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# FARMERS' MARKET

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Bayfield Pathfinder Olivia celebrated St. Patrick's Day in style while getting creative with her tulip design.

On March 17, the 1st Bayfield Pathfinders and Senior Guides spent an evening filled with creativity designing and painting clay flowers for a special installation upcoming in May at the Lambton County Museum.

The Spring Tulip Garden pottery project is part of the 25th anniversary celebrations for Paint Ontario and is being organized by the Grand Bend Youth Art Centre. Joining the Pathfinders in contributing to the project are students from schools in both Lambton and Huron counties as well as participants in adult day programs, long-term care home residents and community members.

The tulips, will be on display from May 7-30 at the Lambton Heritage Museum. At the end of the installation they will be available to purchase by donation with all proceeds going to support and purchase new equipment and materials for the Grand Bend Youth Art Centre pottery program.

Organizer Judy Gerber, recently shared an update on the Paint Ontario website, "Thank you everyone! It has been a very rewarding and fun project. An amazing group of volunteers have worked tirelessly along side me, in helping our community create 1,500 tulips which will be part of an incredible display to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Paint Ontario."

People may not be aware but the Bayfield Farmers' Market didn't close up shop at the end of Thanksgiving – the online store is still operating with bi-weekly pickups or contactless delivery. The next market pick-up day is scheduled for Friday, Apr. 9.

People can place their orders by visiting openfoodnetwork.ca/bayfield-farmers-market/ from Apr. 4 at 8 a.m. to Apr. 7 at 8 p.m. Shoppers will be directed to pick up their items up on Apr. 9 sometime between 3-5 p.m. at Shopbike Coffee Roasters on Bayfield's Main Street. They will receive an email confirmation (Thursday) with the approximate time of delivery on Friday afternoon.

Orders can be paid online with credit card or email transfer. Organizers are pleased to offer delivery within 15 KMs of Bayfield for a flat fee of $5. Shoppers can select their preference at checkout.

Anyone who would like to receive a reminder to shop the market when it opens is invited to join the Bayfield Farmers' Market email list. People can do so by visiting: eepurl.com/g1lpZ5

## BLUEWATER NEWS

The office of the Municipality of Bluewater Council has submitted the following to the Bayfield Breeze as highlights of their regular meeting of council held on March 22.

• Adopted By-Law 19-2021 to adopt the current year budget.
• Adopted By-Law 27-2021 which will suspend certain provisions in the Municipality's Encroachment Policy until Nov. 21, 2021 and allow Bluewater businesses to apply for patio and sidewalk café permits that encroach on municipal roadways if certain conditions are met.
• Adopted By-Law 25-2021 to adopt a revised cemetery price list.
• Adopted By-Law 23-2021 to authorize the use of telephone and internet voting as an alternative voting method for the 2022 Municipal Election and authorized the Clerk to participate in the joint Request for Proposal for a telephone and internet voting system.
• Awarded the tender to Supply and Deliver One New 2021 Pickup Sweeper Loader to Colvoy Equipment in the amount of $48,196.70 (excluding taxes).
• Awarded the tender to Hoffmans PTL for the Opening and Closing of Grave Sites— three year contract.
• Directed Bluewater Fire Department to apply for a

Bayfield Pathfinders and senior Guides enjoyed a socially distanced, outdoor meeting at Camp Klahanie on March 17.

Members of Bayfield Pathfinders participated in the Spring Tulip Project on March 17.

The Pathfinders enjoyed a socially distanced, outdoor meeting while creating their clay floral designs.

Fire Safety Grant to purchase equipment to help with training firefighters digitally

• Directed staff to work with Coalition for Huron Injury Prevention's (CHIP) "Constable Scarecrow" Program to mitigate speeding concerns on municipal roads.

BAFB

The generosity of the community continues to brighten the lives of the people who look to the Bayfield Area Food Bank (BAFB) for support. Volunteers would like to send a thank you to the residents of Northwood Beach for their food drive this past weekend. BAFB greatly appreciates the continued support of the Bayfield area community.

The BAFB is currently in need of donations of personal care products, such as, feminine hygiene products, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, small shampoos, toilet paper and facial tissues.

Anyone in need of assistance at this time, is asked to please reach out through either an email to bayfieldareafoodbank@gmail.com or phone/text 519 955-7444. All enquiries are handled with complete confidentiality.

For anyone wanting to drop off a non-perishable food donation or personal care items, the outdoor bin located at Trinity St. James Church on Keith Crescent, can be found at the north entrance of the parish hall. This red bin is sitting next to the recycling container at that doorway facing the parking lot, and is emptied frequently, especially with the freezing temperatures.

Please note, monetary donations are always a very welcome gift as well, as this allows BAFB to purchase needed items that aren't otherwise available.

For anyone who would like to support BAFB with a monetary gift, there are a few options available. Cheques can be mailed to: Bayfield Area Food Bank, 10 Keith Cres., Bayfield, ON, N0M 1G0. A collection container for cash donations is located at The Bayfield Garage at the corner of Hwy. 21 and Jane St. An e-transfer can be made through BAFB's gmail account: bayfieldareafoodbank@gmail.com or a

The Pathfinders applied special paint to their clay tulip designs.

donation can be received on-line through the www.canadahelps.org website.

All donations of $20 or more will be receipted for tax purposes. BAFB is a registered charity with CRA. Anyone who would like a receipt, is asked to ensure that their name and address are clearly provided along with the donation.

## WOOD CRAFTSMEN RETURNING TO SUPPORT BAYFIELD ART CENTRE

The duo behind The Cracked Knot – The Birdhouse Foundation are bringing a collection of their handcrafted, brightly colored birdhouses to the village to sell in support of the Bayfield Centre for the Arts on Saturday, Apr. 10. (Submitted photos)

Connor Withers, and his father, Tim, are returning to Bayfield this spring to help another great community organization with their fundraising efforts. The duo behind The Cracked Knot – The Birdhouse Foundation are bringing a collection of their handcrafted, brightly colored birdhouses to sell in support of the Bayfield Centre for the Arts on Saturday, Apr. 10.

Connor began making birdhouses in 2013 at just eight years-old. His dad, Tim, encouraged his carpentry skills and collaborates with him on both marketing ideas and growth opportunities. His whole family gets involved with promotion and sales. In the last eight years, Connor has

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Bayfield Historical Society (BHS) recently received a donation from Doug Darnbrough of First Nation stone tools found in Bayfield.

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The rock and large spear head were found in the Bayfield River Flats while the smaller arrowhead was found in a field in south Bayfield. The rock has a chiseled ridge completely around with one side flat with a chunk shorn off and a lighter color. University of Waterloo student, Ben Woodward, who works at the Bayfield Archives, identified the rock as a fishing net anchor. The stone may be indigenous or it may be of European origin.

