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"SEED FUNDING" INSPIRES LOCAL PUMPKIN SALES FOR CHARITY

Nine-year-old twins, Zac and Zoe Small are raising money for charity and learning a thing or two about business with a new pumpkin venture in Bayfield.

The inspiration and “seed funding” for their pumpkin business came from local farmer Brian Van Aaken, and his wife, Shelley, who source their heritage seeds from Prince Edward Island and grow them at Vantage Farms near Varna. Zac and Zoe send him a daily report of their sales and work with him on filling inventory shortages. The twins report that cooking pumpkins are hot this year!

A portion of their sales will go to charities that are close to the twin’s hearts. St. Joseph's Healthcare in Guelph, where their grandmother resides, and P.I.M.E Missionaries in the Philippines, where their missionary uncle is helping the local community deal with food shortages and economic uncertainty due to COVID-19.

Zac and Zoe will be running their curbside pickup business in Bayfield on the following

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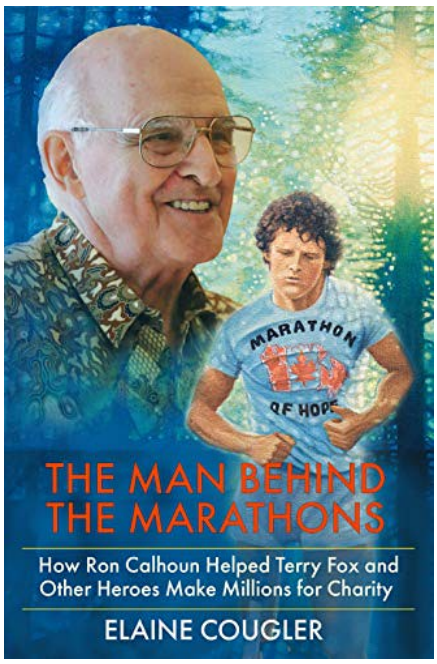
weekends: Sept. 25-27 and Thanksgiving weekend, Oct. 9-12. Look for their set up along Lousia Street.

All are encouraged to stop by to get their beautiful pumpkins and support some good causes!

Nine-year-old twins, Zoe and Zac Small are selling pumpkins for a cause on two upcoming weekends this fall in Bayfield. (Submitted photo)

CANADIAN AUTHOR VIRTUAL EVENT AT THE VILLAGE BOOKSHOP



This Thursday (Sept. 17), The Village Bookshop will be hosting another author event, virtually.

It has been 40 years ago since national hero Terry Fox ran his Marathon of Hope across Canada. Behind the scenes was Ron Calhoun who organized Terry's run and created this well-known phrase. Calhoun was full of innovative ideas, had persuasive fundraising skills and led numerous other marathons which ultimately raised millions of dollars to fight cancer and other disease

Elaine Cougler tells his story in "The Man Behind the Marathons: How Ron Calhoun Helped Terry Fox and Other Heroes Make Millions for Charity". It is a story of how one man born on a farm in Byron, ON became as he said, "part of something that was truly a miracle." As an unsung hero, Colhoun's contributions to Canada should not be forgotten.

People are invited to join The Village Bookshop, for this virtual event, in an one-hour conversation with Cougler on Thursday, Sept. 17 starting at 5 p.m. Those interested are asked to please register for this event in person or call 519 565-5600 and the Zoom link will be emailed. Cougler's book is available for purchase at The Village Bookshop.

TELETHON IN AID OF HURON HOSPICE SET FOR TOMORROW NIGHT

The Bayfield Farmers' Market will hold their 17th market of the season on Friday, Sept. 18.

The market store is fully stocked with amazing locally grown and produced products. This week, be on the look out for: fresh vegetables from from Firmly Rooted and Faro Farms; local maple syrup from Bayfield Maple; ready-to-eat soups and stews from Petojo Food & Catering; soup bones and roasts from Cedarvilla Angus Farms and lots more.

In addition, the market is partnering with the Bayfield Lions' Club to launch their 2021 Bayfield calendar. These calendars can be purchased for $10 each through the online store.

Orders can be placed on the market's new online marketplace openfoodnetwork.ca/bayfield-farmers-market/shop. All orders must be placed by 11 p.m. on Wednesday. Customers of Firmly Rooted Farm are asked to place orders directly on their online store, www.localline.ca/firmly-rooted, by Tuesdays at 8 p.m.

Market pick-up hours are 3-5 p.m. every Friday. The pick-up location is the parking area on the north side of Clan Gregor Square.

Customers with a last name beginning with initials A-M are asked to pick up in the first hour (3-4 p.m.) and N-Z in the second hour (4-5 p.m.).

