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MACKAY VISITS LOCAL RIDING: Conservative Party leadership hopeful Peter MacKay (above right) made a campaign stop in Caledon on Saturday morning, where he met a handful of local Conservatives to discuss his platform ahead of the Aug. 21 ballot cut-off. Pictured above, Peter chatting with Caledon resident Derek Lawr about his eight-point jobs plan for Canada. For more, see Page 5.

Ralph Snyder named Shelburne's new fire chief, 20-year vet excited to take on new role

Written By PAULA BROWN

The Town of Shelburne will soon be welcoming its new Fire Chief as the Fire Board hires veteran firefighter Ralph Snyder to take lead of the department.

"I'm very excited to join the Shelburne Fire Department," said Snyder speaking with the FreePress. "I'm looking forward to a new community and working with a very small tight knit group of firefighters."

Snyder will step into the role as Shelburne's second full-time Chief, an experience that is not unknown to him, having previously been appointed the second full-time Fire Chief at the Adjala-Tosorontio Fire Department in 2014.

While Snyder will admit that former Shelburne Fire Chief Brad Lemaich, has a "fairly good size set of shoes to fill", he also said that stepping into the department and into what Lemaich had organized during his time at the Shelburne Fire Department will be fun.

An almost 20 year veteran, Snyder started his career in firefighting in 2001 as a volunteer at the Everett Hall in Adjala-Tosorontio - two weeks before 9/11. During his time as a volunteer firefighter, Snyder also worked at the Honda Plant in Alliston as a millwright. On why he wanted to start a career as a fire-

fighter Snyder said, "service and to give back to the community and help people. I have an agricultural background and community was always important and giving back, serving the community and helping people is always been something I've done."

Over the years he learned and worked his way into being the second full-time Chief at the Adjala-Tosorontio Fire Department, replacing retiring Chief Wayne McIsaac. Snyder was let go from his position as Chief of the Fire Department back in April.

"It has been my privilege to serve the resident of Adjala-Tosorontio for 19 years. I have never abused that that privilege and never will. I will continue to respect the residents of Adjala-Tosorontio, particularly regarding non-disclosure and non-disparagement."

Originally not looking for a new job, Snyder said he investigated the Shelburne Fire Department after Lemaich informed him that he would be leaving.

"I thought it was a really good fit for me as a fire chief and I decided that I was going to go for it," explained Snyder. "Once I decided to go for it, I went to work and now I'm here."

Council. Walter Benotto, who sits as the Chair of the Fire Board in Shelburne was part of the hiring process for Snyder. Speaking with the FreePress, Benotto said that



PHOTO: PAULA BROWN
WELCOME TO SHELBURNE: Veteran firefighter Ralph Snyder will be stepping into the role as Shelburne's new Fire Chief on

Snyder scored the highest in the testing portion of the hiring process, and was impressive in the interview stage.

"You'll see that as a firefighter he has a lot of experience," said Benotto.

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On the day I died. I was trying to put a smile on the faces of everyone who came to watch the parade I was planning on being a part of but unfortunately the smiles turned to shock sadness and disbelief. Try not to squander a priceless moment worrying about all the things that happened on the day I died, because many of those things are either not my concern or beyond my control. Yet for as much as happen on that day, one more thing happened. On the day I died, the many people who really knew and truly love me started to deeply grieve. They began to feel a huge void. They started to feel very cheated. They felt they were not ready for what had happened. They felt as though a part of them had died as well. And on that day, more than anything in the world they wanted more time with me. I know this because I love and watch over them every day. And so knowing this, while your still alive try to remember that your time with family and friends is brief, short lived and so very precious—so do your best not to waste a second of it. Friends, those other things have an insidious way of keeping you from living even as you live; vying for your attention, competing for your affections. They rob you of the joy of this unrepeatable, uncontainable, ever-evaporating "Now" with those who love you and want only to share it with you.

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OLD STORE: Although the drive along Airport Rd, south of Mansfield is now mostly open fields, at one time there was a thriving small town that grew in the area. The Olde Stanton Store, the former general store in the village, is one of the few remaining original buildings in the area.

Long-lost village of Stanton was almost known by different name

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

Many Ontario towns were named after the original settlers who first staked a claim on the land, cleared the area for farming, and perhaps opened a general store.

Stanton, Ontario got its name when a judge made his decision to settle any future dispute between two founding families of the town.

The earliest settlers in the area, which is located on what is now Airport Rd., just south of Mansfield, were the Hands and the Walker families.

Why the name Stanton was chosen, is a mystery – at least it's not recorded anywhere – although the town was indeed referred to as Handsville at one time, but it was an unofficial designation.

The two families arrived at the spot in the 1820's and not long after a few buildings were erected.

That naturally caught the attention of others who moved to the area.

One of the first official buildings was the Orange Hall, charter number 80. It was given the go-ahead in 1831. The first Orange Halls was built on the 5th sideroad then later rebuilt in the centre of the village.

