern for public safety in regards to the suspect.

Further details in regards to the nature of this case will be released as the investigation continues.

If anyone has any information in relation to this case or any other matter, they are encouraged to contact the Shelburne Police Service at 519-925-3312 or anonymously through Crime Stoppers at 1-800-

222-TIPS (8477) or online at www.crimestopperssdm.com.

Mono man charged impaired driving in Shelburne

Shortly before 2am on Sunday February 18th 2018, Shelburne Police stopped a pickup truck for not coming to a complete stop at a stop sign. When the officer approached the driver, concern arose that he may have had alcohol in his system.

An officer conducted a roadside breath test which the driver failed. The driver was arrested for Over 80 and returned to the Shelburne Police Station where further breath samples were taken. The driver failed both additional tests. Further investigation also revealed that the driver's licence was already under suspension.

As a result, 37 year old Hoj MacDonald of Mono was charged with Disobey Stop Sign, Driving While Under Suspension, and Operation with Over 80mgs of Alcohol. He has been assigned a first appearance court date in late February to answer to the allegations.

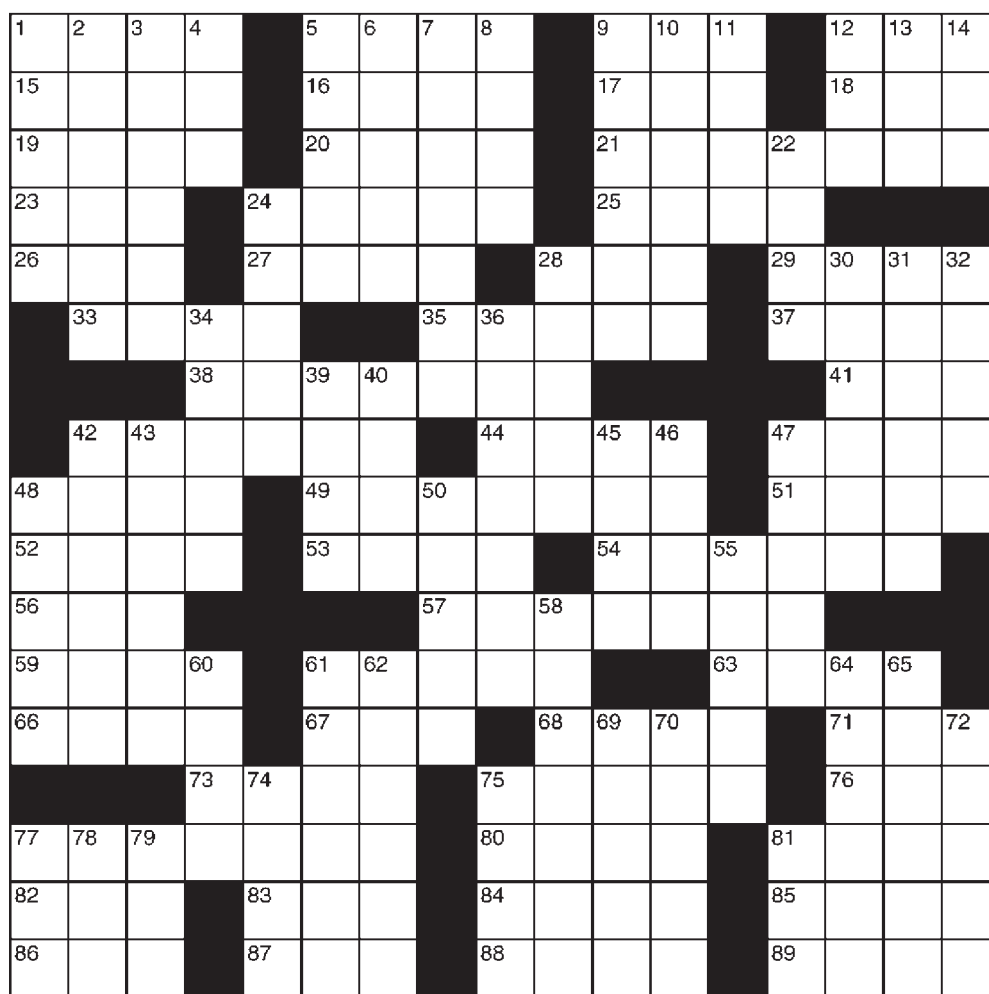
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Family owned service delivers “everything” in Dufferin County

Written By MARNI WALSH

Everything Delivery Services (EDS) is a new family owned service up and running and ready to deliver in Shelburne. The partnership between Marvin and Katelyn Smith, and Anthony and Michelle Glasgow official opened in early January of this year.