Delivery within 15 KMs of Bayfield is available for a flat fee of $5.

Should anyone have a question about a specific product, please contact the vendor directly. Their contact information can be found on their profile page on the online market store.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

It's almost time to get back on the ice and one Bayfield team is welcoming new players.

The Women's Hockey group that meets on Friday nights in the Bayfield Arena invites those interested to join them. COVID-19 safety measures will be in place. Games are held in-house only, no travel required. Play begins at 7 p.m. and the cost is $15 per game.

For more information please contact Dale Evans at 519 440-9417. Text preferred.

FOOD BANK

Bayfield Area Food Bank (BAFB) continues to be

Artists are warming up. Special guests are rehearsing their lines. Planning is in high gear for the “There’s No Place Like Home Telethon” scheduled for Sept. 17. It's an all-new event with an exciting look, and it is going to be a great evening.

"As a result of COVID-19, many charities had to make big changes to their fundraising plans, the same was true for Huron Hospice," said Dr. Agnes Kluz, Hospice Medical director and event volunteer. "As a committee, we felt that since we had to find new ways to do things, we would totally reimagine our event as a virtual one.”

This retro-style telethon will celebrate home and the best of Huron County. The event will also recognize that Huron Hospice provides a home-like environment for families on their end of life journey.

Viewers can see the show at www.huronhospice.ca and www.facebook.com/HuronResidentialHospice The show is also being broadcast on Hurontel and Tuckersmith Communications andwww.facebook.com/thestaysh/.

Two recognizable and highly respected people will host the Telethon, Gil Garratt, of the Blyth Festival, and MP Ben Lobb. Both Garratt and Lobb have been true supporters of the work of Hospice.

The line up of performers includes: Juno Award winner Lyndon John X, Canadian Idol Ryan Malcolm and Justin Evans, The Irish Cowboys, Scott Cowan, Matt Hussey, The Full Nelsons, Cheap Thrills, pianists Bruce Ubukata and Stephen Ralls, Brittany McGarvey, Amanda McLure and The Hometown Harpist, Alex Yeo. Meaghan Wegg, formerly of Cirque de Soleil, will also bring her unique talents to the show. Huron Hospice is working with the creative team at Faux Pop in Goderich to put together an entertaining 90-minute telethon that shows that COVID-19 cannot stop the people of Huron County.

Jay McFarlan, chair of the Board at Huron Hospice, said, “There is no ticket price to participate in the event this year. We want everyone to join in the celebration. However, it is a fundraiser telethon, and we invite everyone near and far to donate to support Huron Hospice. When you donate, your name will light up the telethon event!"

People can donate by visiting our website https://www.huronhospice.ca/donate or sending a

thankful for the generousity of the community in supporting the organization as the pandemic evolves.

BAFB can be reached for assistance by calling or texting 519 955-7444, or by emailing bayfieldareafoodbank@gmail.com. All enquiries will be handled with the utmost confidentiality.

KNOX CHURCH

Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield is pleased to invite the community to participate in their Church Services remotely.

Each week Reverend Lisa Dolson shares scripture readings and the week’s message. Hymns and anthems are provided by organist Jean Walker.

Church access can be enjoyed anytime by following this link pccweb.ca/knoxbayfieldpc/weekly-sermon/.

GUIDED HIKES

The Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) will offer guided hikes on Oct. 25th and Nov. 17th. Participants will follow outdoor social distancing protocols, and masks will be optional.

The Fall Colors Hike will be held on Sunday, Oct. 25th at 2 p.m. at the Naftels Creek Conservation Area. Hikers will see a mix of conifer plantations, hardwood and wetland areas at the peak beauty of the fall season.

Participants are asked to meet and park at 79152 Hwy 21, 7 km south of Goderich between Union Rd and Kitchigami Rd. A map can be viewed at www.ontariotrails.on.cal. The hike is 3 KM, moderate difficulty with some steep inclines, rough spots or obstacles, and will last about 90 minutes. Please wear sturdy shoes, check the weather report, and dress accordingly.

For more information, contact hike leader Pam Bowers at 519 565-4605.

National Take a Hike Day is Tuesday, Nov. 17 to celebrate the BRVTA will lead a hike on the Mavis and Taylor trails starting at 2 p.m. National Take a Hike Day is observed each year on this date in Canada and the U.S. There are over 90,000 KMs of non-motorized, managed trails in Canada. The Mavis and Taylor Trails offer relatively easy walking in a beautiful woodland leading down to the Bayfield River.

cheque to Huron Hospice 92 Shipley Street Clinton, Ontario N0M 1L0. During the telethon, phone volunteers will be on hand to take donations.

