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ORANGE SHIRT DAY WALK: LEEANNE STEVENS, from the Chippewas of Nawash Unceded First Nation, walked with Mayor Wade Mills, Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson and Coun. Shane Hall during Shelburne's Orange Shirt Day Walk on Oct. 2. Community members, leaders, and participants in Shelburne's Orange Shirt Day took a moment at Jack Downing Park, where, the Every Child Matters was raised to honour survivors and missing children of the residential school system.

Community gathers for Orange Shirt Day Walk

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne residents' clad in orange t-shirts gathered on Saturday (Oct. 2) to take part in a local Orange Shirt Day Walk in honour of residential school survivors, and missing Indigenous children.

The remembrance walk started at Greenwood Park and lead towards Jack Downing Park, where the Every Child Matters flag was raised in recognition of the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Dewe'ig-enkwewuk, a drumming circle of Indigenous women ages 5 to 60, began the walk with traditional drumming and sharing community songs.

"Drumming represents the heartbeat of Mother Earth, it connects us to our ancestors," said Nicole Reynolds. "It's important to me, drumming during the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation, because my ancestors and my great grandfather, who went to residential school, was told his songs and his language were wrong. The fact that we're here today able to drum our songs and speak to our ancestors in this way, is one small step in honouring what was lost."

Mskwaasin Agnew, an Indigenous activist who lives in Brampton, led a smudging ceremony and shared the intergenerational trauma and impacts of Canada's residential school system on her family.

From Salt River First Nation, in the Northwest Territories, Agnew's grandfather attended residential school and her father

was part of the '60s Scoop. Angew shared that because of the trauma they experienced in the system, they developed a relationship with alcoholism, which she too inherited.

"As a young woman, I didn't have connection to my teaching, and I noticed I was a little different than some of the rest of my family - how come I didn't have this connection to the land, to the earth; my spirit was missing," said Angew.

Angew, at the age of 15, visited a friendship centre where she said she was able to form a connection with her culture and after 10 years received her Indigenous name, Mskwaasinkwe - Red Stone Woman.

"I have these experiences where I meet a lot of people who are also the children of residential school survivors, and they all have the same stories; we're all still looking for language" said Angew. "You'll talk to people here, they'll tell you the same thing - every single Indigenous person has been affected by residential schools, every single one."

Speaking to the Free Press about walking in the Shelburne Orange Shirt Day Walk, Angew said, "I'm for these children and babies who never came home, and the ones who survived. I'm walking for my grandfather, I'm walking for my father, and I'll be walking for all those children who are still in foster care to this day, in what we call the Millennium Scoop."

Charlene Jones, who is Ojibwe and a member of the Chippewas of Nawash First Nation, recalled being taken during the '60s Scoop, and watching her family being

thrown into vehicles by the RCMP.

"It's nice to see that you're all walking for this truth and reconciliation. There's lots of healing that everybody has to do, we all have to realize that we all are relations," said Jones.

Alongside conversations of recognition to the experiences of survivors and those facing intergenerational trauma, attendees of the Shelburne Orange Shirt Walk also spoke of the role of allies.

Eghenariore Omoghan, attended Shelburne's Orange Shirt Day Walk on Saturday in support of her friend, who moved to Shelburne in early 2020.

"I see her go through the struggle of trying to be proud of her identity and her culture without the backlash, and everyday she's becoming stronger. This day of reconciliation, it's a good step in the right direction. More needs to be done, but for moments like this where my friend is happy and surrounded by her culture with her family, it makes me honoured to have a small role in it," said Omoghan.

Mayor Wade Mills concluded the Orange Shirt Day Walk, with closing remarks about the actions and roles Canadians and Shelburne community members have towards reconciliation.

"Each of us, regardless of position or standing, regardless of background or heritage or blood - each of us has a vital role, an inescapable role in our national efforts toward reconciliation."

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Town celebrates opening of Community Garden

Written By Paula Brown
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

While seeds took root and fresh produce grew all summer, the Town of Shelburne was officially able to celebrate the opening of the Shelburne Community Garden last week.

Town leaders, staff, and donors gathered at Fiddle Park in Shelburne last Thursday (Sept. 30) to mark the opening of the local community garden with a ceremonial ribbon cutting.

“For staff this is definitely a remarkable achievement. We started with the design idea and to see all the garden full of life is amazing,” said Carol Maitland, Shelburne’s economic development and marketing coordinator. “We’ve had a lot of positive feedback from the community with not only the fact that the garden has been incredibly successful, with every garden bed being used, but also it being a place for people to just relax and visit.”

The Shelburne Community Garden has been in the works for around two years, with construction breaking ground in September of 2020 and completing in April. First, developed as a way to address food insecurity in the community following the release of a study commissioned by Dufferin County and Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health, the garden has also become a safe and healthy space for community members to socialize.



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GARDEN GRAND OPENING: The Town of Shelburne celebrated the opening of the Shelburne Community Garden at Fiddle Park last Thursday (Sept. 30). Pictured right to left is Gary Shuchat, Kyle Brown, Joe Medeiros, Carol Maitland, Mayor Wade Mills, Ed Crewson, Denyse Morrissey, with Public Works staff Brad McDonald, Bernie Karsch and Tim Leighton.

The Shelburne Community Garden is located at the north-eastern section of Fiddle Park. Nestled on two acres of green space, the garden occupies approximately 1.05 acres.

The garden includes 12 garden beds, eight raised beds, two wheelchair accessible beds, a utility shed, covered pavilion and relaxation/meditation gardens.

Shelburne Community Garden is also surrounded by a cluster of apple, plum, and pear trees as well as wildflowers to encourage pollinator populations.

Maitland said when the fruit trees begin fully producing they will be open to all to pick from.

“It’s just a remarkable gather place and I think that’s the biggest comment I’ve heard

from people – is just how beautiful and amazing a place it is,” said Maitland.

The cost of building the community garden was around \$28,000, with corporate donations and community partners helping cover the cost.

The price of using a gardening bed for a full year ranges between \$10 to \$40 depending on the beds size and what you are getting. Maitland said the pricing falls in line with what other community gardens are charging, but also added that they looked at making sure the garden was affordable and accessible to as many people as possible.