BHS also contacted the First Nations of Kettle Point. They have an elder in mind who is willing to examine the objects but this will need to wait until after COVID-19 vaccinations are completed.

“We will make an exhibit over the summer of these (and three other axe heads already in the Archives) to identify the First Nations' contribution to our history,” said BHS President Ruth Gibson. “If you have anything to contribute to this exhibit please let us know.”

BHS can be contacted via email at: bhsmembers@gmail.com.

raised more than $40,000 for the Joseph Brant Hospital Foundation. In 2013 he was named Junior Citizen of the Year by the Ontario Community Newspapers Assocation. He has also been recognized by the City of Burlington and the Province of Ontario for his efforts. The Cracked Knot - The Birdhouse Foundation has also achieved global recognition with birdhouses being installed in Tanzania and Hong Kong. Over 2,000 birdhouses in support of great causes have now been made by this father-son team.

The Cracked Knot - The Birdhouse Foundation team are also becoming known for their other beautiful wood products such as, wood spoons, boxes, frames, charcuterie boards, and seasonal décor.

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Volunteers with the BCA report that "early birds" to the sale will find a few special birdhouses that will have been hand decorated by local artists. The sale will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and will be held in Clan Gregor Square in the area that has traditionally been the location of the Bayfield Farmers' Market during the summer months.

Last year, The Cracked Knot – The Birdhouse Foundation made two visits to Bayfield, the first in aid of the Bayfield and Area Fire Department while the second was in support of the Bayfield Breeze.

## WALKING DAY, EARTH DAY AND AMPHIBIANS FOCUS OF APRIL HIKES

# All April hikes/events cancelled.

The Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) has three events scheduled for April. Two recognize special dates, National Walking Day and Earth Day, while the third celebrates "Frogs, Toads, and Salamanders with the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority" (ABCA).

Volunteers with BRVTA would like participants to please note that they follow all provincial COVID-19 protocols. They ask people not to attend if they have any COVID-19 symptoms, or if in the past 14 days they have traveled outside of Canada or have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive. Masks are required during sign-in and on the hike when distancing is not possible.

Naftel's Creek Conservation Area will be the location of the hike on National Walking Day, Wednesday, Apr. 7 starting at 11 a.m. Celebrate the day on the trails of Naftel's Creek, a scenic retreat that features terrific walking trails through a variety of habitats. Participants will explore plantations, mixed deciduous forests, and cedar lowlands.

Those who take part are asked to meet at Naftels Creek Conservation Area, off Hwy 21 just north of Kitchigami Road. A map can be found at: ontarioconservationareas.ca/component/mtree/conservation-authorities-of-ontario/maitland-valley/naftel-s-creek-conservation-area

The hike is approximately 4 KMs and should take about two hours. The trail difficulty level is easy. It consists of natural paths with some bridges and boardwalks.

Those who attend should come prepared with water and wear sturdy shoes. They are also

## TRINITY ST. JAMES

Book of Common Prayer services are currently being held at Trinity St. James Anglican Church on Wednesdays starting at 10:30 a.m.

People must pre-register to attend by calling Godfrey Heathcote at 519 565-5824 or via email at godfrey.heathcote@dal.ca. Seating is limited and COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

Sunday services at 11 a.m. will continue to be provided virtually over ZOOM. All are welcome.

The congregation would also like to invite people to join in their relaxed Coffee and Conversation hour also held over ZOOM every Thursday and Friday starting at 11 a.m.

To join any of these ZOOM sessions please contact Rev'd Mary Farmer at mary.e.r.farmer@gmail.com.

## KNOX, BAYFIELD

Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield invites people to join their weekly church services, available anytime, online with YouTube and Facebook. The online links are available on the Knox, Bayfield website: pccweb.ca/knoxbayfieldpc/

Rev. Lisa Dolson, hosts a Book Study on ZOOM every Tuesday at 2 p.m. The book currently being discussed is "Entering the Passion of Jesus" by Amy-Jill Levine. All are welcome to join the discussion. Please contact Rev. Dolson at 519 572-8529 for more information.

## OPTIMIST CLUB

People often ask if they can add an engraved brick to the path around the Splash Pad in Clan Gregor Square and members of the Optimist Club of Bayfield are pleased to announce that there is further opportunity to have a name added to the circle in 2021.

The engraved pavers in Clan Gregor Square are a reminder of how great area residents and visitors are when it comes to supporting such projects as the Playground and the Splash Pad.

"In Memoriam" stones for loved ones as well as "just because" stones can be ordered with the work being done on site later in 2021 using the same two brick sizes that are already installed around the Splash Pad. The cost of these engraved bricks will be

reminded to check the weather report and dress accordingly. Dogs on leash are welcome.

Hike leaders will be Roger Lewington and Peter Karl.

A raffle has been added to the Seventh Annual Earth Day Village Litter Walk to be held on Wednesday, Apr. 22 from 2-4 p.m. People can purchase $5 raffle tickets for a chance to win a one-of-a-kind, hand-painted rain barrel created by local artist Leslee Squirrell, with proceeds supporting the trail association.

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The main focus of the Litter Walk, sponsored by the BRVTA, is to have people come together to keep the village streets clean, protect the environment from harmful plastics and household waste, and enjoy an afternoon in the great outdoors.

Bayfield businesses, visitors and residents of all ages are invited to join the BRVTA members in this annual spring clean-up event. Wear gloves and brightly colored clothing or borrow one of the BRVTA's safety vests. Association members will provide participants with a garbage bag and they can choose the area in the village where they want to pick up litter. Registration will be held between 2- 3 p.m. in Clan Gregor Square with garbage to be returned by 4 p.m. Those who take part are asked to please follow COVID-19 distancing protocols and wear a mask at sign-in.

On Friday, Apr. 30, the BRVTA Executive are encouraging a road trip for families because it is spring and the amphibians are active!

"Frogs, Toads, and Salamanders with the ABCA" will be held at the Morrison Dam Conservation Area. Starting at 7 p.m., ABCA Education Specialist, Nina Sampson will offer an educational introduction to the creatures who make the night music at the Morrison Reservoir and their silent cousins, the salamanders. Families and youth are especially welcome at this event but the family dog should stay at home

Participants are asked to meet at 71042 Morrison Line, at the pavilion, a map can be found by visiting: abca.ca/conservationareas/morrisondam/

The hike is approximately 2.5 KMs and should take about 1.5 hours. The trail difficulty level is moderate on an easy 2M wide trail on chipped gravel with moderate slopes.
Poison Ivy is present in the area and identification will be part of the introductory safety talk.

