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THE RED PUMP SHINES WITH FOUR DIAMOND RATING

BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

PETITION LAUNCHED

An online petition has been created regarding the proposed development at 89 Main Street South in the village. The petition entitled, “Preserve Bayfield, Ontario's heritage culture - say "NO" to corporate encroachment” that will be sent to the CAO of the Municipality of Bluewater Kyle Pratt. It was launched midday on July 11 and as of publishing time had generated 445 signatures.

For anyone interested in viewing the petition please visit: www.change.org

WEST COAST ASTRONOMERS

Are you interested in the night sky? Then attending a Star Party hosted by the West Coast Astronomers may be right for you.

A star party is a gathering of amateur astronomers and interested participants to contemplate and

Executive Chef Glenn Sheridan, of The Red Pump, enjoyed a rare moment in the rear garden at the restaurant earlier in the season.

According to the CAA website, Four Diamond “establishments are upscale in all areas. Accommodations are progressively more refined and stylish. The physical attributes reflect an obvious enhanced level of quality throughout. The fundamental hallmarks at this level include an extensive array of amenities combined with a high degree of hospitality, service, and attention to detail.”

The Red Pump Restaurant of Bayfield was listed in the June 2017 publication of the CAA Tour Book as having a four-diamond rating, one of six restaurants in Southwestern Ontario.

This was a goal that The Red Pump’s Executive Chef, Glenn Sheridan, had set for himself and one that he had known he had achieved for several months before it was made public at the end of January.

Sheridan applied to CAA for the opportunity to be rated and had to fill out forms including a restaurant description, menu and photos of food presentation. And then he waited.

“The CAA representative could come in anytime within the year after you apply. You have no idea who or when,” he said. “They must eat three meals to establish consistency, for example two lunches and one dinner. It is a very secretive process.”

Sheridan believes that in all things consistency is the key to obtaining the rating.

“It doesn’t matter if you are serving the Queen of England or a couple that have saved for three months to be able to go out to dinner they deserve the same treatment,” the chef explained. “Attention to detail, clean bathrooms, the knife blade facing inward at the table setting, attentive yet not overpowering service, these combine to make a great dining experience and these are the little trade secrets that they are looking for.”

The Red Pump opened for the 2017 season on Good Friday and right away they saw an increase in business with people coming in to say they saw the articles regarding the designation and social media was also a buzz.

The designation has also proved to be a highlight for Harry Israel, who celebrated 45 years as the owner of The Red Pump this past May. Sheridan commented how proud he was able to tell Israel that the business had achieved four-diamond status.

He credits Israel for giving him the space to get creative with the menus while also not being afraid to give his opinion regarding those creations.

“He knows what he is talking about and it is important to set ego aside and make changes when he suggests them,” Sheridan said.

He added that he is also lucky to have John Musselman as the dining room manager providing wonderful customer service front of house.

“It is all about great hospitality. It is our job to make sure you have a good experience and go home happy,” Sheridan said.

observe our night skies. Huron County is a good dark sky area with less light pollution and in turn, allows for better viewing.

Participants are encouraged to bring telescopes and binoculars, but this is not mandatory. The night sky viewings may include planets and stars; deep sky objects such as galaxies, nebulae and star clusters.

There is no charge and no age limit. Children must be supervised and accompanied by an adult.

Upcoming dates for viewing in the Bayfield area are July 23, Aug. 15 and Sept. 20. The July 23rd event will be held at the Agriculture Park behind the Bayfield Arena and starts at 10 p.m.

Please visit www.westcoastastronomers.info for more details, locations and times. Each party is limited in the number of participants the group can accommodate. Please use the RSVP button on the 'Star Party' page to reserve a spot. If the sky is not clear on the designated night, the event will be cancelled and no one will show up. If you have doubt on the status of the event please call 519 868-6691.

If you are an amateur astronomer, willing to bring your telescope, and share your knowledge with others, please contact the number listed above in advance.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Back by popular demand, this month’s Bayfield Historical Society (BHS) guest speaker is Bayfield’s own Dr. Charles Wallace.

After a seven-year hiatus, Dr. Wallace has agreed to continue with his “Long Road from India to Bayfield” life story. Do not worry if you were not present for his first presentation; he has so many stories to tell that this presentation will be a most interesting event in itself.

This month’s meeting will be on Monday, July 24 commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the Bayfield Lions’ Community Building.

Refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the meeting, memberships are available and all are welcome to attend.

STROLLER HIKE

The Bayfield River Valley Trail Association is introducing a new hike to encourage and spread awareness of the awesome hiking trails available in our county. This Moms, Pops, Tots and Strollers Hike will feature Denise Iszczuk, educator with the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority. She will help families discover the wonder of nature through hands-on exploration and activities which don’t require specialized or expensive equipment.

For Sheridan the path he took that led him to The Red Pump was one with varied experiences. An Alvinston, ON native he began his studies at George Brown College and is trained in the classic French style. He worked at the Hilton International in Glasgow, Scotland for two years and really enjoyed it, crediting Executive Chef James Murphy as a mentor. He also spent time as a Sous-Chef at the Savoy Hotel in London, England, calling it a “phenomenal experience”.

He returned to Canada in 2004, to work in Northern Ontario and then for a while in Edmonton, Alberta at The Fantasyland Hotel. He returned to Southern Ontario in 2012 and has been in Bayfield for the last three years.

“Destination dining is what I enjoy doing. It is a high pressure job and like a diamond you either crumble or you excel,” he said. “Being a chef is as close to being a rock star as I will get. The customer doesn’t care if you are having a bad day and you don’t know who is out in the dining room but you know you have to send them away happy with your culinary performance.”

He sights his best moments are when he can give customers a happy experience.

“We have to impress the couple who had their first date here and then come back for their anniversary some time later. We have to go that extra mile every time,” he said.

He changes the menu about every four months and the restaurant is open Wednesday to Sunday in the summer months serving lunch from noon to 3 p.m. and dinner 5-9 p.m. One of the chef’s favorite things to serve is his homemade Brioche Rolls sent to the table warm and flakey.

Sheridan remarked that he has a chef friend who told him, “I don’t love the kitchen I’m addicted to it.” And he understands what he meant.

“Cooking is a great way to express who you are. I would miss the sound of the hoods, the people dressed in white, the buzz of the dining room, the clanking of dishes. I really enjoy the family atmosphere that we have established here with our staff. Harry could have sold this place 20 years ago but he loves it. I think he is addicted too,” concluded Sheridan.

