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FINANCIAL GIFT ALLOWS FOR ART CENTRE BUILDING PURCHASE

Leslee Squirrell, president of Bayfield Centre for the Arts (BCA), a not-for-profit, is pleased to announce that the Bayfield property required to bring the centre to life has been acquired, allowing the vision of an accessible, world class project to move forward.

“Mac Voisin and Marcela Bahar have graciously donated a significant financial gift allowing us to purchase the building on the Southwest corner of Highway #21 and Cameron St, Bayfield. The property is now available for the development of the visual art centre and allows our fundraising for the project to begin.” said Squirrell. "Without Mac and Marcela’s generosity and belief in the Bayfield Centre for the Arts, the property we needed to develop the project could have been lost to the open marketplace.”

“This state-of-the-art facility will benefit generations to come. Marcela and I are proud and delighted to be part of this project. The Bayfield Centre for the Arts has strong leadership and solid community support in Bayfield and Huron County and we now have the perfect location

PUMPKINS FOR CHARITY RESULTS

on Highway 21." said Mac Voisin.

Mac Voisin and Marcela Bahar are shown here at the temporary location of the Bayfield Centre of the Arts (BCA) with Leslee Squirrell, president of the BCA. The couple made a very generous gift to the BCA to allow the group to purchase their future, permanent home. (Photo by Jack Pal)

The BCA is a visual art centre that will provide for the education and practise of all visual arts including, new media, photography, painting, pottery, woodworking, glass, fibre arts and many others, on one campus. The centre will include an art gallery that brings renowned exhibitions to the residents and visitors of Huron County together with outreach initiatives that include festivals and mobile art programs to Southwestern Ontario residents.

"Mac Voisin and Marcela Bahar have given us the chance to move forward with our vision of a centre for education and appreciation of the visual arts in Huron County. We are incredibly grateful and excited about the future!" addsed Squirrell.

And the future is now, as more people than usual will be staying in Ontario this winter season, the BCA is planning a number of COVID-19 safe offerings over the next five months.

These small group offerings will take place in a convenient, spacious location allowing for safe distancing with health unit oversight and cleaning practices.

Zoe and Zac Small are grateful to the community for their support during their recent pumpkin sales that benefitted three charities. (Submitted photo)

Editor's note: In October, nine-year-old twins, Zac and Zoe Small started a pumpkin business in Bayfield to raise money for charity. They would like to share the results of their enterprise with our readers.

"Thank you everybody for supporting our pumpkin business. We could not have done it without friends, family and the community of Bayfield. But the biggest thanks should go to Brian and Shelley Van Aaken from Vantage Farms. We could not have done it without you.

"We made over $1,000 for charity and, with having made such a big stretch from 0 to $1,000 - we are adding in the Huron Hospice to our charities."

"Thanks - if you bought a pumpkin or generously donated for charity - you know who you are. It was a great business experience and we learned about pricing, advertising and the importance of making a connection with your customers. We loved seeing how the pumpkins put a smile on everyone's face. You were a big help to three charities: St. Joseph's Healthcare in Guelph, PIME Missionaries in the Philippines and Huron Hospice near Clinton.

"We hope you have a 'pumtastick' day and Happy Halloween. See you next year!"

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 Oct. 19:

In an effort to reach a wide audience and make the events interesting to a range of attendees, organizers are looking for non-professional or professional speakers, instructors, and demonstrations on interesting topics.

These subjects might include food, wine, books, writing, movies, travel, history, genealogy, gardening, florals, health, mediation, interior design, art history, painting, photography, fibre arts, crafts – the list of subjects appears endless…

Anyone who has had an interesting career, hobby, skill, experience or specialty that they are willing to share with others is asked to please get in touch with organizers immediately at hello@bayfieldarts.ca.

In addition, the BCA is planning a future fundraiser by paying homage to their temporary location – The Barn at 24 Main Street North in the village, the former home of Kryart Studio behind The Village Bookshop.

Artists are invited to donate an original 12" X 12" art piece depicting an Ontario barn in any medium and captured from any angle. These donated barn paintings will be hung and displayed for sale in The Barn in the Spring of 2021. All proceeds will go toward education and appreciation of the arts.

Please email at the address above to let organizers know of intent to participate and to receive an information package.