Marvin Smith says they moved to Shelburne about three years ago “to get out of the city, and look for a quieter lifestyle.” The two families both live on the same street. “We’re really enjoying the community because of its peacefulness and friendliness,” says Mr. Smith, and he says they are happy that “the schools take a personal interest in our children as individuals.”

Marvin Smith says what inspires EDS is helping and serving as many people as we can - especially seniors. “We love to make the life of our customers easier,” he says. A fully licensed and insured delivery service,

the home based business services Shelburne, Dundalk and surrounding areas, and Mr. Smith says they will be servicing all of Dufferin County in the future.

The service company’s philosophy is “to make life convenient for others and to do it in a professional accountable manner.” They bring a needed service to those who may have no transportation or simply find the drive too difficult or inconvenient on any given day. “Perhaps there is a restaurant that doesn’t deliver, or you wish to surprise co-workers with coffee, but are too busy to step out of work and going on break soon with not give enough time to go out,” says the partnership. EDS will do it for you.

The company is ready to surprise a loved one with a gift or help out a resident who has run out of gas with no one available to deliver it. On Facebook the company highlights specials at local stores like Giant Tiger, so that people can take advantage of the

deals with the help of Everything Delivery Service.

The company says they can typically reply to a request within 30-45 minutes in Shelburne, and one to one and a half hours for town deliveries. EDS has already been receiving positive customer feedback on-line. The company’s mandate is to pick up and deliver whatever customers need in Shelburne and area and they aim to do so at “a reasonable price.”

Costs vary depending on the service. For example, small items from a Shelburne coffee shop or convenience store might only cost \$2.50 for delivery, whereas the charge for fast food to be delivered within Shelburne is \$4.99 and \$8.99 for Orangeville and Alliston. Restaurant delivery runs \$7.50 in Shelburne and \$12.50 out of town.

The cost for under \$50 worth of groceries to be delivered in Shelburne by EDS is \$9.99 and \$14.99 out of town. For grocery orders

from \$50-\$100 dollars the charge for EDS is \$19.99 in Shelburne and \$24.99 out of town. Time of delivery may also affect cost. To see the full range of prices visit: facebook.com/EverythingDeliveryServices.

However, there are a few exceptions which the company can not deliver. “We do not deliver alcohol and tobacco products, nor do we offer Uber or taxi services,” says Mr. Smith. “Alcohol exceptions are only those with an event or restaurant that has an LLBO Licence.”

Everything Delivery Services’ next goal is to start servicing Orangeville and Alliston. Mr. Smith says they already go to Orangeville and Alliston to pick up many items. In the long term, the partnership hopes to expand to other areas in Ontario, so when their kids get older it can be something they are apart of if they wish. Residents may contact EverythingDeliveryServices@gmail.com or call at 519-806-8519

Shelburne Library News

MARCH BREAK PROGRAMS

- Tuesday, March 13 @ 2:00 pm – Raptor Conservatory. Wednesday, March 14 @ 2:00 pm – Dufflebag Theatre – Cinderella. Thursday, March 15 @ 2:00 pm – Bumbling Bert, Magician

We are selling tickets for our March Break programs now and at the same price as in the past so that we can provide quality entertainment for everyone in our community. \$3.00 for 1 ticket and all three shows for \$8.00

Friday, March 16 @ 10:15 we have Fun with Science. This is a fabulous experiential program for children ages 2 to 6. It is free but please register by calling or coming to the Children’s Library.

Archivist on the Road

Laura Camilleri from the Dufferin County Museum and Archives is enjoying her time with us and answering all sorts of questions about Ancestry.com; searching for information about your ancestors or the history of your house, property, or business.