VINTAGE FASHION PARADE A NEW ASPECT OF ANNUAL ANTIQUE SHOW

Getting ready for the Bayfield Antique Show's Vintage Fashion Parade on Aug. 13 from 1-2 p.m. are this fabulous mother daughter modelling duo - Joan Cluff and daughter, Tara Kleuskens! Get a sneak peak of fashions at the Gala Evening on Aug. 11. Tickets are on sale now for $10 ($12 at the door) from Brandons Hardware of JMR Collections on Main Street in Bayfield. (Photos by Judy Roth)

Everything old really is new again at the 32nd Annual Bayfield Antique and Collectibles Show to be held Aug. 11-13.

New this year, admission to the Gala includes free admisstion to the show on Saturday and Sunday! Tickets for the Gala are on sale now at Brandon Hardware and JMR Collections both in Bayfield or by calling 519 565-4102.

The hike will be held on the Taylor Trail in Varna. It is an interesting and varied trail on hard surface with compacted gravel so that individuals with young children, with or without strollers, can experience the joy of a stroll in the woods. All are welcome to join the fun Thursday, July 27 at 9 a.m.

The trail is 1 KM long; difficulty is level 1 and the hike should take approximately one hour. The trail starts at the Stanley Recreation Complex, 1.6 KMs west of the village of Varna on County Road #3. Parking is available.

The hike leader will be Pat Baker, 519 955-1456.

BUTTERFLY RELEASE

How many among us take notice of certain symbols that remind us of someone special who no longer walks the earth? Hearing the striking lilt of a birdcall, sighting a butterfly flitting by or spotting a feather on the ground are all fine examples of these signs.

In recognition of these the Huron Hospice is holding an event in Pioneer Park on Aug. 27 that will allow community members to honor the memory of loved ones or beloved pets in a symbolic way at a Butterfly Release.

The event will be held from 7-8 p.m. and will include a memorial service officiated by Eugene Dufour and the release of butterflies while a few pipers from the Celtic Blue Highlanders pipe.

Please call Michelle at 519 482-3440 Ext. 6301 or infohospice@tcc.on.ca to purchase a butterfly in memory of a loved one or beloved pet, Monarch butterflies are $25 each while Painted Lady butterflies are $20. Their flight orders must be received before Aug. 8.

KINTAIL ON THE ROAD

The Friday Gala is the perfect time to mingle with dealers and enjoy some wine and cheese from 6-9 p.m. Attendees will also get a head start on the stamping of their “Your Passport to Future Treasures” to be entered into a raffle for three awesome prize packages. In addition, visitors to the Gala should be on the look out for models dressed in fashions of yesterday. These gals will provide a sneak peak at what will be shared during a Vintage Clothing and Accessories Fashion Parade to be held on Sunday afternoon from 1-2 p.m. and sponsored by JMR Collections on Main Street.

The Show will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission on these two days is $5.

Another new feature of the 2017 show is an opportunity to have family heirlooms or special finds appraised by Tim Saunders, of Three Squirrels Antiques in Bayfield. There is three-item limit and donations are appreciated.

As always the fabulous Cafe will be open during show hours on Saturdays and Sundays when visitors can enjoy a very reasonably priced sandwiches, sweets and cold beverages or coffee.

Proceeds from this event go toward Trinity Anglican Church’s needs and outreach.

So who is coming to this year's event? Seller Spotlight is an occasional, question and answer feature in the Bayfield Breeze to highlight dealers that will be taking part in the show and sale. The third business to be featured is “Stan's Antiques”.

Name of Business: Stan's Antiques

Owners Name: Stan Silver

Business location: Kitchener and Aberfoyle Antique Market

# of years attending Bayfield Antique and Collectibles Show and Sale: This is my first year.

How long have you been a dealer? 40+ years

Do you offer antiques, collectibles or both? Both

Do you specialize in certain items or eras? I frequently handle antiques from the 18th, 19th and early 20th centuries.

What first inspired your interest in antiques? In England, at around age 10, my mother would take me along on a Saturday morning to a couple of homes where she was 'in service.' Here she would prepare the home for a dinner party and my job was to help her by cleaning all the sterling candlesticks, flatware, etc.; items that would be used during the evening. In this way I got to know and appreciate Georgian and Victorian antique silver and family heirlooms.

At the same time, my father would bring home antiques that he had found and we would talk about them and examine the marks to determine the age and period. Both of these exposures allowed me to learn about early English antiques.

What would you describe as your favorite find…your most unusual find…your oldest find?

My favorite find: An Anglo-Indian carved rosewood buffet with matching side table from the mid 19th-century with hand carvings of foliage, serpents and exotic birds. Magnificent!
My most unusual find: Unexpectedly I was able to purchase the following antiques found under the floor of a barn that was being demolished: a Brown Bess musket, several bayonets in their original leather scabbards from the war of 1812 era; as well as a WWI helmet in great condition.
My oldest find: A grandfather clock in working condition by London maker made in 1720.

Anything you would like to add about your business? We strive to authenticate, research and obtain any provenance related to the items we sell in order to pass said information on to the customer.

SAFE HARBOUR RUN IN THE MIDDLE OF VILLAGE RUNNING SEASON

Kintail on the Road Day Camp has begun on Wednesdays at Knox Presbyterian Church Bayfield. Some of the youth that run the program are from front: Jessie (Aqua) Hooker, Hannah Hill (LIT), Emily O’Brien (LIT), Ryan (Argonaut) Irwin and Aung Nae Moo (LIT). (Submitted photo)

Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield is once again hosting, “Kintail on the Road” bringing a Christian day camp to the village.

The fun has already begun so call to register campers from JK to Grade 6 by calling 519 565-2913 and leaving a message.

Camp takes place every Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. until Aug. 24th. The cost to attend is $5 per child each week or $7 for two or more children. All snacks and lunch are included in the price.

Qualified counselors along with Leaders-in-Training lead the campers in songs, games, outdoor activities and crafts for a fun filled day.

Resource Counselor Jessie Hooker (camp name Aqua) headed up the team this past Wednesday and says this is her seventh year at camp. She is in her third year of Geography and Environmental Studies at Waterloo University.

The benefit to campers, said Hooker, is each feels a part of the community exploring faith through participation in activities.