One user of the community garden, Maitland noted, has been to the local food bank, Shepherd’s Cupboard.

“The food bank had two fairly large beds and they grew a substantial amount of food for members that are using their services,” said Maitland.

Future plans for the growth of the Shelburne Community Garden are already in the works, but most of the expansion will be focused on outside of the garden.

Maitland said they’ll be working on expanding the wildflower garden to benefit insects and pollinators as well installing houses for swallows and bats.

“We want to improve the environment for beneficial insects, pollinators and wildlife for 2022,” said Maitland.

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Community gathers for local Orange Shirt Day Walk

“Canadians of all backgrounds and origins need to stand shoulder to shoulder committed to walking the path of reconciliation together. This is the journey, to which we must all commit; a journey that may be long, one that may not always be straight or easy. One that will almost certainly include, still yet unforeseen challenges and pitfalls, but a journey nonetheless, which must be undertaken and a journey which can only be finished together.”

Jonathan Lemoine, a member of the Indigenous community in Shelburne, spoke about the local support during Orange Shirt Day and the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

“When you move from the city to a smaller town, you’re not expecting to see that kind of solidarity and people thinking about different communities within the community.

It’s moving even just to have the town do this kind of work toward truth and reconciliation,” said Lemoine. “A lot of people think that Indigenous people only live on reserves up north, but we’re in every community so when smaller communities do this kind of work it’s important.”

Lemoine added that community ally ship can start by reading the 94 calls to action laid out in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.

“I promise you that there’s something in there that will speak to every individual, one of those 94 calls to action will relate somehow, to somebody. It’s not just organizations and government that need to do that work, it’s everybody.”

For immediate assistance, the National Indian Residential School Crisis Line is available 24/7 at 1-866-925-4419.



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MOTHER DAUGHTER DRUMMERS: Shelburne local Dhawne Foster and her daughter Camden Simon, 5, were part of the drumming circle, Dewe’igenkewuk, who began Shelburne’s Orange Shirt Day Walk with traditional drumming.

Flato Hosts BBQ to celebrate Edgewood Suites

BY ANGELA SCHERMAUL

The weather was great on Saturday afternoon for a socially-distanced barbecue hosted by Flato at Edgewood Suites location on Hagan Street, Dundalk.

The Junction restaurant catered the event which was held to celebrate the progress that has been made on the building.

Flato President Shakir Rehmatullah said this is the first adult living building for the housing development company, and he believes it will be well received.

The rental units will be exclusively for adults aged 55+ and suites range in size from bachelor/studio to 2 bedrooms.

The building will include a variety

of amenities including a card room, a recreation room, a multi-purpose room, a library, a faith room, and a barbecue patio and gazebos outside. “Dundalk is a thriving community with much to offer its residents, and we are confident that the new apartment building will be the perfect addition to the neighbourhood,” said Rehmatullah.

The Mayor and some council members were in attendance to check out the progress of the build, as well as some local residents who are interested in renting a unit.

Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson of Shelburne was also present and said the town of Shelburne is considering the same kind of building in the near future to serve their senior population.



FLATO HOSTS BBQ TO SHOW OFF LATEST BUILD – Flato’s Edgewood Suites adult living building is coming along well with an expected completion date of February 2022. On Saturday, they welcomed local Council and potential renters to a barbecue to take a look at the building in person and to answer any questions about the accommodations. Left to right: Captain Bal (Captain Real Estate), Shakir Rehmatullah (President, Flato), Brian Milne, (Deputy Mayor, Southgate), Mayor John Woodbury, Coun. Barbara Dobreen, Steve Anderson (Deputy Mayor, Shelburne) and Margrit and Heinz Jakobs (who will be moving into a unit when it is ready)

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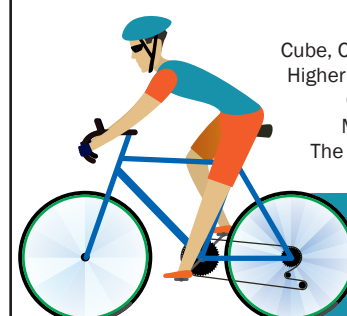
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Canadian Canicross Sports program comes to Shelburne

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

You've probably seen runners out for a jog on their own, in pairs and even groups, but what about running with a four-legged companion?

Towne Fitness has partnered with Canadian Canicross Sports to launch a new program to bring the sport of canicross, cross country running with dogs, to the local community. The sport, which has been popular in Europe and Quebec for many years, is about providing both beneficial exercise and bonding for owners and their dogs.

"Anything running related, I kind of jump on, but I think this a very positive experience and opportunity for the community," said Hannah Sine, owner of Towne Fitness. "There's so many people in the community that have dogs and it's a really great way to reinforce physical activity not only with you, but with your animals. It's also a great sport that your whole family can do."

The six-week long program kicked off their second session early Saturday (Oct. 2) morning at Fiddle Park, with around a dozen dogs and owners showing up to take part.

Leading participants through a variety of drills designed to help them run with their dogs was Canadian Canicross Sports founder, Shawn Sobon.

Sobon, an avid runner for almost a decade, told the Free Press he first became interested in canicross after adopting his dog.

"She's the first big dog I've had so I thought it would be great to bring her along running with me," said Sobon. "I saw how our relationship changed, just the bond that we grew together with nonverbal communication. She'll pick up when I'm tired and need to slow down or vice versa and it's just a really neat dynamic. Then the running didn't become about me anymore, but about my dog."



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CANICROSS GROUP: Runners and their dogs gathered at Fiddle Park on Saturday (Oct. 2) to learn the sport of canicross, cross country running with dogs, as part of a new six-week program created by Towne Fitness and Canadian Canicross Sports.

After launching Canadian Canicross Sports earlier this year, Sobon reached out to Sine to partner in creating the six-week long program.

"We're teaching the foundations of the sport and different commands for the dogs like when we want them to run, to speed up, to slow down, and turn left or right. The nice thing about canicross is its structured activity and as much as you're physically stimulating them, you are mentally stimulating them as well," said Sobon.

Sue Joy, a professional dog walker and trainer, was also present at the Canicross session to help with training the dogs.

