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SPLASH PAD DONATION: Paul and Joan Waechter donated \$25,000 to the Shelburne Splash Pad initiative. The Shelburne Splash Pad has been an ongoing project led by the local Rotary Club. With a budget of \$700,000 the Splash Pad committee has set out to raise \$300,000. In mid-July donation raised thus far by passed \$200,000. The Shelburne Splash Pad is expected to be completed by summer or fall 2022.

First ever men's homeless shelter opens in Dufferin

While services for youth and women facing homelessness have long existed in Dufferin County, there's been a growing demand for a men's emergency shelter locally.

Choices Youth Shelter chair, Randy Narine, has been working on a solution for men over the past two years and last Monday (August 9) the organization was able to officially open the doors of Dufferin's first ever men's shelter.

"I noticed that there was a gap and I've been wanting to do something for quite some time," said Narine. "I've been with Choices for four years now and in the process, I was looking at what's available in terms of resources to help different groups and I did notice that men have nothing."

"It's a little frustrating that everybody gets help, then men are supposed to be strong and able to stand on their own, but really, we're subject to the same emotions and trials and tribulations as everybody else," he added.

For the men's shelter, six beds are set up between two facilities, but only three of the beds are available, as the other three are needed to allow for quarantine if there was ever a COVID-19 outbreak.

Since opening, the beds were filled immediately and many others are on a

waiting list with hopes of reprieve in the near future. A study conducted by Dufferin County in May of 2018 counted 44 homeless individuals living in the region at that time.

Choices' men's shelter was previously operating as transitional housing for at risk youth up to age 24, however, since the start of COVID-19, Narine said the number of youth accessing Choices' plummeted.

"With the COVID restrictions, they didn't want to have to wear a mask, they didn't want to quarantine, they didn't want to isolate and I can't force them to do anything, but I also can't allow them to be in a shelter and put other people at risk," Narine explained.

He said Choices Youth Shelter was running at capacity or near capacity prior to the pandemic but their numbers took a dive since last March, and now, with no youth at their facilities currently, he decided it was time to open them up to men.

Already having all the appropriate staffing as well as counselling and mental health resources at Choices made the transition easier and significantly less expensive, according to Narine.

"It was already right within the wheelhouse of what we're doing," he said. "It's a lot easier for us to do it than any other organization

within Dufferin and it's just because we're so closely tied to what a men's shelter requires for communities.

"After I made a decision with the board that we're going to go ahead with this, I had it up and running in less than a week... It's been a lot of work, but it's a lot less than if somebody else came and tried to do it from scratch."

Now the clock is ticking to secure long-term funding at Choices Youth Shelter so the men's facility can operate past September.

Thanks to a private donor who kicked in \$20,000, Narine said he's able to operate the shelter until its lease expires at the end of next month, but its future past that date is uncertain.

"I have one month to decide if I'm going to go ahead and keep it going or shut it down," he explained.

The amount of money needed to cover staffing and all of the necessary infrastructure to run a men's shelter at Choices for a full year is approximately \$200,000 to \$300,000, according to Narine.

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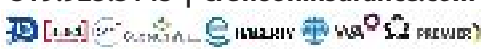
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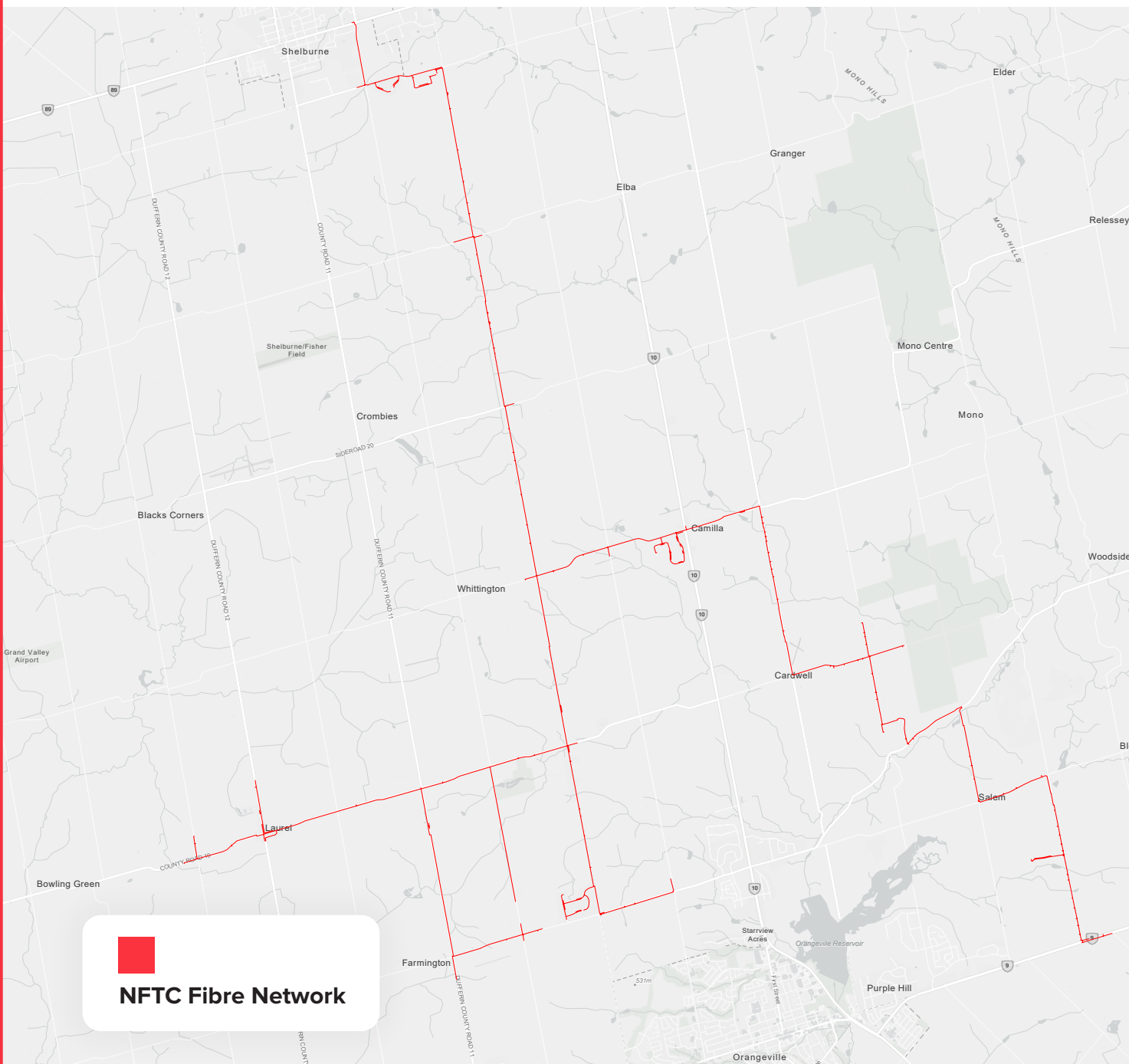
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My gun shoots Timbits