She stressed that the camp is open to all faiths as well as persons with no faith base. ‘Everyone has different needs and Camp Kintail is an open resource for participants’.

According to Knox, Church hosts, with exemplary leaders like Jessie (Aqua), Ryan (Argonaut) and leaders in training Emily, Aung, and Hannah the children are in good hands.

When two of the campers were asked what their favorite activity had been that day one answered, “Everything” and another said, “I liked all the games.”

Elise Feltrin makes her way down Tuyll Street along the 5 KM route during the village Terry Fox Run that was held in Sept. 2015. Feltrin will be taking part in the Safe Harbour Run on Aug. 20. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

On Aug. 20, the Rev. Elise Feltrin will arrive at her service at St. Andrew's United Church dripping in sweat having completed her 10 KM run. We don't know the text of the sermon for that Sunday will be but it might make reference to "… let us run with patience the race that is set before us…" (Hebrews 12:1-2).

This is the 8th Safe Harbour Run. First held in 2009, as well as offering fun and exercise to participants, it has raised much-needed funds for the Huron Women's Shelter. In 2016 the event was struck by a shortage of volunteers. Into the breach stepped Blue Bayfield who agreed to manage the event for 2017, again in support of the Shelter and to a lesser extent, the work of Blue Bayfield.

Because Bayfield is home to a popular pole walking and equally popular hiking fraternity, these events have been added to the traditional 10 KM, 5 KM and 2 KM runs. The 10 KM and 5 KM runs are part of the Runpikers Series sponsored by Runners Choice in London. Participants compete for points and cash prizes that are then included with the results from other races in the series. These races take place throughout South Western Ontario. It is the only regional race that also provides for para athletes.

Because this event is registered and promoted nationally, it follows a certified course; participants are electronically timed by a "chip" attached to their bib number.

Do not be threatened by this competitive event as the vast majority of runners and walkers do it for fun, fitness and willingness to support the Shelter and Blue Bayfield.

Safe Harbour Run is limited to 250 entrants. All participants receive a gift package valued at over $10. This is made possible through the generous support of 57 sponsors that have provided the necessary funding to cover all race expenses.

Entry fees vary with the event chosen. There are reduced rates for young people. Rates increase closer to race time.

If you are unable to participate, you may wish to pledge your support to someone who is running. Pledge sheets can be downloaded from the events website. The website also includes articles under "news" on training for a 5 KM, the history of pole walking and other articles related to the event. Bikes, skateboards etc are not allowed for safety reasons.

Anyone wishing to volunteer should contact pmcdougall@tcc.on.ca.

For more information and to register please visitwww.safeharbourrun.ca

August and September are months for running in Bayfield. Other upcoming runs include:

• Pioneer Park Fun Run – Aug. 7 at 9:00 a.m. The 31st annual Pioneer Park Run begins in Pioneer Park. Participants are welcome to run or walk, push strollers, ride bikes and bring pets! $5 Entry fee $5. Prizes to be won. Visit www.pioneerparkbayfield.ca to learn more.

• Run4Kids – Sept. 3 at 9 a.m. The 6th annual run-walk. Presented by Virtual High School and the Optimist Club of Bayfield. All proceeds will be donated to Make-A-Wish Southwestern Ontario (SWO) to grant the wish of a child with a life-threatening medical condition. For more information visit http://www.vhsrun4kids.com

So there you have it "Kintail on the Road" is camper approved!

JOHNNY CASH

Marty Allen as Johnny Cash (Submitted photo)

The Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society (BTHHS) is pleased to announce another tribute performance, on July 29. This one features Southern Ontario artist, Marty Allen, celebrating the music of the great Johnny Cash. Many of us grew up with Johnny's music, but younger people may know it best from the 2005 movie hit, "Walk the Line".

Allen was named after the late Marty Robbins and weaned on Sun Record artists Elvis Presley and Cash.

He believes that "Honky-tonk and Rockabilly music is as much about life as it is about music".

"It was a simple sound, yet energetic and commanding," said Allen, who received his first guitar at the age of eight. Although not musicians themselves, his parents possessed a real love for music. "There was always music playing in the house and Sunday mornings we would hear the gospel music crackling from the hi-fi."

Allen went on to form his own band, the Cadillac Cowboys, with Dave Tufford, electric guitar; Cory Richardson, upright bass; and Mike McDowell, drums. He has released five independent albums: "Daybreak's Coming", "Marty Allen", "Living Life", "Blue Church Road", and the "Sun Sessions", which he recorded at the legendary Sun Records Studio in Memphis Tennessee, where B.B. King, Presley, Cash, Carl Perkins and Jerry Lee Lewis all got their start.

To learn more and to check out his music, go to www.martyallenband.com or YouTube.

Organizers note the people should get their tickets soon, as they are expected to sell out. Tickets are $20 ($25 at the door, if any are left). Doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert starts at 7:30 p.m.

For tickets, call Pat Pal, 519 565-5340 or Sandy Scotchmer, 519 565-2830, or go to www.ticketscene.ca. The BTHHS thanks OLG for their sponsorship of this event.

• Terry Fox Run – Sept. 17 at 9:00 a.m. meet at Clan Gregor Square in Bayfield to run, walk, bike, roller blade etc. Supported by Bayfield River Trail Association and Bayfield Pole Walkers. Check outwww.terryfox.org/run.

MATTHEW BRYNE FEATURED ARTIST FOR CELTIC CONCERT

Matthew Byrne (Submitted photo)

Due to a special arrangement with the Goderich Celtic Roots Festival, we are able to see one of their award winning acts here in Bayfield each year, hosted by the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society. This year, this Celtic Concert will take place on Aug. 7, the Civic Holiday Monday, and will feature Matthew Byrne.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Bayfield Town Hall.

Born into a family of Newfoundland music makers, Byrne's repertoire is heavily influenced by that unique musical lineage – the weaving of a great story with a beautiful melody – and he supports this tradition with powerful vocals, polished guitar work and a presence that fills the room. His repertoire transcends time and place and his live performance reminds listeners how satisfying traditional songs can be when stripped down to their basic elements.

"His reverence and respect for his material, along with his unabashed exploration of new songs and his staggeringly beautiful voice, makes for the rarest and most vital type of folk performer," said Tom Power of CBC Music.

Byrne will release his highly anticipated third album, "Horizon Lines" on Aug. 11. This newest collection of traditional material explores a unique repertoire of songs from both sides of the Atlantic and continues Byrne's journey through his own unique musical lineage. Check out his music atwww.matthewbyrne.net, or on YouTube.