Those who attend should come prepared with water and wear sturdy shoes. They are also reminded to check the weather report and dress accordingly.

Hike Leaders will be Peter Jeffers, Ralph Blasting and ABCA guest expert, Nina Sampson.

For more information regarding all of April's activities please contact Ralph Blasting by calling 519 525-3205.

medium, $70; and large, $90. The plan is to have the bricks engraved in late May and/or early June.

Anyone with an interest in adding a brick can contact Mike Dixon via email at mikedixon@tcc.on.ca or by calling 519 955-5254 for further information.

# PLANNING HEALTHY RURAL COMMUNITIES LECTURE TOPIC

On Tuesday, Apr. 6, Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway) will be presenting the third lecture in their virtual Gateway College Lecture Series. Gateway's Honorary Chair of Rural Healthy Sustainable Communities, Dr. Wayne Caldwell, will be presenting the lecture.The topic of this discussion will be "Healthy Rural Communities: Linking Municipalities, Planning and Health Outcomes".

Dr. Wayne Caldwell (Submitted photo)

Dr. Caldwell is a Professor in Rural Planning and Development at the University of Guelph and has a career-long affiliation with the County of Huron in the Department of Planning and Development. He is a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners, a Fellow of the Canadian Institute of Planners, and a Registered Professional Planner with the Ontario Professional Planners Institute. Dr. Caldwell's experience is extensive, including rural land use planning and planning administration, healthy rural communities; farmland preservation; agriculture, its relationship to the environment and implications for rural communities; facilitation, conflict resolution, and public participation; and governance of planning and development. He is an

# PUBLIC HEALTH

The Huron Perth Public Health website is updated regularly with confirmed case counts received.

"Our online case reporting is not a real-time tool but is meant to keep the community informed on trends we are seeing," explains Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Miriam Klassen.

For the latest statistics on COVID-19 cases in Huron and Perth Counties please visit: www.hpph.ca

# ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH CORPS

Are you a young person between the ages of 14 and 18? Do you want to do something for the environment in your local community? Do you want to "jump-start a potential career in watershed conservation and management"? If you answered 'Yes' to these questions, this new program may be for you.

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) is starting a new program called the Ausable Bayfield Environmental Youth Corps (EYC). The program is made possible thanks to financial support of NextEra Energy Canada, LP.

The EYC program will allow youth to gain valuable education and experience into watershed management from local experts including staff of ABCA and the Lake Huron Centre for Coastal Conservation. Area young people will receive 'hands-on' learning experiences in the EYC program, according to Denise Iszczuk, ABCA Conservation Educator. Those taking part will "increase their appreciation and responsibility towards their environmental surroundings, as well as learn the importance of voluntary community involvement."

The young people will increase their knowledge and awareness of water quality and quantity, soil health, forest conditions and habitat, and natural hazards such as flooding and erosion.

Youths in the program can earn volunteer hours for participating in field-day experiences, which will help

experienced facilitator with a primary focus on issues of change in rural and agricultural communities, aligning with Gateway's mission to promote the health and well-being of rural residents through community capacity building.

Most recently Dr. Caldwell, alongside his PhD student Rana Telfah, collaborated with Gateway to conduct a research project investigating the economic impacts and influence of COVID-19 on Syrian Refugee settlement and integration into rural Canada.

Dr. Caldwell commented, on Gateway being the perfect partner for their project, "Given Gateway's broad interest in health and this vulnerable population, it was a natural partnership to work with Gateway to make this happen. Certainly, Gateway is focused on rural and that is what Rana's research will pertain to."

Gateway President, Gwen Devereaux, highlights the importance of this research, stating, "This is such important work in a population that may not have had a voice in rural without this effort by our Guelph University partner."

Four panelists will be joining the discussion with Dr. Caldwell to express their individual perspectives on rural health and sustainability. The panelists include Laura Edgar, Senior Public Health promoter, Huron Perth Public Health; George McKibbon, Environmental planner, McKibbon Wakefield Inc.; Glen McNeil, warden, County of Huron; Regan Zink, MSc. candidate in Rural Planning and Development.

The positive impact that these conversations have for rural communities is immense and advances Gateway's values of promoting health through research, education and communication. Gateway is looking forward to continuing to connect virtually with communities locally, nationally, and internationally to reduce social isolation and promote a knowledge translation strategy in rural communities.

Anyone interested in attending this next free, virtual, lunchtime lecture-webinar is invited to visit Gateway's website to register: www.gatewayruralhealth.ca/lecture-series.html. The one-hour event will begin at noon.

## GROWING A SMILE ONE FLOWER OR VEGGIE SEED PACKET AT A TIME

The "Connected Together, Seeding a Smile" campaign is calling on community members of all ages to connect with others in their neighborhoods through a personal note and a packet of flower or vegetable seeds, to "seed a smile!"

This outreach initiative provides a colorful, blank, note card affixed with a seed pack plus an additional pack of seeds. Connectedness Coaches receive their own seeds and are asked to reach out in their community to an isolated neighbor, with a personalized note and the second seed pack. The card is meant to encourage connection and the seeds are provided to enable community members to grow together.

Connectedness Coaching Project Lead, Sheila Schuehlein commented, "Connecting Together, Seeding a Smile is an intergenerational

Twenty-five spring greetings were created by Kindergarten students from Perth County to be mailed to older adults serving and being served in the Lonely No More Program. (Submitted photo)

to improve and protect the watershed.

"We believe the EYC program is going to provide young people with a chance to contribute to their community," said Iszczuk. "Young people recognize the value of protecting our environment and the hands-on projects throughout the watershed will benefit from their energy and enthusiasm."

The Ausable Bayfield EYC program consists of two meetings per month for six months. One meeting will be virtual and one meeting will be an in-person field experience (limitations or changes may be necessary due to local public health unit and government recommendations). Each meeting will focus on a different conservation topic including: Invasive Species; Forest Management; Soil Health; and Ecosystem Restoration. The virtual meetings will run from 4-5:30 p.m. The field experiences are two hours in length but times and places will change depending on the activity.

"In April, we are excited to start with the topic of how wildlife is studied," said Iszczuk. "We are looking forward to doing an amphibian and reptile survey with the young people and also building some turtle nesting boxes."

There is no cost to apply to the program. Applications will be accepted now until Apr. 12. Interested youth may attend a virtual Open House on Apr. 1 from 5-5:30 p.m. to learn more about the program and have their questions answered.

Information about the Open House, the details about the program, and the application process can be found at abca.ca.