The town built a school house on the 5th in the early 1850's, however it was a rather primitive log structure. They replaced it with a more up-to-date building in 1868.

By the 1860's the town was booming. At least booming by early pioneer days standards.

Of course like any new town in Ontario, alcohol was a primary factor in getting things rolling.

In 1866, William Beatty arrived in town and built the Union Hotel, which also had a tavern and a store.

Mr. Beatty opened Stanton's first post office the following year to really put the town on the map.

By this time in history Stanton had become somewhat of a stopping area for travellers. A second hotel was built in town by a man named James Walker.

Apparently people had money to buy things because a third store was opened by a man named John Arthur Love.

The local economy grew to include four carpenters, a wagon and carriage shop, two blacksmith shops, and even a dentist. The good folks of Stanton and area took care of their teeth.

By the mid 1860's, the town had grown to a population of around 100 souls.

The glory years for the small town were the 1870's, which saw more new businesses open shop.

Toward the end of the 19th century, the town added a butcher and a singing teacher of all things, who apparently did a brisk business teaching enthusiastic groups of up to 50 people.

In 1870, Stanton was chosen as the seat for a new court house

While the taverns in town provided what many people wanted, they also provided more than a fair share of alcohol induced rowdiness which concerned some of the more upstanding citizens.

Although a temperance movement was underway in 1900, a proposed law banning the sale of alcohol never passed.

With the prevailing attitude that his hotel and tavern was the source of much trouble, James Walker decided to get out of the hotel and alcohol business.

The turn of the century saw the town go into decline. The Stanton post office closed in 1915 and was replaced with rural mail delivery. The court house was closed in 1929 and the courts were relocated to Shelburne.

Over time most of the buildings were demolished.

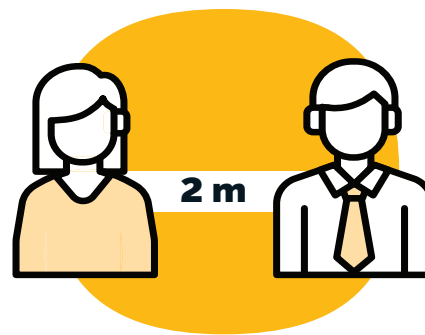
One hotel stood up until just a few years ago. There was a plan to relocate it and preserve it, however funds dried up and the building was demolished.

The old general store is still standing and is now The Olde Stanton Store. It is a shop that sells a variety of artwork, crafts, and specialty items.

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Stanton's history as a working town lasted only five decades, but many of its citizens went on to bigger achievements in the province.

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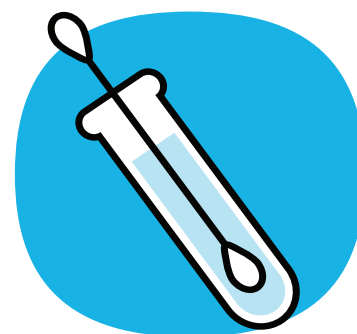
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Much like Shelburne, Snyder's previous fire department operated on volunteer firefighters, but was based out of two halls rather than one.

"Shelburne is run out of all one hall and a very tight knit group of people because of that, I think," said Snyder.

And how does he feel joining the close

group at the Shelburne Fire Department?

"There's always a sense of intimidation when you start a high profile job like this," said Snyder. "I'm quite sure that I will fit in with the group."

Chief Snyder will start at the Shelburne Fire Department on Sept. 1 and will reside in the Shelburne area.

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CAT OF THE WEEK



Poe is a handsome rascal, who has yet to turn one year old. Poe is the comedic relief on many occasions. He loves to sit at the window and wait for his wet food, root through the toy drawer, or bounce around the kitten room. He is constantly making us laugh. He is shy and takes patience but is such a sweetheart.

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Ridin' the rails

With modern technology and everything that goes with it, society has really come to depend on speed. Not speed in terms of whipping down the highway at 150 kmh, but in terms of expecting everything to happen fast. Our attention span has become pretty short.

That explains why TV commercials are now 15 seconds long. No one pays attention after about ten seconds.

With everyone's attention span being so short, I keep waiting to see concerts starting to wrap up after 30 minutes, or stage plays reduced to a series of brief skits rather than a three-act, two hour production.

I'm certainly guilty of being part of the short attention span syndrome.

I routinely watch YouTube videos or short productions on other streaming services.

You can watch live action news that takes less than a minute and skips the commercials and list of credits. You can watch your favourite scenes from classic movies.

Some smart movie makers have actually created entertaining short film series with characters they have created or borrowed, that are less than five minutes long.

Recently I broke with the usual pattern

and watched a YouTube video that was 1 hour and 21 minutes in length, although admittedly I did fast forward at times.

The video was produced by a guy who went by the name of Stobe the Hobo.

I live next to the CP rail line and it is routine that you have to stop and wait for a train to pass. Never once in 19 years have I seen a hobo perched at the end of a caboose or waving from a box car.