There must be an election coming up in the near future.

In fact, the politically paid advertisements starting turning up on radio several weeks before it was rumoured that the P.M. was going to call an election in an attempt to secure a majority in parliament.

Once again, the federal Liberals are using their 'gun control' thing as an attempt to convince their voters in the large urban centres to cast a vote for the red.

Fair enough – I don't blame them for that – that's what politics is all about.

This version of their 'gun control' thing however, is incorrect on many levels.

For starters, they say in the ad they are going to ban 'assault weapons.'

Here's the thing – ALL guns are assault weapons - they are designed to fire a lethal projectile at a high velocity – they aren't designed to throw donuts and toss Timbits.

The term 'assault weapon' was made up by some journalist in the U.S. Other journalists liked the sound of it and the phrase became part of the public lexicon.

Ask a military person if they use an 'assault rifle' and they will tell you they use their standard issue 'rifle.'

Many people associated the term 'assault rifle' with weapons that are designed to deliver rapid fire. Rapid, as in a 20 or 30 round magazine that will fire all of it's rounds in a matter of seconds.

I agree – we don't need those in society. But rapid fire weapons are already prohibited in Canada, and semi-automatic rifles are pinned to five rounds.

Exactly what is the government planning to ban if those weapons are already on the list?

The latest round of rifles placed on the the prohibited list include names like, AR-15, the M14, and SIG Sauer SIG MPX.

Apparently they have scary names and a scary appearance, because anyone who knows anything about firearms will tell you those models are no more dangerous than any other rifle.

The radio ad claims that 'many people feel threatened in their own community' and live in fear of gun violence.

Which community are they speaking about? I've lived in several cities and never once heard of anyone being afraid of gun violence.

If people are living in fear of gun violence, it is because they are living in one or two

communities in the country that host the gang members who flout society's laws and carry unlicensed, and illegal weapons for nefarious purposes.

There are over 2 million registered gun owner in Canada, who have upward of 20 million firearms in their possession.

A check with Statistics Canada reveals that firearm related violent crimes represent only 3 per cent of all violent crimes in the country.

According to these statistics you should be more afraid of your neighbour's baseball bat, golf club, or punching skills than his firearm.

The same statistics reveal that gang related firearm crimes have doubled since 2013.

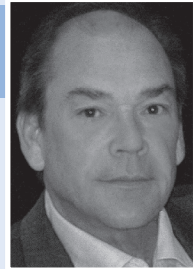
Do you see the connection here?

There was a shooting in a mall in Mississauga this past week. That incident was a disgraceful disregard for society and could have easily ended with an innocent person being killed.

The shooters of course should have their firearms license immediately suspended or revoked and at the minimum, should be charged with 'careless use of a firearm.'

Except authorities have not made an arrest and the shooters did not possess any kind of firearm license or legally own their weapons.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Humiliation Can Be Good

The footage on Monday of a giant USAF transport taking off from Kabul airport with desperate Afghans clinging to its fuselage – and then dropping off – will find a place alongside the iconic shot of Americans queueing for the last helicopter on the roof of the US embassy in Saigon in 1975.

Humiliation can be very painful, and Americans who are aware of foreign events will be feeling very hurt at the moment. It is rarely fatal even for individuals, however, and almost never for countries. They should take solace from Adam Smith's remark on the occasion of another military debacle.

The great Scottish economist and philosopher was replying to a letter from a distraught friend who feared that the British defeat in the Battle of Saratoga in 1777, which was the decisive turning point in the American Revolutionary War, meant that Britain was ruined. Smith told him not to worry: "There is a great deal of ruin in a nation."

He was right, of course. What really lay ahead for Britain was a century and a half as the world's greatest empire and its dominant economic power. There is certainly no guarantee that a similar future awaits the United States, but history is capricious and almost

all outcomes are imaginable – so panic and despair are inappropriate responses.

The Afghanistan war was a huge and long-lasting US mistake, but America's humiliation there does not significantly diminish the country's economic, military and strategic advantages (which are very great indeed). Its cultural prestige is a bit dented, but memories are short and it will soon recover.

President Joe Biden's posture, realistic but not defensive, will help the recovery. Afghanistan was a preposterous 20-year waste of money and lives, but presidents Bush and Obama both shirked the necessary decision to cut American losses and end it.

President Trump finally bit the bullet and set the deadline for withdrawal, which Biden enforced with only a slight extension. And while the humiliation of yet another American defeat is intense in the short term, it is (if you will excuse the expression) a 'learning opportunity' for the United States in the longer term.

The problem that has led to repeated US military fiascos like Vietnam, Iraq and Afghanistan, in the view of Dr George Friedman, founder of Stratfor and later of 'Geopolitical Futures', is that the United States has become addicted to what he calls 'non-strategic wars'.

Or 'wars of choice', in the common usage.