The community provides half of the revenue Huron Hospice needs to provide the services that it has become well known for providing: palliative care in residence and in the community, grief recovery and bereavement support and counselling. Huron Hospice relies on everyone across the County for help and asks that everyone tune in on Sept. 17. After all, There Is No Place Like Home during a pandemic!

2021 LIONS' CALENDAR AVAILABLE VIA FARMERS' MARKET WEBSITE

The 2021 version of the Bayfield Lions' Club's calendar will be for sale starting this Friday, Aug. 14. In addition to online purchases calendars will be available at Bayfield Convenience, Bayfield Foodland, Shopbike Coffee Roasters or The Village Bookshop. (Submitted photo)

The Bayfield Lions' Club is proud to announce the release of its 2021 Bayfield Calendar. This eighth edition of the Club's Calendar project is still only $10!

Calendars are now available for purchase via the Bayfield Farmers' Market website: bayfieldfarmersmarket.com or the Bayfield Lions' Club website: bayfieldlions.ca. They can be picked up at Clan Gregor Square on Friday, Aug. 21 during the Bayfield Farmers' Market pick up times. Market pick-up hours are 3-5 p.m. The pick-up location is the parking area on the north side of Clan Gregor Square. Customers with a last name beginning with initials A-M are asked to pick up in the first hour (3-4 p.m.) and N-Z in the second hour (4-5 p.m.).

These beautiful Calendars would make an ideal Christmas gift or souvenir and can also be purchased from any Lions member. The Calendars are also available for purchase at Bayfield Convenience, Bayfield Foodland, Shopbike Coffee Roasters or The Village Bookshop.

VIRTUAL TERRY FOX RUNS TO BE HELD THIS SUNDAY

Hikers are asked to meet and park at the Stanley Complex in Varna, 5 KMs east of Bayfield on the Mill Road. A map can be found at www.bayfieldtrails.com/mavis-taylor-trail. The hike is a relatively easy 3.5 KMs with well-defined trails and gentle inclines; it will last less than two hours. Please wear sturdy shoes, check the weather report, and dress accordingly.

For more information, contact hike leader Gary Mayell at 519 441-0141.

MEMBERS WANTED

The members of the Bayfield Agricultural Society (BAS) are inviting people to consider joining them in the year leading up to their 165th anniversary by becoming a member of the society, the board, or both!

"What a perfect time to consider becoming a member," said BAS President Lorraine Shields. "Be part of something unique and everlasting, a part of the community's future while maintaining and celebrating its heritage and roots."

People are encouraged to share their skills, experiences and assets with the BAS. For more information contact Doug Yeo at 519 482-9296 or email dougyeo@tcc.on.ca or Lorraine Shields at 519 653-7039 or email rainy13@tcc.on.ca.

ADOPT-A-BFF

Adopt-a-BFF is a recurring feature aimed at helping Bayfield's Forgotten Felines find homes for the many rescue cats and kittens that have come into their care in recent months. This week we feature siblings, Estrella and Star.

Estrella and Star (Submitted photo)

The Terry Fox Foundation is excited to announce that Canadians will continue to support cancer research through virtual runs from coast to coast to coast this September.

Fox once said, “Anything is possible if you try.” Today, 40 years later, organizers will have to innovate as well and they can’t think of anything that Fox would appreciate more. Help celebrate the 40th anniversary of Terry’s Marathon of Hope by joining in a virtual run.

Registration is now open at terryfox.org/run/.

Organizers note that the run will be “one day – your way” as participants “will unite in spirit, not in person”.

This “run” can take place wherever participants are on Sunday, Sept. 20: walk, run or ride around the neighborhood, backyard, down the street or around the block. Register as an individual, family or a virtual team and then start fundraising because cancer research cannot wait for COVID-19 to be over and because Fox asked everyone to try and because its the 40th anniversary of Terry’s Marathon of Hope!

For a 2020 special anniversary merchandise order form please email cmzrini@gmail.com

The Bayfield Virtual Terry Fox Run is being coordinated for the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association by co-coordinators Heather Hamilton and Colleen Zrini. To learn more contact Zrini at 519 697-9631

These sweet babies are Estrella and Star, who along with their Momma Etoile, came to the rescue from a family who found them abandoned on their property. They took them in and kept them safe from the elements until the rescue had room to take them in.

When they arrived Momma was fiercely protective of her babies and they were little spitfires as well but everyone has settled in and are enjoying love, a warm bed and full bellies, and hopefully soon, a forever home.