## FISHING DERBY

The annual family-friendly Trout Fishing Derby, sponsored by the Exeter Lions Club and Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation (ABCF), is cancelled for the year 2021. There will be no stocking of rainbow trout in Morrison Reservoir (Morrison Lake) this year either, according to derby organizers. Derby organizers from the Exeter Lions Club hope the derby can return in 2022.

"We know how popular the event was for 35 years and if it is possible to bring the event back in 2022 we will do our best to bring it back," said President of the Exeter Lions Club, Mark Keller. "We thank the community for all their support which made the event such a success for three and a half decades and we look forward to its return in 2022."

Dave Frayne, chair of ABCF, says the foundation has

outreach initiative that aims to bring people
together during these challenging and often lonely times. A gift, a kind word, and 'breaking ground together' to grow flowers and vegetables is a great way to welcome spring and empower connections and resiliency in our community."

The first group of community members to smile are participants of the Lonely No More program, which helps to reduce issues of loneliness for rural seniors through weekly teleconference calls by trained community volunteers. As part of this call-to-action, rural kindergarteners from Perth County helped Lonely No More's Leadership Team in writing spring greetings to those serving and being served in the Lonely No More Program.

A new Connectedness Coach and Lonely No More volunteer who helped engage the kindergartners said, "the children enjoyed making pictures to give joy to someone's day."

Sarah Versteeg, Program coordinator of both the Lonely No More and Connectedness Coaching programs, also commented, "This call-to-action is a way for the Lonely No More Program and Connectedness Coaching Project to work together to reduce social isolation and improve individual wellbeing. We hope participants in our program will report back and share their experiences and the new friendships they've built through this initiative."

Anyone who is interested in serving or being served in Lonely No More's peer support program please feel free to check out Lonely No More's website: www.gatewayruralhealth.ca/lonely-no-more.html. It contains details on how to become a Lonely No More volunteer or call 519 292-6862 to learn more.

This call-to-action is engaging local community members who recently participated in the Connectedness Coaching Project. Connectedness Coaching inspires intentional acts of kindness to reduce social isolation and improve individual wellbeing by providing educational opportunities, empowering community members and organizations to explore and enhance their resiliency through appreciative inquiry and promoting meaningful engagement in the larger community.

A Connectedness Coaching Learner commented, "I love this new idea of seeding a smile for my lonely neighbor. I can't wait to get my seeds to share with someone!"

For more information about Connectedness Coaching visit www.gatewayruralhealth.ca/connectedness-coaching.html. Anyone who is interested in engaging, follow us and comment on Connecting Together, Seeding a Smile's Facebook Group @ConnectingTogetherSeedingaSmile.

The Connectedness Coaching Leadership Team and Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway) would like to thank McCall MacBain Foundation and the Municipality of North Perth for their support and partnership to offer Connectedness Coaching to Huron County and North Perth residents. Gateway is also supported by the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund and Community Foundations of Canada. The Lonely No More program is supported by the McCall MacBain Foundation, Rotary Club of Goderich, IODE, MacKay Seniors Centre/Senior Centers Without Walls, University of Waterloo School of Pharmacy, and Rural Response for Healthy Children. Gateway is also supported by the Government of Canada's Emergency Community Support Fund and Community Foundations of Canada.

## PROVINCE BUDGETS FOR NEW MAITLAND MANOR BUILDING

Following the tabling of the Ontario Government's 2021-2022 budget, Protecting People's Health and Our Economy, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson made some "historic" announcements on March 25 to improve senior housing and long-term care facilities and been a proud partner in the fishing derby for many years and it gave young people a way to be active outdoors and to enjoy nature.

"I thank the Lions Club for all their hard work on this for many years and we look forward to partnering with them on this family-friendly event next year," concluded Frayne.

To learn more visit abca.ca.

## RETIREMENT HOME FUNDING

On March 25, Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson announced that the provincial government is investing more than $530,000 locally to help the retirement home sector cover COVID-19 related costs such as hiring, training and testing additional staff, and sanitizing residences and purchasing supplies to prevent and contain the spread of infection.

This funding is part of a $30 million province-wide announcement and is in addition to the $30.9 million that the province provided retirement homes earlier in the pandemic.

"In speaking with various CEOs and administrators at senior homes and long-term care facilities in the riding, I know this money is greatly needed and will be well used," said Thompson.

Retirement homes receiving additional funds include: Anfield Manor, Clinton, $20,650; Queensway Retirement Community, Hensall, $24,989; RVilla Retirement Living, Ripley, $29,599; Seaforth Retirement Community, $23,633; Sepoy Manor, Lucknow, $21,735; Tiverton Park Manor, $28,786; Trillium Court, Kincardine, $31,497; Exeter Villa, $32,040; Gilbert Hall Retirement Home, Wingham, $19,023; Goderich Place Retirement Residence, $42,616; Hampton Court, Southampton, $23,633; Harbour Hill Retirement Suites, Goderich, $32,853; Kingsway Arms at Elgin Lodge, Port Elgin, $46,684; Malcolm Place Retirement Residence, Kincardine, $26,616; Maple Court Retirement Residence, Walkerton, $29,057; Maplewood Manor, Seaforth, $23,091; and Nine Mile Villa Inc., Lucknow, $20,379.

Ontario has more than 770 licensed retirement homes and many are run by small operators who urgently need the government's support to deal with rising costs related to fighting COVID-19. Ontario's retirement homes have been working cooperatively with public health officials across the province to ensure best practices are being followed to prevent

retirement homes.

First the MPP announced that Maitland Manor in Goderich is being allocated 69 new spaces and 91 upgraded spaces. The project will result in a 160-bed home through the construction of a new facility.

This news comes just three months after Thompson had announced that the Southampton Care Centre has entered the next phase towards a redevelopment project that will add 84 new long-term care beds to the facility.

“I have been advocating for additional spaces in the riding for a long time,” Thompson said. “I am proud to make today’s announcement, which truly is an historic one. The number of people in Huron-Bruce who will need long-term care is expected to rise over the next decade and today’s announcement will help ensure we have safe, modern spaces ready for them.”

Joining Thompson for the announcement were Goderich Mayor John Grace and Southbridge Care Homes CEO Ryan Bell.Southbridge Care Homes included Maitland Manor as one of their facilities.

The mayor said he was “over the top” excited about the news.

“This is phenomenal,” Grace said. “It is great that we have the ministry recognize the need for extra beds in rural Ontario, and if it wasn’t for the leadership of MPP Thompson, who really worked hard for this, today might never have happened. She pushed it over the finish line.”

Bell also welcomed the news.