The first use of that phrase was by Israel's then prime minister, Menachem Begin, about the invasion of Lebanon in 1982. I was in Israel for that war, and Begin sounded proud, almost arrogant, as he contrasted it with the wars of 'no alternative'(1948, 1973) when Israel fought to defend its vital interests or its very existence.

His arrogance came from the fact that by the 1980s Israel was the Middle East's dwarf superpower, no longer seriously vulnerable to attack and free to make punitive attacks on its neighbours whenever it felt like it. There were dead Syrian tanks all over the Bekaa valley but hardly any Israeli ones, and the kill ratio in the air was 86-0 for the Israelis.

The United States is still cautious when there is a risk of war with another great power. However, it has been so dominant militarily for so long that wars with lesser powers are seen as an option to be exercised or not according to the political fashion or even the moral mood of the moment.

Hence Vietnam (anti-Communist paranoia and the 'domino theory'); Grenada and Panama (old-fashioned imperialism); Serbia and Kosovo (moral mood); Afghanistan (panic about terrorism plus moral mood);

and Iraq (broad-spectrum ignorance). Plus a dozen lesser military interventions from the Bay of Pigs to Libya.

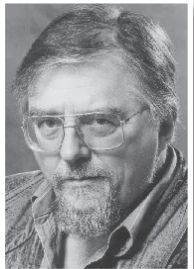
I have omitted the Korean War and Gulf War of 1991 because both were fought to defend a world order beneficial to the United States. All the rest, however, were wars of choice: winning or losing them meant nothing in terms of the vital strategic interests of the United States. The US won some of the little ones, but lost all the bigger ones.

The United States has fallen into the habit of frittering its strength away in non-strategic wars against countries that do not really threaten it. This ultimately undermines American power, and in the country's own interest (as well as the world's) it should change its ways.

The humiliation in Afghanistan is a chance for Americans to reconsider their country's behaviour. As Rudyard King wrote at the end of the second Boer War in 1901, "We have had no end of a lesson: it will do us no end of good."

Of course, the British didn't really change their ways. Old habits die hard.

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Impaired driver in Shelburne arrested Saturday morning

On Saturday, August 7, 2021, the Dufferin OPP Detachment charged a driver with impaired operation following a complaint from the public.

At approximately, 10:30 a.m., members of the Dufferin OPP responded to a traffic complaint of an impaired driver on Main Street West in Shelburne.

The officer located the suspect vehicle and conducted a traffic stop, which led to an

impaired operation investigation.

As a result of the investigation, Graham FULCHER, 36, of Huron-Kinloss Township, has been charged with:

- Operation while impaired - blood alcohol concentration (80 plus)
- Drive vehicle with open container of liquor
- Fail to notify change of address

The accused is expected to appear at the

Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville on October 12, 2021 to answer to the charges.

The driver's license of the accused party has been suspended for 90 days and the involved vehicle was impounded for seven days.

By calling 911 and reporting suspected impaired drivers to police, all Ontarians can play a role in keeping our roads and waterways safe and in reducing impaired driving crashes, deaths and injuries.

Dufferin OPP lay charges in sexual assault investigation

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP), have laid charges in connection to a sexual assault investigation that occurred at a business in Orangeville.

The accused is the owner of the business and the victim is a client.

As a result of the investigation, Bhupinder YOGI, 59-years-old, of Brampton has been charged with two counts of sexual assault.

The accused was released, and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Orangeville at a future date in September of this year (2021).

Police are requesting anyone who may have additional information or believes that they were a victim of a similar circumstance to contact the Dufferin OPP

at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Members of the Dufferin OPP Crime Unit work with victims to encourage reporting of serious crimes.

Victim impact and understanding is a primary goal when investigating a crime against a person.

Officers are committed to assisting victims during what is often the worst experience of their lives, providing support throughout criminal investigations and pending court proceedings.

If you wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.



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EXCAVATOR: A Kubota excavator was stolen from a property on 15th Sideroad in Amaranth

Theft of excavator under investigation

On Monday, August 9, 2021, the Dufferin OPP Detachment responded to a reported theft of a Kubota excavator that occurred from an address on 15th Sideroad in Amaranth.

The complainant indicated that the excavator was stolen from a construction site sometime between Sunday, August 8 and Monday, August 9, 2021.

Excavator description: Kubota RX 503, teal in colour.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding this theft is asked to contact Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122 or Crime Stoppers to remain anonymous at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Motorcycle collision in Melancthon Township currently under investigation

Members of the Dufferin Detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) are investigating a serious two-vehicle collision in Melancthon Township that resulted in serious injuries.

On August 15, 2021, at approximately 5:27 p.m., Dufferin OPP officers, along with Dufferin County EMS, responded to a two-vehicle collision involving a motorcycle and pickup truck in the intersection of County Road 124 and Sideroad 30.

As a result of the collision, the driver of the motorcycle sustained serious, but non-life-threatening injuries and was airlifted by Air Ornge to a trauma centre.

The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.