Interested in providing Extrella and Star with their forever families? Reach out to Bayfield’s Forgotten Felines at bayfieldsforgottenfelines@gmail.com.

Anyone who might wish to adopt but circumstances don’t allow for it, can virtually adopt a kitten or cat, receive updates and photos and even choose a name, and know that their generosity helped this creature find a forever home.

The cost of a vet visit is $125 per feline, of course, 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.

HELP TO PARENTS STRUGGLING OVER PANDEMIC SCREENTIME USE

A Huron County program to teach parents how to manage kids’ screen time during COVID-19 will be available soon.

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

Struggling with kids about screen time? Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway) will host a must-see documentary screening for parents and grandparents – “Screenagers: Growing up in a digital world” from Sept. 17 to Oct. 1. Zoom panel discussions and Q and A sessions providing tips for parents will be held on Oct. 1 only.

Gateway’s 2020 Speaker Series continues virtually this September and October, featuring on-line viewings of “Screenagers” and “Next Chapter”, two important documentaries about the impact of excessive screen time on today’s children and teens.

Gateway Board member, Nancy Simpson believes that screen time is an integral part of all kids’ lives especially during COVID-19 times. During the lock down period, there is also a good chance that some bad habits were developed with respect to screen time.

“Finding that balance between living in a digital world and the real world is key. For example, face-to-face interactions within your ‘bubble’ or class cohort to develop good social skills, exercise and positive health choices, as well as enjoyment of nature and the great outdoors,” said Simpson.

There are multiple screenings happening daily of “Screenagers” in communities across the globe. It is the first feature documentary to explore the impact of screen technology on kids and offers parents and families proven solutions that work. What started out as a personal story for one has grown into an international movement, helping millions of teens and their families navigate growing up in a world with instant access to screens. The themes include use of screens in school, boys and video games, girls and social media and the risk of addiction.

Physician and filmmaker, Delaney Ruston decided to make “Screenagers” when she found herself constantly struggling with her two kids about screen time. Ruston felt guilty and confused, not sure what limits were best, especially around mobile phones, social media, gaming, and how to monitor on-line homework. Hearing repeatedly how other parents were 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

HURON DEMO FARM

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) has monitoring equipment in this field at the Huron Demonstration Farm, near Clinton, to collect important data and evaluate different types of erosion control solutions. Some of this equipment was recently stolen while other parts were vandalized. (Submitted photo)

The Huronview Demonstration Farm, south of Clinton, has experienced recent thefts and vandalism.

This site is one of several in Ontario where farmers and partners work together to develop and demonstrate science-based agricultural practices to improve crop production and soil health while protecting the environment.

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) has monitoring equipment in this field to collect important data and evaluate different types of erosion control solutions.

If anyone has information regarding the missing equipment, please contact the Clinton OPP Detachment at 519 482-1677.

“The intent of this project is to share data with our agricultural partners at the Huron County Soil and Crop Improvement Association and the drainage community. This data will help to inform best

equally overwhelmed, she realized this is one of the biggest, unexplored parenting issues of our time.

As a director, Ruston turned the camera on her own family and others—revealing stories of messy struggles over social media, video games, academics, and internet addiction. We meet Hannah, a 14-year old victim of social media bullying who struggled trying to hide her social media use from her mom. And Andrew, whose love of video games turned into an addiction taking him from earning straight A's to flunking out of college.

Interwoven into these stories, are cutting edge science and insights from thought leaders as well as leading brain scientists who present evidence on the real changes in the brain when kids are on screens. "Screenagers" goes far beyond exposing the risks of screen time, it reveals multiple approaches on how parents and educators can work with kids to help them achieve a healthy amount of screen time.

Gateway has purchased the licencing rights to "Screenagers" and "Next Chapter" which allows the organization to offer these documentaries to registering participants. Registrants will watch these documentaries on their own time during a two-week period, then opt to participate in a moderated Q and A session on Zoom, led by a facilitator and a panel of local experts coordinated by Gateway.

Screenagers will be available from Sept. 17 to Oct. 1 on demand. The panel discussion and Q and A Zoom session will be offered the evening of Oct. 1 only starting at 7 p.m.

For trailers and more information about this documentary, visit www.screenagersmovie.com

To register for "Screenagers" go to www.eventbrite.ca/e/116129493441

And be sure to watch for more details about the second documentary, "Next Chapter" coming soon.

Gateway would like to acknowledge and thank the following sponsors of these virtual Speaker Series events. Larry Otten, of Larry Otten Contracting, is pleased to sponsor this upcoming Gateway Virtual Speaker Series event.