“Modernizing our home and providing more A-class beds will provide a higher quality of life to the people who live there and meet the evolving needs of our aging population,” said Southbridge Care Homes CEO Ryan Bell. “We are proud to work in partnership with the Ministry of Long-Term Care and the provincial and municipal governments and keep long-term care beds in local communities, which, in turn, also supports local job creation.”

Thompson also announced Braemar Centre, in Wingham, is being allocated 27 new spaces and 69 upgraded spaces to create a 96-bed home through the construction of a new building.

The announcements were part of Ontario’s $933 million investment in similar projects province wide, on top of the $1.75 billion already earmarked for the delivery of 30,000 new spaces over 10 years.

The actual funding to each home will be known when the homes are completed. Ontario will be using this additional $933 million to provide 80 homes, including those in Huron-Bruce, with a construction funding subsidy, operational funding and specialized funding over the life of the home. The Ministry of Long-Term Care will monitor and work closely with the homes receiving allocations to ensure that costs are managed effectively, and Ontario’s investments deliver on the needs of Huron-Bruce.

## VACCINATION CLINICS OPEN TO THOSE BORN IN 1951 OR EARLIER

Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) is further expanding eligibility for COVID-19 vaccinations. As of March 26, the following groups will be able to make an appointment for their first dose of vaccine: adults aged 70 and older (born in 1951 or earlier) and Indigenous persons 16 years of age and older.

In addition, faith leaders may also be vaccinated if as part of their regular role they are at

and control COVID-19 and to help get residents and staff vaccinated.

"Retirement home operators are working tirelessly to stop the spread of COVID-19 and keep residents and staff safe," said Raymond Cho, minister for Seniors and Accessibility. "Our government's additional funding will enable retirement homes to purchase more critical supplies like PPE, products to carry out deep cleaning, or to support more on-site testing to help further prevent and contain outbreaks."

"The safety and protection of the seniors who live in our communities and the staff who provide their care are our number one priority," said Chief Executive Officer of the Ontario Retirement Communities Association (ORCA), Cathy Hecimovich. "We are grateful to work with a government that recognizes the vital role retirement communities play in Ontario's continuum of care for seniors. Thank you for your continued support of the retirement community sector as we work together to keep Ontario's seniors safe."

## MOVE FOR MENTORING

From May 1st-15th community members are invited to “Move for Mentoring” by getting active, having fun, and helping to ignite the power and potential of young people in the area in support of Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Huron (BBBSSH).

BBBSSH provides their services to Ailsa Craig, Bayfield, Brucefield, Centralia, Crediton, Clinton, Dashwood, Exeter, Grand Bend, Hensall, Huron Park, Lucan, Parkhill, Seaforth, Vanastra, Zurich and surrounding areas.

They provide a variety of quality mentoring programs that are supported by professional caseworkers, ensuring their programs meet agency and national standards while ensuring safe, positive and healthy relationships between Big and Little. These programs, the support, and professional case work, are offered at absolutely no charge to young people and their families. The agency relies primarily on funds raised through The Little Shop (their children’s consignment store), grants, fundraisers, sponsorship and individual donations, to provide programming.

Move for Mentoring is a simple and fun way to help support BBBSSH. People are invited to challenge themselves (and each other) to be active while raising pledges to support area young people. During the first two weeks of May participants will commit to a movement of their choice – walking, running, cycling (one, two or five kilometres) or holding a one-hour dance party are but examples, participants are

increased risk of exposure to COVID-19 through close contact with persons and families in the following circumstances: end of life care, care of the deceased, funerals, bathing, or other ceremony with direct contact with deceased persons; home visits to unwell persons; pastoral care in hospitals, long-term care homes, retirement homes or other vulnerable settings.

HPPH would like to remind the public that vaccinations are only available to eligible groups. Please check the complete eligibility list at www.hpph.ca/vaccine; do not attempt to book an appointment if you are not yet eligible.

“HPPH has been able to book many of our callers for an appointment in under a week,” said Dr. Miriam Klassen. “There continue to be many available appointment times.”

HPPH asks callers to leave only one message – leaving multiple messages slows down the appointment booking process.

“Please know that we have many appointments available, so there is no need to rush,” said Dr. Klassen. “Everyone who wants an appointment will get one.”

For those eligible, appointments can be booked online at www.hpph.ca/vaccinebooking or through the HPPH booking line at 1-833-753-2098. HPPH highly encourage online bookings as call volume is high and they thank everyone for their patience.

Their phone line and webpage are updated regularly advising whether appointments for future community clinics are available to book. People are asked to not call their primary care provider or pharmacy for more information on appointments. Appointments for community clinics are only booked through HPPH.

There will be enough vaccine for everyone. Anyone who wants to be vaccinated will have an opportunity to be vaccinated. Please know that once HPPH announces that a group is eligible for the vaccine, they are always eligible; they will not miss their chance to be vaccinated as there will be more opportunities.

It is important to remember that everyone who has received a first dose, or both doses, of a COVID-19 vaccine must continue to follow all public health measures. Right now, it is known that the vaccines will protect those who receive it from getting very sick with COVID-19. Until it is learned otherwise, however, it is possible that someone who has been vaccinated could still pass the virus on to others. As long as COVID is still circulating at high levels in Ontario, it is important to continue public health measures, even when vaccinated.

Please also note that provincial and local legislation and guidance around public health measures still stand:
• Vaccination status does not qualify as an exemption to wearing a face covering in the provincial regulations.
• HPPH has a Section 22 Class Order in place to ensure residents who have been told to self-isolate by public health or a health care provider are doing so. Vaccination status does not exempt someone from this order.

## GODERICH WATER TREATMENT PLANT TOUR LATEST IN SERIES

A new video shows how the raw water source from Lake Huron is treated at the Goderich Water Treatment Plant to become clean, safe municipal drinking water for the town’s residents, businesses and visitors. The video is the third in a local drinking water series.

Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee (SPC) released the video on March 24. The virtual tour of the Goderich Water Treatment Plant is hosted by John Graham, Environmental representative on the SPC and Project manager with Veolia Water Canada Inc. Cory Dulong, Senior Lead operator, also helps take viewers through the complex system from

encouraged to get creative on how they can Move for Mentoring. The next step is to let everyone know about the challenge completion by tagging Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Huron on social media with photo or video evidence of the challenge as it happens or after it happens using the hashtags #BBBSSH #BiggerTogether

People can sign up as an individual or part of a team. To register visit: southhuron.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca/event/move-for-mentoring. Register by Apr. 24 to receive a branded BBBSSH bandana to wear while moving, sponsored by Canadian Tire. Participants will also have a chance to win a daily draw prize, sponsored by Tim Horton’s, from May 1st-15th on Facebook: Big Brothers Big Sisters of South Huron.