Tickets are $20 in advance and $25 at the door. For tickets call Sue at 519 565-2551 or Sandy at 519 565-2830, visit www.ticketscene.ca.

HERITAGE COMMITTEE COMMENTS ON SITE PLAN PROPOSAL

On June 14, members of the Bluewater Heritage Advisory Committee (BHAC) held their monthly meeting in the council chambers in Varna. Under "New Business" they were presented with the site plan application for a proposed development at 89 Main Street South.

The meeting minutes state that the Chair of the BHAC, Roma Harris requested that Mayor Tyler Hessel present the purpose of the application for the property, "which was to request site plan approval for a gas station, convenience store and Tim Hortons."

AFTERNOON BRIDGE

The Wednesday afternoon Bridge group would like to invite people to come and join them in some friendly card games at the Bayfield Lions' Community Building starting at 1 p.m.

Join in the fun with congenial players with snacks at a cost of $1.50 per person.

FISH FRY

The congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church in Bayfield is inviting the community to come and enjoy a delicious fish dinner with them on July 29 at the Bayfield Community Centre.

Meal service for this seventh annual event will run from 4:30-7 p.m. Fresh Whitefish is the main event with homemade tartar sauce served alongside salad, potatoes and a roll. Dessert features include assorted homemade pies, squares and cookies.

Eat in or take-out. Tickets are available now by calling Bettylou at 519 565-4770. Cost is $18 in advance and $20 at the door per adult and $10 for children 12 and under.

HEARING CLINIC

Shannon Gould, of the Bayfield Hearing Clinic, is now offering her services out of Michael's Home Healthcare offices just a couple doors down from the pharmacy – two times a month.

Aug. 3 and 15; Sept. 7 and 19 are dates that can be booked this summer.

The Bayfield Hearing Clinic offers appointments from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The clinic offers: hearing aid adjustments and repairs to all makes and models, no cost hearing tests, new prescription of hearing aids, wax removal, hearing aid battery sales as well as hard of hearing assistive devices.

Please call Gould at the Bayfield Hearing Clinic, 1-855-396-6026 to book an appointment.

WACKABOUT TOURNEY

The annual Iceculture Wackabout Golf Tournament returns to the Bayview Golf Club on Friday, Sept. 15 with proceeds going to the Bayfield Area Family Health Team expansion project. The tournament was revived last year after a 15-year break specifically to raise money for the new clinic.

In 2016, 94 golfers participated and early indications are the 2017 event will attract a full house of 144

The minutes of the meeting go on to state, “the property is not designated under the Heritage Act, so therefore the site plan application was not circulated to the BHAC.”**

It is set out in the minutes that Harris noted the purpose of bringing the application forward “was to comment on the development and identify the BHAC’s interest in development in the Settlement Area that is not exclusive of the Bayfield Heritage Conservation District (BHCD).”

She also noted that although the “BHAC has no authority to impose the Ontario Heritage Act on this application” they do have the “moral suasion to bring concerns to Council” siting that “heritage is an important part of tourism, property values and economy.”

The minutes would indicate that the proposed sign for the business is of concern to the BHAC.

According to the minutes, “Mayor Hessel noted the proposed illuminated sign was proposed at the front of the development in a green space with the buildings at the back of the property. He showed a drawing of the sign. He expressed concern with a “neon” sign on the highway.”

It is noted in the minutes that BHCD Member Jane Rowat expressed support for a sign similar in appearance to Michael’s Pharmasave. She also suggested that trees be added along the frontage. BHCD Member Lynn Girard noted the adjacent grocery store has an illuminated sign and BHCD Member Bill Dowson commented upon the difficulty of requesting a non-illuminated sign when the adjacent sign is illuminated. BHCD Member Alma Westlake was recorded in the minutes as stating that “the sign should be in the character of the heritage of the village”.

Rowat also addressed “concern that local buinesses would be adversely affected and there is not enough demand from the village’s small population to support the proposed businesses.”

The minutes state that, “Mayor Hessel responded that policies guiding development of the village are provided in the Official Plan, noting the Heritage Committee has reviewed the draft Official Plan.”

After this discussion, a motion was put forward by Jane Rowat and seconded by Lynn Girard:

“That the Bluewater Heritage Advisory Committee is grateful to the developer of 89 Main Street South, Ward of Bayfield, for considering heritage features in the proposal, however, the Committee is concerned with the large, free-standing sign and requests that the developer consider options for toning it down to muted colors, using the Michael’s Pharmasave (pharmacy) sign as an example; and further that the green space be treed to block the sight line across the frontage adjacent to Main Street South;

And further that the Bluewater Heritage Advisory Committee requests that Council allow the committee to see such applications earlier in future.”

The motion carried.

**Applications under Section 41, Site Plan Control, Planning Act, do not require circulation to the Bluewater Heritage Advisory Committee.

players. In the past, the four-person, scramble format was popular with all those who participated.

It is an open tournament and anyone interested in taking part can contact organizer, Julian Bayley for further details at 519 857-6654 or by e-mail at julian@iceculture.com

TRIP A MONTH

Chris Regier (Submitted photo)

The Bluewater Area Family Health Team (BAFHT) is pleased to announce that Chris Regier, of Zurich, ON is the winner of the seventh draw in BAFHT’s Trip A Month lottery. The July prize was a $1,800 Halifax City travel voucher package.

The lottery continues with monthly draws for vacation packages to various destinations on the first Friday throughout 2017.

The Trip A Month lottery is part of BAFHT’s ongoing fundraising campaign to raise over $600,000 for its building expansion and renovation project. Nearly half the goal has been raised to date so BAFHT are looking for continued support. BAFHT is a registered charity and tax receipts will be issued for donations.

Please contact Paula at paulabafht@hay.net or 519 236-4413 for further details on the project, to donate or to join the patient roster.

BONE HEALTH WORKSHOP

A four-week Bone Health program will be offered in Zurich at the Bluewater and Area Family Health Team (BAFHT) on Tuesdays starting on Sept. 12.

The workshop, which will run from 1-3 p.m., will be useful to those recently diagnosed with or interested in preventing, osteopenia and osteoporosis.

Each week, various health professionals: a pharmacist, social worker and dietician will present and take questions. Each week a nutritious snack will be provided. This is being offered in partnership with Community Connections Outreach Services and One Care along with other various organizations.