Children’s Programs:

Have you checked out our Black History Month display in the Children’s library yet? On Tuesday February 27th, from 10am –

11:00am Books and Babies will be running again. We are excited to see all of our little library friends again this month now that the weather has started to clear up.

Wednesdays, Lego Club runs from 3:30pm-4:30pm. We have snacks, colouring pages and a new challenge every single week. We also have Snap Circuits which are a fun way to learn about electrical currents and how to create a working circuit! We always love meeting new friends, so stop by and hang out with our great group of kids at Lego this week.

Friday at 10:30am is Story Time. This will be our last week talking about LOVE, and for this week we will talk about what we love about ourselves.

Teen Scene

This week our much anticipated White Pine Reading Club starts up again. Individuals in grades 9-12 are invited to join this fun group to read excellent Canadian books! Once our members have read and reviewed 5/10 White Pine books, they are automatically eligible for our invite-only pizza party in April!

Our Teen Advisory Board continues their great work planning Teen events, including the exciting and slightly messy Teen Paint Night on Tuesday, February 20th! What other fun events do they have up their sleeves? How about a Stranger Things Escape Room (Monday, March 12th, 11am) and the St. Patrick’s Day-themed Iron Chef Challenge (Tuesday, February 20th, 4:00pm)! Both of these events require registration, which you can do by emailing jnoble@shelburnelibrary.ca, dropping by the circulation desk, or calling 519-925-2168.

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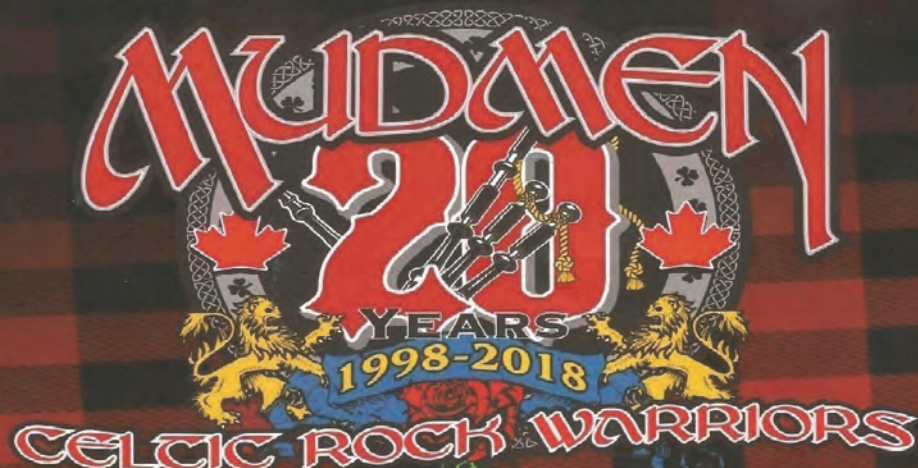
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Report outlines 3-year plan to boost awareness of aboriginal heritage

Written By MIKE PICKFORD

A week on from the release of its long-awaited aboriginal needs assessment report and the Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle (DCCRC) is committed to driving positive change in the local community.

Titled 'Mino Bima Diziwin', the 44-page document tackles numerous tough topics, but centres on a defined three-year plan – an important step for an organization still in relative infancy following its incorporation in 2014.

Sitting down with the Free Press to share exactly how big a step the release of this report is to both the organization and local aboriginal community in general, Debora Sipkema noted it's time for the community to get on board and educate themselves about aboriginal history, heritage and culture in Dufferin County.

"If I had to pick one word to describe this document, it would be education," Ms. Sipkema said. "There's a lot of information in this report, important information that touches on the roots upon this community was built. We've come a long way since 2014, but we still have a long way to go to meet our goals and truly make a difference here in Dufferin County."

In truth, the DCCRC as it stands today is almost unrecognizable to the organization that, while officially launching back in 2014, was bubbling under the surface at the Sipkema residence for a while. The brainchild of Debora and her husband Gil, the pair originally held twice-weekly meetings for the aboriginal community at their native store, located on Little York St. in Orangeville. After the owner of the building sold up, they had to find another way to engage with the First Nation community.

"The growth and progression of the DCCRC has really been organic in nature. It's always been important for my husband to engage with and have that connection to the aboriginal community, so, when we owned our store, we held sessions every Wednesday and Saturday, where elders and other Métis and First Nation individuals could come in talk. It was all based around education, again," Ms. Sipkema said.