Participants are asked to collect pledges using their online fundraising page. Paper pledge forms are also available. Donations will be accepted until May 31st.

More than ever before, BBBSSH needs to be there for the young people in the community. The BBBSSH waiting list continues to grow, and the need for support in the community is dire. Many young people face adverse barriers, which can escalate during the pandemic when they are at home, isolated and distancing from others.

For more information, or to register, please contact the BBBSSH office at southhuron@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca or call 519 235-1780, or visit their web-site at southhuron.bigbrothersbigsisters.ca, or reach out on Facebook.

## HOSPICE RAFFLE

Huron Hospice is launching an exciting new fundraising 50/50 Raffle. The first draw started on March 1st. The Huron Hospice 50/50 is your chance to win big! The more you play, the bigger the pot and the greater your chances to win. When you play, you are “Making Moments Matter” for families on the end-of-life journey. It’s a win-win!

Each year, the Ontario Government covers half of the cost of Huron Hospice $1.2 million operations. The province allows funding to be used for employing nursing staff.

“Huron County donors cover the other $600,000 of our costs. Donors cover the cost of Hospice community programs, such as grief and bereavement recovery for adults, and children and youth. At the residence, donations help provide meals, heat and hydro and general building upkeep,” said Willy Van

intake pipe, screening debris, initial treatment, filtering, chlorination and continual testing to distribution through the Goderich water system – an eight-hour process.

The new video encourages people to protect Lake Huron, especially near the drinking water intake at Goderich.

“It’s very important that residents and visitors all know that the intake protection zone is essential because we draw our water from this area,” Graham said in the video. The most vulnerable area for the Goderich surface water system is a one-kilometre ring around the mouth of the intake pipe and includes the Goderich Harbour and waterfront beaches. He also provides a water conservation message.

“It is important to be mindful of water usage at all times because there’s a limited amount of fresh water for our drinking purposes,” he said. “Water conservation should be on everyone’s minds at all times.”

The SPC members are using videos as an effective way to safely reach out to the public during the pandemic. Prior videos in the series include SPC Industry Rep, Rowland Howe on the Goderich Port Management Corporation efforts to protect water (January 2021); and SPC Public-at-Large Rep, Alyssa Keller hosting a tour of the Seaforth municipal well system and water tower (October 2020). Links to the videos are on YouTube and Facebook as well as online at sourcewaterinfo.on.ca.

In another new video, promoting the series, Matt Pearson, SPC chair, explains that “members of our committee have developed a series of three videos to explain about water from source to tap. Normally we would like to engage with you in person but right now we need to keep everyone safe just like our municipalities keep our water safe…all of us can do our part to ensure safe drinking water for now and the future.”

The SPC will be releasing more videos about protecting sources of drinking water in the coming weeks, he said, “so be sure to watch for them.”

Here are links to the videos so far:
• Introduction to drinking water source protection video series with Matt Pearson, SPC Chair:youtu.be/c9Zh0XYmaJw
• Treatment of Lake Huron water at the Goderich Water Treatment Plant: youtu.be/CfMqhhSE988
• Work by industries at the Goderich Harbour to protect drinking water sources: youtu.be/blsOdf8CfRE
• Treatment of a groundwater drinking water source at the municipal well in Seaforth: youtu.be/M3CVovxmSI4

## APRIL DATES SET FOR VIRTUAL DINNER, AUCTION AND RAFFLE

The Exeter Lions Club held its first 50-50 draw, for community projects supported by the Conservation Dinner, in 2019. The Dinner and Auction is online this year (2021) and the Lions Club is bringing back the 50-50 draw for the third year.

The winner will be drawn, virtually, on Earth Day, Apr. 22 at 7 p.m.

People can buy ten tickets for $10; 60 tickets for $20; or 200 tickets for only $50. They can purchase the tickets online, easily and safely, through the Exeter Lions Club 50-50 draw web page at ExeterLions5050.com. Tickets are all sold electronically through the website and tickets are emailed to the buyer once purchased.

Buying a 50-50 ticket online is a way to support community projects while still practicing safe social distancing.

Klooster, Huron Hospice Executive director. “We are truly fortunate to have a team of 130 volunteers who help our nurses and provide many of these services and programs. We are thankful for both the Government support and the assistance of our donors and volunteers. We could not do it without any of them,”

Van Klooster added, “Like many other charities, COVID-19 has had an impact on our Hospice revenue this year. We have been forced to think outside the box and be strategic about how to raise our badly needed revenue.”

“Although the Government does not cover them, these daily programs and services are essential. They impact our friends and neighbors, maybe even a family member," commented Jay McFarlan, Huron Hospice Board chair.

“We understand that buying raffle tickets is not for everyone,” said Christopher Walker, Huron Hospice, manager of Fund Development. “However, in 2021 interest in raffles is growing.

Walker noted that there are many other ways in which Huron Hospice donors can support the Hospice. They can join the Hike for Hospice, support the There’s No Place Like Home Telethon or by making donations in memory of family who have died.

Walker concluded, “Donors and their gifts are a critical part of our continued work. We thank everyone for joining us, however they choose to give. We know all gifts come from the heart.”

Buying Raffle tickets is simple. Between now and Apr. 1st people can get their tickets at www.huronhospice.ca When they purchase, they have options of 100 tickets for $40, 40 tickets for $20 and five tickets for $10.

Please contact Christopher Walker at 519 525-7352 or 5050@huronhospice.ca with any questions.

## GRAND BEND ROTARY

Members of the Grand Bend Rotary would like to invite people to mark Wednesday, May 26 on their calendars to help them celebrate their 30th anniversary and share in some community appreciation.

They will be hosting a Drive-in event at the Shipka Starlite Drive-in Theatre starting at 6:30 p.m. The evening will cost $40 per person and will feature entertainment, a blockbuster movie, fabulous food and door prizes. More details to come as the date

“We are proud to be able to support needed community projects through the 50-50 draw,” said Mark Keller, president of the Exeter Lions Club. “This is just one of the ways the Exeter Lions Club helps our local community. It’s really a win-win when people have a chance to win a big prize and are able to help their community all at the same time.”

Organizers say supporting the 50-50 draw is a great way to support local community projects even when some live events are postponed until next year. Virtual Conservation Dinner Committee Chair Dave Frayne thanks the Exeter Lions Club for bringing back this additional way to support parks and recreation and conservation projects in the community.

“The Lions Club has been Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation’s partner on the Conservation Dinner for 30 years and even though the Dinner and Auction event is online this year, the Exeter Lions are finding ways, like the 50-50 raffle draw, to support their community,” said Frayne.