"Shawn is more of the running side and I'm more of the dog side of things," said Joy.

As a dog trainer, she noted how dogs have the natural tendency to pull and how canicross allows and encourages them to act on that instinct.

For those thinking of taking up running with their dog, she stressed the importance of warming up.

"Just like humans before we do any exercises you need to warm up your muscles, get everything limber, and blood flowing. If you just let them into their harness and burst out into a run, the potential for injury is there," said Joy.

Shannon Granter and her family took part in the session on Saturday with their two Australian Shepherd puppies, Cali and Jasper.

Granter said they decided to sign up for the session as a way to help train obedience as well as give their five month old puppies some exercise.

"The main one I want to focus on is week four or five, where we're going to walk with distractions and how to avoid distraction on a walk or hike," said Granter.

Kelly Jensen, a professional dog walker, is working on becoming a dog trainer and attended the canicross program with her beagle Kaia and boxer Senna.

"I'm trying to get in better shape and I thought it'd be a really good outlet for the dogs and a good way for me to train myself to run because I'm not a runner," said Jensen.

Jensen added that the program is also a good way to socialize her dogs.

"Although they're really easygoing and friendly, it's still good for them," she said.

With the positive response to the first six-week program, Sine said they're hoping to host events such as hikes and runs together.

COVID-19 vaccine now mandatory for staff of long-term care homes

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Ontario government has made vaccination against COVID-19 mandatory for all staff members at long-term care homes.

The government announced last Friday (Oct. 1), that all staff including in-home staff, support workers, students, and volunteers must be vaccinated by Nov. 15, unless they have a valid medical exemption. Those who are not fully vaccinated will not be allowed to work inside a long-term care home.

"We know that long-term care residents have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19. As new variants continue to spread, we are seeing a growing number of outbreaks in long-term care homes where the risk to those most vulnerable remains high," said Rod Phillips, Minister of Long-Term Care.

The province previously required unvaccinated staff members to undergo rapid antigen testing, and take educational courses on vaccine safety and effectiveness.



Phillips said the mandatory vaccination decision comes due to concerns with low vaccination rates in long-term care homes. He added that 367 of the 626 homes in Ontario have staff vaccination rates below 90 per cent, and 90 homes have a rate below 80 per cent.

According to vaccination rates published on Oct. 1, 89 per cent of staff at Shelburne Long Term Care have received two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine, while 81 per cent of staff at Dufferin Oaks are considered fully vaccinated.

The province last Friday said that homes will begin randomized testing of vaccinated staff to detected breakthrough cases. The ministry will be auditing the results.

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In praise of our health care system - 1/2

It seems all you ever hear is complaints when it comes to the Health Care system in Ontario.

People hate the wait times. They hate the fact that they have to wait longer in the ER because they have a sore throat and the doctors are spending time with the guy in the next room who is suffering from severe chest pains.

They complain of a doctor shortage, and waiting for specialized procedures or surgery.

People complain a lot.

I thought this is a good time to express my own experience with Health Care in Ontario.

I had never been hospitalized, and I've always been healthy. Other than a couple of in and out trips to the emergency room for stitches due to work or sports related injuries, that was it. I've never required hospitalization or any real kind of medical care.

That all changed on August 22, of this year.

I was driving my motorcycle to a concert in a nearby town. It was a nice day for a ride and I wanted to arrive at 6:00 p.m., and spend an hour listening to the band and taking photographs.

I've always been a super careful rider. I ride

at the posted speed limit and usually lower if there is no traffic. I place both feet on the ground at every stop sign, and keep an eye out for every other vehicle who may not see you. I always took the less travelled roads just to avoid traffic.

I was on a straight stretch of paved rural road - about as safe as it gets for a motorcycle - and cruising at a comfortable speed.

In a split second that ride went from a pleasurable outing to a near catastrophic event.

A coyote darted across the road directly in my path. Yes, a coyote of all things. It happened so fast I never even had a chance to touch the brakes.

I hit the coyote and the front wheel turned right - I torpedoed head first into the pavement at 60 kph.

It's hard to describe what that felt like. If I could put it into to words, it would be something like BLAMMO LIGHTS OUT!

The minutes after the crash are a blur. I vaguely recall laying on the side of the road and seeing my motorcycle on its side a good distance away.

I knew I was seriously injured, and from that

moment I was totally helpless. My jacket was shredded, my jeans torn, and even my shoelaces had been ripped off.

Cars pulled over and people stopped to help. I don't even recall being placed in the ambulance.

I was taken to the nearest local hospital in Alliston.

At this point I could have just been a bag of cement. I couldn't move, and was totally reliant on everything from those around me.

A doctor came in to speak to me. He told me they were going to stitch up the gash over my eye, then send me to the x-ray department.

I was put in a CatScan machine and they took images of my whole body - I think - I was still in a daze at this point.

A while later the doctor returned after viewing the images.

He apologized and told me they couldn't help me because the injuries were too severe. He said he was going to find a large hospital in Toronto that could take me.

"I'm sorry," he said. "We're a small hospital." I wasn't disappointed in the fact they

couldn't help me, I understand it's a small hospital, I was more disappointed in the fact that being sent to a big city hospital meant my injuries may be worse than I even thought.

Very early the next morning, a nurse arrived at my room and said there was a paramedic team who had arrived to take me to Toronto. They loaded me into the ambulance for the ride.

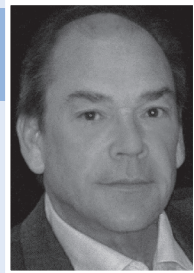
The one paramedic sat down beside me. He may have been young but he certainly was experienced and knew broken bones and potholes don't go well together.

"We're going to do the best we can," he said. "But we can't do anything about bumps in the road."

It was his way of warning me that this was going to be a rough ride - and it was.

I felt every bump ripple through my body and yelled out more than a few times when my broken bones bounced to the rhythm of the road.

Next week - Arrival at the trauma centre.



BRIAN LOCKHART FROM THE SECOND ROW

Destroy the whistle-blowers!

A long time ago now I was asked to do a television series about the world's intelligence services - and I turned it down flat. My main reason was a feeling that there was less to the whole intelligence world than met the eye, and the subsequent 30 years have only served to confirm that judgement.