Since then, the organization has worked hard to increase its presence throughout the community. It has celebrated Aboriginal Day in style each year, first at Alexandra Park in Orangeville in 2014 and 2015 and, more recently, at the Alder Recreation Centre, also in Orangeville. They have hosted community pow-wows, a Truth and Reconciliation Commission dinner back in May, 2016 and, last April, a conference titled 'Why We Gather', which was designed to educate community leaders on how to work with local indige-

nous community members.

That conference was a "huge success" according to Ms. Sipkema, who noted the "next, natural step" was to come up with this report, which she says will almost double as a set of guidelines for DCCRC moving forward. According to the most recent 2016 Census, out of a general population of 60,845 for Dufferin County, 1,170 of those identified as aboriginal.

"That's almost 2 percent of the population that we represent, that we feel responsible for," Ms. Sipkema said. "It's our hope that this report and the goals outlined in years one, two and three will serve to help all of those who identify as aboriginal to feel as much a part of our community as possible."

More than 242 First Nation individuals were consulted in the process of the report. Working alongside Debora and Gil, lead researcher Heather Majaury and administrator Karen Vandenberg discussed various topics with First Nation people across the community, including the Seventh Generation Principle – important in aboriginal culture.

"The Seventh Generation Principle today is generally referred to in regards to decisions being made about our energy, water and natural resources, and ensuring those decisions are sustainable for seven generations in the future. But, it can also be applied to relationships – every decision should result in sustainable relationships seven generations in the future," said Bob Joseph, Indigenous Corporate Training Inc. Helping People Work with indigenous peoples.

"Relationships today between indigenous peoples and non-indigenous peoples could be forged with the Seventh Generation Principle in mind, even in Dufferin County, for the good of all," noted Ms. Majaury.

DCCRC's mandate, says Ms. Sipkema, is to create a safe space for the restoration and revival of traditional indigenous culture in the Dufferin County area. While it was not outlined in the three-year plan, which covers from now until 2020, Debora told the Free Press the organization was well on its way to establishing a friendship centre in the community.

"That project is not quite as long-term as you would think," Ms. Sipkema said. "We have a definite plan in place – it's going to be shaped like a turtle and will include office space, a place for kids to play sports. It will be a huge project for the community and will bring employment to the region, as well as a sense of belonging for our entire indigenous community."

While she does not yet have a location in mind, Debora has a tentative agreement in place with a local organization, who indicated the building will cost in the region of

\$5 million to construct.

Other focuses for the next three years include ongoing DCCRC bylaw reviews, pushing organization membership, partner with other groups to build a restorative justice committee focusing on serving at-risk youth and moving forward with hosting various programs, ceremonies and conferences, starting with the second annual Why We Gather Conference, coming up on April 6 and 7 at the Alder Rec Centre.

"It has been an incredible year. It's amazing to see what this baby that Gil and I have built and nurtured over the years has become. We want to help it become what it is supposed to be, and that's a beacon for the indigenous community in Dufferin County," Ms. Sipkema said. "I'd like to encourage all indigenous people from Dufferin County to attend this conference in April. It will be a great opportunity to socialize and gain some knowledge on what exactly we have to offer."

Going one step further, she called on

local politicians and business owners to get involved in the process in an attempt to help Dufferin County become a "leader" in indigenous issues. She visited Orangeville Town Council last week in an attempt to have the DCCRC flag erected beside the Town's flag at the Alder Recreation Centre, and will be visiting Dufferin County Council next month.

"Dufferin County has the potential of being a leader. Right now, communities like Markdale are well ahead of where we are and that's because they've adopted indigenous people who come into the community. We need to do that here because we have people who live here," Ms. Sipkema said. "We have seven residential school survivors who live in Dufferin County. We can do better than we're doing and we can be a leader, we can show that support. I believe in that. I believe in this community. I know what the community is capable of when it bands together."

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

CDDHS Royals senior basketball team capture District title

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

After a stellar season that saw the Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior basketball team go undefeated, the squad won the District 4 senior basketball championship on Tuesday, February 20.

