

A Message From **Kyle Seeback, MP**

Dufferin-Caledon



As your Member of Parliament, I'm here to help. Please contact me for assistance with any of the support programs in the federal government's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan.

We've seen our community come together to support each other in remarkable ways over the last two months. Thank you to our local heroes making a positive impact. I've shared some of these good news stories below. Please join me in thanking these community champions.



Thank you to Seconds Count thrift store! In April, they sent \$123,000 to Headwaters Health Care Centre. The money raised went towards the purchase of new beds and stretchers, as well as screening areas at the hospital. Congratulations to the whole team at Seconds Count and everyone who has contributed donations and made purchases to support them this year.



Thank you to Nifty Nook Restaurant and Gina Georgopoulos Harbalis for their fantastic community work, fundraising, free meals for those in need, and the donations they've made during the health crisis! I would also like to thank Rodger from The Hawk Shop who nominated Gina and who actively supports others.



Thank you to Bolton Rotary and Garden Foods! Their tireless work in our community each day and contributions during this crisis has been remarkable. Together, they have provided \$7,500 in grocery cards to be distributed by The Exchange to families who rely on the food support to maintain a healthy diet.

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Thank you to the team at the Caledon Seniors Centre! Their response to the pandemic by delivering groceries, prescriptions, picking up mail at the post office, and lending out puzzles to seniors living on their own in Caledon makes us all proud.

Thank you to Alison and Artsploration for bringing joy and colourful fun to our community! Due to the pandemic, Alison cannot operate her business normally, but still contributes in a huge way. She has an arts and crafts business which travels to events and parties. Since children cannot gather inside, Alison drives by their homes free of charge. She paints their name on the side of the bus and emerges wearing a tutu singing 'Happy Birthday.'



Thank you to Melissa Cauley for her proactive work during the crisis! The Orangeville and Area CAREMONGERING Facebook group, which she began in March, became a powerful movement in Dufferin-Caledon.

Thank you DeJa Vu Diner and Jennifer Betz! Their continuous work in our community through donations to various organizations and food banks, as well as fundraising for many different causes, has had an immensely positive impact on Dufferin-Caledon.



Thank you to SOUND QWEST Virtual Jamzz for bringing stress relief by providing online house parties and raising money for our community! Their event on May 2 exceeded all expectations and raised \$8,935 for the food bank; \$5,420 for the hospital; and 13 tablets for Shelburne Residence, Dufferin Oaks, the Avalon, Family Transition Place, and Bethsaida Retirement Home.



Thank you Mario Pia! His initiative that was originally inspired by celebrities, now inspires others in our community. Mario organized his own meal drive in Bolton and many local restaurants jumped on board to help him. He and several friends, neighbours, and restaurant owners helped deliver about 300 meals to staff at the Davis Centre on May 7.

Thank you Curry Mantra Restaurant! Curry Mantra has been giving out free meals to those in need during the COVID-19 outbreak and is donating 10 per cent of all sales to the Orangeville Food Bank. They were donating a portion of profits to a Sikh temple prior to the outbreak, but quickly pivoted plans when COVID-19 became a threat locally.



Thank you Bolton Pizza Panini & Saunacore! These two Bolton businesses teamed up to deliver pizzas to frontline workers and vulnerable residents in Caledon. They delivered pizzas to Headwaters Health Care Centre, Caledon OPP, Caledon Fire, and to elderly residents in the community.

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DANCING IN THE STREET: Members of 'Smiles Are Essential', a performance group from Brampton, dance on the street in front of Shelburne Residence Retirement & Nursing Home on Friday, May 22. The group performed songs and danced for residents, who watched through the windows at the facility to help alleviate some of the boredom caused by the current COVID-19 quarantine.

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Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank stepping up to provide breakfast for local youth

Written By MARNI WALSH

The Kids' Breakfast Hamper Program is a new initiative launched by Shelburne's Food Bank to plug a gap created when the provincial governments ordered the closure of all schools in Ontario.

Shepherd's Cupboard Chair Deb Wagsstaff told the Free Press, that the program began with a conversation she had with a local principal, after March Break, when it was announced schools would be out for at least four weeks.

"We both wanted to make sure that kids in Shelburne still had access to healthy food that would usually be provided by the schools' breakfast program."

From that conversation, Ms. Wagsstaff says she "talked with the other four local administrators and we came up with a plan that the Food Bank would make up breakfast hampers with the food that was at the schools."

Each school delivered their food over the next few weeks and gave the Food Bank a portion of their breakfast club money to be

used specifically for breakfast hampers, says Deb Wagsstaff. As well as coordinating with local school administrators, Ms. Wagsstaff is working with Food and Friends of The Children's Foundation of Guelph and Wellington, which both provides the financial resources, and then Shepherd's Cupboard sources the food and makes up the hampers to be distributed.

"The number of hampers vary from week to week," says the Chair, "We served over a 100 kids in April. Any family is welcome to come if they have kids in JK to Grade 12."

She added, "The size of the hamper reflects the size of the family. All they need to bring is their child's ID, such as a health card.

The items in the hampers reflect what students would see at most of the schools in the morning. A typical hamper would include some fresh fruit and vegetables, granola bars, cheese and crackers, breads, goldfish crackers, eggs, and yogurt, as well as a monthly coupon for produce, milk and bread that the families can use when they want.

Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank Coordi-

nator, Ardith Dunlop says, the community has been outstanding in their support.

"Food and money donations have come in regularly, with many community members also running online fundraisers for the Food Bank. We have had several large donations - one from the Harbringer Foundation has allowed us to increase the amount of the produce coupons for each family, one from United Way Guelph Wellington Dufferin, and the Government of Canada's New Horizon Seniors' Program which allows us to give each senior a \$15 Giant Tiger gift card so they can choose what they need," Dunlop said.

Ms. Dunlop reports that visits to the local Food Bank are up. She says Shepherd's Cupboard is "working with the different community agencies within Dufferin to ensure that those with limited mobility or those who are isolated, or can't get out, are still able to get a hamper when needed."