Today's case in point is the recent revelations about the US Central Intelligence Agency. In 2017, it turns out, the CIA flirted with the idea of kidnapping or killing Julian Assange, the founder of WikiLeaks, in his refuge in the Ecuadorian embassy in London.

WikiLeaks profoundly embarrassed the CIA in 2010 by putting a huge trove of secret US records about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan on the web. Fearing extradition to the United States, Assange (who is Australian), sought asylum in the Ecuadorian embassy in London in 2012.

The pace picked up in early 2017 when Donald Trump became president and made Mike Pompeo head of the CIA. Pompeo quickly convinced himself that the Russians were going to try to spirit Assange out of Britain into their own hands.

So the CIA began planning to preempt the Russians by kidnapping Assange from the embassy and take him to the US - or, if that didn't work, kill him. Contingency plans were also discussed for thwarting a possible Russian attempt to get Assange out by ramming the getaway vehicle, shooting out the tires of the getaway plane - or, once again, killing him.

The Russians picked up on all this chatter, and started putting their own operatives in place around the embassy. "It was beyond

comical," said one former senior Trump official. "It got to the point where every human being in a three-block radius (of the embassy) was working for one of the intelligence services - whether they were street sweepers or police officers or security guards."

The Ecuadorian government changed and Assange was expelled from the London embassy in 2019, but he still faced an American demand for extradition. A British court rejected that early this year, but he continues to sit in prison awaiting the outcome of a US appeal to a higher court.

And here's the thing. None of the information Assange released hurt anybody, and a lot of it needed to be revealed: war crimes in Iraq and Afghanistan and government surveillance of tens of millions of U.S. citizens. The CIA made it all secret because it could, not because it was necessary or justifiable.

It's not just American intelligence agencies, of course, and they don't always think about killing those who spill their precious secrets. Thus Israeli Mordechai Vanunu, who confirmed the existence of Israel's nuclear weapons in 1986, was only kidnapped in Italy and jailed in Israel for 18 years (11 years in solitary).

Vanunu's revelation changed nothing: everybody already knew that Israel has nuclear weapons, even if it will never confirm it publicly. Thirty-five years after he was kidnapped, however, Vanunu is still not allowed to leave Israel. If he speaks to foreigners he is arrested, and sometimes jailed again for a few months.

Then there's Edward Snowden, a former CIA employee who revealed huge amounts of data about the US National Security Agency's

global surveillance programs in 2013. Revealing that the US was hacking the phones of friendly foreign leaders like Germany's Angela Merkel was the right thing to do, but he can never go home again.

These people are not 'helping terrorists' or betraying their countries. The 'intelligence services' (the old term 'secret services' was less misleading) reflexively build bureaucratic empires and ceaselessly expand their reach because that's what bureaucracies do. They can be useful in war, but the vast bulk of what they do in peacetime is pointless.

I only suspected that in 1990, when the Cold War was just ending. By now, it is blindingly obvious. All these cases are victimless 'crimes' where things that should be known about the illegal, counter-productive, and even criminal behaviour of governments are finally revealed - and the intelligence services then relentlessly harass the whistle-blowers to frighten others into silence.



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Shelburne to implement Dufferin County's vaccine policy for staff

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Town of Shelburne is moving forward in implementing a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy for staff after receiving a final report during their most recent meeting.

Shelburne Town council, on Monday (Oct. 2) received an updated report from chief administrative officer, Denyse Morrissey, which recommended that the town implement the same policy created by Dufferin County.

Council voted in favour of the policy with a majority 6-1 vote.

Moving forward with the same approach as Dufferin County, the vaccination policy

for Shelburne staff will include the listed components:

- Proof of vaccination status or proof of medical exemption or proof of exemption under the Ontario Human Rights Code will be required by Nov. 1

- Staff not providing the proof identified will be required to attend an education session on vaccine safety

- Staff not vaccinated will be required to undergo regular testing (rapid antigen tests) prior to being onsite

- Non-compliance may result in disciplinary action

- Accommodations on human rights grounds will be considered on an individual basis

The policy also includes who will be responsible for the cost of the rapid test.

Morrissey said employees with exemptions, either medical or human rights, will be reimbursed for the cost of the test while unvaccinated employees will only be reimbursed until December 31. As of January 1, 2022, employees will be responsible for the cost of testing.

Morrissey noted that the financial impacts of the testing are not known and won't be known until a review is completed. A variety of scenarios were given to council in regards to how the cost would change with the number of unvaccinated employees. With rapid tests costing \$40, for one unvaccinated employee it would cost \$4,160 for 52 week. Another scenario looked at four employees, testing twice a week for 52 weeks which would cost \$17,600.

Coun. Lindsay Wegener, who voted against

the mandatory vaccine policy for staff, questioned the feasibility of testing both vaccinated and unvaccinated employees with rapid testing.

"That's not something that we evaluate, but we can certainly provide that question to public health," said Morrissey. "I'm not aware of any other policy that has requested doubly vaccinated staff to undergo rapid testing."

The mandatory policy that will be implemented will only include municipal staff members since elected officials are not considered town employee. A separate policy will be brought back to council regarding elected officials.

The mandatory vaccine policy for staff will go into effect on Nov. 1.

Shelburne Town Council disperses community grant funding

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Shelburne Town Council has approved the amount of funds that will be allocated for the 2022 community grants program.

During their meeting on Monday (Oct. 4) council approved 13 of 14 local groups that applied for the 2022 community grants. Through approving the grants, Council is providing a total of \$37,300 in cash as well as \$13,500 in kind. Council had a suggested budget of \$28,300 from Town staff.

Last year, council allocated \$21,600 in cash and \$15,200 in kind for the community grants.

All local groups who applied for the community grant last year, were approved for 2022.

Groups including Dufferin County Canadian Black Association (DCCBA), Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank, Children's Foundation of Guelph & Wellington Food & Friends Program, the Heritage Music Festival, G.E.T Outreachworks, Pickin' in the Park, Little Family's Haunt in the Park, Shelburne & District Agricultural Society, Shelburne & District Horticultural Society, Shelburne Community Welcome, and Shelburne Christmas Hampers.