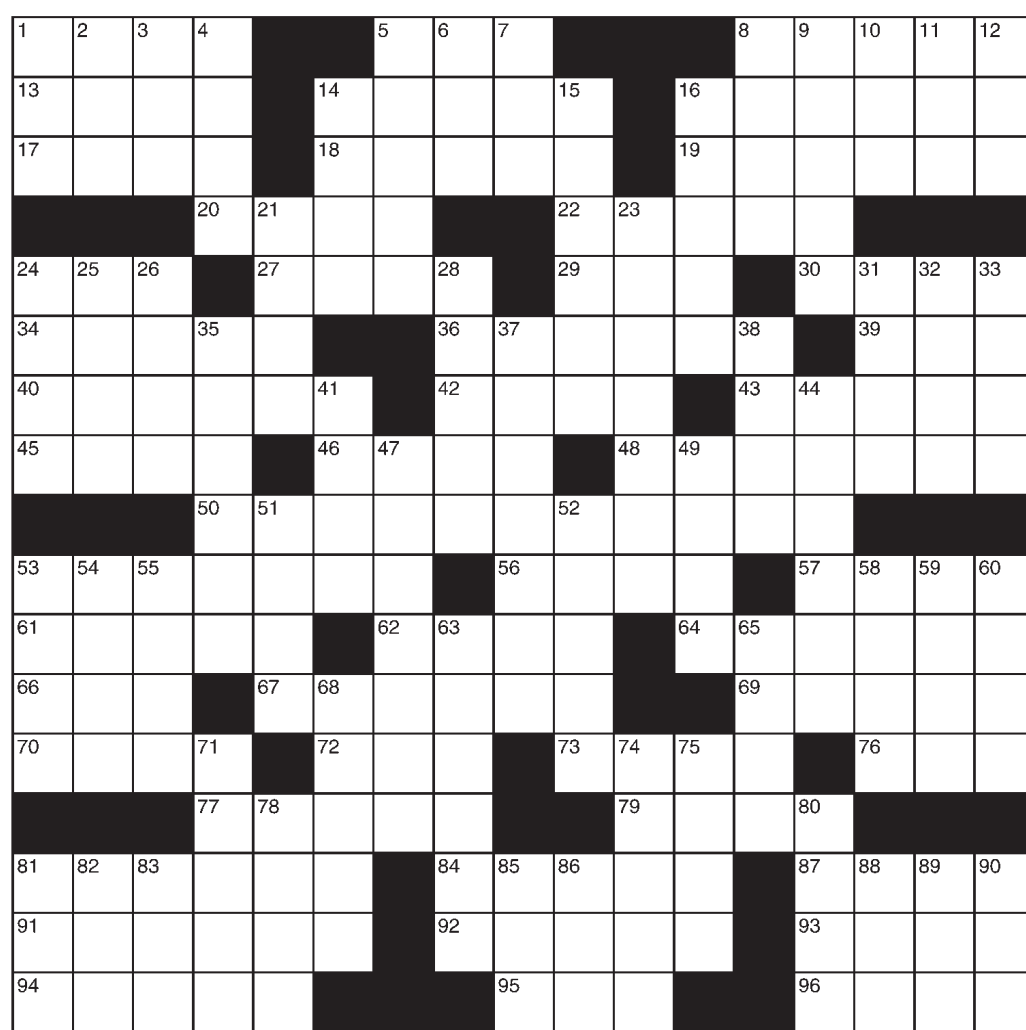
If you had witnessed the collision and wish to speak to victim services, Caledon/Dufferin Victim Services can be reached at 905-951-3838.

Road safety is a shared responsibility. Motorists are reminded to drive cautiously and stay vigilant for vulnerable road users, such as motorcyclists, at all times.

Motorcyclists are reminded to stay alert and remain visible to other drivers on the road. Learn more about motorcycle safety at: <http://www.mto.gov.on.ca/english/safety/motorcycle-safety.shtml>

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- 10. Boat rower
- 11. Dried fruit
- 12. Cook in lard
- 14. Lose traction
- 15. Certain parallelograms
- 16. Ways and ____
- 21. Julep flavor
- 23. Female fortune-teller
- 24. Maiden
- 25. Buddy
- 26. Bearing
- 28. Less risky
- 31. Southern vegetable
- 32. Beneficiary
- 33. Titled woman
- 35. 32-card game
- 37. Boo-boo cover
- 38. Gratify
- 41. A road's scholar?
- 44. Turn sour
- 47. Ex-soldier
- 49. Sandal or sabot
- 51. Affected manner
- 52. "____ Came Jones"
- 53. Join together
- 54. Skin blemishes
- 55. Those persons
- 58. Solemn promise
- 59. ____ hydrant
- 60. "____ Russia With Love"
- 63. Jamaican music
- 65. Rocky hill
- 68. Unlawful act
- 71. Skedaddle
- 74. Row
- 75. Not on schedule
- 78. Silver, in alchemy
- 80. Mass calendar
- 81. Sine ____ non
- 82. Large coffeepot
- 83. Japanese sash
- 85. Rug cleaner, for short
- 86. Epoch
- 88. Intention
- 89. ____ Lanka
- 90. Apple polisher

ACROSS

- 1. Pedestal part
- 5. Grabbed a chair
- 8. Jeer
- 13. Skating maneuver
- 14. Fantastic!
- 16. Angora fabric
- 17. Banana cover
- 18. Sailing vessel
- 19. Strength
- 20. In a group of
- 22. Missouri feeder
- 24. Flight
- 27. Roman date
- 29. Tom, Dick, and Harry
- 30. Eye cosmetic
- 34. Foreign-born resident
- 36. Convent position
- 39. New Zealand parrot
- 40. Detective

DOWN

- 42. So-so
- 43. Caustic
- 45. Harmony
- 46. Baker's necessity
- 48. Inlet
- 50. Clothing retailer
- 53. Devoted citizen
- 56. Part of a.k.a.
- 57. Take off
- 61. Earth pigment
- 62. Therefore
- 64. Filled pastry
- 66. "____ of These Nights"
- 67. Sieve
- 69. Of an earlier time
- 70. Romanian coins
- 72. Dustcloth
- 73. Festival
- 76. Fringe
- 77. Hold fast
- 79. "Aladdin" bird

ACROSS

- 81. Minimum attendance needed
- 84. Halt, to a salt
- 87. Abrade
- 91. Suave and debonair
- 92. Bald ____
- 93. Disastrous
- 94. Soul
- 95. Average mark
- 96. Neglect

DOWN

- 1. Dip suddenly into water
- 2. Hewing tool
- 3. Low grade
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Tangs' Kitchen closes down Shelburne location

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Tangs' Kitchen closed their doors for the last time in Shelburne on Sunday (Aug. 15), after five years of serving the community.

The local restaurant officially announced their permanent closing in a Facebook post on Aug. 11.

"After much thoughtful consideration, we regretfully announce that Tangs' Kitchen Shelburne will be serving its last customers," wrote the Tang family.