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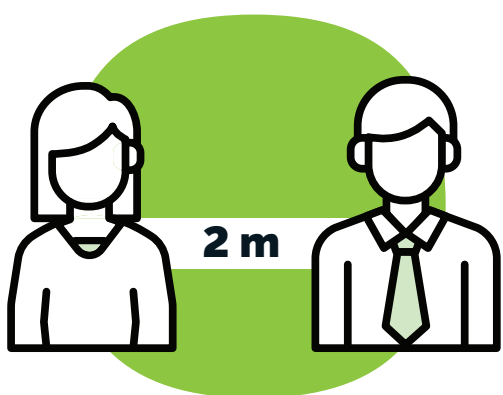
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Shelburne Council comes up with plan to reopen Town Hall

Written By PETER RICHARDSON

Council convened Monday afternoon at a special council meeting, to discuss Town business and re-opening plans.

Starting the evening's proceedings, was a report from town planner Steve Wever, regarding the requested zoning bylaw amendment from the developers of 600 Main Street East, Muskoka D&M Corporation.

The amendment, would change the zoning from R5 to R5-9, to allow for the installation of a sales centre at the entrance to the development. This is a welcome sign for the Town, as the development has been on hold, pending the finding of a builder to work with the developer. Centreville Homes has filled that role and with the building of a sales pavilion, progress can now begin.

Realistically, this will indicate the selling of proposed units, which in turn obligates the builder to provide said structures. This development will be a welcome addition to the Town's coffers.

Mr. Wever explained that the proposed sales office will be rather unique to Shelburne's landscape, as it will be built from modular shipping containers. This is fast becoming a go-to form of temporary buildings and even some permanent ones, both in Ontario and elsewhere. Some photographs of existing sales offices, built this way, presented a dynamic and modern look to Council members. The amendment was passed unanimously.

Re-opening Town Hall

Next up, was a report from CAO Denyse Morrissey concerning a blueprint plan to re-open Town Hall.

Since March 17, Town Hall has been closed and municipal staff have been primarily working from home. The Town's digital service options have been expanded and the public is encouraged to utilize the digital processes. In addition, meetings, conferences and training are all being carried out via phone or in a virtual format. Despite these initiatives, working from home has and does present numerous challenges, not the least of which being the quality and connectivity of rural internet service.

Under the Town's COVID-19 Blueprint for Recovery, outlined on May 13, the first phase, Restart, outlined the gradual re-opening of public facilities and amenities, consistent with provincial and public health guidelines, while considering local needs and realities. The re-opening of Town Hall, would fall under this phase.

The report noted that things will not return to the old normal for quite some time, if

ever, and to that reality, the report outlines the 'new normal' at Town Hall and the projected costs associated with that.

Due to the limited space inside Town Hall, changes will be required to observe realistic social distancing rules. Also, the second floor Council Chambers are totally incompatible with social distancing and meetings will need to be relocated elsewhere in Town. At this time, it is expected that, when in-person meetings are again allowed, Council will likely meet at the CDRC.

Everything from office layout, to entry protocols, to further work from home structures are under consideration in the comprehensive report. The report sets a re-opening date of June 15th, for Town Hall, however many factors could see this date further extended.

The total projected cost of all of the issues outlined in the report, amounts to some \$16,500, but could escalate as further issues turn up and are dealt with. Although Grace Tipling Hall had been suggested as a possible council meeting venue, staff determined that of the 185 seats in the theatre, only 25 would be available for use once social distancing was instituted. Consequently, the use of the CDRC seemed to be the logical answer, despite the need for a sound system and the cost of renting the space.

In response to the report, councillors had some questions. Coun. Kyle Fegan wondered if the existing portable sound system, used for various festivals and such, could not be implemented for council meetings at the CDRC. Town Clerk Jennifer Willoughby stated that what was required was a simpler and more efficient system.

Deputy Mayor Steve Anderson expressed some concerns with meeting at the CDRC, particularly with the ventilation system for the hall. The CDRC staff had been asked if the air was simply recirculated, or if fresh air was brought in from outside, as the old air was expelled. As of the Monday meeting, no response had been received, but the deputy mayor stated that he would not feel comfortable returning to public meetings in June, and would not attend meetings if they were scheduled. In his opinion, June 15 was too soon in light of the recent reports of rising COVID-19 infections in Ontario, recently. CAO Denyse Morrissey noted that this was only a tentative date and that the report was formulated prior to the observed uptick in cases. The date could certainly be pushed ahead if circumstances warranted.

At this time, in person meetings are not possible with the existing five person limit on gatherings, imposed by the province.

Mayor Wade Mills opined that with the last few days of steady increases, the Prov-

ince may well push back lifting the State of Emergency measures concerning re-opening. CAO Morrissey then proposed that, as a compromise, which would still allow staff to be ready for re-opening, that the motion to accept the report be changed to read that preparations be made to re-open within two weeks following the Province lifting its Emergency Declaration.

Mayor Mills suggested leaving the June 15 date, should the Declaration be lifted tomorrow (May 29) as previously suggested by the Province. The next council meeting will be June 8th and the decision could be made at that time. The motion was passed following this.

Sports field rental relief

CAO Denyse Morrissey then brought up the report on the potential costs of the municipality's 2020 Sports Field Rental Relief program, as requested at the previous council meeting.

The report included input from the affected organizations, as well an appraisal of what might actually be expected during the 2020 season, if in fact one happens. The overall feedback was that some form of relief would indeed be beneficial and could be used to lower registration fees, or offset lost revenue from sponsorship cancellations.

At this time, rentals are suspended until June 30 and the Province is not allowing groups of more than 5 people from gathering, effectively preventing any team sports from being played.

Coun. Fegan said that he had contacted several users and they all agreed that any relief would be appreciated and beneficial. Although the maximum loss to the Town for forgiving 100 percent of the fees, would be \$10,000, Mayor Mills stated that this is by no means a guaranteed sum, as some organizations may simply cancel their 2020 season and thus not rent at all. In fact, the Town could see no rentals and thus zero dollars in 2020, wether or not they forgive rental

fees. Coun. Lynda Buffet proposed a verbal motion to waive 100 percent of the fees for existing users for 2020. This was supported by the Mayor and Coun. Fegan, who stated that he was told that regardless of the relief amount, the users expected the season to be a financial struggle. Council then voted unanimously to waive the 2020 rental fees for existing Shelburne users.