DETECTORS DONATED TO BLUEWATER FIRE DEPARTMENT

Area fire chiefs, as well as members of Bluewater Council, are shown with a recent donation of combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms from Enbridge Gas. From l-r are: Zurich District Chief Dave Erb, Brucefield District Chief Jeff Denys, Bluewater Fire Chief Dave Renner, Bluewater Mayor Paul Klopp, Councilor Pete Walden, Bayfield District Chief Brian Brandon, and Hensall District Chief Paul Clendenning. (Submitted photo)

On Oct. 20, Enbridge Gas and the Bluewater Fire Department announced they are working to improve home safety and bring fire and carbon monoxide-related deaths down to zero.

The Bluewater Fire Department received 168 combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms through Project Zero – a public education campaign that will provide 7,500 alarms to residents in 35 municipalities across Ontario.

• Authorized the Manager of Finance to apply for additional COVID-19 funding relief under Phase 2 of the Municipal Operating Funding stream of the Safe Restart Agreement.
• Was notified that a Notice of Motion has been filed with the Clerk recommending the review of ward boundaries and council composition.
• Directed staff to work with the County of Huron to move forward with the proposed 2020 timeline for the Zurich Alternative Water Supply.
• Received a presentation entitled "Risk Management Services for Drinking Water Source Protection Proposal", which was presented by Mary Lynn MacDonald, Co-DWSP Program Supervisor/Risk Management Official of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority.
• Directed staff to bring a report forward on the cost of an engineering budget to retrofit the existing fire station in Zurich.

LOST AND FOUND

Staff at the Bayfield Public Library found more than just books in their book drop on Saturday, Oct. 24. They discovered one hearing aid, blue-black in color, amongst the returned reading materials. Anyone missing it is asked to contact the library on Wednesdays or Saturdays between 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. by calling 519 565-2886 or sending an email to bayfieldlibrary@huroncounty.ca.

WITCHES' WALK

Members of the Bayfield Optimist Club would like to let everyone know that although the 2020 Witches' Walk has been cancelled due to COVID-19 they are already planning for their 2021 version to be held in the "haunted" woods at The Ashwood Inn on Oct. 23, 2021.

Organizers are using this time to add to their décor. Anyone who has any outdoor decorations that they would like to donate, or sell for a reasonable price, should contact Joan Schilbe at jmschilbe@hotmail.com. Only items in good condition and weatherproof will be considered.

Businesses, organizations and individuals are invited to enter a scary station along the trail and/or volunteer to help make this a truly inspiring, community event.

BRVTA AGM

This year, Enbridge Gas invested $225,000 in Project Zero, and over the past 12 years, the program has provided more than 50,000 alarms to Ontario fire departments.

When properly installed and maintained, combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms help provide the early warning to safely escape from a house fire or carbon monoxide exposure. Carbon monoxide is a toxic, odourless gas that is a by-product of incomplete combustion of many types of common fuels.

“Carbon monoxide is known as the ‘silent killer’ for a reason, and we have proof that prevention saves lives. We know that the best way to avoid carbon monoxide exposure is to eliminate it at the source by properly maintaining fuel-burning equipment, and that the alarms are a critical second line of defense to protect against carbon monoxide poisoning,” said Steven Jelich, director, Southwest Region Operations, Enbridge Gas.

“The objective of Project Zero is to deliver combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms to Ontario communities who need them the most,” said Ontario Fire Marshal Jon Pegg. “It’s a program that fire departments can adopt to help educate their communities about the requirement for all Ontario homes to have a CO alarm if they have a fuel-burning appliance or an attached garage.”

“We are very grateful to Enbridge Gas for the donation of these combination smoke and carbon monoxide alarms,” said Bluewater Fire Chief Dave Renner. “Early detection saves lives! Having the ability to assist our most vulnerable population with these alarms allows our department to promote and educate our residents on the importance of fire and carbon monoxide safety.”

The Bluewater Fire Department consists of 88 volunteer firefighters, operating out of four stations located in Brucefield, Bayfield, Zurich and Hensall. Each station will be distributing these alarms to individuals and homes within Bluewater. Anyone in need of an alarm, and who is not able to purchase one due to personal or financial challenges, can call the Municipal office at 519 236-4351 to arrange to receive one. The law states that people must have a minimum of one smoke alarm on every level and also a carbon monoxide alarm outside of sleeping areas if they have a fuel-burning appliance or attached garage.

Enbridge Gas Inc., formed on Jan. 1, 2019 from the amalgamation of Union Gas Limited and Enbridge Gas Distribution, is Canada's largest natural gas storage, transmission and distribution company based in Ontario with a more than 170-year history of providing safe and reliable service to customers. The distribution business serves about 3.8 million customers, heating over 75 per cent of Ontario homes. This storage and transmission business offers a variety of storage and transportation services to customers at the Dawn Hub, the largest integrated underground storage facility in Canada and one of the largest in North America. Enbridge Gas Inc. is owned by Enbridge Inc., a Canadian-based leader in energy transportation and distribution.