And yet, Stobe the Hobo did ride that train past my house at one time, but I didn't see him. I didn't think there really were any hobos out there any more.

When you think of the hobo, the first thought that often comes to mind is the 1930's when men criss-crossed the country looking for work, and if caught by the railroad 'bulls', were given a sound beating with a billy club.

I have watched hobo videos in the past. There are guys out there who ride the rails strictly to make videos.

Stobe the Hobo became one of those guys. He had a large, but not huge, following of people who would watch his videos as he dodged the railway police, camped track-side, and caught a moving freight train for his next adventure.

He was quite the character.

The video I watched detailed Stobe's quest to ride a freight train from Vancouver

to Toronto in what he called his 'Canadian Adventure.'

Accompanied by his camera man, who was like the Teller to his Penn and didn't speak, they had a nice ride through the mountains of British Columbia, before stopping at a few towns and seeing the sights.

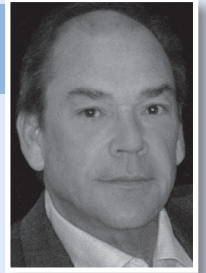
The opening of the video showed the necessary supplies for being a hobo – that included three quarts of various beers. This became a featured part of the video.

In an interview several years ago, Stobe admitted that he had risked his life several times by either jumping aboard, or jumping off a moving train while in an alcoholic haze.

Poor Stobe couldn't believe the price of beer in Vancouver when he was starting out. Several times in the video their main concern is finding more brew. They looked forward to visiting Ontario where they heard beer was cheap. That became another disappointment on the tour.

It was interesting to see an American's reaction when visiting some of the northern towns where they ended up. He was quite impressed with the 'castle style' architecture in Kenora, of all places, although he again complained about the price of beer.

BRIAN LOCKHART
FROM THE SECOND ROW



Apparently suds are dirt cheap in his home state of Colorado.

Stobe the Hobo, aka, James Stobie, wasn't your run of the mill hobo. In addition to being a former Coast Guard sailor, he had a bachelor's degree in music and composed and played the music for his videos.

The video ends with Stobe and his silent camera man arriving in Toronto, tucked into a small sitting area at the end of a rail car, then finally checking into a downtown hotel for a real night's sleep and a shower.

It wasn't until later when I read the comments section that I saw a note "RIP Stobe the Hobo" and a date.

Sure enough, Stobe the Hobo 'caught the west bound' in hobo speak, at age 33.

His body was found laying along some train tracks near Baltimore in 2017.

According to reports he was caught on a bridge as a train passed and it snagged his backpack, taking Stobe for one final ride.

Stobe the Hobo may be gone, but he left behind a legacy of videos that for some of us with short attention spans, are good for some late night entertainment that doesn't require a lot of thought.



Yet another disappointment

The more things change, the more they stay the same.

A horrible cliché, I know. But it's one that, in this uber-strange COVID-19 world, where practically everything we know and love has been flipped upside down, seems to perfectly sum up our beleaguered Toronto Maple Leafs.

Despite being heralded by Las Vegas bookmakers last summer as one of the favourites to lift this year's Stanley Cup, the Leafs stumbled before they even reached the first hurdle this time around – losing out to the Columbus Blue Jackets in five games in the NHL's playoff play-in qualifier. The feelings across Leafs Nation following Sunday's meagre elimination, after a 3-0 defeat on home ice, were familiar.

Disappointment. Frustration. Heartbreak. Again. There's no question that something needs to change this off-season, but how far does Leafs management go? This is a cap-strapped team, and, while they possess one of the most talented attacking quartets in the entire league, there are glaring deficiencies across their line-up. Deficiencies that were all too easily exposed by a disciplined, hard-working Blue Jackets team last week.

The Leafs have long had problems on the blueline. Kyle Dubas' big-ticket move last year to trade Nazem Kadri for an average Alex Kerfoot and, essentially, a year of Tyson Barrie simply did not work. Barrie did not bring the elite offensive game he was known for in Colorado to Toronto, putting up a hugely disappointing 5 goals and 34 assists across 70 games – his worst return since his debut season as a rookie in 2012/13.

Now with Barrie all but gone, with his contract set to expire, the only reminder of that trade is a forward who was brought in to play centre, but, thus far, has played his best games for the Leafs on the wing. It wasn't an awful season for Kerfoot, but looking at his statistics – 28 points in 68 games, it's a considerable regression from the 43 and 42 point seasons he had with the Avalanche over the previous two seasons. Maybe we'll be kind and chalk this year up to him needing to get used to his new surroundings.

Elsewhere in the lineup, the likes of Kasperii Kapanen, Andreas Johnsson and Ilya Mikheyev had reasonable seasons. None of them particularly tore up any trees with their play and, with the Leafs needing to make some moves this summer, they should all be considered expendable. I'm going to go out on a limb and say goaltender Freddie Andersen could also face the chopping block. There have been question marks over his ability to carry the Leafs to a win when

it matters most for a couple of years now. In his four seasons in Toronto, the team has never failed to make the playoffs, but has also never managed to win a playoff series. Some responsibility for that has to fall on their goaltender, who was particularly disappointing in Game 5 of the Columbus series on Sunday.