Tang's Kitchen, formerly located at 120 Owen Sound Street in Shelburne, was opened by siblings Susan, Florence, Simon, and Ricky Tang in 2016. A Chinese cuisine restaurant, Tangs' Kitchen served a variety of the sibling's favourite Asian dishes on the menu including stir fry, noodles, fried rice, and spring rolls.

Susan Tang, speaking with the Free Press, said the siblings chose to open their family operated restaurant in the community after passing through the Town several times during trips from their home in Owen Sound to Toronto. It was during these trips that she says they found their love for the community.

"We came here, and we felt good. We really liked the Town so we chose to open our restaurant," said Tang.



PAULA BROWN PHOTO

LOCAL CLOSURE: Tangs' Kitchen, formerly located at 120 Owen Sound Street in Shelburne, closed their doors for the final time on Aug. 15, after five years in business. The local restaurant permanently closed following struggles related to COVID-19 and staffing.

Like many restaurants, Tangs' Kitchen has struggled financially throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. With three locations in Shelburne, Collingwood, and Port Elgin, the family found themselves closing the Shelburne and Collingwood restaurants numerous times and in early

December announced the closing of their Collingwood restaurant. While facing setbacks from COVID-19, Tang said the restaurant has also faced struggles with staffing trained cooks.

"We have special skills in the wok, it's not easy to learn, so we interviewed some peo-

ple but they weren't to our level of expertise. We want to keep our standard," said Tang.

After months of struggling both due to COVID-19 and staffing, the siblings made the decisions earlier this month to permanently close the restaurant.

"It was a very hard decision to me, we're very upset and sorry we can't serve the community. We like it here, and that's why we tried to come back to open and hire someone many times, but we can't stay open," said Tang.

With the family announcing their closing, many community members shared their sadness at seeing the restaurant go.

"Your restaurant and fabulous food will be missed by our wee town. Sorry to hear about the closing," wrote one commenter on Tangs' Kitchen's Facebook post that announced their closing.

"I am sorry to hear this. This will be a big loss to the Town," wrote another commenter.

Despite their restaurant leaving the community, Tang said the Shelburne community has meant a lot to both her and her family.

"We really appreciate everybody who came here and supported us. The local people have been so kind, patient, and really understanding and Shelburne has been a very special place," said Tang.

Tangs' Kitchen will continue to serve their meals in Port Elgin.

Justin Trudeau calls federal election for Sept. 20

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Canadians are heading to the polls for a federal election in a few short weeks.

Liberal Leader and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau met with Gov. Gen. Mary Simon on Sunday (Aug. 15), where his request to dissolve Parliament was approved, and Canada's 44th federal election officially began, with the vote scheduled for Sept. 20.

Party candidates will have 36 days to campaign – the minimum number of days permitted by law.

Here are the candidates for the Dufferin-Caledon riding:

Conservatives: Kyle Seeback

Seeback is the current MP of the Dufferin Caledon riding. Seeback who was previously the MP for the Brampton West riding from 2011 until 2015, won the Dufferin-Caledon seat in the 2019 federal election with 42 percent of the vote. Seeback's campaign priorities for re-election include job security, toughening

accountability and transparency laws, mental health, securing Canada from future pandemics, and economic recovery.

Dufferin-Caledon has been a Conservative riding since 2004, when the seat was won by David Tilson.

For more information on Seeback's campaign,

go to www.kyleseeback.com or contact him through email (kyle@kyleseeback.com), or phone at 1-833-KYLE4MP.

Liberals: Lisa Post

A native of the Orangeville community, Lisa Post was elected to Orangeville Town Council in 2018. Post currently sits as chair on the Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee, the Cultural Plan Task Force, and the Equity, Diversity and Inclusion Committee and is also a founding organizer of Dufferin County's first Pride Festival, Celebrate Your Awesome.

Post, in December of 2020 submitted her paperwork seeking Dufferin-Caledon MP candidacy, and was selected as the Liberal candidate for Dufferin-Caledon in April.

Post's campaign priorities include economic recovery, rural broadband, environmental sustainability, and diversity and inclusion.

For information on Post's campaign, go to www.lisapost.ca or contact her at lisa@lisapost.ca.

Green Party: Jenni Le Forestier

Jenni Le Forestier, a resident of Belfountain who operates the Belfountain Cottage Music, was announced as the Green Party candidate

in July. Le Forestier's campaign priorities including addressing the growing climate crisis, human-health and economic security, and growth in new jobs in the green economy. Some of the key issues she's hoping to combat if elected is stopping the proposed GTA West Corridor (Highway 413) and addressing aggregate issues, where gravel is being extracted below the water table.

Creating stronger protections for the environment is another area of focus for Le Forestier.

For more information on Le Forestier's campaign, go to www.dcgreens.ca or contact her at jenni.leforestier@gpc.ca.

NDP:

At the time of print, the NDP has yet to announce their selected candidate for the Dufferin-Caledon riding.

Community members can vote in the 2021 federal election on the day of or through other avenues including advance polling (Sept. 10-13), Elections Canada office (until Sept. 14), and mail-in ballot.

The election will be held on Sept. 20.



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Hospice Dufferin opens up nominations for Palliative Care Award

Nominations are now open, to recognize an outstanding healthcare professional who provides exemplary compassionate, person-centered care in palliative care in Dufferin County.

The Hospice Palliative Care Award was first presented in 2003, but was retired in 2014.

However, in 2019, Hospice Dufferin Board Directors decided to reinstate the excellence award.

“Because of Covid our healthcare professionals, especially those working in palliative care do so much to improve the lives of others. For this reason, their accomplishments need to be recognized.” Maureen Riedler Executive Director said.

“ We look forward to learning the stories of those in our community who do the work that is so vital at end of life.

—Maureen Riedler



Nominees of the award can include: physicians, nurses, personal support workers from community, hospital, retirement and long term care facilities. Nominations can be submitted by anyone including patients, patient’s families, and peers.