"We have been active supporters of Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health for the past three years and we are pleased to assist with this new presentation that is so relevant in these COVID-19 times. A growing concern for parents is the amount of time that their children of all ages are spending on their devices. The lockdown associated with the pandemic has added to the screen time children experience. We hope that this presentation will help to inform parents and help them to understand the effect of prolonged screen time on their children's brains, and general well-being."

Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health received a Community Grant from the Town of Goderich to support their 2020 Speaker Series fundraising initiative. Mayor John Grace (right) presented the cheque to Gateway Past President Gwen Devereaux, recently (Submitted photo)

Gateway received a Community Grant from the Town of Goderich to support their 2020

practices to improve water quality," said Mari Veliz, ABCA Healthy Watersheds manager. "We hope people will appreciate the work being done and watch for the missing equipment."

QUILT OF THE MONTH

The Huron Hospice quilt for September is designed in a "Chopstick" pattern. The cotton quilt has a backing of soft flannel, and is made by a member of the local community. It measures 87" x 83" and sells for $650.00.(Submitted photos)

With so much talent, busy hands and love in the community during the COVID-19 lockdown period, the Huron Hospice was pleasantly overwhelmed with donations of afghans and quilts. A random selection of these handmade quilts will be sold as a fundraiser for patient care at the hospice.

This fun, contemporary quilt is suitable for all ages and a wide variety of décor styles. The "Chopstick" pattern is made with vivid colors, surrounded by a graphite background. The end result is simple, yet stunning. This large quilt will enhance a bedroom, work as a picnic blanket or will be lovely in front of the fire. The cotton quilt has a backing of soft flannel, and is made by a member of the local community. It measures 87" x 83" and sells for $650.00.

The first person who sends an email to Hospice Manager of Fundraising Christopher Walker at chris.walker@huronhospice.ca. will be the happy owner of the quilt. Anyone who would like further information before purchasing can also email Walker.

Proceeds of the quilt sale will go directly toward patient care.

PAINT ONTARIO

Paint Ontario is open, with all appropriate COVID-19 precautions and adjustments in place to ensure physical distancing and the full safety of visitors, volunteers and staff at all times.

Show hours are Wednesday to Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily, with evening extensions to 8:30 p.m.

Speaker Series fundraising initiative. Mayor John Grace agrees there are many positives of screen time for children and teens, like connecting with distant grandparents, friends and teachers, as was the case with remote learning March through June. Screen time has been a lifeline and a new reality for many parents trying to work from home. But there are undoubtedly negatives evolving too such as addiction to gaming.

“Whether parents have chosen the bricks and mortar school or remote learning for their children or teens’ back-to school-experience, it’s important as a community to support parents anyway we can. It sounds like these documentaries will share important information about the impact of unlimited screen time on today’s youth and provide tips to help children and teens navigate the digital world safely,” said Mayor John Grace.

UNWANTED SHOES TO MAKE A STATEMENT ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Unwanted and unused shoes are being collected in Goderich for Global Day of Action on Sept. 25. These shoes will later be donated to area charities. (Submitted photo)

Fridays For Future International has declared a Global Day of Action on Sept. 25. It is almost one year since over one million, Canadians joined millions of others around the world in the 2019 Global Climate Strike. The Global Day of Action is a youth inspired event.

The coming months and years will be crucial in ensuring a safe pathway below 1.5 °C increase in global mean temperature, a target stated in the Paris Agreement. If people are to minimize the risks of triggering irreversible chain reactions beyond human control, people need to act now. It is therefore vital that the climate crisis doesn’t get forgotten in the shadow of COVID-19 but is regarded as the utmost priority.

Goderich’s own Climate Strike action last year was very successful but members of Green Goderich feel there is more progress to be made. That is why members of Green Goderich invite people’s “shoes” to attend a Fridays for Future event in Goderich on Sept. 25.

The public is asked to participate by leaving a pair of shoes and a poster at Dr. Jim Hollingworth’s garage at his residence at 66 Waterloo St. North, in Goderich prior to Sept. 25. Shoes may be left in a bag or box, for ease of handling, a blue bin is provided to place them in. Posters may also be left to accompany these shoes. The shoes will be gathered and donated to local charities after the event.

Participants unable to drop off a pair of shoes are asked to post a photo to Social Media of

on Thursdays; closed on Mondays and Tuesdays.

To ensure a safe environment for everyone, building capacity at Lambton Heritage Museum has been reduced, and only 20 visitors per hour will be allowed to view the Paint Ontario show at a time to maintain physical distancing. Visitors are required to pre-register a time to visit and those attending the show without registering in advance may be required to wait, or return when space is available. Please call ahead at 519 243-2600 Ext. 0 to book a space or visit www.heritagemuseum.ca to register online.