Council during their meeting also saw three new applications for the 2022 community grants.

Presenting to council on Sept. 27, Streams Community Hubs co-founder Andrew James asked for \$10,000 to go towards the organizations operational expenses.

"We know that ask is above the typical norm and we of course will be gracious and grateful to receive any support that the town would be able to extend to us," said James.

Streams Community Hub is an art-centred charity in Shelburne for youth ages 4-17. Since launching 2016, the charity has served over 350 youth, and recently announced the purchase of a permanent location.

Streams Community Hubs was allocated \$7,000.

Shelburne Multicultural Event was also a first time application of the community grants and asked council for \$5,000. Pitched to be used for costs such as room rentals, insurance,

and equipment to run the event, council allocated \$3,000.

Choice's Youth Shelter, who asked for \$5,000, was the only application for the community grants turned down by council.

"I personally didn't feel all that comfortable giving money from the Town's perspective to that organization for a couple of reasons," said Mayor Wade Mills. "For a shelter that's not physically situated within the town of Shelburne, I have a hard time rationalizing the fact that we would directly donate Shelburne tax dollars to a shelter not located within the town. I think there are other funding sources that make more sense for that organization."

Dufferin County survey aims to study impacts of pandemic

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Dufferin County is partnering with the University of Guelph and associate professor Dr. Leith Deacon on a survey focused on studying the impacts of COVID-19.

The survey, dubbed Rural Response to COVID-19, looks to study how the COVID-19 pandemic had impacted Dufferin County residents' employment, well-being, social behaviour and daily life.

"This past 18 months have been challenging for residents of Dufferin County, and the data from this survey will help us to better understand the depth and complexity of COVID-19's impact," said Anna McGregor, director of community services for the county.

The study, which is part of a University of Guelph research project, also aims to determine how the pandemic has affected rural and small-urban communities.

Karisa Downey, manager of economic development for the County, said responses to the survey will help with the County's next steps in recovery.

"A thorough understanding of how our residents and business owners have been impacted by COVID-19 will empower us to more effectively serve and support them as we work toward recovery from this pandemic," said Downey.

Available for the next eight weeks, the survey takes about 20 minutes and is open to every resident over the age of 18 who lives in Dufferin County.

A physical copy of the survey will be mailed to every residence in Dufferin County with a pre-paid return envelope or can be accessed virtually by visiting the website: www.joinindufferin.ca and clicking the

project "Rural Response to COVID-19" tab.

"With your help, we will be better suited to support our community," said Dufferin County Warden Darren White. "So we ask to please, take a moment to fill out the survey, to help guide us as we navigate through these unprecedented times."



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- 61. Plan
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- 59. Birthday or surprise
- 60. Knob
- 62. Tropical creeper
- 64. Superhero's chest letter
- 65. Narrow valley
- 67. Period of indulgence
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DOWN

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Local Walk held for National Day of Action for MMIWG

Written By Sam Odrowski

The community came together to show their support on Monday (Oct. 4) during the National Day of Action for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIWG).

A little over 30 people gathered at the Dufferin County Courthouse before marching to Town Hall for the 2nd Annual MMIWG Walk in Orangeville.

Event organizer and Dufferin County Cultural Resource Circle (DCCRC) co-founder, Debbie Sipkema, said she was thrilled with the turnout and the community's response.

She told the Citizen she hopes it helped to spread awareness about MMIWG within the town and shed light on the severity of the issue.

"I think the big key thing is the importance of women and the importance of protecting women... that's really what MMIWG is all about," said Sipkema.

"There's also the importance of pushing governments to look into these murders."

Indigenous women and girls are five times more likely to experience violence than any other population within Canada and the violence tends to result in serious harm, according to the Assembly of First Nations (AFN).

While Indigenous women represent just 4.3 per cent of Canada's population, they represent 16 per cent of all female homicide victims and 11 per cent of missing women.

Sipkema told the Citizen, there's a couple instances of missing Indigenous women from Orangeville in the late 60s who have yet to be found.

At the MMIWG event, there was a sharing circle where participants reflected on the issue of Indigenous women and girls being disproportionately impacted by violence, as well as shared their reason for attending.

Sipkema said she was thrilled to see that there were a couple of children in attendance,



WALKING FOR MMIWG: A little over 30 people walked from the Dufferin County Courthouse (10 Louisa St.) to Orangeville Town Hall on Monday (Oct. 4) for the 2nd Annual MMIWG Walk.

who participated in the sharing circle.

With last year's event seeing 20 participants, Sipkema noted that she was thrilled to see a 50 per cent increase with about 30 this year. She added that it was especially encouraging to see many more Indigenous women participating in this year's walk as well.

"That's where the power is," she said. "It isn't about me, it's about the indigenous

woman and standing with them... because it's an atrocity that these women are out there. Nobody knows that they've been murdered. Nobody knows anything, because the media doesn't cover that stuff."

Going forward, Sipkema said she hopes public pressure for calls to action with respect to MMIWG grow, and that the annual walk gains momentum each year.

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Students share pros and cons of UGDSB's Remote Elementary School

Written By AUGUST BETTINELLI
Special to the Free Press



When the pandemic hit, schools shifted to a remote version of learning, and for around two years the local school board's elementary remote program has been up and running: sparking debate as to whether the model is effective. To provide insight from those with first-hand knowledge; the Free Press spoke with students who are enrolled in the Upper Grand District School Board (UGDSB) Otter's Elementary Remote School (ERS) program, as well as its principal Mike Anderson.

The days are laid out to resemble a traditional school day: with 300 minutes of learning, days following a one to five cycle, and grade seven and eight students participating in rotary classes. Teachers are often volunteers and recruited when students made the jump to remote learning.

Being completely virtual, staff sometimes struggle with being alone, and for students; formatting of online school can pose a challenge, as well as missing the social factor brick-and-mortar school offers.

Despite these challenges, Anderson says the remote teaching staff are working hard to build a sense of community through clubs, student council, and peer help programs – all running virtually – as well as more physical aspects including spirit wear and a mascot.