There are two parts to the Nomination Package, which includes a nomination letter and a nomination form. The nomination letter should be no longer than two pages in length. It should clearly articulate why the nominee merits the award, and should

be supported with real-life examples, or patient stories, quotes and/or testimonials.

“We look forward to learning the stories of those in our community who do the work that is so vital at end of life.” Riedler said. “These nominees demonstrate leadership, improve patients and families experiences and go above and beyond the expectations and responsibilities of their health professional, just to name a few criteria.”

The deadline for submissions is September 1, 2021, and more information about the nomination criteria and award can be found on the website.

For more information please visit our website www.hospicedufferin.com or contact Maureen Riedler at mrriedler@hospicedufferin.com.

Continued from FRONT

First ever men’s homeless shelter opens in Dufferin

He told the Free Press he’s hopeful the County of Dufferin, which receives approximately \$15 million a year from Orangeville, will be able to find the money in their budget to make the local men’s shelter permanent.

He added that creating the men’s shelter and showing the demand for it locally is more likely to convince the County to fund the project, rather than coming forward and discussing how it would work in theory.

“I’m not one for sitting around talking, I’m more of a field of dreams person. If I see something – let’s just get it done,” he remarked. “I find with a lot of things, especially when you’re asking, say, the County for money, they need to see something.”

After meeting with Orangeville Council’s Men’s Homelessness Committee early last week, Narine said they were very happy to see that something’s been set up and feel a lot further ahead on the issue now.

Orangeville Mayor Sandy Brown, who got the ball rolling on starting the committee in late April, said the funding of Choices’ men’s shelter could be sourced by both the Town of Orangeville and hopefully the County of Dufferin to create a permanent facility.

Mayor Brown told the Free Press other municipalities like Orillia have been able to secure funding from the provincial and federal government for their homeless shelter and Orangeville should try to follow along that path. The University of Guelph

is currently doing a needs assessment regarding homelessness in the region, which will be helpful with grant applications.

“I’m very confident that we’ll be able to pull the same kind of purse strings that other cities have and get the necessary resources to solve this problem, once and for all,” Mayor Brown remarked.

However, he noted that the tight timeline of having to secure long term funding by the end of next month in time for the resigning of the leases at Choices’ two facilities could be a challenge.

“That is awfully short notice. We’re six weeks away from that, but stranger things have happened so let’s hope we can pull something off,” said Mayor Brown.

He noted that he’ll be speaking with fellow Town Councillors and County Councillors this week about securing funding for the men’s shelter.

“I think there’s some sympathetic councillors out there that would support steering some money into this, and that’s my hope. That’s the short-term goal, get some funding in place,” Mayor Brown told the Free Press.

In addition to government funding, Narine noted that fundraising is going to be essential to make the shelter successful.

“We definitely need a lot of help and this is a community project. We’re doing this for the community and if the community doesn’t stand behind us in this – it will fail,” he said.

In speaking with Narine, he noted that an important distinction between Choices’ men’s shelter and ones in the GTA is the level of security and safety for its patrons.

“Right now, a lot of the GTA shelters are dangerous and a lot of homeless men don’t even want to go to them,” he said. “They feel safer on the streets.”

Most shelters in the GTA operate with all of the beds together in one communal area, so issues of theft and disagreements among patrons leading to violence aren’t uncommon.

Choices’ men’s shelter operates much differently, as everyone staying there has their own room and privacy. Men accessing the shelter can also get assistance with finding a job or proper rehabilitation for addiction and mental health issues.

“Choices itself, with the youth, has a very good track record and I want to take that same model and pass that along to men,” noted Narine.

“At the end of the day, I’d hate to see one of the GTA shelters set up here and that’s just because they don’t give the men what they really need and it doesn’t actually solve the problem. It just creates a bigger problem.”

While many of those who struggle with homelessness are also battling drug addiction and mental health issues, Narine said it’s important to note that there’s a growing number of people being pushed out of their homes due to the pandemic.

“Lately, since COVID started, I’ve been noticing a lot of the issues we’re running into is just COVID related,” Narine said. “There’s a lot of people that are making decent money and they’re struggling to get by. That’s a common story I’ve been hearing a lot lately.”

Having almost been homeless himself many years ago when he was in his 20s, Narine said he has a passion for helping people who are unhoused.

“I feel like everybody’s just one decision away from being homeless,” he remarked.

Going forward, Choices is in need of donations from the community to assist in the operation of its men’s shelter. Donations of food, clothing, furniture, toiletries, and basic necessities can be dropped off to 59 Townline, which is also Choices’ intake site for those looking to access their services.

Narine said he’s seen an uptick in donations since announcing the opening of the men’s shelter last week and is very grateful for all of the community’s support so far.

Once restrictions surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic ease, the organization will be looking for volunteers.

To learn more about Choices’ visit their website: <https://sites.google.com/choicesyouthshelter.info/choices-youthshelter> or call 519-940-5687.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Senior Cubs secure spot in North Dufferin Baseball League playoffs

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Mansfield Senior Cubs have secured a berth in the North Dufferin Baseball League playoffs.

The Cubs went up a notch in the standings to sixth place after a 12-2 win over the Bolton Dodgers in Mansfield on Sunday, August 15.

Only the top eight teams in the league will go to the playoffs which are scheduled to get underway after the labour day weekend (September 6).

Sunday's game against Bolton got off to a good start for the Cubs when they brought in eight runs in the first inning.

From there they kept the bats moving and had success throughout the entire game.

Eric Jones started off on the mound for the Cubs.

The Cubs blew the game wide open in the fourth inning when Tyler Greer hit a three-run home run and knocked the ball deep into the trees behind the centre field fence.

It was a short game. After bringing in another run in the fifth inning, the game was called due to the league mercy rule which calls for a game to be called when there are

12 runs scored with a large score gap.

The team is looking good this season and taking direction from the coaches who are determined to see the squad succeed.