The squad had home court advantage in the final game that pitted the Royals against the second place Westside Secondary School Thunder from Orangeville.

The final game got underway in front of full bleachers in the CDDHS gym as students turned out to cheer on their team.

At the end of the half the Royals were trailing by two points when Westside managed a 20-18 lead.

The third quarter saw the Royals turn it up a notch and they moved into the lead by six points and held steady for the quarter to stay ahead 39-33 at the buzzer.

The Orangeville team battled hard to get back in the game in the third quarter and managed to close the scoring gap to two points.

The Royals responded with an outstanding effort that saw them pull away on a series of

hoops that opened the scoring again and with two minutes left on the clock they had a 51-42 lead.

The final couple of minutes was fast and furious with both teams hitting the hoop but in the end the Royals kept up the pace and left the court with a 57-46 win to claim the District 4 championship.

"It was the result we wanted," said coach Matt Barlow adding that they got a slower start at the beginning than they planning. "Not a lot was going in. We were settling for a lot of outside shots. We had to back to what we've worked on all season. We had two key guys - Mark Taylor and Brandon Powell - who combined for 20 points in the second half."

The team will now go on to compete at the regional level at CWOSSA which will be held in Simcoe, Ontario.

"We're not done yet - we've set out sights on CWOSSA. We know it's not going to be easy. There's a team from Cambridge that's definitely favoured to win it. But if we play well, it's in the cards," Barlow said.

The CWOSSA tournament is scheduled to get underway on Friday, February 20.



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

HUGE WIN: The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals senior basketball team host the Westside Secondary School Thunder in the gym at CDDHS during the District 4 championship game. It was a hard fought battle for both teams with the Royals coming out on top with a 57-46 win to claim the District title.

Junior Royals squad suffer heartbreaking loss in District championship finals

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

The Centre Dufferin District High School Royals junior basketball team made it all the way to the District 4 championship game but in the final game they had to settle for a loss to Erin District Secondary School.

The championship game got underway on the Royals home court on Tuesday, February 20. Both teams came to the championship with 7-1 records but the Royals claimed first place based on PF / PA averages.

With two talented squads on the court the final was going to be an all out battle to see which squad could get the edge.

The Royals took an early lead in the final game going ahead 14-8 at the end of the first quarter.

At the half the teams were two points apart with the Royals still on top with a 24-22 lead. Returning for the third quarter the squads matched basket for basket in a highly charged but clean game and the Royals were still ahead by two at the buzzer.

The final quarter saw the Erin team hit three 3-pointers that gave placed them in the lead with only a couple of minutes left on the clock.

The Royals battled hard in the final minutes but couldn't close the gap and had to settle for a 51-45 loss.

"Full marks to them (Erin)," said Royals coach Chris Sales after the game "They obviously played well. We just couldn't put the ball in the basket. It was one of those games. Our over all record for the season (including tournaments) is 18-4, which is amazing - we shouldn't have lost that game. We just couldn't seem to find the right combination but it's the nature of the beast."

Coach Sales said he was proud of the junior team's accomplishments over the season.

Despite the disappointing outcome in the final the Royals had a solid season and as a junior team the players still have a few seasons of high school b-ball to try again next season.



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Shelburne Muskies done for the season after disappointing playoff series with Tillsonburg

Written By **BRIAN LOCKHART**

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Game four took place in Shelburne on Friday, February 16, with the Muskies in a do-or-die situation.

The Shelburne squad found themselves behind the eight-ball early on when Tillsonburg score three early goals to leave the ice with a 4-1 lead at the end of the period.

The Muskies could not score in the second frame and allowed two more Thunder goals to make it a 6-1 game with one period left to play.

The Muskies scored two in the third period that were matched by Tillsonburg goals and the game ended with an 8-3 win for the Thunder and an end to the Muskies season.


Over all the Muskies had a good season finishing in fifth place in the 13 team League with a 11-9 record. It was the best season the Club has had in several years.

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"It's fast," Tyler said of why he likes the sport. "The hardest part is shooting between the goalie's legs. The easiest is just shooting.

Tyler scored all four of his team's goals in a recent game against the Midland Centennials.

During the summer he trades in his hockey stick for a bat and plays baseball with Shelburne Minor Baseball.