For more information, visit www.enbridgegas.com.

FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED FOR BAYFIELD'S FORGOTTEN FELINES

Bayfield’s Forgotten Felines (BFF) has helped hundreds of feral and abandoned cats find their forever homes but many are still waiting.

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 awhile 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

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Annual General Meeting (AGM for the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) has been postponed to Saturday, Nov. 28.

It will be held by ZOOM at 10 a.m. Members are invited to join the AGM. Anyone who is interested, is asked to kindly RSVP by email to info@bayfieldtrails.com. Anyone who had already responded will automatically be contacted with the link for the meeting.

GUIDED HIKES

National Take a Hike Day is Tuesday, Nov. 17, to celebrate the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association 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.

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.

Participants will follow outdoor social distancing protocols, and masks will be optional. Please wear sturdy shoes, check the weather report, and dress accordingly.

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

FOOD BANK

Bayfield Area Food Bank (BAFB) continues to be thankful for the generousity of the community in supporting the organization as the pandemic evolves.

For anyone who wishes to make a donation of non-perishable food items there is a bin on the south porch of the Trinity Anglican Church Parish Hall.

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.

Roary (Submitted photo)

kittens to your situation and provide supplies and support," said Mary Pounder, a volunteer with BFF.

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

Roary is the "Adopt-a-BFF" featured cat of the week.

Roary is one small but mighty kitten. He now weighs in at a whopping 360 grams which is a whole bunch more then he weighed when he arrived at the Rescue about a week ago.

Volunteers are unsure of what happened to his Mom or if he has any siblings. He was discovered all by himself. He was so young he was still unable to see – both his eyes were "glued" shut and his nose was congested. But he could cry, really, really loud. So loud, in fact, someone found him and called the Rescue. Volunteers took him to the doctor and he is doing much better but still has room for improvement.

He loves his heated bed and he likes his food served warm as well. He is enjoying lots and lots of food. He is eating about every two to three hours and he "roars" to make sure everyone knows he is hungry. He is also super fast and enjoys time outside the cage to "roar" around on the floor.

Interested in providing Roary with his forever family or maybe fostering him? 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.

IT'S COOKIE SEASON

Bayfield Guiding is pleased to announce that it is Chocolatey Mint Cookie season. For the first time ever, people can order their cookies online and have them shipped right to their door anywhere in Canada! Bayfield Guiding has a limited number of cookies to sell in this format and the profits support the local membership directly. Please note there is a minimum cookie order and a shipping fee.

Here is the link: online cookie portal.

Sometime in early November the Bayfield membership will also have cookies in hand ready to sell for $5 a box. They will be following COVID-19 protocols. They are taking pre-orders as Girl Guides Ontario determined selling limits and they will only be receiving about one-third of what they normally sell. Don't miss out on supporting Bayfield Guiding directly by emailing melody.pounder@gmail.com to pre-order.

LIFE AT THE RINK

The Bayfield Relics will no doubt be excited to return to the ice in the Bayfield Arena tonight (Oct. 28) when they take on the Blyth Old Dogs. Others who have been missing time on the ice can enjoy it as well with several opportunities for public skating throughout the week.

Currently the Free Skating Schedule is: Sundays from 1-3 p.m., recreational skating open to all residents of Bayfield and surrounding area; Mondays from 10:30-11:30 a.m., recreational skating open to just Moms and tots and seniors and their care givers; Mondays, from 7-8 p.m., Kids Shinny, a fun time to get area youth involved in hockey.

Masks are required when entering the Bayfield Community Centre and can be taken off once on the ice. Other COVID-19 protocols are in effect and posted – please abide by the rules.

The schedule for available public open ice times is on website: www.bayfieldcommunitycentre.ca; or call at 519 565-2121.

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WORKS OF ART TO BE AUCTIONED FOR BLYTH FESTIVAL IN NOVEMBER

Cindy Fisher (left) and Laurel Armstrong display a small sample of the more than 120 pieces of artwork donated for an upcoming online fundraising auction in support of Blyth Festival. (Submitted photo)

Long-time Blyth Festival supporter, Cindy Fisher, along with local artists as committee members, has created this special online art auction event to assist the Blyth Festival theatre organization, as it weathers the challenges that the COVID-19 pandemic has created.