The judges assure Grand Bend Art Centre organisers that artists’ work in the 2020 show will delight and inspire visitors, and art collectors will enjoy a wide variety of subjects and styles from which to choose.

Artists’ demonstrations and workshops have been pre-recorded and will be played on a rotating basis during the run of the show as well as being available on-line. Additionally, look for free, live outdoor demonstrations that will add a new element to the Paint Ontario visitor experience this year.

Thursday evenings promise to be a special time for viewers and purchasers who have busy weekday schedules, with a bonus of outdoor performances by popular local musician Tom Taylor. People are asked to bring their own deck chair.

Paint Ontario, including its show-within-a-show “Faces of Ontario”, continues to be Ontario’s largest Show and Sale of original artwork, a unique opportunity for emerging artists to showcase their work and an unmatched opportunity for buyers to view and acquire it.

For more information, go to www.paintontario.com or call Teresa Marie Phillips at 519-859-1662 or email teresamarie@hay.net.

TREE PLANTING

The year 2020 hasn’t turned out the way anyone expected. The pandemic changed the way people behave and think and has changed perspectives about what is important. Despite the tough times communities and families have been through, they are looking to the future with hope: Hope that they can get together with family and friends soon. Hope that they will be back in their work places. Hope that the markets will recover. Hope that they can make up for lost revenue and business opportunities.

One of the best ways for people to demonstrate hope is to plant a tree. It exhibits hope for the future and it

themselves and a poster on Sept. 25. Use hashtags #Fridaysforfuture #Goderich #HuronCounty

COVID-19 conditions make this creative solution necessary. The shoes represent people who are unable to attend or be present due to COVID-19 restrictions.

Dr. Jim Hollingworth of Goderich and a member of the Canadian Association of Physicians for the Environment (CAPE) is dedicating much of his retirement life to warn people of the danger in not heeding Climate Science.

“The work that we must individually and collectively do to avoid a cascading climate catastrophe in 10 or 11 years hence is huge. But do the work we must if we wish to protect the well-being of our children, grandchildren, the beauty and diversity of the natural world and to preserve civilization as we enjoy it today. Against all odds, we should remain hopeful and proactive by doing that which we know to be right for the sake of the whole of humanity,” said Hollingworth.

Millions of people young and old from around the World will be making their voices heard on Sept. 25.

Disha Ravi from Fridays For Future (FFF) India said, “To actually experience the climate crisis makes you understand the urgency of the situation. Millions are losing their homes and livelihoods, this can no longer exist in a vacuum. We need world leaders to prioritize humanity over greed. The youth are going to come together, over and over again – each time more strategic and united than ever before.”

FFF is a global climate strike movement that started in August 2018, when 15-year-old Greta Thunberg began a school strike for climate. In the three weeks leading up to the Swedish election, she sat outside Swedish Parliament every school day, demanding urgent action on the climate crisis. She was tired of society’s unwillingness to see the climate crisis for what it is: a crisis. To begin with, she was alone, but she was soon joined by others. Their call for action sparked an international awakening, with students and activists uniting around the globe to protest outside their local parliaments and city halls. Along with other groups across the world, FFF is part of a hopeful new wave of change, inspiring millions of people to act on the climate crisis. To learn more visit fridaysforfuture.org/.

Fridays for Future Goderich is a local Huron County grassroots group existing to organize events and communication for this movement. It is sponsored by Green Goderich. They can be found on Facebook at “Fridays for Future Goderich”.

Green Goderich is a local Huron County grassroots environmental action group that inspires and unites people to protect and support ecosystems. They love natural resources and wish to protect them through action to eliminate plastic pollution and both the causes and effects of climate change. They build community through education, action, and advocacy. To discover more visit: www.greengoderich.com/.

SOCIALIZE WITH A PURPOSE AND RAISE FUNDS FOR ALZHEIMERS

will add a feature to people’s property that can be enjoyed for decades to come. People have been enjoying shade trees throughout this summer during their stay-cations.

Springtime is the traditional time for tree planting but COVID-19 changed those plans for many people. Autumn is an ideal time to plant larger conifer and hardwood trees.

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) is now taking fall orders. Species include a variety of Cedar, Spruce, Pine, Maple, Oak, and Tulip Tree. They range in size from 18 inches to five feet tall and are $17 to $25.

The ABCA purchases the trees in bulk from nurseries and then sells to local landowners for projects that benefit water quality, soil health, and habitat for all living things. The trees are best suited for field windbreaks, shelterbelts around buildings, and buffers along streams and rivers. Plantings that prevent soil erosion and improve water quality could qualify for grants to help reduce the costs.