Treasurer motions

In other business, Treasurer Carey Holmes presented two motions for consideration, first to apply for a grant to obtain Asset Management Systems Implementation in Shelburne, from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. The program would advance the Town's asset management program. The funds going toward City Wide Maintenance Managers License, City Wide Maintenance Manager Implementation and Data Analysis and Systems Training. Should the Town receive the Grant, the further costs to the Town amount to \$9,480, which was budgeted for in the 2020 Budget. The project going forward is dependent upon receipt of the Grant funding.

The second motion concerned the rates of taxation for the 2020 year. Due to a lowering of both Provincial, School and County rates, the average homeowner will see a total increase in the tax levy of 3.65 percent rather than the original 5.75 percent shown in the 2020 budget.

Canada Day initiative

Finally, Coun. Fegan announced an initiative, which he is a part of, to help celebrate Canada Day, during the COVID 19 precautions.

There is going to be a 10 foot by 20 foot Canadian Flag built from barn boards, which residents will be encouraged to paint using hand prints. Following completion, the flag will be hung in Jack Downing Park, before being taken to Fiddle Park to be hung in it's permanent home in the pavilion there.



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Notice of Schedule 'B' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Public Information Center No. 1
Increased Capacity of the Town of Shelburne's Water Supply

THE STUDY
The Town of Shelburne is conducting a Schedule "B" Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to increase water supply to meet the Town's long-term needs.

THE PROCESS
The Schedule "B" assessment is being conducted in accordance with the Municipal Class EA process (Municipal Engineers Association, October 2000, as amended in 2007, 2011, and 2015).

PUBLIC INFORMATION CENTER #2
Further to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the Province's order restricting public gatherings, we are offering the opportunity to learn about studies completed to date and to provide feedback, electronically through Zoom video conferencing.

Please contact the Clerk at jwilloughby@shelburne.ca to register no later than 12 pm Friday June 19, 2020. To ensure your questions, comments or concerns are addressed during the public meeting, please submit them in advance by email by 12 pm June 19, 2020. A live stream of the meeting on the Town's YouTube channel will be made available at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsar-MwF8CXrgPbe2EVxh-w>.


7:30 pm -8:30 pm
Wednesday June 24th, 2020
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CONTACT INFORMATION
Further information can also be obtained from the Town's consultant for this project:
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Notice of Schedule 'C' Municipal Class Environmental Assessment - Public Information Center No. 2
Increased Capacity of the Water Pollution Control Plant (WPCP)

THE STUDY
The Town of Shelburne is conducting a Schedule "C" Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) to increase water treatment capacity as current WPCP capacity cannot meet the Town's long-term needs.

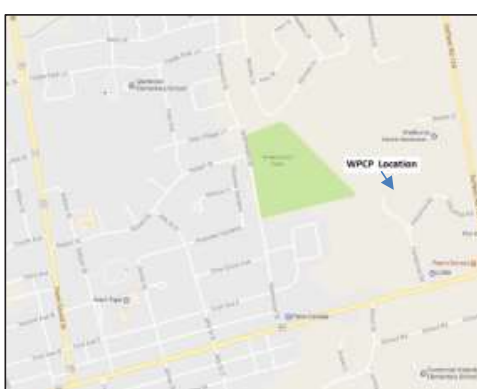
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They're all assault weapons

There is an annual British Car Show held in Caledon every year.

I was able to attend the last one and spent a couple of hours talking to car owners about their vintage and classic cars from across the pond.

One vehicle really caught my eye. It was a small but classy and stylish number, vintage early 60's. It looked like something that you would see in a European spy movie from that decade.

"That's quite the James Bond car you have there," I said to the owner.

He laughed.

"Hardly," he replied. "It looks good but it barely has 60 horsepower. It's weak and under-powered."

He explained he had to keep to the back roads and bi-ways because it lacked the power to keep up with traffic.

Yes, looks can be deceiving.

The recent government announcement banning certain 'assault'-style guns may sound like a good way to keep bullet-spraying maniacs off the street, but the truth is those guns are no different than any other gun. They just have a military style which some people just don't like.

All guns are essentially 'assault' weapons – they're guns. They aren't designed

to throw popcorn and cupcakes. They are designed to fire hot lead at a target.

If you want to get down to real basics and define an 'assault' rifle, it is a weapon designed for warfare in particular, and includes the ability to have selective fire.

Selective fire means the rifle can fire a single shot, a burst, or enable fully automatic fire and empty the entire clip in one trigger pull.

Automatic weapons, those which can empty an entire magazine with a single pull of the trigger are already prohibited in Canada.

So how will banning 'assault'-style weapons reduce gun crimes in Canada? It won't.

The vast majority of gun-related murders in this country are caused by handguns, and are being used by criminals – not law-abiding gun owners.

A law-abiding gun owner keeps the rifle locked in a cabinet with a trigger lock in place and ammunition stored elsewhere, in keeping with current gun laws.

Criminals carry their guns tucked in an over sized coat with the magazine loaded and a round in the chamber.

Law-abiding gun owners don't carry a rifle around town to use as protection.

Criminals DO carry their guns around town and they are used for protection – against other criminals.

You are more likely to be injured or killed by a stray round from a street-level gun fight than you are from a shot fired by a legal and responsible gun owner.

This new ban prohibits rifles that have that modern military look. However is an AR-15 rifle more dangerous than any other weapon?

The Lee Enfield .303 was a military weapon used prior to, and during the Second World War. At the end of the war, there were millions of surplus .303's available for sale. There are thousands of them still in use in Canada. I remember when they sold them in the Sears catalogue.

A Lee Enfield has tremendous power. It can stop a full-size moose at 500 yards, probably farther. However, there is no push to eliminate the .303 and pull them from far north First Nations Reservations where that rifle is used for hunting because of its reliability in cold weather – because First Nations people use them for hunting – not shooting each other.

Canada has one of the highest per capita gun ownership rates in the world, and yet we also have one of the lowest murder

rates. People are simply not going around using their rifles to kill people.

Banning weapons simply because they are styled like military weapons will have no effect on public safety at all. It just means the government is demanding some citizens give up their legally purchased property under the guise of reducing crime.

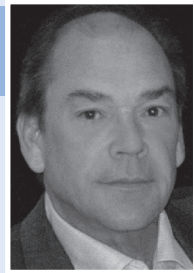
And yet that same government does nothing to stop the trade of illegal guns coming across the border in well established routes.

Border officials may catch the odd person trying to smuggle a hand gun into the country, but the real smuggling routes are avoided to protect the government's politically correct persona.