To register, call Heidi, Wellness coordinator at 519 236-4373 Ext. 632.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE PWC MS BIKE FUNDRAISER

BY AMY FRASER

Volunteers are a critical part of the PwC MS Bike – Grand Bend to London that will be held on July 29. Volunteers are needed in a variety of roles for the upcoming fundraiser. (Submitted photos)

Some say volunteering is one of the most satisfying things a person can do. When it comes to charity events, like the upcoming PwC MS Bike - Grand Bend to London, volunteers turn vision into reality.

“Volunteers are critical to the event,” said Sarah Mann, the Senior manager of Community Engagement and Development with the Southwest Ontario region of the MS Society of Canada. “The ride absolutely could not happen without the support of hundreds of people who give their time, skills and passion.”

Volunteers at the PwC MS Bike contribute by doing everything from food prep, coordinating riders' luggage, photography and leading stretches and yoga for the riders.

Some volunteers have personal connections with the ride that brings a certain dedication and passion to what they do for the event.

Anne Thibert, co-captain of C.T. Soil’s Mighty Celtic Warriors, has chosen to volunteer with the committee for the MS Society in addition to cycling in the ride over the last few years. Having

BETTER TOGETHER

The Fourth Annual “Better Together” Gala for the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre (HCFBDC) has been set for Aug. 3 at Libro Hall in Clinton.

Chef Devin Tabor will be serving a three-course dinner and the evening will also feature live and silent auctions with raffle table, entertainment and guest speakers.

Glen Pearson, of the London Food Bank, will be the keynote speaker for the evening.

The doors will open at 5:30 p.m. with dinner following one hour later.

Tickets are $60 each and are available at Guardian Drug Store in Exeter; HCFBDC Board Members; www.eventbrite.ca or by calling the office at 519 913-2362.

GODERICH ART CLUB

The Goderich Art Club presents their free Annual Art Show and Sale, Aug. 11-13, at the Mackay Centre in Goderich.

Club members invite everyone to view the many pieces and various types of art done by local artists. Several artists will be on-site to answer questions and discuss their particular style.

The event will run Friday and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Refreshments will be available throughout the show and sale.

The MacKay Centre is location on Nelson Street in Goderich.

HENSALL HALL

Organizers report that the Taw Connors concert scheduled for the Hensall Heritage Hall, this

more than 15 years of experience with the PwC MS Bike, Thibert is able to provide an in depth understanding of what can help the participants throughout the ride.

“I rode for 12 years and I always wished I knew when the checkpoints were coming up,” said Thibert. “We decided to start making signs that say five kilometres to the exit and putting them out, and it’s something that we’ve donated to the MS Society and the tour.”

Leading up to the event the MS Society has meetings with members of the volunteer committee, like Thibert, who assist in the planning and execution of the event to make it successful for riders and volunteers alike.

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“My feeling on the volunteers is that the ride absolutely could not happen without them,” said Paul Fraser, a rider in his fifth year with the PwC MS Bike. “My focus is making it to London and back again safely, and the volunteers take care of everything else for me.”

“It's very motivational hearing the cheering team at every rest stop, it keeps me riding, and the motorcycle team does a great job at keeping the riders safe and on course,” said Fraser. “My luggage disappears at ride time and then magically shows up at the end without a hitch.”

Hundreds of volunteers are needed every year to help the riders make this inspirational event what it is.

“We still need volunteers in many roles and are asking people to connect with us if they are interested in being a part of this awesome event,” said Mann.

If you are interested in getting involved, contact Mark Goguen at Mark.Goguen@mssociety.ca or 1-888-510-7777 Ext. 3307.

This year’s PwC MS Bike – Grand Bend to London kicks off on July 29 at 7:30 a.m. at the Grand Bend Motorplex.

COVER CROP INCENTIVE PROGRAM GAINING TRACTION

Saturday, July 15 has been rescheduled for Sept. 23. They apologize for any inconvenience and note that tickets purchased for this weekend’s performance will be honored or may be refunded.

In his show, Taw Connors takes to the stage in a tribute to his late father “Stompin' Tom" Connors. "Stompin’ Tom” was a Canadian country and folk singer-songwriter who is credited with writing more than 300 songs in his lifetime. His music focused exclusively on the Canadian experience and hits such as 'Bud the Spud', 'Sudbury Saturday Night' and 'The Hockey Song' made "Stompin' Tom" a national icon.

Taw has been quoted as saying, "I'll never fill that man's shoes" but his voice sounds uncannily like his fathers and thanks to Taw’s "The Canadian Stompper" tribute concert series, the music of “Stompin' Tom" is alive again at venues across the province.

The show will start at 7p.m. at the Hensall Heritage Hall located at 108 King Street.

Tickets are $35. For tickets please call Kathy at 519 263-2343. They are also available at D&D Variety in Hensall, or Ticketscene. Those who plan to attend are asked to get their tickets early so they don't miss this special opportunity to celebrate Canada and everything that makes this country unique.

BACK PACKS FOR KIDS

Once again The Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre will sponsor The Back Pack for Kids Program for the 2017-18 school year. Registration for families has begun and will conclude on Aug. 18.

This year the Salvation Army has volunteered to register the recipients and then prepare the backpacks. Anyone who could benefit from this program should contact 519 524-2950 or 519 482-8586 to register.

The backpacks will be distributed during the last week of August. Back packs for children registered from Bayfield will be distributed by the Bayfield Foodbank (Feed My Sheep).

WHAT'S ON AT THE IPM

Cover crops in Huron County, like this colorful multi-species cover crop, are being planted with support of a county program which offers grants in 16 categories of water quality projects, including cover crop incentives and erosion control. Cover crops like those shown in the photo reduce erosion, lessen impacts on water, and protect and improve soil health. (Submitted photo)

Cover crops are turning heads in Huron County, whether it's a crop no one has seen before, or it's a colouful field with sunflowers or crimson clover. The County of Huron is helping agricultural producers to adopt these new practices to conserve soil through an incentive program.

Producers jumped on board in a big way in 2015 when the Huron County Clean Water Project (HCCWP) introduced a cover crop incentive category. Farmers in Huron County then outdid themselves in 2016 by planting even more cover crops with support of the county program. The county-funded program provided support for 71 completed cover crop planting projects for a total of 4,637 acres in the first year of the cover crop category. That was a pretty successful first year, according to staff, and the next year was even better. Huron farmers completed 81 cover crop planting projects in 2016. These projects covered more than 6,000 acres with grant support from the county program. There has been more than $100,000 provided for cover crop incentives over the incentive category's first two years in Huron County. The total project value is more than that.