Landowners can pick up the trees at the ABCA office east of Exeter around Thanksgiving or they can arrange, with ABCA, for staff to plant the trees.

People making tree orders can submit email, mail, and faxed orders until Sept. 18. Orders accompanied by payment are accepted until Sept. 30.

To find out more visit the abca.ca website at this webpage link: www.abca.ca/forestry/treeorders/

Anyone interested may also phone 519 235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610 to find out more.

COVID-19 IMPACT SURVEY

COVID-19 has had serious and potentially long-lasting impacts on communities. While the recovery will be long and difficult for everyone, small and rural communities face particular challenges. A partnership between the University of Guelph (U of G), United Way Perth-Huron’s Social Research and Planning Council (SRPC), the County of Huron, the Huron Arts and Heritage Network and the Listowel Salvation Army aims to ensure rural voices are heard.

“Fifteen per cent of Ontarians live in small communities and rural environments and these areas have a unique voice,” said Leith Deacon, assistant professor at the University of Guelph’s School of Environmental Design and Rural Development. “We

The Alzheimer Society of Huron County is rebranding the traditional fall fundraiser, Coffee Break, to “Social with a Purpose”. Social with a Purpose is a do-it-yourself fundraiser that promotes the importance of socializing, staying in touch and building a strong positive relationship with friends, family and community.

The Society has got people covered with easy to use digital kits to host their own Social with a Purpose fundraisers that they can invite their friends and family to join! Available kits Include: Paint Night, Sing-a-long concert, Date Night with cooking lessons, Wine Tasting with your own Sommelier, Game Nights, host a board game or card tournament with the family for ultimate bragging rights; and more!

The power of coming together and hosting a Social with a Purpose fundraiser will provide those living with dementia and their care partners needed social recreation programming. Social recreation programs have been proven to improve life quality and reduce isolation, something everyone has experienced over the last few months.

By fundraising just $40, a person living with dementia and their care partner will be able to attend eight sessions of Minds in Motion — a vital program that provides physical exercise, social interaction, and brain stimulation activities with other clients, volunteers, and staff. Minds in Motion has been offered virtually during the pandemic; this is one example of the excellent work happening in social recreation at the Alzheimer Society.

View the kits or sign up to host a Social with a Purpose fundraiser at on.alz.to/socialwithapurpose. Once registered participants will immediately receive a customized web page with a unique link to share and promote their Social with a Purpose fundraiser. Make connections matter!

BLUEWATER GROUPS CAN APPLY FOR FOUNDATION GRANTS

The Grand Bend Community Foundation (GBCF) annual community grants program makes funds available to local charities and community groups to support a wide range of activities, from education and recreation, to the environment and the arts. The GBCF serves the municipalities of Lambton Shores, Bluewater and South Huron. Deadline for applications is Sept. 30.

This year, the GBCF is encouraging grant applications from groups adapting to the new normal created by the pandemic.

“We know that charities are facing a big challenge right now,” said Grants Committee Chair Jim Jean. “They must continue to offer much-needed services while reimagining their organizations in a totally new context. We believe there’s an opportunity to help them ‘build back better’ in our communities.”

Applicants are encouraged to contact Pat Morden, Executive director of the GBCF, to discuss their plans before starting an application. More information and application forms are available

want to make sure that voice is heard. We’re looking forward to working in Perth and Huron Counties to learn about the concerns and anxieties of local people as communities look for ways to recover from the pandemic.”

The U of G survey aims to determine not only what planning is required to best support ongoing recovery in Perth and Huron but also how to best increase resilience and well-being over the longer term. Researchers aim to identify vulnerable populations, determine priority programs including mental health, income and food security, and education specifically to support those populations during and after COVID-19, explore opportunities for the non-profit sector and identify emergent mental health and economic concerns. The project is funded through Mitacs, a non-profit research organization that, through partnerships with Canadian academia, private industry and government, operates research and training in fields related to social and industrial innovation.

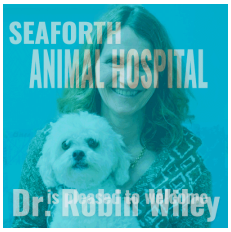
The research team is encouraging all residents over the age of 18 to complete the survey in an effort to capture the most accurate data that reflects the experiences of people from across Huron and Perth Counties. The survey takes roughly half an hour to complete and is now open to people in Huron. Residents can visit linktr.ee/RURAL_RESPONSE to complete the online version of the survey. All households within Huron County will receive a paper copy in the mail, including a prepaid return envelope.