You may notice a few names I have not brought forth for debate. The Big Four as they are known – Auston Matthews, John Tavares, Mitch Marner and William Nylander account for almost half of the Leafs' salary cap. Never in the salary cap era has a team invested so lop-sidedly in its offence. The three highest earners – Matthews, Tavares and Marner – are amongst the ten best paid players in the league.



MIKE BAKER
THE MIC CHECK

There is a belief throughout Leafs Nation that Toronto would be best served trading one of their four stars for help on the blueline. Unless Dubas is about to do a complete 180 on his vision for what this Leafs team is and can be, it wouldn't bank on that happening. And, honestly, that's a good thing for Leafs fans, regardless of how you may feel today.

It wasn't that long ago that the Edmonton Oilers found themselves in a position where, they felt, they had an abundance of offensive talent and would be willing to sacrifice one of their star forwards to shore up their defense. That June 29, 2016 trade, where the Oilers sent Taylor Hall to New Jersey in a straight swap for solid, but certainly not spectacular d-man Adam Larsson has to go down as one of the worst trades of all time.

Now, I'm not suggesting Dubas would be boneheaded enough to make a trade like that. I'm simply pointing out that by dangling, say, Mitch Marner, the Leafs may not get as good a return as you may think. For one, that eye-watering five-year \$10.9 million contract is enough to make at least half of the NHL to back out before negotiations can begin. Marner is an elite talent, but he's also a winger. It's a widely accepted fact that, in order of importance to a team, a top winger falls way below an all-star goaltender, stud blueliner, or first-line centre.

To trade Marner, the Leafs would be looking for a stellar, right-handed defenseman back, who could partner Morgan Reilly on the Leafs' top defensive line. Now, ask yourself, how often do you see top defenders traded in the NHL? There was the Erik Karlsson deal, brought on because Ottawa ownership didn't want to pay him the \$11.5 million a year he's now getting in San Jose.

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Peter MacKay makes campaign stop in Dufferin-Caledon

Written By MIKE BAKER

Conservative leadership frontrunner Peter MacKay has vowed to work alongside Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback to bring even the most rural of areas of Canada into the 21st century, by improving high-speed internet nationwide.

Speaking at a campaign event in Caledon on Saturday morning, Mr. MacKay expressed his belief that the federal government needed to “embrace technology in ways that we have never done before” if Canada is to emerge favourably from the COVID-19 pandemic.

“These are the jobs of the future. We have some of the greatest minds, greatest entrepreneurs, and greatest opportunities, who have left for better opportunities overseas,” Mr. MacKay said. “As part of that recognition and promotion of technology, we need to have high-speed internet everywhere. We need to reach into the most remote parts of Canada to see that they are connected, not only for business purposes, but for health purposes, mental health purposes and to establish greater communication nationwide.”

Mr. Seeback has been quite outspoken in recent months, discussing the issue on several occasions with the Free Press. Since his election last fall, he says he’s heard from dozens of residents who have complained about the lack of quality internet options in rural areas of Dufferin County and Caledon. It’s a problem, he says, is all too common in other parts of the country too.

To that effect, he has been working alongside his colleagues within the Conservative caucus to establish something of an action plan to bolster internet services in areas that are currently underserved. The key, he feels, is promoting more competition within the internet service provider industry.

“Almost all the government funds are accessed by the large telecoms. And by doing that, you drive out the smaller internet service providers from their ability to compete, and to also provide broadband services in rural communities,” Mr. Seeback previously told the Free Press. “We have to redesign those programs really for the benefit of smaller and regional internet service providers, because they’re the ones that are actually trying to expand their services across rural municipalities.”

Locally, Wightman Communications has been working to bridge the infrastructure gap in parts of Dufferin County, announcing back in June it planned to invest \$56 million to bring “next-generation” internet services to Orangeville. The company specializes in providing fibre optic internet to small communities such as Arthur, Fergus, Listowel and Hanover. It’s this type of investment that Mr. Seeback feels the federal government should be encouraging, and assisting with, across the country.

It has now been five years since Mr. MacKay stepped away from the federal political arena, choosing not to seek re-election in 2015 after previously serving six terms as a Member of Parliament, starting back in 1997. He spoke openly about his concern over the direction the country is headed, particularly the economy, and felt he could no longer sit back and watch when he feels he can make a real difference, and help to get Canada back on track.

“Some issues are very important to me, and a big part of why (I’m running for leadership). I’m talking justice, and national security issues that deal very much with Canada’s place in the world,” Mr. MacKay said. “We have the lowest number of deployed troops right now that we’ve had in decades. We’re really pulled away from some of the traditional relations, and traditional positions we have previously taken on the global stage.”