The cover crop incentive category is now in its third year. A phone call or email to the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) is all it takes to get an application started, according to staff delivering the program. Most application forms can be completed over the phone. Grants are $10 per acre to a maximum of $1,000 per farm operation per year. The cover crop mix needs a minimum of three species and the field must have a minimum 50 per cent residue before next year's crop is planted.

What's above the ground is eye-catching but the roots below the ground are also doing their job.

"Cover crops help to improve soil structure, increase organic matter, prevent erosion, maintain topsoil, protect water quality, and help to make food production more sustainable over the long term," said Kate Monk, manager of Stewardship, Land and Education at ABCA. While most producers plant cover crops after wheat harvest, an increasing number plant after soybeans or into standing corn. Wherever it fits into the rotation, the practice is catching on quickly in Huron County.

"Cover crops help protect soil from erosion from heavy rains and they work well with windbreaks year-round," said Doug Hocking, Water Quality specialist at Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA).

The HCCWP is also focusing on erosion control projects this year.

"Projects to control erosion provide many benefits such as preserving topsoil, keeping nutrients on the land and out of creeks, and they provide economic benefits as well," said Monk.

Sandy Campbell and Mike Meacher of "Mudmen" performing live. (Submitted photo)

The 2017 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo, Sept. 19–23 in Walton, ON, will be a jammed packed week with many entertainment and musical acts set to perform on many stages throughout the week.

"Mudmen", a Canadian Celtic rock band, will perform on Thursday, Sept. 21 in the Lounge Tent at 4 p.m.

First discovered in 1993 as "The Campbell Brothers", the band signed a deal with EMI Records and changed their name to "Mudmen" in 1998. The six-piece band includes, bagpipes, drums, bass guitar, with interludes of banjo, mandolin and a lap steel. The band's name comes from the Campbell Brothers "founding members" occupation prior to forming the band. They were mixing mortar and carrying bricks as bricklayers.

Their music has been featured on Xbox and PlayStation games, NBC's television show, "Black Donnellys" and six Don Cherry hockey videos, and HBOs "Shameless" TV show. The "Mudmen" have appeared twice on Parliament Hill for Canada Day's televised performance offering the opportunity to shake hands with the Queen of England. They have also performed at the Edmonton Oilers and Calgary Flames home opening game ceremonies on CBC. Closer to home, the "Mudmen" are a focal feature every year at the Kincardine Scottish Festival.

Check out their sound on their YouTube Channel MudmenVideo.

IPM 2017 advanced tickets are being sold at every municipal office in Huron County for $15 with tickets available at the gates the day of for $18 per person. More information about all the programming and events for IPM 2017 can be found online at plowingmatch.org/ipm-2017 or the Facebook Page Huron IPM 2017.

COASTAL SURVEY

The Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation is looking for the public's help to gather more information on the passions, concerns, and hopes of Lake Huron's residents and day users in their Coastal Action Plan Questionnaire.

People in Huron County are applying for $5,000 grants to help with the costs of erosion control projects such as berms and inlets. Nearly 200 erosion control projects have received grants since 2004. The berms reduce erosion in low draws by holding water behind an earthen berm for a short period of time and releasing it slowly through a tile.

The HCCWP provides grants for 16 categories of water quality projects.

Landowners and community groups in Huron County have completed almost 2,400 projects over the past decade with the county support. The total value of those projects is more than $9.4 million. That's good for water quality and good for the economy, according to staff delivering the program.

The county program has had more than ten years of success but staff said they aren't relaxing. They want to build on the foundation of success by encouraging more projects by more people. The HCCWP 2017 campaign to raise public awareness and encourage new projects includes promotional postcards, print and broadcast media, and a social media campaign. Stewardship staff from Maitland Valley and Ausable Bayfield conservation authorities will also be promoting grants from the county program at the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo in Walton from Sept. 19-23.

"The people of Huron County should be very proud of all they have accomplished in more than ten years of projects supported by the Huron County Clean Water Project," said Hocking. "We are increasing promotion starting this summer because we want to keep the momentum going to benefit water quality for everyone."

To learn about grant rates and eligible projects you are invited to phone MVCA at 519 335-3557 or ABCA at 519 235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610. You may also find out more online at huroncounty.ca or mvca.on.ca or abca.on.ca.

Huron County residents have, with support of HCCWP Project: fenced cattle out of 20 KMs of streams; planted 700 acres of trees; established 150 KMS of windbreaks; upgraded 366 private wells; decommissioned 506 unused wells; decommissioned 91 liquid manure storages; completed 59 Forest Management Plans; completed 643 tree planting projects; completed 192 erosion control projects; and planted more than 10,000 acres of cover crops in the first two years of the cover crop incentive category.

The HCCWP provides grant support for water quality projects in a number of categories including: Cover Crop Incentives; Erosion Control Measures; Special Projects; Living Snow Fences; Clean Water Diversion; Fragile Land Retirement; Livestock Fencing; Manure Storage Decommissioning; Community Projects; Forest Management Plans and Woodlot Enhancement; Composting Toilets; Wellhead Protection; Well Decommissioning; Stewardship Guide Implementation; Wetland Restoration Incentive Program; and Municipal Wellhead Protection Area Reforestation Projects.

COUNTY WARDEN'S GOLF TOURNEY SUPPORTS RESIDENTIAL HOSPICE

The golfers may not have been quite yet ready for the Canadian Open yet the enthusiasm and passion of the participants supporting this fundraising event for Huron Residential Hospice was contagious! More importantly, the "Moments Matter" fundraising campaign for Huron Residential Hospice was the greatest beneficiary of the event hosted on Friday, July 14 by the Warden of Huron County and Huron County Councilors at Woodlands Golf Course near Clinton.

Over 70 golfers participated in the event with more people joining in on the fun at dinner later in the day. The event also included a tour of the future Huron Residential Hospice prior to tee off

They want to hear what you value in relation to Lake Huron. By completing this questionnaire, you will be providing valuable input into the Coastal Action Plan for the Southeastern Shoreline of Lake Huron, including your concerns and expectations.