The Conservation Dinner is online this year as a #VirtualConservationDinner. This fundraiser is a community success story that has raised more than $1.2 million in net proceeds in support of parks and recreation, trails, a family-friendly fishing derby, nature education, and other projects in local communities in an area from Exeter to Port Franks to Bayfield and all points in between.

Visit conservationdinner.com and the online auction web page at conservationdinner.com/online-auctions/ for the Virtual Conservation Dinner online auction with bidding between Apr. 15-22. The draw of the 50-50 winner is to be shared on Apr. 22 during the last day of the online bidding period.

The Virtual Conservation Dinner Committee encourages people to bid, between Apr. 15-22, at the first #virtualconservationdinner online auction. The organizers say it’s a chance to get some amazing items and experiences and to support projects in local communities. Visit conservationdinner.com/online-auctions to find out more

## PET MEMORIAL WALL TO BE ESTABLISHED AT HURON HOSPICE

Many people share an intense bond with their animal companions, whom they love as members of their family. A dog, cat, or other pet can add structure to the day, keep people active and social, help to overcome setbacks and challenges in life, and even provide a sense of meaning or purpose. So, when a cherished pet dies, it’s natural to feel devastated by grief and loss.

“At Huron Hospice the staff and volunteers are experts in dealing with loss and grief. They recognize that we experience a difficult journey when we grieve a loss of any kind, including our furry companions,” said Willy Van Klooster, Huron Hospice Executive director. “That is why we have established the Pet Memorial Wall. It is another way we can help provide an outlet for these feelings. The Pet Memorial Wall will complement the Memorial Forest, which was founded in 2019.”

The Pet Memorial program is open to anyone who wants to remember the life of a pet friend and the Pet Memorial Wall is open to the public to visit at any time. While there, people can take a stroll on the Tranquility Trail, surrounded by the Memorial Forest. The Wall, the Forest and the Trail are located behind the Huron Hospice residence, 37587 Huron Road, Clinton, ON and are easily accessible to visitors.

As part of the program, a memorial dedication service will be held annually on the second Sunday of June to commemorate the pets, giving pet owners a chance to say goodbye. Additionally, Huron Hospice also offers grief recovery programs, which includes the loss of pets.

grows closer.

## CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Conservation educators at Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) have offered support to the watershed community though new learning opportunities, which are provided at no cost thanks to program sponsors Canada Nature Fund; Environment and Climate Change Canada’s EcoAction Community Funding Program; and ABCA.’

Two new online synchronous (when there is live interaction between ABCA conservation educators and students) learning programs were created for watershed teachers. The Species at Risk program, with funding support from Canada Nature Fund of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, teaches students about local species at risk, including turtles, mussels and fish found in the Ausable River. The second program, Wonderful Wetlands, focuses on the at-risk habitat of wetlands and is sponsored by the EcoAction Community Funding Program. Additional support for teachers is found on ABCA’s website, abca.ca, which has a teacher’s resources section with printables, lesson plans and educational website links.

People can now watch ABCA conservation educators, on YouTube, with the posting of this series of free presentations. ABCA first broadcast these videos, as live ‘lunch and learn presentations’ for each of these topics. The lunch and learn presentations are now available, for viewing anytime, on ABCA’s YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/TheAusable

“Conservation educator Nina Sampson and myself are available to chat and we are keen to help teachers or parents in any way we can,” said Denise Iszczuk, conservation educator. “Step one to learning about nature is to plan time to get outside every day.”

In addition to these and other remote learning opportunities, this March the conservation educators at ABCA are planning outdoor spring sessions of Oaks and Acorns; Coyotes and Pups; Muskrats; and Outdoor School.

To register or to find out more visit the abca.ca website’s education web page at this link: www.abca.ca/education/

Anyone who would like to chat with conservation educators about these programs, is asked to please call 519 235-2610, or toll-free 1-888-286-2610, Ext. 255 or 262.

Individual customized plaques for the Pet Memorial Wall can be ordered for $225 each at www.huronhospice.ca/pet-memorial-wall. Each plaque measures 5” x 10”; and can be customized freely with commemorative text. Mounting the plaque on the Wall is included. An income tax receipt will be issued in the amount of $200 for each plaque order.

For further enquiries please contact Christopher Walker at chris.walker@huronhospice.ca or 519 525-7352.

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## Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol

# REMEMBER THIS

The Huron County Museum is home to thousands of artifacts that illustrate the history of both the rural and urban populations of the area. Space dictates what wonderful curiosities the public regularly gets to see when they visit the museum located at 110 North Street in Goderich (now open to the public by appointment). But where there is wifi, there is an opportunity to time-travel with over 3,000 pieces of the museum’s collection now available to view online at https://huroncountymuseum.pastperfectonline.com.

“Remember This” highlights items from the collection of the Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol. Items that have shaped the fabric of the county and the people who have lived here since before the county became the county in 1835 up until more recent times.

“In your easter bonnet, with all the frills upon it,
You'll be the grandest lady in the easter parade.”

With respect to Irving Berlin, this week we searched out some fancy millinery in the museum’s collection to celebrate the upcoming Easter holiday…

## FEATHERED HAT

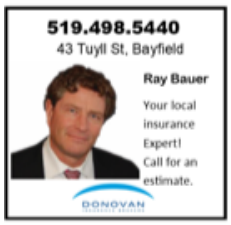
## STRAW HAT

This is lady's beige, straw, flat hat. The brim is decorated with brown netting and red, maroon yellow velvet flowers. It has a brown, elastic back strap. Inside the hat there are labels that read: "McKINNON's Millinery GODERICH" and "Knolton (REGISTERED)".

## VELVET HAT

This is a lady's hat. It is purple in color with mesh lining and purple ties. It is embellished with pink trim, a purple velvet tie and pink and black feathers. It is further enhanced by a green and rhinestone pin on the back and a grey buckle on the side.

This is a pink velvet hat with silver, bugle bead trim. It has a Daisy-like trim along the edge. The hat is flat and shaped like a dinner plate. It was held on the head by a grosgrain covered wire head band. It would have been the style around 1950.



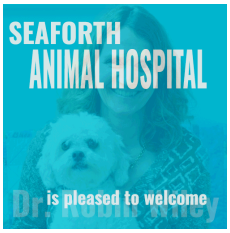



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PHOTO STORY

# BAYFIELD FORGOTTEN FELINES

# FOSTER CARE, FOREVER HOMES AND FUNDING NEEDED IN ANTICIPATION OF KITTEN SEASON

SUBMITTED PHOTOS

As the calendar turns to April, kitten season approaches. Volunteers with Bayfield Forgotten Felines (BFF) know that means there will be an even greater need for foster care, forever families and funding.