Huron County artists as well as regional artists have submitted their original artworks which include oil, acrylic, pastel and watercolors, photography, jewellery, stained glass, fabric and a variety of other media. The original artworks received all fit the 10" by 10" size, on canvas, wood panel and as matted photographs. More than 125 pieces of artwork was received.

Beginning at 10 a.m. on Nov. 10, the art will be on display online, and the auction will feature photographs of each colorful piece. The online art auction event will be opened on the

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

HURON HOUSING ADVOCATE

As part of ongoing efforts to address the issue of chronic homelessness in Huron, the County of Huron and United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH) are proud to announce the hiring of a new Housing Advocate to help local people experiencing homelessness.

"We have been working hard with our partners to get to this point," said Warden for the County of Huron, Jim Ginn. "To be able to announce this hiring is a testament to the passion and commitment of the Huron community to address homelessness locally."

Helping fund a Housing Advocate in Huron County is the latest piece in the County and UWPH's ongoing work with community partners in the region to tackle the issue of chronic homelessness. In 2016 the County created the Huron Turning Point Residence, a transition home for men in Exeter, and continues to fund the peer support work and support services for all clients using this program. Last year, UWPH helped raise funds for three additional beds at Huron Turning Point, along with continuing to help provide prevention and support services for youth and women. UWPH is also working on longer-term solutions through Basic Income and Living Wage advocacy and a hub/supportive housing feasibility study.

Addressing chronic homelessness is critical to the health of the community. Without stable housing, it's impossible to address health issues, secure income and obtain employment. The Housing Advocate

www.blythfestival.com website, with the final bidding activities closing on Dec. 10. Complete bidding instructions will be on this website for eager buyers.

Artistic Director for the Blyth Festival, Gil Garratt has talked about the crucial nature of supporting the theatre and artistic community during these very challenging times: “The outpouring of support from our community has been phenomenal. Desperate as this moment in the life of performing arts in Canada has been, seeing artists and patrons and volunteers and lovers of the arts rally around us is truly inspiring...and will make all the difference in not only our survival, but our ability to build back better and thrive.”

The fundraising art auction committee members include local and area artists who work in a variety of media, in addition to Cindy Fisher, Blyth Art Gallery members Carl Stevenson, Rob Tetu (potter), William Creighton, Michele Miller, Judy Barker and Laurel Armstrong. Jennifer Lamb, director of Audience Development and Services is providing co-ordination with the Blyth Festival. Elizabeth Van Den Broeck, artist and owner of Elizabeth’s Art Gallery, Goderich, co-ordinated the distribution of the 10” x 10” canvas and presentation materials. The art submission deadline was Oct. 10.

The funds raised will support the focus of the Blyth Festival organization as the staff work to create the 2021 season and special events. The pandemic has forced the cancellation of the 2020 season, as well as the furlough of administrative, production and artistic staff. Costs to build towards 2021 continue and the hope is that the online art auction will assist with costs for getting the new season up and running.

COFFEE DAY RAISES FUNDS FOR PROGRAMS LIKE TELE-CARE

Community Outreach/Events Coordinator for the Alzheimer Society of Huron County, Erin Dale recently accepted a cheque for more than $3,500 at the Exeter location of McDonalds from owner Rob Reid. His McDonalds restaurants in Goderich and Wingham took part as well. The money will be used toward the Society's new Tele-Care Program. (Photo by Dan Rolph, Courtesy Exeter Lakeshore Times Advance)

When individuals think of the challenges people living with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias face, and how much more critical those challenges became this year because of COVID-19, it's especially important that funds are raised to provide support, programs and education locally.

works with tenants and landlords to ensure the best possible housing outcomes for those experiencing homelessness; working with tenants to find the supports they need so their tenancy is successful and landlords to develop and maintain relationships. In 2018, the County of Huron conducted a homeless enumeration where over 100 people identified themselves as experiencing homelessness. However, over 80 per cent of homelessness is hidden, meaning many more local people are coping with this challenge.

“Hiring a Housing Advocate in Huron is another positive step towards eliminating the unignorable issue of chronic homelessness in Huron,” said UWPH Executive Director Ryan Erb. “Together with our partners at the County, we’re proud to play a role in this project and look forward to seeing the impact the Housing Advocate’s work can have in Huron.”

SOCIAL SERVICES RELIEF FUND

The Ontario government is providing municipalities and Indigenous community partners with over $241 million to help protect the province’s most vulnerable from COVID-19, including those who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

On Oct. 23, MPP Lisa Thompson announced that the County of Bruce will receive $680,190 and the County of Huron will be granted $360,589 in social services relief funding.