He added, “I have concerns for the country my children are going to inherit, and everyone’s children are going to inherit, with massive debts. I have concerns for issues that go to the very core of our country’s future. For prosperity, and for opportunities that should be there in a country as great as ours.”

“Crucially though, I fear we have too much corruption and mismanagement now at the very centre, and in the highest office of our government,” Mr. MacKay continued.

As one of the founding fathers of the Conservative Party as it stands today – Mr. MacKay was a key component of the merger between the old Progressive Conservative Party and Canadian Heritage Party in 2003 – Peter feels he has a responsibility to step up at a time when the Tories are in dis-

ray, after current leader Andrew Scheer expressed his desire to step down in Dec. 2019. He committed to staying on until the Party was able to select a new leader, with Conservative members having the option to vote for their preferred option up until Aug. 21.

Joining Mr. MacKay on the ballot is Durham MP Erin O’Toole, Hastings-Lennox and Addington MP Derek Sloan and Toronto-based lawyer Leslyn Lewis.

Having served for nine years as the Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party, working closely alongside former Prime Minister Stephen Harper, from 2004 to 2015, Mr. MacKay feels he’s the right candidate to unite the party ahead of the next federal election, slated to take place on, or before, Oct. 16, 2023.

“The key word is unite. We have to stay tight as a party. We know what happens when we fracture. We lived through that period in the 90s, when our party really fractured,” Mr. MacKay said. “Uniting the Conservative Party, for me, is essential not just for our party’s interest, or partisan interest, but essential in terms of offering Canadians an alternative in the next election. That goes to the essence of unity in Canada, and address the feelings and sentiments in many regions right now who feel like Ottawa has forgotten them.”

He continued, “We need to remember the lessons of the past, and ensure we keep our Conservative values front and centre. That’s very important as we try to get to a place where we can present ourselves as a government in waiting.”

The most important way to make that presentation, Mr. MacKay feels, is by talking about his platform – essentially, a roadmap to recovery following the incredible expense of the still ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. The key cog is what he calls the “eight-point jobs plan for Canada”.

“After human health, people’s attention has turned very quickly now to economic health. Capitalizing on our natural resources, most notably our agriculture and energy sector. Getting those products into the global market will help to stimulate our economy quickly, and we can do it,” Mr. MacKay said. “With the proper infrastructure, and certain



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MACKAY VISITS LOCAL RIDING: Conservative leadership hopeful Peter MacKay (left) was in Caledon on Saturday morning, where he met with Dufferin-Caledon MP Kyle Seeback (right) and local conservatives to discuss high eight-point jobs plan for Canada ahead of the Aug. 21 ballot cut-off.

changes or reversals of positions our current government has taken, Canada can capitalize on many opportunities in the global market for food and for energy.”

He spoke of the need to stimulate the nation’s manufacturing sector, believing there is a “huge appetite” amongst Canadians to buy locally-sourced and locally-made Canadian goods. This in turn would provide the small business community the shot in the arm it needs to recover after a rocky

year to date.

“We need to create a pro-business environment, and that means boosting consumer confidence and business confidence,” Mr. MacKay said. He vowed to bring about changes to key legislation that he says will allow certain businesses in Canada to thrive in the years ahead.

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- 43. Popular Easter entree
- 44. Beneficiary
- 45. Clothed
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- 50. Lower Normandy’s largest city
- 51. Binary compound of halogen
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- 54. Skilled, paid worker
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BIG SWING: While the ball diamonds and soccer pitches aren't getting much use this year, golf has seen an increase in people playing the sport this summer. Kevin and Tyler get some practice in on the driving range at the Lynbrook Family Golf Centre south of Shelburne on Saturday, August 8. With so many activities cancelled this year, more people are hitting the links for some fun.

2020 Ontario Summer Games postponed until next year

Written By BRIAN LOCKHART

There will be some disappointed young athletes in Ontario this week, with the 2020 Ontario Summer Games being cancelled.

The games were scheduled to take place in London from July 30 to August 2.

London was going to play host to back-to-back games after hosting the event in 2018. The games are held every two years.

After much discussion and monitoring the current situation, organizers announced the 2020 games would not take place.

However, the games will take place in 2021, again in London.

The games would have hosted over 3,400 youth athletes, coaches, and officials.

There are 19 different sports that take place during the games.

"This was a difficult decision however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions around mass gatherings, it is one of that need to be made," said Bill Merrylees, chair, London 2020 Ontario Summer Games. "We are in full support of this decision and look forward to welcoming these Games back to London in 2021."

With so many people taking part in the games, the projected financial impact would over \$5 million to the city.

"While we are disappointed that the Games have been postponed, we know that it's the right decision as the health and safety of athletes, coaches, parents, volunteers, sponsors, and community is the top priority," said Zanth Jarvis, director, Sport Tourism - Tourism London. "Although we'll miss this even in 2020, we're happy that it will still be hosted in London and look forward to its triumphant return in 2021."