BFF has helped hundreds of feral and abandoned cats find their forever homes and they continue to

ALL WAITING TO BE ADOPTED: Pearl shows off her brood of three-week-old kittens. Does kitten season ever really end?

HOPING TO BE ADOPTED: TJ is a two-year-old male. He was found with an injured eye and taken in by his current caregivers. He has been vetted and is recovering.

do so thanks to the support of the community and volunteers.

Not everyone is able to adopt one of these kitties in need but people can still help. BFF volunteers are currently looking for good foster homes for some of their cats and kittens. A place where they can learn to trust again, or grow up with space to play and explore. Some of the adult cats are at the shelter for a while before being adopted, they would love a comfortable place to feel safe.

“Please consider opening your home to a temporary guest. We will match the perfect cat or kittens to your situation and provide supplies and support,” said Mary Pounder, a volunteer with BFF.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a foster is asked to please contact Mary Pounder at jackabunny@gmail.com or call 519 565-2717.

People who might like to adopt or make a financial contribution in support of feline care are asked to contact BFF via email at bayfieldsforgottenfelines@gmail.com. Any financial amount, whether it be large or small, would be most appreciated. E-transfers can be sent to the email above or email to arrange for a drop off or pick up of donations. Cheques can be mailed to Bayfield’s Forgotten Felines, P.O. Box 33, Bayfield, ON, N0M 1G0.

The cost of a vet visit is approximately $150 per feline but costs can be far greater if any dental or health concerns arise.

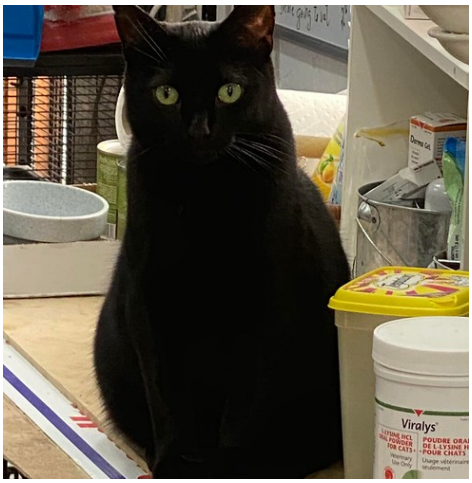
*Editor's Note: Volunteers with Bayfield Forgotten Felines (BFF) wanted to share a few success stories with our readers this issue and thank the community for their ongoing support. Some of these felines have found their forever homes while others are ready and waiting to choose their humans! Check out the BFF top ten of the week.*

IN FOSTER CARE - Stormy is a four-year-old male. He lived on the streets of Bayfield for almost three years. He was on the Rescue's radar to be taken in as he had been trapped and neutered some time ago. He showed up in October injured. He was vetted and kept inside and is adapting to his new indoor life quite nicely.

DESIRING TO BE ADOPTED: Corina is a three-year-old (approx.) female. This very pretty girl came into the shelter in September, although still shy, she is starting to ask for pets and is feeling very comfortable being indoors.

WISHING TO BE ADOPTED: Gillies is a five-year-old male. He is super friendly and affectionate. He lived in an outside colony but loves being indoors.

OH, SO, ADOPTABLE: Diego is a six-month-old male. He, and his brother, Manuel, came to the Rescue as three-month-old kittens and are a work in progress. They are very bonded and will be looking for a home together so they can continue to explore as a team. Diego is the boss of Manuel - or at least he thinks he is.




ADOPTED – THANK YOU! OJ is an 18-month-old male. This gorgeous, big guy is shy at first but when he opens up he is a character. He is now living his best life with his new cat Dad.

ADOPTED THANK YOU! Trirone is a three-year-old male. He is a very special, big boy and oh, so, gentle. He was the welcoming committee to all new cats who came to the Rescue. He checked on everyone and was the keeper of the kittens. He loved to help the mother cats with bathtime and he excelled at teaching the babies about naptime. Trirone has found his most well deserved forever home!

ADOPTED – THANK YOU! Buttercup is a six-month-old female. This saucy little girl looks like a little teddy bear. Her new Momma was volunteering at the Rescue when Buttercup stole her heart and they now share a forever home together.

BECAUSE TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE: Manuel is a six-month-old male. He is Diego's big brother but he lets Diego make the decisions and then likes to blame him for any fall-out. True brothers, and a bonded pair, that will be looking for a forever home together.

## PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Spring is here - Little Inn Snowdrops...*By Gary Lloyd-Rees*

Email your photo in Jpeg format to bayfield.breeze@villageofbayfield.com with the subject line Subscriber Photo of the Week. or...Upload your photo to Flickr.

I am looking for the Bayfield that is a delight to the eye – please share photos with a touch of whimsy, beauty, humor or a sense of fun. If you are to include people in your photos be sure to have their permission to publish their picture on-line and also send in their names and where they are from. And don't forget to tell me who took the photo for proper credit to be issued

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## SUBMISSIONS

Danielle (Simons) Tarnawski is a proud member of this community. She, and her husband Keet, and their four grown children and their families, are always at the ready to lend a hand when needed. To say they've faced adversity with a smile over the years is an understatement.

Danielle served in the Canadian Armed Forces for 20 plus years as an Aero Engine Tech. She was a Master Corporal.

For her entire adult life, she has suffered from Endometriosis. Two years ago, she was diagnosed with a rare and aggressive form of Mucinous

Cystadenoma Endometriosis. In that time, she has undergone three surgeries but this disease keeps coming back stronger, now attaching itself to her vital organs. The last surgery left her in hospital for nearly three weeks costing her almost $7,000 in medical bills she is unable to pay. Returning to the workforce is out of the question.

The financial difficulties don't just stem from the medical bills. The fact that she is retired military is compounding the problem. Since she is retired military, and her insurance company is requiring her to apply for CPP Disability, she will have to pay back part of her Canadian Armed Forces Pension.

"We (her husband is also retired military) are on a tiered pension, so when CPP kicks in our pension decreases. The RCMP are in the same boat as the military," explained Danielle. "People that get pensions from their companies aren't affected by CPP."

I know journalists are supposed to be impartial but my gut reaction to this news was, that's a heck of a way to treat your retired military, isn't it? And that is why I'm sharing Danielle's story in my space this week. That, and because, I consider she, and Keat, to be good friends and neighbors. Others agree with me and they have established a Go Fund Me Page for Danielle. For those who wish to donate the link to it can be found here: ca.gofundme.com/f/5jpeu-please-help-danielle-to-heal-and-get-well

And even if you can't donate you can share Danielle's story and forward the page along to others to get the word out that one of our own needs a little help.

Stress less, heal more, Danielle. "Vigilamus pro te!" – 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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