"The boys are starting to listen and they're starting to hit the ball square," said coach Roger Maes of the team's early game success. "They're starting to get what I'm throwing down. We've got one game left against the Bolton Brewers. We're going to be a lot better next year - we got some juniors coming up. For that last game we're going to play everybody. Everybody's going to get in who haven't been getting in. We'll have one batting practice before we start the playoffs. Whoever we go up against in the playoffs, they're going to get everything we've got - that's for sure. The boys aren't quitting, they're not quitters."

After the weekend, the New Lowell Knights were leading the pack in the standings followed by the Bolton Brewers. The Barrie Angels were in third place and the Ivy Leafs in the number four spot.

The Creemore Padres are one spot ahead of the Cubs in fifth place.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

RUNNING THE BASES: The Mansfield Senior Cubs will be going to the North Dufferin Baseball League playoffs. The team is currently in the number six spot in the standings. The top eight teams advance to the League playoffs scheduled to take place after the Labour Day weekend. The Cubs left the diamond with a 12-2 win over the Bolton Dodgers on Sunday, August 15, at the diamond in Mansfield.

Mansfield Junior Cubs squeezed

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Mansfield Junior Cubs took a loss in their final game of the season against the Creemore Padres when the Creemore squad got the bats moving late in the game, pushing them ahead by a single run.

Two losses in a row dropped the Cubs from a playoff berth leaving them in the number five spot in the standings. The top four teams will advance to the playoffs.

Matthew Haire started on the mound for the Cubs in the Thursday, August 12, game on the diamond in Mansfield.

The Cubs opened the scoring in the first inning when Matthew Hair singled then made it to third on stolen bases.

He scored when Brett Legault hit to bring in the run.

The Cubs were up 2-0 in the second inning when Brodie Hunter started things off with a single.

A walk put men on first and second base and an error by the Creemore team

allowed for another Mansfield run.

A Padres base runner tried for home in the third period but got caught in the middle and was tagged for the out to end that inning.

Creemore loaded the bases in the fourth inning but couldn't finish.

Mansfield's Aaron Dempsey took a walk in the fourth inning when he was beamed off the head by a high pitch to put men on first and second bases.

Zac Piechocinski made a sacrifice bunt to advance runners to second and third.

The Cubs were up 3-0 when Cam Green hit to right field to bring in the run.

The lead evaporated in the later innings when the Padres starting scoring and took over the lead to leave the field with a 6-5 win.

The NDBL Junior division will go into a playoff tournament style series on August 20, 21, and 22 to determine the season champion.

Caledon, Creemore, Georgina, and Midland, have all made the playoffs and will enter the tournament.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

SLIDING IN: The Mansfield Junior Cubs play their final game of the season against the Creemore Padres on the diamond in Mansfield on Thursday, August 12. The Cubs took an early lead but a late

Shelburne Cricket Club summer series tied after four games

Written By Brian Lockhart

The Shelburne Cricket Club continues to play a best-of-seven championship series through the summer.

After four games the series is tied at 2-2 with both the Gladiators and Knights coming out on top in matches to make for an exciting series as the battle to reach four games to win the series intensifies.

Game four of the series took place on Sunday, August 15, at KTH Park, and ended with a comfortable win by the Knights.

Batting first, the Gladiators bowled out for 82 off 16.5 overs with Samir Patel to-scoring with 22, Marlon Robinson with 16, and Muhammad Nasi contributing 9.

For the Knights, Rick Ramchand, Denton Barracks, and Hisaan Siddiqui shared three wickets each with Asad Nasir taking the other

wicket to fall.

In their turn at batting, the Knights knocked off the required 83 for the loss of six wickets off 14.3 overs with extras t-scoring and 22 followed by Tabish Taufiqiwh 14, Rick Ramchand with 13 retired out, and Vikas Vig with 10.

For the Gladiators, Weylin Kapp took two wickets for 14 while Ahsen Siddiqui, Muhammad Jamal, and Samir Patel with one each.

The series will continue to determine the Shelburne champion.



SWINGING FOR THE FENCES: Shelburne Gladiator's Adyaan Siddiqui, takes the bat, against Knight's bowler, Rick Ramchand, during the Sunday, August 15, game in the Shelburne Cricket Club championship series at KTH Park in Shelburne. The Knights took the win to make it a 2-2 series.

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COVID-19 vaccine mandatory to attend Georgian College campuses

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



Students and staff who will be attending programming at the Georgian College Orangeville campus this fall will be required to have a full COVID-19 vaccination.

Georgian College announced in a press release last Friday (Aug. 13) that they would be making the COVID-19 vaccine a mandatory requirement for all staff and students to access any of the college's campuses by Sept. 7. The college noted that the decision was made as they continue to work closely with local public health authorities.

"This announcement was after very careful consideration," said Brenda Burman, manager of the Orangeville campus. "There are two critical areas that we have been working with."

The two factors the college has been focused on including the lower vaccination rates of the college's population demographic, mainly comprised of 18 to 29 year-olds, and variants of concern such as the Delta variant.

"Our focus of course, is ensuring the least amount of interruptions to academic

programming," said Burman.

Georgian College President, Dr. MaryLynn West-Moynes, in the press release on Friday said the health and safety of students and staff has driven the school's decision throughout the pandemic and that this decision on vaccines is no different.

"We know widespread vaccination is our best strategy to a safe and more rapid return to on-campus life and I'm committed to doing everything we can to make that return a reality for our students and employees," said West-Moynes.

"As an academic institution, we also understand our role and responsibility

for the greater good and our commitment to protecting the health and safety of the communities we are so fortunate to be a part of and cherish."

Burman said that across Georgian College campuses about 35 per cent of students registered have an in-person requirement for the fall semester. In Orangeville this would be students in health, wellness, and science that have an in-person lab requirement.

At the time of print, while enrollment for the fall semester is still being finalized, approximately 60 to 70 students and 20 to 25 employees are expected to attend

in-person at the Orangeville campus.

In order to work or study at any Georgian campus or affiliated facility, students and staff will be required to have a minimum of their first dose of a two-dose Health Canada or World Health Organization (WHO) approved vaccine before attending on Sept. 7. A second dose or full vaccination, will be required by Oct. 18.