If the government really wants to crack down on gun violence, they are looking off in the wrong direction.

It's time to go after the street thugs who carry illegal weapons, not legal and law-abiding gun owners who follow the rules and shoot for sport.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Let's have local options

IT MADE SENSE, when the Ontario government followed others in declaring a state of emergency in the province, that it applied everywhere in the province of 14 million.

After all, no one knew how far or how quickly the COVID-19 pandemic would spread; all we really knew was that in the circumstances we should have a virtual lockdown, with all but businesses declared essential closing and residents urged to stay home or at least not be closer than two metres to anyone but family members sharing a home.

However, two months later we are in a period when all 50 U.S. states have at least partially re-opened their businesses despite a death toll from the coronavirus now approaching 100,000.

In Ontario, golf courses and many stores are free to open but thus far there has been no relaxation of an order banning groups of more than five people (even if they maintain the two-metre distancing), and now everyone is expected to wear a mask if there is a risk of encountering people who are closer than two metres.

Why? Premier Doug Ford says that's what the senior public health officials have advised, in view of the fact that with far too little testing of the populace, more than 400 new COVID-19 cases were turning up daily, as well as more than 20 deaths each day.

As we see it, the new cases and additional deaths are proof positive of the need to go slow on re-openings in provincial hot spots like Toronto, where last weekend there were an estimated 10,000 mainly young and unmasked people in the downtown Trinity Bellwoods park.

However, does it make any sense at all to apply the same rules in Grey and Bruce counties, which have had no COVID-19 deaths, or the Sudbury district, which has had only 64 cases and two deaths, none in recent weeks?

Even locally, there has been only one recent death and most of the 34 in Wellington, Dufferin and Guelph have been

in long-term care facilities, headed by 19 in Shelburne Residence, where an outbreak that began on April 9 was finally declared over on Monday.

As of Tuesday, Toronto had had 771 deaths from COVID-19, while the death counts elsewhere in the Greater Toronto Area were Peel 268; York 182 and Durham 168, for a GTA total of 1,329, out of a provincial total of 2,102.

Roughly 100 years ago, North America was in the midst of a crusade, the Temperance movement, which led to a Prohibition era during which in the United States there was a nationwide constitutional ban on the production, importation, transportation, and sale of alcoholic beverages from 1920 to 1933. There was no such ban in Ontario, where alcoholic beverages continued to be produced but could be sold only in municipalities allowing it.

Under this Local Option arrangement, all municipalities in Dufferin and Grey counties opted to be "dry" but hotels were able to sell booze in neighboring Simcoe and Bruce counties, the result being that hotels in spots like Loretto and Hepworth (20 minutes from Owen Sound) enjoyed boom times until well after the Second World War.

In our view, some form of local option would be appropriate in today's circumstances, with local public health units getting permission from the Province to stage local re-openings based on the actual status of the coronavirus locally.

To us, it makes no sense to have the same restrictions on the local economy in the GTA and parts of the province where there is no evidence of continuing community spread.

Even in Dufferin, with its 34 deaths, there have been only a handful of newly detected cases in May, and no confirmed instances of community spread.

Another advantage of having pandemic-related restrictions handled by local public health units would be that those restrictions could be increased in the event of any new outbreaks.



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Kyle Seeback frustrated with lack of support for small businesses

Written By ALYSSA PARKHILL

Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback is frustrated by the lack of support being afforded to small business owners during the COVID-19 pandemic.

In a recent interview with the Free Press, Mr. Seeback criticized the Canada Emergency Commercial Rent Assistance (CERCA) program, contending it should do more to protect business owners who aren't able to fully operate, yet are expected to keep up rent payments throughout the ongoing crisis.

The program was first announced more than two months ago, with the federal and provincial governments joining forces, committing \$900 million towards rent relief measures in Ontario. The program would see the government covering 50 percent of a tenant's rent, with the tenant required to pay an additional 25 percent. Essentially, property owners were expected to take a 25 percent hit on the rent they were originally supposed to receive.

CERCA was launched on April 24 and is intended to provide relief to tenants through to the end of June.

While the initiative has been lauded in some parts, many landlords and tenants see it as more of a burden than a gift.

Mr. Seeback says several landlords have reached out to him expressing concern over the difficulties they've had in applying for the program, while noting the amount of money they will eventually receive isn't enough to cover their own costs. This has led to landlords not applying.

"I'm hearing all kinds of stories across Dufferin-Caledon, where landlords are not

applying for the commercial rent and relief programs. They're not applying for two reasons. Number one, they're saying 'why do I only get 75 per cent of my rent? I want 100 per cent.' And number two, it's a complicated and time-consuming process that is not easy to figure out and, therefore, they're not going to apply because they think they've got better things to do," Seeback explained. "Those are the two criticisms that I'm hearing about the program right now."

On top of that, a number of small businesses and property owners aren't eligible to apply for assistance under the current requirements. This has led to a feeling of discontent amongst some in the local business community, that aren't receiving the support they need to get through these difficult times.

"Some landlords have looked into applying. The eligibility criteria to be able to apply; they're having issues with it," Mr. Seeback said. "The amount of information that you have to supply to the government to be eligible, they find it too much and too complicated."

For property owners to meet the eligibility criteria, the government has listed a series of requirements, including owning property that generates rent revenue, being a commercial property owner for small businesses, having a mortgage loan secured by the commercial real estate property and occupied by a small business, have entered or plan to enter a rent reduction agreement for April, May and June to reduce small business tenant's rent by at least 75 per cent, having a rent reduction agreement with impacted tenants and having declared rental income their tax return for 2018 and/or 2019. Quite

the mouthful.

An added complication – entrepreneurs currently renting space to operate their business can't apply for assistance themselves. They have to rely on the landlords to apply for them.

Many members of the local business community are growing increasingly frustrated by a program that they initially believed would be their saving grace throughout the ongoing pandemic.

"Small businesses have either voluntarily closed due to COVID-19, or they were required to close as a result of the provincial order. So, they have no income. They have obligations that are due every month pursuant to their leases. So not only do they have no income coming in, but they now have to also pay their rent," said Mr. Seeback. "It's an exceptionally challenging for a small business."

Mr. Seeback says he had a very short conversation last week with Bill Morneau, the federal Minister of Finance, who refused to answer any inquiries he had about these issues.