Although there are difficulties surrounding being physically distanced from one another, the general consensus was that fewer social distractions and more flexibility are beneficial to the students' learning, and their families.

Aside from clubs, teachers encourage connections among students using virtu-

al tools including "break-out rooms" and having students complete collaborative "group" work.

"We don't want them to feel emotionally distanced," says Anderson.

A fourth-grade student currently enrolled in the Otters' remote program provided insight of his likes and dislikes regarding online school.

"I like lunch where I can use my iPad and not going on the bus," he said.

When asked what he would do if he was principal, the student indicated that he would lengthen the days to give the students more lesson time, along with time to socialize. Overall, his responses were positive and he expressed enthusiasm towards the fact that he can gear free time towards his own likings, and the convenience of being at home.

When asked what challenges he had with the remote model, the grade four student said that he doesn't, "like how sometimes [he] doesn't see [his] friends a lot," and not having a stable internet connection can get quite frustrating at times.

Having a notable amount of students in rural areas, internet connection seems to be one of the largest complaints.

Overall, the remote programs poses both opportunities and challenges for staff and students, and is a schooling method that, as stated by Anderson, "may not work for everyone, but for the people it works for, it works."

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DONATING TO A GOOD CAUSE: Type here The Foodland grocery store in Shelburne has been receiving donations in September in support of Child and Youth Mental Health. Each Foodland store across the country set a fundraising goal with the Shelburne store's target being \$2,700. Flato Developments stepped in to make sure they reached that goal and donated \$800 to top up the store's campaign. Store owner, Sandy Bell, accepts a cheque for \$800 from Joe Medeiros representing Flato Developments.

Developer tops up donations to help Child and Youth Mental Health

Written By Brian Lockhart

Sobey's, the parent company of Foodland Grocery Stores put out a challenge to Foodland management to raise funds in support of Child and Youth Mental Health, and customers responded – \$2 at a time – by donating when they were buying their groceries.

Shelburne Foodland managed to raise \$2,700 through customer and corporate donations.

Child and Youth Mental Health works through a family of support systems that include the Children's Health Foundation, CHEO Foundation supporting those with suicidal thoughts, the McMaster Children's hospital Foundation, and the SickKids Foundation.

Each support system helps young people who are suffering from mental health issues and provides programs for youth who are at risk.

"For the past five weeks we've been collected \$2 from everyone who wanted to donate," explained Shelburne Foodland owner, Sandy Bell. "It's a Sobey's initiative and every Foodland in Canada is doing it. We had a goal in mind – which was \$2,700. We reached three-quarters of the goal. That's when Shakir, from Flato Developments, matched what the difference was."

Joe Medeiros, representing Flato Developments, came to the store on Monday (Oct.

4), and presented a cheque for \$800.

"We wanted to help," Mr. Medeiros said. "We saw they still had a ways to go to fulfill that goal so we decided to top it up so they could reach that goal."

The Mental Health program works on such programs as new innovative psychotherapy, helping improve family communications and reduce conflict, a program that helps kids better regulate their emotions, a program to provide timely mental health assessments for youth, and a program supporting youth who are at risk of developing psychosis.

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SHELBURNE SPORTS

Local high school holds Terry Fox run over four-day event

Written By Brian Lockhart

Centre Dufferin District High School hosted its annual Terry Fox run over four days to raise money for cancer research.

Hundreds of students took part in the event that led them on a course around the school grounds and through neighbouring Hyland Park.

Students, Addison Millsap, Emily Rose, and Rebecca Scheiwi are members of the leadership class that organized the event.

"We had around 600 kids that took part this year," Addison said. "It's a four-day event. From 12:30 to 2:30 we have two groups of classes that come out and they run or walk for the 45 minutes they are out here for. They raise money to spin the wheel or put their names in to pie teachers in the face."

The route was one kilometre long. "We have online donations and businesses reach out," Emily said of how they raise funds. "We have a few students who reach out, call or e-mail local business to see if they are interested in donating or if they wanted to contribute."

The group also did a lot of outreach through Instagram.

"We had around 600 kids that took part this year."

—Addison Millsap, CDDHS student

While most of the kids took it easy, there are a few every year who try to run the kilometre in record time.

"We've had a few runners," Rebecca said. "Someone in our classes runs for most of the two hours they're out here."

The day's event was capped off with the opportunity to hit a teacher in the face with a pie. A few good sports on the faculty stepped up to take a face full of whipped cream for a good cause.

"A few teachers volunteered – a few we had to ask to do it," Addison said.

On day three of the event, the tally was up to almost \$3,000 raised.

The final total came in at \$4,577 for the four days.

Shelburne Home Hardware topped up the amount by contributing \$1,074 – two dollars for every student who participated for the final tally.



BRIAN LOCKHART PHOTO

PIE FACE: Taking a pie in the face may be an old-school slapstick gag, but some of the staff at Centre Dufferin District High School in Shelburne stepped up to take one for the team to raise money during the school's annual Terry Fox Run on Thursday, September 30. The four day event had students taking part to raise funds for cancer research.