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30-year area residents lose long-time home to fire on Feb. 11

Written By MARNI WALSH

Melancthon Mayor Darren White says the Township was saddened to learn of the loss of the home of long time residents John and Doreen Sipple to fire on February 11th in Horning's Mills.

"Our understanding is that the couple lost virtually everything," says Mr. White. "While a loss like this is certainly heartbreaking and tragic, no one was hurt in the fire and that is of course the most important thing."

The Mayor says, "Fire crews from Shelburne District Fire and Mulmur Melancthon Fire departments responded to the early morning call and spend the night and part of the next day on scene fighting the fire. "The fire crews performed well under difficult cir-

cumstances due to cold weather," says the Mayor, keeping the fire from spreading to neighbouring structures, but the house was a full loss." At the time of this interview, the cause of the fire had not yet been released."

The Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department is a 100% volunteer department located in Honeywood providing fire protection, search and rescue, auto extrication, public education and emergency medical services to northern Dufferin County.

Mayor White reports, "The fire department is confident that no water contamination took place due to fire or suppression efforts and they note no chemicals were found on scene. He posted, "In the event that MOECC issued an advisory, a door to door notification would be made in the affected area.

Additionally, notifications would be placed on the Township website."

The unique, century old structure built over water is said to have once served as a bakery, and as such is an historical loss to the community as well as the family. "Our Township is happy that the local community has rallied together around the homeowners to support them in their time of need," says Darren White.

Local residents opened the Horning's Mills Community Hall and gave fire crews

and other emergency crews, along with public works staff, a warm place to rest over the course of the fire. The homeowners were housed there temporarily as well.

"It really shows the great community spirit we have here to see so many rally in a time of need," says Mayor White. If you wish to donate please visit: John and Doreen Sipple Fire Relief www.gofundme.com/thesipples or drop off your donation to the Melancthon Township office during business hours: 519-925-1110.

Patrick Brown launches 11th-hour bid to retake PC leadership

Written By BILL REA

Former Ontario Progressive Conservative Leader Patrick Brown wants his old job back, and he's obviously prepared to fight for it.

Two days after filing papers to enter the leadership race and being kicked out of the PC caucus, Mr. Brown addressed a crowd of about 150 people, many of them supporters, Sunday at a banquet room in a hotel near Pearson International Airport.

"Our party is at a crossroads," Hamilton Centre PC candidate Dionne Duncan told the crowd, stating that they have chosen policies that will support the middle class and cut enormous hydro bills. She added that Mr. Brown was the best leader to deliver that platform to voters. "We will not abandon him right now."

Mr. Brown stepped down as leader last month, after media reports that two women had alleged serious sexual misconduct on his part. He initially "categorically" denied the allegations, but issued a statement a couple of hours later announcing he was resigning.

In the weeks that have passed, he said he has been working hard to clear his name. He also stressed his humility and sense of purpose for the good of the province, and that it's important the party finish what it had started, which includes defeating Premier Kathleen Wynne "and her disastrous government."

"We have been building this party together, and it is more diverse than it's ever been before," he remarked, adding that the work that's been done so far has been vilified without due process.

"It's been devastating, and that's an understatement," Mr. Brown declared, adding the last couple of weeks have produced one benefit. "You learn who your true friends are."

Mr. Brown asserted the actions he's been accused of could not have happened, adding he's already taken two lie-detector tests, and passed them both.

"When truth is on your side, you have nothing to fear," he remarked.

He also defended the Tories' platform in the coming campaign, known as the People's Guarantee. He said it focuses on com-



FILE PHOTO

FORMER PC LEADER Patrick Brown has officially thrown his hat in the ring to once again lead the Tories into the upcoming provincial election

mitments to improve the lives of families.

"We can't fight amongst ourselves," he declared, stressing the need to fight for the people of Ontario.

"Our platform was built by you, the grass roots," Mr. Brown remarked, pointing out it calls for a 22.5 per cent cut in middle class income taxes, as well as a 75 per cent refund in child-care expenses to make it more affordable, and a trust and integrity guarantee, so all would be able to see how a Brown government did when it came to keeping what it pledged.