"He wouldn't give me even the remotest answer. He dodged my questions. Five times I asked him, and five times he did a tap dance and refused to commit to anything," he explained. "The problem is we need answers quickly. The government doesn't have the luxury of taking months to figure out that their program doesn't work."

He added, "We're hearing all across the country that the commercial rent relief program is a failure, and yet there's no commitment to examine it or make changes to it, and I find that very troubling."

Mr. Seeback says that if tenants would



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IMPROVEMENTS NEEDED: Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback has criticized the federal government's CERCA program.

be allowed the opportunity to apply themselves, and not restricting the eligibility just to the landlords, the program would see more action, and greater outcomes.

"Tenants should be able to apply. I think they have a greater incentive to apply for a program, file the necessary paperwork so that they can protect their businesses, and so their businesses don't collapse due to lack of financial resources."

For more information about the CERCA, please visit cmhc-schl.gc.ca.

Continued from FRONT

Shepherd's Cupboard Food Bank stepping up to provide breakfast for local youth

Regarding safety measures with COVID-19, the coordinator says, "clients are served outside of the Mel Lloyd Centre where prepackaged hampers are put in their cars or buggies depending on the size of the family."

She added, "Volunteers answer Covid questions each time before a shift, wash their hands before and after, and hand sanitizer, masks and gloves are provided. Carts and work areas, as well as all handles are disinfected at the end of each shift."

Ms. Dunlop points out that statistics show that it takes an additional 18 months after a disruption in pay to recoup losses within a family."

She says, "We are hopeful that our community will continue to support food stability for all by continuing to donate to the Food Bank. They can do this by following our Facebook page to see what we are in need of each week. Items can be dropped off at the grocery stores, or at Door A at the Mel Lloyd Centre between 11 a.m. and noon

on Wednesdays. E-transfers can be made directly to shelburnefoodbank@gmail.com. Questions can be left on our phone line at 519-925-2600 ext 350."

Deb Wagstaff says the Kids' Breakfast Hamper Program encourages "more families to come out and take advantage of this community resource. The program runs ev-

ery Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and families can come every week."

She says, "We chose this time, separate from normal Food Bank hours, so that families would feel more comfortable and avoid line ups." Families are asked to come to 167 Centre Street, The Mel Lloyd Centre, Entrance A and wait outside the doors with

identification. She says, "The program will run until the end of June and then a new plan will be developed for July and August. Up to date information can be found on our Food Bank Facebook page, as well as a short video explaining the breakfast program."

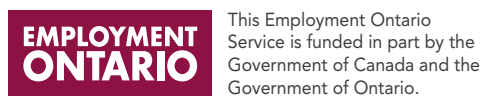


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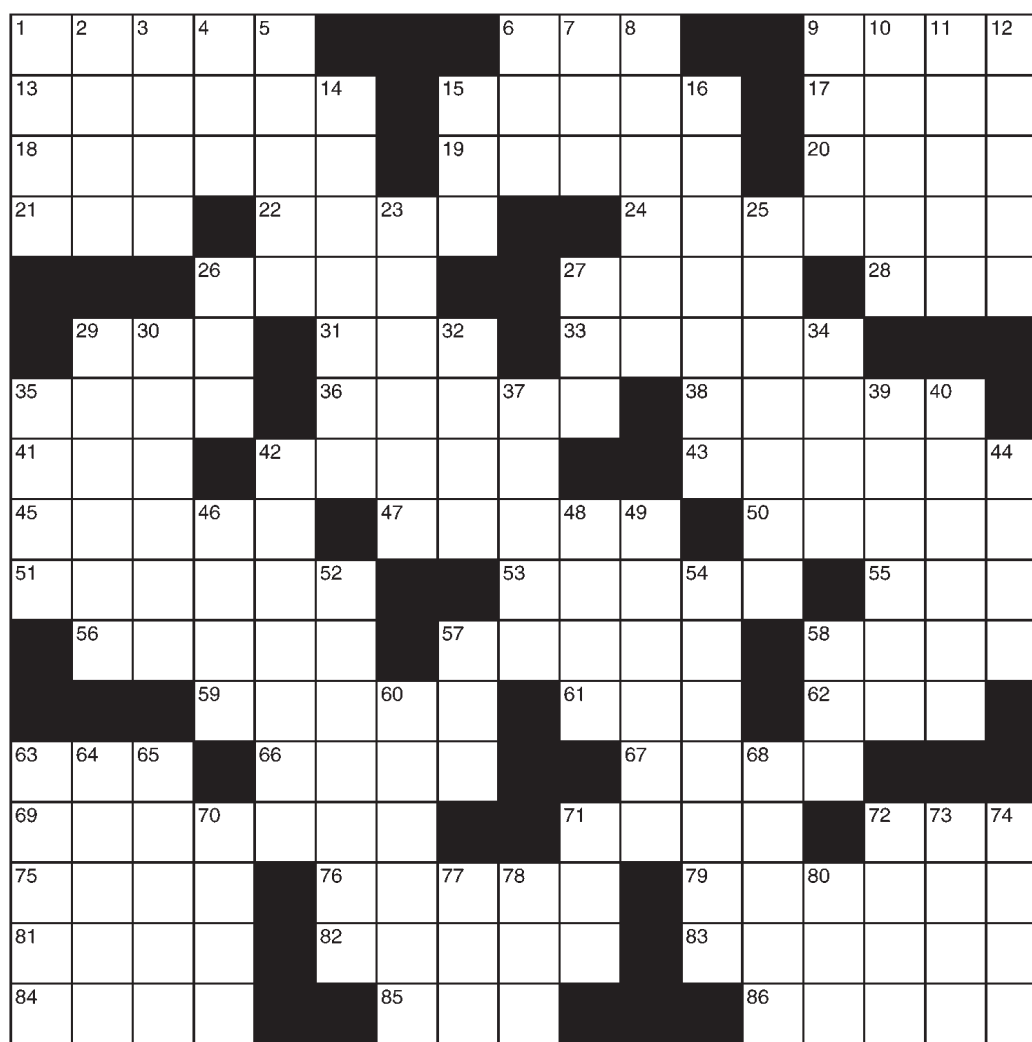
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- 6. LummoX
- 9. Carried
- 13. Exotic pet
- 15. Inflexible
- 17. Quiz
- 18. Tenant's residence
- 19. Without company
- 20. Camp helper
- 21. Sandra ____
- 22. Muslim leader
- 24. Desert
- 26. Strategy
- 27. Lamenting cry
- 28. "Howards ____"
- 29. Before, to Shelley
- 31. Remind constantly
- 33. Command to Fido
- 35. Actor Dixon
- 36. Tilting