"Students need time to make a decision about attending school in the fall with this announcement," said Burman.

Georgian College will have a process to grant accommodation to individuals who cannot be vaccinated on medical ground or other grounds recognized by the Ontario Human Rights Code.

The college said more details on their full vaccination policy, how it will apply to campus visitors and the exemptions process will be announced and made available on their website in the coming weeks.

For more information on required vaccination on campus, and for updates in the coming weeks, visit Georgian College's website at www.georgiancollege.ca.

Shelburne Public Library shares weekly updates, new books

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Teen Scene

After a lengthy winning streak, our luck finally ran out! The Tweens beat us in last

week's reading competition and resulted in Sarah (who graciously stepped in for Jade) being pelted by water balloons! Keep up your great reading efforts so we can beat the tweens again! Additionally, Teen programming will remain virtual for the month of September. You can register by emailing jwyse@shelburnelibrary.ca

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Kin Club moving forward with Road Toll fundraiser for Sept. 18

Written By Sam Odrowski

Orangeville Council unanimously approved a bylaw to authorize a road closure on Sept. 18 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. for the Kin Club of Orangeville's Road Toll fundraiser.

Kin Club members will be out at the corner of Third and Fourth Street where they will have a bucket, requesting spare change in support of Cystic Fibrosis.

The organization has been in contact with the local Public Health Unit and all COVID-19 protocols will be adhered to.

In the past anywhere between \$4,000 and \$6,000 is typically raised through the event.

Angela Lockhurst, president of the Orangeville Kin Club, presented to Council on the topic and noted that they're hoping to have Dufferin Emergency Search and Rescue participate in the fundraiser on Sept. 18 as well.

Coun. Joe Andrews noted that this shouldn't be a problem.

"Through my connection with the Search and Rescue organization that is now under the County leadership, I know that they would be enthused to participate," he said.

If this moves forward, the money will be split between the Kin Club, Cystic Fibrosis, and Search and Rescue.

Meanwhile, \$2,500 through the Community Grant program at the Town of Orangeville is being given to the Kin Club to assist with this year's Santa Claus Parade.

Last year the event was cancelled and a holiday lights display was set up downtown instead.

The \$2,500 in funding for the Kin Club will be used to reduce entrance fees for the 2021 Santa Claus Parade.

In a report from Town staff, it noted the Kin Club of Orangeville would like to help the community to participate in this year's parade by reducing the financial barriers which were felt by many during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"I think this extra \$2,500 to the Kin club to hopefully bring Santa Claus back to town on our lovely streets of Broadway and all be able to gather again safely is well worth every penny," said Coun. Debbie Sherwood.

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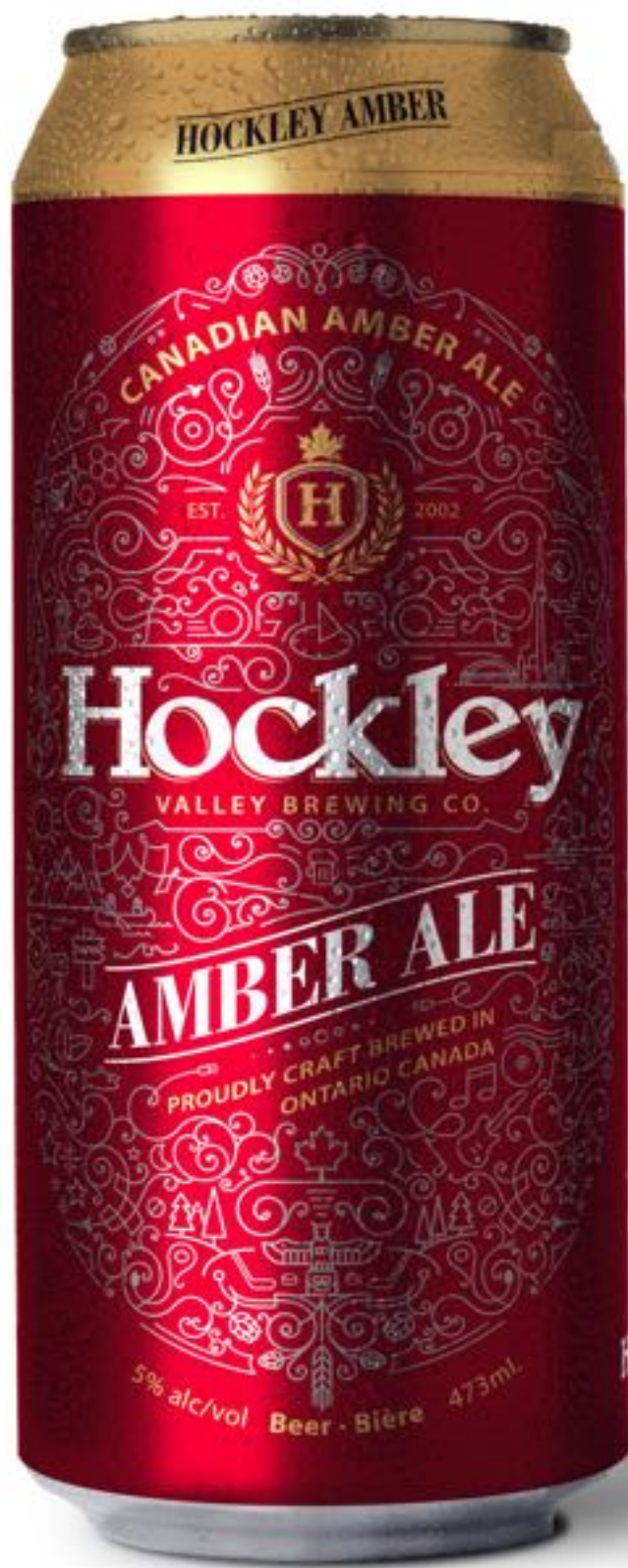
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