“We’re looking forward to the results of this important survey,” said SRPC Director of Planning, Susanna Reid. “This research will form the basis of our future research and planning efforts in Perth and Huron Counties. Everyone’s voice is important. What we learn from this research will help shape programs and policies that will be tailored to local needs.”

The SRPC is operated by United Way Perth-Huron and is comprised of volunteer community representatives dedicated to the collection, analysis and distribution of information relating to local social trends. Research enables United Way to discover and understand the root causes of issues affecting Perth-Huron and in turn mobilize the community.

online at grandbendcommunityfoundation.ca/wp-gbcf/applying-for-a-grant/.

For more information, call Morden at 519 619-8630 or email grandbendcf@gmail.com.



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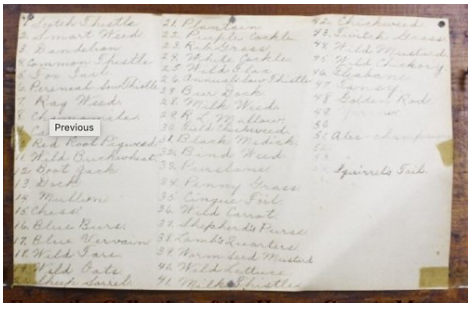
Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol

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 (open Thursday to Sunday by appointment - call 519 524-2686) . 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 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.

This week, children across the county will be heading back to school, whether in person or online, all will have projects to complete. The question is will they be as detailed as this project created by an elementary school girl in the 1920s?

This is a wooden case containing a seed collection. The wooden case has tongue and groove corners and contains 54 test tubes with cork stoppers. The tubes contain plant seeds. The tubes are fastened with thread to an angled sheet of cardboard. A list of numbered tubes and seed types is tacked to the underside of the lid.

This collection was put together by Gladys Weber Schade from Stephen Township while in elementary school in the 1920s.

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PHOTO STORY

BAYFIELD RIVER VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION

SIGNS OF AUTUMN ARE ROBUST ALONG WOODLAND TRAIL

PHOTOS BY JACK PAL, STORY BY PETER JEFFERS

On Wednesday, Sept. 9, the Trailblazers swapped their chainsaws and tools for walking poles and rucksacks.

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As the group poled its way around, it was gratifying to come across three or four families out for a hike and obviously enjoying themselves - perhaps slightly bemused at finding a group of 19 socially-distanced people along the trail!

dale, to remote stretches of the Bayfield River. It was an opportunity for their spouses to see and appreciate how the so-called Trailblazers maintain and repair their seven trails' numerous board walks and bridges and keep the paths clear and safe for hikers.

The day before, torrential rain had threatened to abort the mission, but although the trail was muddy and wet underfoot, spirits were not dampened. There was much to admire in what was more akin to a rain forest, with many flowers still blooming and sudden glimpses of the river; the weather was calm and pleasantly warm. The Makin Bridge represented the hike's half way point where refreshments were waiting to help recharge batteries for the continued journey home.

Doug Zavitz, owner of much of the property across which the trail passes, scooped a puff ball mushroom from the forest for the group to admire. Despite their basket-ball size, they are easily missed. As the group poled its way around, it was gratifying to come across three or four families out for a hike and obviously enjoying themselves - perhaps slightly bemused at finding a group of 19 socially-distanced people along the trail!

The Long Woodland Trail is certainly the lengthiest and perhaps most difficult to negotiate for the unfit, but the diversity of terrain, trees, plants and views makes a two hour hike along its path a very worthwhile experience.

Peter Jeffers, BRVTA trails manager, at the trail entrance.

For the Trailblazers and their spouses, this was a rare, relaxing trek through woods, over streams, up hill and down dale, to remote stretches of the Bayfield River.

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Mother Nature always provides work for the Trailblazers who maintain and repair the BRVTAs seven trails' numerous board walks and bridges and keep the paths clear and safe for hikers.

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PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Catching a Wave...*By Reeka Spence*

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

Over the years we have tried to help find things that have been lost in the village or at the beach, sometimes we are successful, sometimes not. Here's hoping that this request to help find a missing necklace, received just prior to the launch of this week's issue, has a happy ending - Melody

Terri Hillis wrote in to say that her mother lost a necklace while in Bayfield on Tuesday afternoon. It is very sentimental to her. She thinks it may have come off when she was at The Lakehouse of Bayfield. Terri sent a photo of her own necklace to show our readers as she also wears one. If anyone locates it, or

learns of someone that might have, please call or text Terri at 289 404-1510. Thank you.

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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