- 38. Serrated
- 41. Archeological site
- 42. Oak's nut
- 43. Without sound
- 45. Key in, as data
- 47. Drinking vessel
- 50. Tanning locale
- 51. Locust shrub
- 53. Picket ____
- 55. Large snake
- 56. Heron
- 57. Of the ears
- 58. Bovine gathering
- 59. Absolute
- 61. Tennis point
- 62. Verse type
- 63. Go down the slope
- 66. Job
- 67. Hardy cabbagelike plant
- 69. Touch
- 71. Medieval slave

- 72. Santa's worker
- 75. Poison-ivy result
- 76. Dizzy
- 79. Mariner
- 81. On the sheltered shore
- 82. Uncanny
- 83. Break free
- 84. Airport exit
- 85. Bachelors
- 86. Belief

DOWN

- 1. Sparrow, e.g.
- 2. Molding curve
- 3. Kind of buggy
- 4. Stop for lunch
- 5. Shell dweller
- 6. Canola or motor
- 7. Gettysburg Address word
- 8. Conclusion
- 9. Lima or string

- 10. Zinc ____
- 11. Colorless gas
- 12. Correct
- 14. Annual data book
- 15. Battering ____
- 16. Argues
- 23. Not digital
- 25. Attribute
- 26. Mighty tool
- 27. Nautical rear
- 29. Make clear
- 30. Shabby
- 32. "That ____"
- 34. Hollow
- 35. Theory
- 37. Confusion
- 39. Ocean floor
- 40. Theater cry
- 42. Short operatic piece
- 44. Trumpeter Jones
- 46. Eggshell
- 48. Vaccines
- 49. Light bites
- 52. Embassy official
- 54. Scrub
- 57. Noah's vessel
- 58. Work on the garden
- 60. Regard
- 63. Skinny one
- 64. Australian animal
- 65. Embed
- 68. Slightest
- 70. Quaker word
- 71. Catch someone's ____
- 72. Zest
- 73. Easy pace
- 74. Worry
- 77. Be
- 78. Loud uproar
- 80. Rink material

SHELBURNE SPORTS

Hockey Canada provides update on state of summer activities

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

With hockey players around the nation wondering when and if hockey practice and tryouts will resume, many are trying to keep fit with summer time activities that will provide some exercise and physical conditioning.

Dedicated players, especially those at the Junior level and up, have taken up a regimen of dry-land training to keep in shape and

keep their skills sharp. Currently there are no hockey activities taking place any where around the country.

Clubs cannot meet for any kind of practice or tryouts. That includes club executive who can only plan for next season through social media type meetings.

All sports venues have turned off their ice makers and arenas are idle.

With all that has happened, it is a waiting game for hockey clubs around the country to

see when they can start to resume activities.

Hockey Canada, the governing body for the sport, issued a statement regarding the current status of the sport in the nation.

"As provinces and territories phase in a plan to re-open in the face of the COVID-19 pandemic, there are questions about when hockey will return, and how it will look when it does," the statement said. "Hockey Canada and its members are diligently working on a multifaceted return to hockey plan that will happen when, and only when, provincial and territorial governments and health authorities deem it safe to do so."

The plan includes everything from health and safety regulations to communications, season structure, customer engagement and national teams.

Hockey Canada said the plan is to continue at different speeds and different times across the country based on direction from health authorities.

The game 'will look different,' according to the statement, however it did not elaborate on how different it will be.

Many Junior level players have taken up running or following a work-out regimen prescribed by coaches so they will be ready and in shape when the season gets underway.

However, practicing hockey skills with a ball on pavement isn't quite the same as using a puck on ice or practicing skating drills.

For now, players just have to wait it out and see what the plan is for the 2020 / 21 season.



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BACK ON THEIR BIKES: The Kuchurean family, dad Kevin, mom Jessica, and Daniel, Paisley, and Brodie brought their mountain bikes to Island Lake Conservation Area to get in an afternoon of cycling along the trails.

Mountain biking provides safe outdoor exercise as trails reopen

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

With the weather finally starting to be more summer like, people around the region are hoping to spend more time in the great outdoors.

With most sports leagues under a current suspension there are limited options for team sports.

However, the recent opening of parks and trails in a limited capacity has at least allowed for people to get outside and enjoy some fresh air.

With trails now open at the Island Lake Conservation Area, many people are enjoying hiking and biking along the waterfront. However, social distancing rules are in effect and you can't meet in large groups for a hike.

The Conservation Area has trails from a short 1.5 k route, up to several kilometres around the entire park that takes around two hours to complete.

It's a good opportunity for families to get outside and get some exercise.

The Kuchurean family, dad Kevin, mom Jessica, and kids, Daniel, Paisley, and Brody, brought their mountain bikes to the park to spend a few hours staying fit and shaking off the winter rust.

"We were down in Alton and came back here to do this as part of our day," Kevin said, as they unloaded their mountain bikes from their pickup truck, "We try to figure ways to do exercise. This is something we can all do. It's a nice way to get out as a family."

The fact that mountain biking is an outdoor activity means people can get outdoors while still staying a safe distance from strangers on the trail.

"I think it's great," Kevin said. "I really don't see the risk of walking or riding on a trail. As long as everyone is keeping their distance from everyone."

Daniel who plays minor atom AA hockey, had his hockey season cut short but said he enjoys getting on the trails for a good ride.

"I like going up and down the hills," Daniel said.

He has been mountain bike riding for a couple of years.

With the nice weather over the weekend, there was a line-up to get into the Conservation Area.

The number of people allowed in the park is limited and parking has been restricted to certain areas with some parking spaces temporarily eliminated to force people to keep a distance apart while keeping the number of people to a certain level at any one time.

Fishing is also now allowed, but only from the shore. No boats are being allowed to launch.

With team sports not happening yet this year, the Conservation Area provides a good space to keep active.

Some outdoor sports venues in town have been opened, however, they are not open for team practice or games.

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Performance group helps brighten the day for care home residents

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Residents and staff at the Shelburne Long Term Care residence in Shelburne got a reprieve from the boredom of isolation and quarantine at the facility when a group of performers arrived to give a show and provide some entertainment.