The Ontario Summer Games were first hosted by the City of Oshawa in 1973.

Since then, the Games have grown to host over 3,400 participants competing in 19 sports.

Over 700 volunteers also take part in the games.

The London Games will be the 26th event.

For many athletes the Ontario Summer Games is the highlight of their sporting career.

For others, the Games are a stepping stone towards the Pan Am Games or even the Olympics.



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

SOPHIA BILEDEA FAILING

"I really like the whole game - hitting and putting," said junior golfer, Sophia Biledea Failing, of why she likes the sport. "I also like the fact that if you hit a bad shot, you still have lots of time to recover. You can make it up on another hole."

Sophia is currently with the junior golfer program at the Shelburne Golf & Country Club.

She started playing golf at the encouragement of her father who also plays the game.

"He got me into it. He told me it's a good game and I should give it a try, and I really liked it."

Sophie enjoys several other sports including swimming in the summer.

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Dufferin County childcare centres preparing for full reopening in September

Written By PAULA BROWN

With the summer coming to an end and the date of opening fully approaching quickly, Dufferin County childcare centres are taking this time to prepare and learn for what's to come in September.

In early July, Dufferin County announced the timelines for reopening childcare centres across the county. Eight have been set to do so this month. An increase in the number of children in a classroom from 10 to 15 plus staff was also announced at the time.

Hyland Centre Child Care in Shelburne is one of the childcare providers that is opening in August and spoke with the Free Press about the centre's reopening and plan for September.

"We started with less children to kind of give us a test run, giving us the opportunity

to work out all the fine details and what it's like to work in our new normal," said Supervisor Kristin Murdoch. "That will prepare us for when we reopen with, hopefully, more children in September."

Safety measures have been a large part of the discussion with schools and childcare centres reopening fully in September. The Ontario government on Aug. 7 announced they will be providing \$230 million in funding for childcare centres province-wide. The funding is to help with increased costs for cleaning, infection control, PPE, and physical distancing.

Hyland Centre and The Sunflower School in Orangeville both say they are doing screening before entering the building and that parents are not allowed access.

"We are spending a great quantity of our day cleaning and disinfecting all materials

that are being touched and all high touch points," said Murdoch.

Sarah Sayffi, Director at The Sunflower School Towline location told the Free Press that childcare centres have been told they can return to normal in September, back still have no clear guidelines from the Ontario government.

"They say the childcare can go back to normal, but they haven't released what the guidelines are yet, so we don't even know what back to normal means," said Sayffi. "The provincial government should be releasing guidelines for childcare and they haven't."

Confusion and concerns toward social bubbles also linger. Returning to full sizes Sayffi says that the idea of bubbles will have to go with children moving from school groups, buses, childcare, and families.

"We are spending a great quantity of our day cleaning and disinfecting all materials that are being touched, and all high touch points.

Kristin Murdoch
Hyland Centre Child Care

"They're going to have to completely eliminate the bubble," said Sayffi. "There's no way you can just stay in one."

Dufferin County childcare centres will be fully open in September.

Multicultural Day goes online in virtual format to celebrate Shelburne's diversity

Written By PAULA BROWN

After being cancelled months earlier due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Multicultural Day, a local event that highlights the different cultures within Dufferin County, is going virtual.

"It's to get back that community involvement, and get that celebration of the different cultures, promote diversity, inclusion and hopefully help in the form of racism because knowledge is power," said Althea Casamento, the founder, on the virtual event.

Organized and founded by Shelburne resident Althea Casamento, the third annual Multicultural Day was originally set to take place on May 4, but was cancelled due to

the coronavirus pandemic. Casamento in an email to the Free Press, said she had hoped to reschedule the event to be in-person after it was cancelled but has decided to have it virtually, as well as run throughout the month of August.

"I've posted on all social media that community members can submit their art pieces, their art performances, recipes, food and cultural wear - anything that depicts their heritage," said Casamento. "They're to be submitted along with a description of it."

Multicultural Day is a growing event that looks to bring together the number of diverse cultures in the community through arts, crafts, and food.

"It was started to celebrate the different

culture around Shelburne," said Casamento. "It was a way to help with diversity and inclusion and to bring awareness to different cultures within Shelburne."

The event was originally started in 2018 and was held in the Shelburne Public Library. In its first year, Casamento says she made it a point to have students involved in the event as a way to explore their culture and families. The following year, 2019, Multicultural Day had grown larger and a location change to the Centre Dufferin High School cafeteria was needed. The 2020 event was expected to be even larger with a number of businesses and organization as sponsors said Casamento.

Despite the cancellation of the in-person

event Casamento spoke about why, even during COVID-19, multiculturalism needs to be celebrated in the community.

"It's incredibly important because it breaks down the barriers for communication," said Casamento. "It helps all community members to learn about each other, it builds and connect the community and make those within the community proud to be a part of the community, to feel that they're included."