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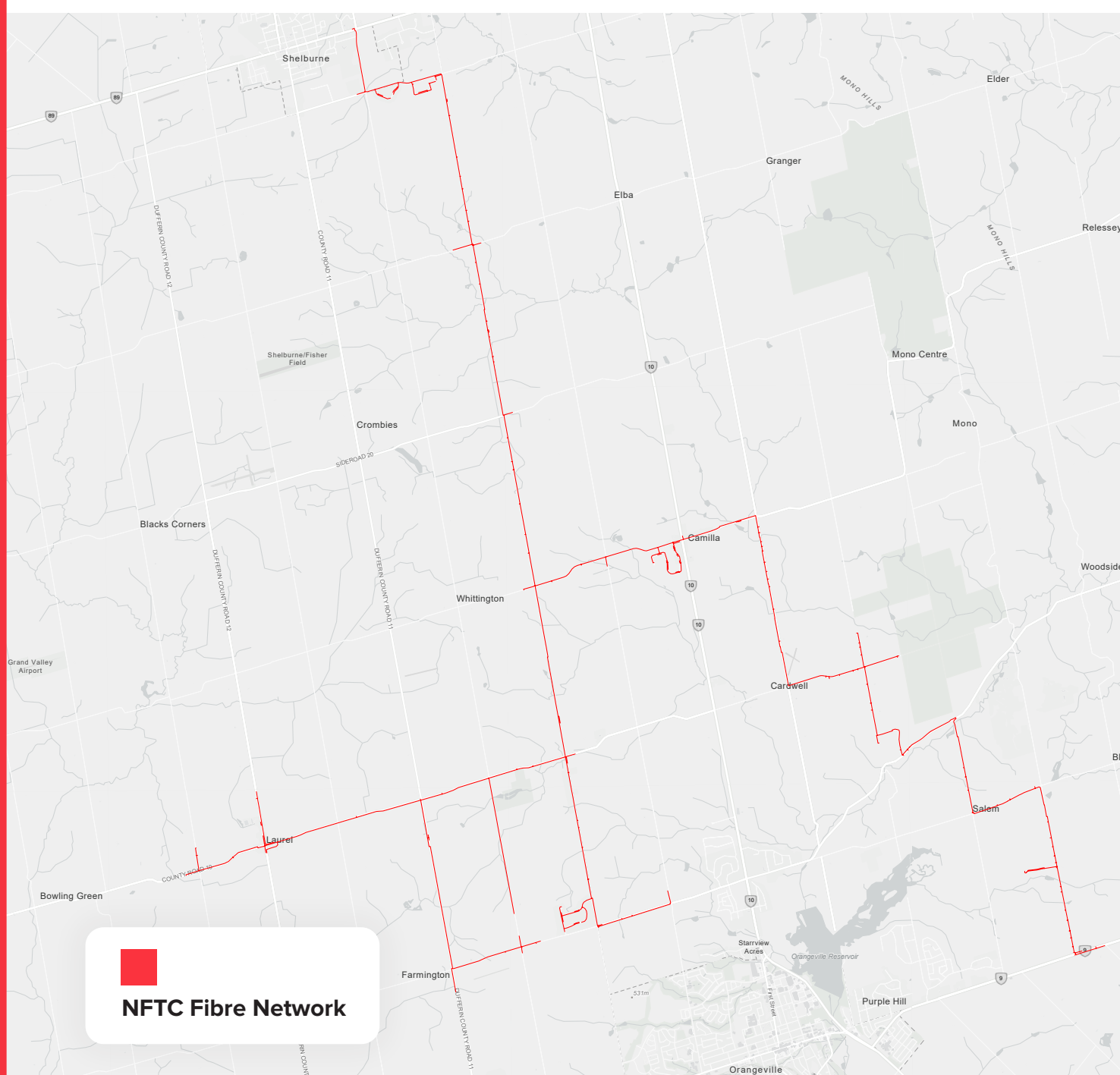
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Local health unit participating in rapid antigen testing

Written By **Paula Brown**
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter



Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph (WDG) Public Health is opting to participate in the province's new rapid antigen testing program in schools.

The Ontario government announced on Tuesday (Oct. 5) that the program will be made available for targeted testing of children in schools and registered child care settings. The program will see unvaccinated asymptomatic students in schools with COVID-19 cases take a voluntary rapid test to determine if they can remain in school.

Shortly after the government announced the new program, WDG Public Health published a press release announcing their participation in the program.

"I am pleased to see the Province add this layer of protection," said Dr. Nicola Mercer,

medical officer of health. "This program adds another local tool to fight this pandemic in Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph. Locally, we will use the best available health data to ensure these tests are used as effectively as possible to protect children who are most at risk from COVID-19."

Preliminary details on the program note

that WDG Public Health will be using available health data to identify which schools and childcare centre will be most appropriate for the rapid testing.

Rapid test kits and education of their use will be provided to school and childcare setting through the school board, school administration and facility management.

The rapid tests will be used only for unvaccinated asymptomatic students and children who are not high-risk contacts with symptomatic and high-risk cases accesses lab-based PCR testing. Those who receive a positive test will require a lab-based PCR test while those with negative tests can continue in-person learning.

Parents with children at settings where the program is implemented will have the option to not participate in the program.

"COVID-19 can seriously impact a child's health and their social and school lives," said Mercer. "Testing gives us another way to protect individual children and those they live with, learn with and play with."

For more information about the school program in WDG Public Health, go to www.wdgpUBLICHEALTH.ca/safer-schools.

Dufferin OPP investigating serious collision

Dufferin OPP officers are investigating a serious motor vehicle collision in Mono Township.

On Oct. 2 the Dufferin OPP, Dufferin County EMS and Mulmur Rosemont Fire Department responded to the collision at the intersection of 25 Sideroad and the 3rd Line EHS in Mono Township.

As a result of the collision, two occupants of the same vehicle sustained life threatening injuries. A female occupant was airlifted by ORNGE Air Ambulance from the scene to a Toronto area trauma centre. A male occupant was taken to a local hospital and was subsequently transported to a Toronto area trauma centre by ORNGE Air Ambulance.

The OPP Traffic Collision Investigation (TCI) team was brought in to investigate. The investigation is continuing and anyone who may have witnessed the collision is asked to contact the Dufferin OPP at 1-888-310-1122.



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Bruce David Fleming July 24, 1942 – August 30, 2021