Smiles Are Essential, a Brampton based group of performers, have been travelling around the region and performing at retirement homes to help lift the spirits of residents who have been unable to meet with family members due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

Singers and dancers performed on the street facing the building while residents watched from inside the rooms facing the roadway.

The performance was arranged by the family of a resident who recently passed away from the COVID-19 virus at the senior facility.

"A family who had a member pass away from COVID brought us here, so today we are also doing a tribute," said Smiles Are Essential organizer Neil Griffin. "We usually stay local but they took it upon themselves to bring us here. We are a group of performers, singers, and dancers. We do it for free.

Only now are we getting donations to sustain this and keep us going. We just joined forces with the Mississauga Arts Council so now we're a registered charity through them. Today we're doing a tribute, dancing, line dancing – it's going to be a big show. We bring smiles to everyone. That's what we do. The idea was boredom. We wanted to do something for them that's better than just sitting around."

Long Term Care resident, Clombe Meeking passed away as a result of the COVID-19 virus and her family wanted to do something as a tribute as well as put smiles on the faces of other residents at the facility.

"My grandmother was a resident here, and she passed away on April 21, so we asked Smiles Are Essential to come and perform for the residents here and do a tribute to those who have lost their lives. We raised \$500 through donations," explained Ms. Meeking's granddaughter, Tanya Butt.

Ms. Meeking's photo was on display during the performance.

"We couldn't have a funeral so for some of our family members this is a way for us to say our goodbyes, until everything is over and the entire family can get together and we can do a celebration of life."

The current situation is leaving many res-



PHOTO: BRIAN LOCKHART

WATCHING ON: Front line workers wearing protective gear take a break and watch a performance on the street at the Shelburne Residence on Friday, May 22. The performance was held to lift the spirits of residents who have not been able to visit with family members during the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff at the residence wear masks and protective gowns to stop the transmission of the virus through the facility.

idents in senior's homes and long term care facilities feeling isolated as they are separated from family members during a difficult time. Smiles Are Essential hopes to bring some cheer to those residents and make the day a little more pleasant.

Dufferin Community Foundation helping local charities survive

Written By MARNI WALSH

The Dufferin Community Foundation (DCF) has taken steps to help support local charities struggling to survive and continue their vital work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

DCF announced last week, that "rather than concentrate exclusively on building endowed funds, which focus their earnings on specific uses over the long term, the Foundation will pool donations to this fund and grant them to those local charities deemed most in need within the next three months to a year."

"The current need is clear and immediate," says Gord Gallagher, the Chair of the Foundation. "How will the loss of revenue from cancelled events affect the ability of our charities to provide the services so many of our most vulnerable have come to depend upon?"

"We have already planned to increase our small grant program this year, but 'business as usual' will not be enough," he says. In that spirit, the Foundation is "reaching out to the community and our local charities to encourage working together, embracing the concept of the power of many."

The Dufferin Community Foundation was created in 2014, when a steering committee was formed to address the growing fundraising challenges of local charities.

"Rural communities have a long-standing history of helping one another," says DCF Marketing and Outreach Coordinator, Debbi Goss. "Over time, it became evident that our local charities spend so much time, effort and resources on fundraising every year, resources that could be better spent delivering the programs and services they were created to offer."

DCF Committee members were encouraged by the success of close to 200 community foundations across Canada contributing significant dollars to charities in their area.

"These foundations had been able to do that by building large pools of invested money, from which the annual income could be granted without touching the capital," says Debbi Goss.

Dufferin Community Foundation is building on the success of that model with an experienced team of Grant Reviewers and members that include local representation from Headwaters Communities in Action, Trillium Foundation, and the not for profit and business sector. Ms. Goss explains,



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STEPPING UP: The Dufferin Community Foundation (DCF) will distribute support funding to qualifying, local charities which are struggling during the fundraising restrictions of the pandemic.

"Large corporations look for distribution channels for programs they wish to fund. They have forged partnerships with Community Foundations of Canada, relying on their expertise to understand local needs and opportunities. As members of Community Foundations of Canada (CFC) we are in a unique position to participate in these national programs."

She says the federal government chose CFC to distribute a significant part of the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF). \$100,000 is available in Dufferin County through applications, which are being accepted for review from qualifying Dufferin charities at dufferincommunityfoundation.ca.

"Our Grant Review Teams are highly skilled, experienced and in an ideal position to deliver this much needed funding locally," says Ms. Goss. "The partnership includes the Canadian Red Cross and United Way Centraide Canada."

She added, "We understand the impact of this pandemic will be far reaching and the needs will continue long past when this emergency funding ends. Our focus continues to be on building endowment funds so that we can distribute the earnings well in to the future."

"We continue to be inspired by the spirit of philanthropy in Dufferin County," says Gord Gallagher, "and urge anyone who is in a financial position to donate to do so. Our collective efforts today support sustainability for generations to come. We can't come together physically, we can pull together while staying apart."

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- All aspects of by-law enforcement including, but not limited to, property standards, zoning, taxi licensing, animal control, noise, parking and sign by-laws.
- Investigates complaints of by-law infractions including site visits, witness interviews, consultation with property owner, notification of contravention. Follows up on each call to ensure compliance with by-laws.
- Enforce the Animal Control By-law in all areas of the Town including canine control and working with our contracted service partners.

Qualifications, experience, and skills include:

- College Diploma/certificate in law enforcement or equivalent; Municipal Law Enforcement Officer certification is an asset
- Minimum of one year of municipal law enforcement or related experience
- Knowledge of related legislation not limited to the Provincial Offences Act, Property Standards, Ontario Evidence Act, Municipal Act, Dog Owners Liability Act, Highway Traffic Act, Building Code Act, Planning Act and other related Federal and Provincial Legislation
- Knowledge of enforcement and courtroom procedures for prosecutions
- Experience with animal and canine control services
- Computer literacy utilizing Microsoft Office (Word, Excel and Power Point) and property management software
- Hold or intention to acquire valid First Aid and CPR certificates
- Class G driver's license in good standing
- Clear police background check
- Strong public relations, customer service, communication skills
- Strong problem-solving and conflict management skills

A copy of the full job description is available at www.shelburne.ca/townhall/careers

To apply for this position, please submit your resume by email: jwilloughby@shelburne.ca no later than Wednesday June 3, 2020 at 3:00pm.