With 10 submissions at the time of the interview Casamento says she's seen submissions of art pieces, dance performances, and recipes and that the response has been positive. Submissions are still being collected.

Multicultural Day will take place from Aug. 1 to Aug. 31.

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Yet another disappointing end to season

Going back a few years, there's the Seth Jones deal, when he was traded to the Blue Jackets as a highly-touted, but largely untested youngster from a stacked defensive lineup in Nashville. Who went the other way in that deal? Centre Ryan Johansen, who, at the time, was coming off a couple of hugely successful years playing the number one centre role, and who the Predators believed they could build their offense around.

Unfortunately, I don't see the Leafs getting anywhere near the kind of package that would warrant getting rid of someone as talented as Marnier.

Instead, they're going to have to look at some of their secondary contracts - like the Andersens, Kapanens, and Johnssons to make a move. With Cody Ceci also set to

leave, CapFriendly is projecting the Leafs will have around \$4.5 million in cap space this off season, with some RFAs still to sign.

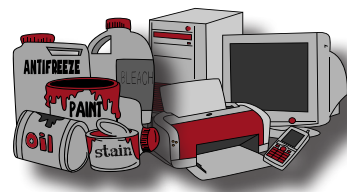
If it were up to me, I'd explore any and all options to move Andersen, who is set to enter the final year of his contract with the Leafs. Maybe a package of Freddie with a Kapanen gets the Leafs a solid, dependable defenseman to improve their blueline. Potential names? The Devils' Damon Severson has been touted, so too has Minnesota's Jonas Brodin. Either of those guys would be a huge upgrade on Ceci, and could help to stabilize the blueline alongside Reilly and Jake Muzzin.

It's going to be a tricky summer for Dubas, but for those banking on a considerable, Big Four-like blow-up... I wouldn't count on it.

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Peacefully, on the 9th of August, at his home as he wished, following a brief illness. James will be deeply missed by his wife Laryssa and their sons, William and Edward. Also mourned by his mother Ann, brother Nick (Tracy) and their children David, Becky and Sam in the United Kingdom, brother-in-law Ihor and nephew Oleh (Katia) in Canada, as well as family and friends in Canada, the UK, the USA, New Zealand and Europe.

In accordance with his wishes, there will be no funeral service. Private family cremation. James was all about wanting all to be happy, so a Celebration of Life will be held at a future date.

Should you wish, in appreciation of the excellent care he received, a donation in his memory to the Headwaters Hospital Foundation would be appreciated.

A tree will be planted in memory of James in the Dods & McNair Memorial Forest at the Island Lake Conservation Area, Orangeville. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.dodsandmcnair.com

IN MEMORIAM

IN LOVING MEMORY ANDERSON Sterling

Oct 20 1938 - Aug 19 2017

This month with deep regret it brings back a day I'll never forget, A million times I needed you, a million times I cried. If love could have saved you, you never would have died.

It broke my heart to lose you dear, but you didn't go alone, for part of me went with you, the day god called you home.



Forever loved by Linda and Family

IN LOVING MEMORY Dixon - Ross, Joseph

JUNE 21 1929 - AUG 14 2006

Husband, Father, Grandpa.

Within our store of memories he holds a place apart, For no one else can ever be more cherished in our hearts.

Softly from the shadows, he heard a gentle call, With farewell left unspoken, he quietly left us all.

Forever in our hearts.

Janet, Nancy & Mike,
Cindy & Vince
Dan & Sharon,
Bruce & Cynthia,
Grant & Maria and families

County holds online Tourism and Strategy Action Plan

Written By PAULA BROWN

Dufferin County held its community information session for the Tourism and Strategy Action Plan on Tuesday (Aug. 11).

The event, which was held virtually via Zoom, was co-hosted by Terrilyn Kunopaski and Zach Vanasse, from Bannikin Travel & Tourism, the consulting firm working with Dufferin County on the project.

At the beginning of the presentation Kunopaski spoke about the tourism industry in Ontario which, pre-COVID-19, brought in approximately \$32 billion annually.

"A lot of local tourism experiences are in high demand," said Kunopaski. "Firstly, international travel isn't all that accessible anymore, I'm not sure it is all that desirable anymore at least for the time being, so it's giving those places that are closer to home more visibility. With the concept of exploring your own backyard, those regions are being given a chance to shine."

Kunopaski also touched on how tourism isn't about people visiting for a short time but says it is about leaving a mark and driving investments economically.

Dufferin County began consulting with Bannikin through the Town of Orangeville following the end of their contract with Headwaters Tourism Association. In September 2019 Dufferin County council chose not to renew its \$90,000 per year contract with Headwaters Tourism Association, following a report from the department of Planning, Economic Development and Culture – ending the 25 year partnership.

The tourism project is set up into three phases with the first starting back in June with research, the information session, and interviews and workshops with stakeholders. The second phase, which starts in September, will be the actual development of the strategy plan. In the final phase the strategy will be presented to Dufferin County council.