The southeastern coast of Lake Huron is home to thousands of permanent and seasonal residents. Millions of visitors each year interact with the lake through fishing, swimming, boating and other recreational activities. Large communities include Sarnia, Grand Bend, Bayfield, Goderich, Point Clark, Kincardine, Port Elgin, Southampton, Sauble Beach and Tobermory. These communities recognize Lake Huron as being key to their economic development. While most beaches are safe for recreational use, many are not free from water quality advisories and multiple types of nuisance algae. Sand beaches, dunes, bluffs, river mouths, nearshore waters, wetlands, and woodlands are all coastal ecosystems that provide valuable ecosystem services, and support many rare species.

To maintain healthy wildlife populations, adapt to climate change and maintain water quality, environmental restoration, protection and enhancement efforts are required. There are significant regional threats to Lake Huron's biodiversity and water quality, including: non-point source pollution; shoreline development and alteration; invasive species, and climate change.

A Coastal Action Plan for the Southeastern Shoreline of Lake Huron will create a unified vision for Lake Huron coastal conservation and stewardship efforts. This plan will enable a coordinated approach to address common issues and goals of our communities along the Lake Huron shoreline. The plan will develop a list of environmental management strategies by identifying valuable natural features and species, and the threats and stressors that negatively impact them. You can find more information about the Coastal Action Plan at our website, www.lakehuron.ca/coastal-action-plan

By completing this questionnaire, you will be entered into a draw to win a $50 gift card from Mountain Equipment Co-op or a 1-year subscription to Alternatives Journal. The questionnaire closes as of Aug. 31.

You can access the survey at:www.lakehuron.ca/coastal-action-plan-questionnaire

FOOD ADVISORS

The Huron County Health Unit is recruiting new Community Food Advisor (CFA) volunteers.

The CFAs are a group of trained volunteers who work with Health Unit staff and community partners across Huron County. CFAs promote healthy eating

by members of Huron County Council, other municipal representatives and residential hospice board members.

“We are pleased to support the efforts to bring a residential hospice to Central Huron and we believe that this hospice will only further enhance the stellar hospice palliative care programs that currently exist across the County” said Jim Ginn, warden of Huron County and mayor of Central Huron. “This is a wonderful way for us to help make moments matter for folks across Huron.”

The house that will become the Huron Residential Hospice, located between Clinton and Goderich on Hwy. 8, will be owned by Huron Hospice Volunteer Service (HHVS) which is a registered charity with over 25 years of experience providing hospice palliative care in this region.

“A residential hospice has been part of the HHVS strategic plan for over a decade,” said Shirley Dinsmore, Executive director. “Our hospice will also support families through the process of losing a loved one and embracing quality-of-life in their final days.”

The Huron Residential Hospice model of care is underpinned by a care and service program that is first and foremost “person-centered and patient driven”. It will focus on the delivery of high quality care that includes leadership by physicians who have advanced knowledge and competency in hospice palliative care, highly skilled palliative care trained registered nursing staff who will be available onsite 24 hours, seven days a week, personal support care staff who will also have advanced skills and training in hospice palliative care. The model will also incorporate the provision of day care and respite care programs, bereavement programs, pastoral care, highly trained volunteers and volunteer visiting programs as well as access to hospice palliative care outreach services including pain and symptom management resources. The non-profit residential hospice will further support the ongoing efforts of all organizations to better integrate and organize palliative care and programs for patients and their families across the community.

“Once operational, the Huron Residential Hospice will completely change the way hospice care is provided in this region. The home itself will serve as a hub for hospice services and our model of care is designed to work in partnership with existing programs to support patients and their families through the entire process of palliative care, dying, death, and grieving, all while celebrating life and finding the moments that matter,” said Kathy O’Reilly, chair, Huron Residential Hospice Site Development Committee.

Fundraising efforts are underway through donations and gathering pledges to support this much-needed community service. The capital fundraising goal is 2.5 Million and organizers are confident that the residents of Huron can help attain this vision of having a residential hospice close to home right here in the county.

A presentation of funds raised at the tournament will be made to the Huron Residential Hospice Committee by Warden Ginn in coming days.

More information available about the capital and operational fundraising campaigns at www.HuronResidentialHospice.com.

and food safety through presentations, cooking classes and other educational appearances.

This successful program has run in Huron County for over two decades. In 2016 alone, the 22 Huron County CFAs reached a total of over 2,300 people.

“This is an enormously popular program and we receive many requests to hold Community Food Advisor presentations across Huron County,” said Gail Fraser, CFA volunteer coordinator. “CFA presentations and cooking classes help to improve the health of our community. Plus, CFAs get to meet new people, gain skills and have fun!”

The CFA program receives many requests from schools and community groups, so volunteers with any availability, daytime or nighttime, are needed.

Training is free and will begin in October. Volunteers will receive training from professionals, including a registered dietitian, public health inspectors, public health nurses and more.

After completing the 40 hours of training, volunteers become certified CFAs. Their volunteer hours as a CFA are flexible.

For more information visit www.huronhealthunit.ca/CFA or call 1-877-837-6143.

FLEA MARKET

Bayfield has been home to a Country Flea Market for several decades. In more recent years, it has found a home in Agriculture Park; a home that offers plenty of parking as well as some green space for children to run carefree.

The Bayfield Agricultural Society provides this home for the market that is open on Sundays from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. (maybe a little longer depending on the crowds). There are all kinds of unique items for sale such as antiques, furniture, books, tools, and sports collectibles. The market is also a good spot to pick up fresh produce and plants.

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PIONEER PARK ASSOCIATION

RUMMAGE SALE "GREEN FRIDAY" ON VILLAGE CALENDAR

Toys and games were on display at the outdoor portion of the sale and proved popular with the youngsters in attendance.

The biggest crowd in recent history - possibly ever - waited for the doors to open on the 70th annual sale. The line stretched all the way to the ball diamond!

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

It literally takes a village to put on the Pioneer Park Rummage Sale.

Starting at 9 a.m. on Friday morning, not to mention the morning before and the weeks leading up to the event, the volunteers were there. And those people that weren't busy unpacking boxes, inspecting donations, moving items to the appropriate booths and creating organized presentations, were busy dropping off the good used items they no longer needed off at the arena door.

Fast-forward a few hours…

It is the calm before the storm, thankfully their wasn't a literal storm this year, as eager shoppers assembled in the line outside the large arena door in the fairgrounds. It's Bayfield's version of Black Friday but its perhaps best coined Green Friday as so much is reused and repurposed for the beloved green space known as Pioneer Park.