Please quote the job title in the subject line.

Mail:

Director of Legislative Services/Clerk
 Town of Shelburne
 203 Main Street East, Shelburne ON L9V 3K7

****Only those selected for an interview will be contacted. ****

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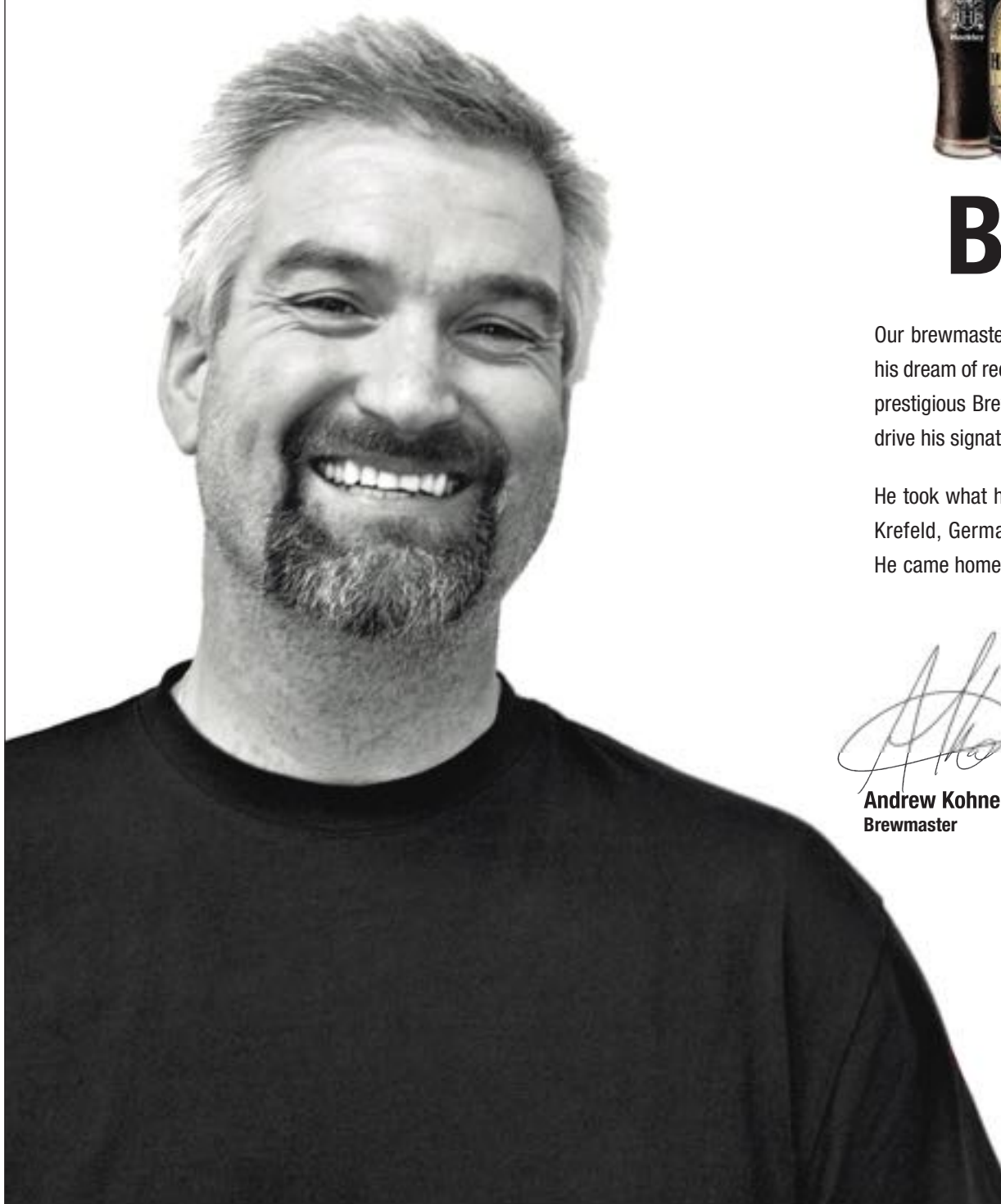
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Supermarkets and other food merchants are allowed to stay open as “essential” retailers amid the mass shutdowns prompted by the spread of the COVID-19 virus. Along with banks, gas stations and takeout restaurants, supermarkets are among the few places that people are allowed to visit to procure the necessities of everyday life.

Even with social distancing and other precautions in place, grocery stores remain high-traffic locations. As a result, many people feel concerned about how to best protect themselves when turning to in-store visits or grocery delivery services to stay stocked on food and other essentials.

MAINTAIN A SIX-FOOT DISTANCE. As with other locations, shoppers should keep a distance of six feet between themselves and other shoppers. Do not hesitate to move back or ask someone to move away if you feel concerned about proximity. Shopping during “off-peak” hours may help thin out crowds and make it easier to maintain social distance.

SHOP SMALL RETAILERS. It can be beneficial to visit independently owned retailers, like local markets, delis and specialty food stores. Crowds at such stores will likely be smaller than the crowds at large chain stores.

WIPE DOWN PRODUCTS. Data published in The New England Journal of Medicine that tested how long COVID-19

survived on surfaces found the virus was detected up to 72 hours on plastic, 48 hours on stainless steel, 4 hours on copper, and 24 hours on cardboard. While infection from touch may not be as likely as it is from direct inhalation of COVID-19 from an infected individual, it can be helpful to wipe down surfaces, including non-porous packaging, once items are brought home, as well as counters or tables used to unload packages. Wiping down a shopping cart handle also may be helpful.

WASH PRODUCE. Consumer Reports suggests washing fruits and vegetables in a mild soap-and-water solution to eliminate any possible live virus and pesticides.

AVOID DIRECT CONTACT. Whether items are delivered or purchased in-store, avoid personal contact with cashiers or other store employees. Pick up and pack your own groceries. Opt to pay with a credit card or another digital pay option like Apple Pay instead of handing over cash. Use your own pen to sign receipts. Scan your own frequent shopper card or have the cashier use a scan gun, rather than taking your key ring to hold. Delivery services can place the bags outside of your front door. Tips also can be exchanged electronically for delivery services through an app or online or over the phone.

Some simple shopping strategies can help people prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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