Following the presentation a number of

the 20 participants in the meeting weighed in on possibilities for the plan.

"The great outdoors and agri-tourism are key pillars to Dufferin County's tourism potential," said Kunopaski. "No theme parks needed."

A lack of unique accommodations in the community was noted as a gap for tourism in Dufferin County. Rather than have brand name chains for hotels, Bannikin suggests accommodations that show the character of Dufferin County.

"Smaller in size and with a sort of charm that would complement the region," said Kunopaski.

One participant in the session spoke about the number of hiking trails and cycling paths in Dufferin County, which Vanasse suggested were both being looked at as a big part in attracting visitors.

David Naim, artistic director at Theatre Orangeville, addressed arts and culture as a tourism point.

"I feel that we really need to not just sell that abroad, but we need to let the people of Dufferin County know what tremendous creative assets they have here," Naim said.

Participants had suggestions from weddings, day trips, craft beer tours, changing the name of the county and cohesively branding the different municipalities and townships.

"I don't think that tourism in Dufferin needs to be one thing but what it does need to be is have a brand that when people think about tourism in Dufferin, they think about what it means to them," said Karisa Downey, Economic Development Officer at Dufferin County.

If there is anything that became apparent in the meeting was the drive for "experiences" in the county as a tourist attraction.

The next step in the tourism plan will be a stakeholder's survey the week on Aug. 24.

First responders react to call on Bruce Trail

Written By PAULA BROWN

Dufferin County paramedics and firefighters responded to an urgent call on Sunday (Aug. 9) for an injured hiker on the Bruce Trail in Mulmur.

"On Sunday, approximately 1:30 p.m. we got a call for a person with a medical emergency on the Bruce Trail," said Dufferin EMS Chief Tom Reid. "It was teamed with our

local fire department, our crew responded, with cooperation of both the fire department and the paramedic service and we were able to extricate the patient, the patient was safely transported out of where they were, and then transported to hospital with non-life threatening conditions."

Paramedic and firefighters entered in the area of Centre Rd., the Boyne Valley Loop entrance for the Bruce Trail.

The Mulmur-Melancthon Fire Department on social media noted the difficulty of extracting the hiker for the first responders due to the trail conditions, elevation and heat.

"They were on scene for about 40, 45 minutes, it was about a 20 minute carry out," said Chief Reid. "It was significantly off the road."

Dufferin Paramedics receive calls for unexpected medical emergencies or injuries on the hiking trails and path in Dufferin County about 12 times a year said Chief Reid.

Chief Reid gave a few reminders for those using the paths and trails to check for, before they go out.

"Make sure that you have proper footwear, that you're dressed appropriately, have water, and make sure you have your cell phone with you. Make sure that you know where you are, so that if you have some kind of medical emergency or get injured on the trail that at least you know where you came in and approximately where you are on the trail so that we can find you efficiently."

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Peter MacKay makes campaign stop in Dufferin-Caledon, discusses jobs plan

More than anything, however, Mr. MacKay is adamant about the fact that he wants to see the Conservative Party become more modern and inclusive so as to encourage more people than ever before to support their progressive platform in the next election. With that in mind, he has worked with his campaign team to establish a "comprehensive plan" for the environment, that he says will help lower emissions, not only here in Canada, but across the globe.

He wants to increase investment in liquefied Canadian natural gas, and export it to other countries to serve as a replacement source of energy for the almost 2,500 coal-fired power plants across the globe, which are producing massive amounts of carbon dioxide. He also wants to further invest in carbon sequestration – the process of, essentially, removing Carbon Dioxide from the atmosphere and, normally, burying and storing it underground.

"Young people and Canadians everywhere are concerned about climate change, and it is real, so we have to have a plan that addresses it," MacKay said of his plan for the environment. "We have a very comprehensive plan that can work that brings the

environment front and centre, but also helps us become major energy exporters to move us towards a greener economy."

Briefly discussing the man behind the name and extensive platform, Mr. MacKay described himself as pro-choice, and a supporter of equal marriage. Should he be successful in his bid to lead the Conservative Party, Peter says he would fight to bring back the Office of Religious Freedom, nixed by the Liberals in 2016.

"In my heart, I believe in fundamental rights for Canadians. We have to continue to be the party that promotes human rights," Mr. MacKay said. "John Diefenbaker produced the first Bill of Rights in this country, we don't take a backseat to anyone when it comes to the protection of human rights."

And as for the one quality that sets him apart from the rest of the leadership hopefuls?

"I think experience. And compassion. We need a steady hand right now at the helm. With the greatest respect, we need someone who is a serious leader. Someone that will get results. Results to me mean getting our economy moving, and getting people back to work," Mr. MacKay concluded.



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HECK OF A DRIVE: On Saturday, August 8th, members of Shelburne Family Chiropractic, Rotary Club of Shelburne and community volunteers sorted and counted over 6,000 cans and bottles for the Shelburne Splash Pad Fundraising Drive. Over \$800 was raised through the drive.

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