Mr. Brown said he was determined to do the job he was elected to do, adding that losing another election could tear the party apart. He added that thousands of party members had a hand in creating the platform, pointing out they can't ditch what's been developed. He also said they can't make policy on the fly. "That is a recipe for disaster," he said.

"We must deliver on the People's Guarantee so we can defeat Kathleen Wynne on June 7," he added.

"I stand for the People's Guarantee, and I do so proudly," he concluded. "You created it and I embraced it."



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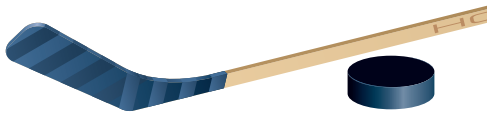
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This position will be 40 hours per week. Mandatory weekend work may be required for scheduled summer events. The rate of pay is \$24.88 per hour and the work period is from May to August 2018. Legislated benefits (vacation pay, stat holidays) will be in accordance with the Employment Standards Act. There is no benefit package associated with this position.

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OBITUARIES

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Passed away peacefully in the arms of her son Scott on Wednesday February 14, 2018 in her 72nd year. Devoted wife of the late Gary. Loving mother of Shannon and Scott (Jennifer). Adoring Grandmother of Ethan and Jacob. Friends and family will be received at The Shelburne Legion, on Saturday February 24, 2018 from 1-5pm. Please join us in celebrating Connie's life. If desired, donations to Trinity United Church would be appreciated. Online condolences and donations may be placed at www.imfunerals.com. In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. has been given the honour to serve the Poynter Family.

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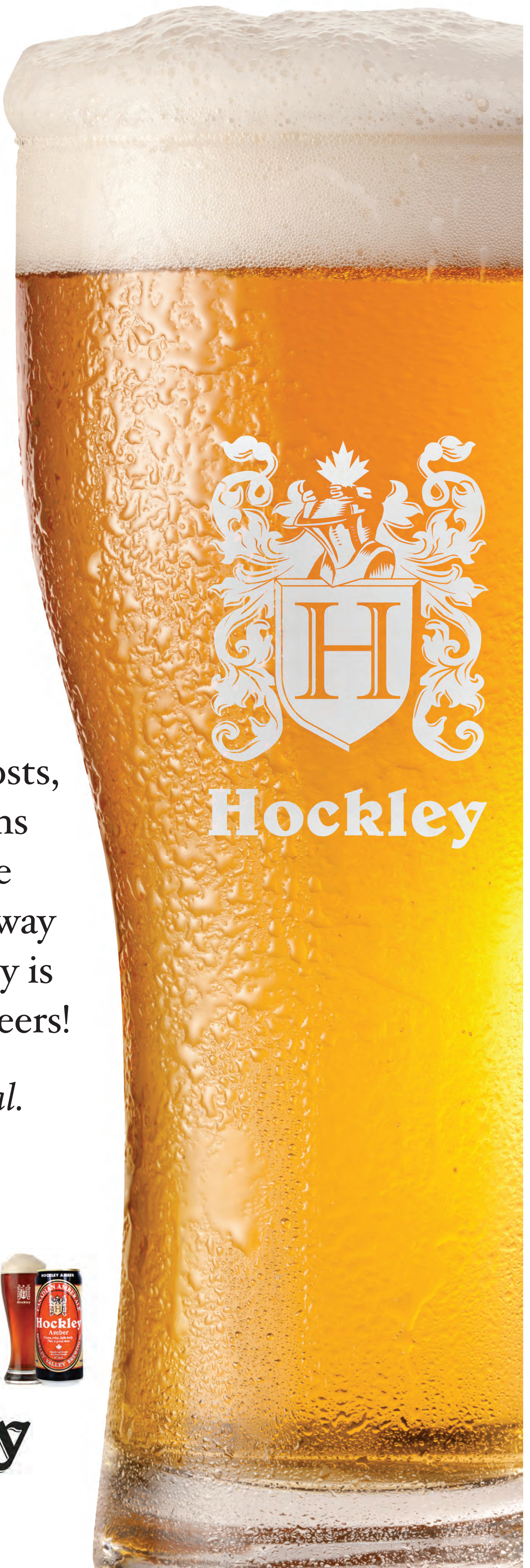
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