The sales have already begun outside and the volunteers are hopping. Helping customers with their newly purchased patio furniture, board games, tools and luggage. The volunteers on the inside are at the ready for the onslaught that is soon to flow in the door – and for the 70th annual sale, the buzz is big, the crowd is huge. The line extends all the way down to the baseball diamond!

Volunteers can spot the veteran "rummagers" in the crowd. They know the drill. Bring coins, small bills and your own shopping bags. "Newbies" will soon learn the ropes - $20 bills are of course welcomed but patience is required while waiting for change.

Imagine what Bayfield would be if it weren't for people like Lucy Woods Diehl and company. They had the forethought to make Pioneer Park a privately owned public green space which the community still embraces and supports through this fundraiser every year. They could also be considered the cultivators of volunteerism in this village, a volunteer spirit that continues to grow 70 years on.

Paul Hill and Nick Howell cooked hotdogs for the multitudes that were waiting in line for the sale to start on Friday night.

This photo of the Bayfield Arena floor was taken at 7:05 p.m. as Rummage Sale shoppers flowed in through the door.

This little lass was lucky enough to find a horse just her size at the outdoor portion of the sale.

This was the second year that Bridget Shanahan attended the rummage sale with her mom, Jenny Allan, however, in 2016 she was in utero. Now at 11 months of age she was ready to shop!

Volunteer Margo Robeson, of Bayfield (left), stayed calm while the shopping frenzy for linens and towels peaked just ten minutes into the sale.

There were lots and lots of stemware available at the 70th annual sale.

Gayle King, of Goderich, has never missed a Bayfield Pioneer Park Rummage Sale, attending as an infant with her mother. In fact her husband, Brian has been attending for about 50 years as Gail brought him to the event on one of their first dates!

Brent Walters, of Thamesford, ON, had the honor of being the first person in line waiting for the doors to open on the 70th sale. He noted that this was not his first time at the event.

Funds raised from the 70th annual Pioneer Park Rummage Sale will go toward ongoing park maintenance and upkeep.

There is never a shortage of Christmas novelties at the sale.

Anny Johnson once again volunteered in the book section of the sale. The retired librarian was pictured chatting with a shopper during the Friday night event.

The Shabby Chic booth had a lot of fun jewellery options for customers.

A unique porcelain doll was one of the many items up for bids in the Silent Auction portion of the Rummage Sale.

Calex Carnochan, of London, ON, happily showed off her Rummage Sale treasures.

Jenny Wallace, of Bayfield, is a very astute veteran Rummage Sale shopper and came away with lots of treasures.

Volunteer Maddy Steadman worked at the Bake table. She made and donated about 80 candy bags to the cause selling the treats for 75 cents a package.

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BAYFIELD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

DOE-EYED JERSEYS STARS OF BREAKFAST ON THE FARM

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

The Jersey cows that reside at the Hendriks farm East of Brucefield were the shining stars of Breakfast on the Farm on Saturday morning. The ladies of the barn held a meet and greet over their morning repast, offering doe-eyed glances and curious snouts to anyone who stepped up to say hello.

The Bayfield Agricultural Society (BAS) held their second Breakfast on the Farm on July 15. It has become a great educational opportunity as well as a fundraiser for the Bayfield Community Fair held in August.

Dairy farm owners Tyler, Emily, Henry and Patti Hendriks welcomed everyone to see their 95

Lorraine Sheilds greeted people as they arrived at the end of the long lane at the farm located at 41090 Mill Road, East of Brucefield, ON. She then directed folks to the parking area where more volunteers helped visitors park.

The Bayfield Agricultural Society held their second annual Breakfast on the Farm event on Saturday. Hosts Tyler, Emily, Henry and Patti Hendriks welcomed everyone to see their 95 milking Jersey cows in a brand new facility. The barn highlighted a new tunnel construction method for ventilation.

milking Jersey cows in a brand new facility.

In addition to learning about modern dairy farming, everyone attending was treated to a hearty breakfast. This year the BAS partnered with the Londesboro Lions Club to prepare the meal consisting of sausages, bacon, eggs, potatoes, pancakes with maple syrup, toast, coffee and of course milk!

There were activities for the children including a farm themed bouncy castle and fun cow hats to make and wear. There was also a lot of machinery to look over and several organizations set up booths to explain what they do to support the agricultural industry in this area.

Visitors to the farm learned that chocolate and white milk both offer the same nutrients.

Visitors learned that a cow can eat up to three suitcases (20 KG) of hay and drink a bathtub full of water (90L) everyday.

Adel Dodds, of Varna, a member of the Bayfield Agricultural Society, was kept busy handing out safety signs, activities for children and information on fruits and veggies to those who attended the event.

Bayfield Agricultural Society volunteers including, Bill Dowson, forefront, manned the admission booth.

The second annual Breakfast on the Farm was held East of Brucefield on Saturday morning.

Nolan Geddis, of Bayfield, made the acquaintance of a couple of Jerseys during the tour.

Both the Bayfield Agricultural Society's Community Fair to be held in August and the Breakfast on the Farm event rely on a countess number of volunteers to make the events a success.

Visitors to the farm learned that 97.3 per cent of Canadian farms are family owned.

Information signs were placed around the farm to explain best practises to visitors. One sign noted that "calves are born without an active immune system so its critical they receive the best care. Farmers keep their calves healthy by housing calves individually for the first part of their lives. This helps reduce the spread of germs and provides the best possible care for each calf."

The cows are housed in a free stall barn where they are free to move around, eat, drink, rest and greet visitors like Sarah Turvolgyi, of Blyth, ON.

Volunteers with the Londesboro Lions Club put on a splendid breakfast for all who attended - bacon, sausage, eggs, pancakes, potatoes and toast!

Canada's first Prime Minister Sir John A MacDonald, aka Rob Bundy, has been making the rounds of special events in the community in honor of the country's 150th birthday. Here he introduced himself to a young lady who asked him if he was "someone important".

Activities for the children at Breakfast at the Farm included the making of cow hats and time in a farm themed bouncy castle.

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If you would like to join our team of sponsors there is a space waiting for you. Just send me an email for details. And thanks so much for reading. – Melody

Ideas and contributions to the Bayfield Breeze are always welcome.
Deadlines for submissions are Sundays at 4 p.m.

Please email me at bayfield.breeze@villageofbayfield.com or call 519-525-3830.

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