Bruce David Fleming July 24, 1942 – August 30, 2021 Bruce David Fleming, passed away suddenly, surrounded by his family, at the Headwaters Health Care Center on Monday, August 30th, 2021, in his 80th year. Beloved husband of Helen, and loving father of Lana Besley (Dave), Daniele Fleming (Frank), Os Fleming, Chris Kehler (Gayle) and Leslie Kehler (Ryan). Proud Poppa to Jade, Rhett, Emily, Sophia, Ronan and Lauren. Much loved brother of Ruth Davis. Predeceased by his parents Os Fleming and Ena (Prentice) Fleming, and by siblings, Frances Pate, James Fleming, Robert Fleming and Joan Nasato. Will be sadly missed by his sisters-in-law Marg Pugh, and Daphne Fleming, and his many nieces, nephews, and cousins. Bruce's lifelong devotion to customer service began at an early age on the main street of Shelburne, where he grew up working in the family business alongside his beloved father, mother, siblings, and Aunt Verva at Fleming Hardware. He was the fourth generation to operate the family business when he assumed control from his mother in 1971, and he spent more than 25 years working full-time in "The Store". Community service was important to Bruce. He was a member of the Shelburne Volunteer Fire Department, was an elected representative on the Shelburne Public Utilities Commission, he refereed hockey, was a member of the Shelburne Kinsmen Club, K-40's, and volunteered annually at the Canadian Open Old Time Fiddle Contest – slicing buns for hotdogs at the very first one in 1951. He was a natural at seemingly every sport he tried. A hole in one, several hockey championships; he played them all, and he played them well. Minor hockey, Fleming's Flyers hockey, Shelburne Relics Old Timers hockey, lacrosse, track and field, tennis, hardball, softball, three pitch, snowmobiling, swimming, waterskiing, downhill skiing, golf, horseshoes, darts, shuffleboard, and the list goes on. He traveled for work, for vacation and even for sports, but was always happiest close to home. He loved; to spend time with his family, having a beer with friends, his times at the family cottage at Lake Eugenia, animals, children, and his Montreal Canadians. However, there is little doubt his true passion was meeting and getting to know people. He really cared about people, and from his early days at Fleming Hardware, he made a point to remember names, faces, and family connections. He was a man who rounded down your total price, while asking how your mother was, and handing your child a balloon. In his final job as a greeter at Home Depot, he had developed a daily personal aisle walking route so he could closely monitor and memorize the inventory. In his late 70's, on his breaks, he was memorizing product placement to improve people's shopping experience. And while his emotions were often in check with family, Bruce loved them deeply, and was incredibly proud of his wife, children, and grandchildren. The family wishes to thank the staff of the Dufferin Ambulance Service, Dufferin OPP, Caledon Fire and Emergency Services, and the Emergency Care nurses and doctors at the Headwaters Health Care Centre for their care and compassion. Due to COVID-19, a private family service will be held at Lake Eugenia, a place of happy memories for Bruce. Donations in his memory to Hockey Canada Foundation's Dreams Come True – a financial assistance program helping children in need play hockey, or the Canadian Lung Association would be appreciated. Online condolences may be made at www.imfunerals.com In Memoriam Funeral Services Inc. has been given the honour to serve the Fleming Family.



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LLOYD, MARIJEAN BERYL (DAVISON)

Passed away peacefully at Groves Memorial Community Hospital on September 27, 2021 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late William Benjamin Lloyd (1988). Loving mother of Elgin, Delmar (Susan), Larry (Tracey) and Lois (Frank). Marijean was predeceased by her parents Albert and Mabel Davison. Survived by her sister Betty Johnson and predeceased by her siblings Margery Speers, Ralph and John Davison. She will be lovingly remembered by many family and friends. A private family interment will take place at Shelburne Cemetery. If desired, donations may be made to the Heart & Stroke Foundation. Donations and online condolences may be placed at www.jackandthompsonfuneralhome.com

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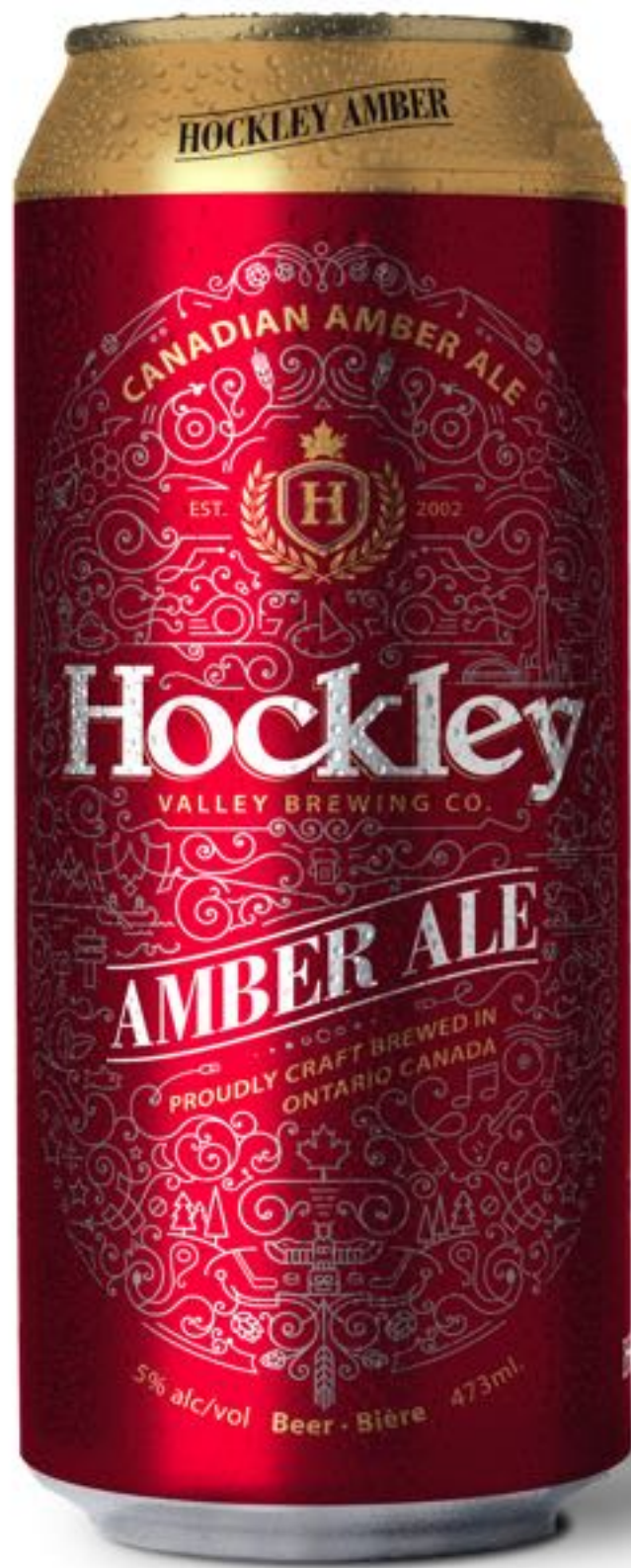
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