“Our government is investing in important projects like this to help protect our most vulnerable citizens from COVID-19,” said Thompson “We’re working hand in hand with our partners to make sure they have the tools and flexibility they need to keep people safe.”

She added, “I very much appreciate the leadership in both Huron and Bruce Counties and I am proud that our government continues to stand with them in support of their efforts.”

The provincial funding is part of the government’s $510 million investment to help protect the health and safety of the province’s most vulnerable people. Funding will be delivered through the Social Services Relief Fund and will go towards protecting and supporting homeless shelter staff and residents, creating or renovating over 1,500 housing units, expanding rent support programs and creating longer-term housing solutions.

“We know that our municipal and Indigenous

Raising funds is exactly what Rob Reid and his team at McDonald's did for the Alzheimer Society of Huron County (ASHC) on Sept. 21. With the support of the community, proceeds from the purchase of McCafé beverages at McDonald's locations in Exeter, Goderich and Wingham were donated to the ASHC.

In local communities, the work of the ASHC is critical and urgently needed. With respite opportunities and in person social connections limited, people living with Alzheimer's disease can be experiencing even more isolation than what they were feeling before. Because ASHC is a not-for-profit organization, everything they do is supported by caring friends in the community. Caring for a person living with Alzheimer's or dementia often involves a team of people.

Whether providing daily caregiving, participating in decision making or having a loved one living with this disease, or knowing someone who does, ASHC is available to help. By supporting opportunities like McDonald's Coffee Day, people help strengthen their community and allow those who need support, to access it.

Funds raised from fundraisers and donations like McDonald's Coffee Day support programs and services for people affected by Alzheimer's disease and other dementias. ASHC is implementing a new Tele-Care Program to help assist clients who demonstrate a decrease in social involvement and engagement and who would benefit from increased social contact by phone.

The Tele-Care Program is a phone based Friendly Visiting Program supported by trained volunteers who make phone calls to clients on a pre-determined schedule. The program will also provide care partners of individuals living with dementia in the community, brief periods of respite during the phone conversations. The volunteer will get to know the person living with dementia and will discover their likes, dislikes, abilities, and history to plan activities that will work for them and guide conversations.

The reality is that people living with dementia faced social isolation regularly before COVID-19 but with physical distancing a requirement, the isolation has intensified. Fully knowing the value of volunteer visitors in the lives of individuals living with dementia and their care partners and the connection between the volunteer and the person living with dementia, ASHC wanted to respond by equipping volunteers to change their in-person visits to virtual visits.

Virtual visiting is very different from the in-person visits people may be used to and can take some getting used to. Activity plans will be created for each of the volunteer and client matches and will be geared towards activities that can be done over the phone. With phone calls that will focus primarily on conversation and will be as long or short as what works for the client and volunteer, the time commitment is not large, however, the personal benefit of social connection for all involved will be especially important as we move forward in the pandemic.

Those interested in volunteering with the Tele-Care Program, or anyone who would like information about how they can fundraise for or gain support from the Alzheimer Society of Huron County are encouraged to call 1-800-561-5012 or email admin@alzheimerhuron.on.ca. For more information, visit www.alzheimer.ca/huroncounty, to access resources, educational opportunities and find support.

PEOPLE CAN PARTICIPATE IN BASIC INCOME FORUM ON YOUTUBE

The COVID-19 crisis has had a devastating impact on communities and according to United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH) it has exposed the reality that the Canadian social safety net is no longer working. People across Perth and Huron are looking for help that preserves people's dignity and provides adequate means to support for themselves and their families. A growing number of voices have begun discussing the idea of a Basic Income and UWPH's Social

partners are facing extraordinary challenges, which is why these significant investments are so important," said Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark. "Our investments are helping to build longer term solutions as well as meet ongoing, immediate needs related to COVID-19."

The Social Services Relief Fund is part of the up to $4 billion being provided to Ontario municipalities under the federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement. It will help municipalities protect the health and well-being of the people of Ontario while delivering critical public services, such as public transit and shelters, as the province continues down the path of economic recovery.

In March, Ontario launched the Social Services Relief Fund with an initial $148 million investment to help protect the health and safety of the province's most vulnerable people in response to the outbreak of COVID-19. In July, an additional $150 million was committed to help improve shelters and create opportunities for longer-term housing. In August, Ontario committed another $212 million in funding, bringing the government's assistance to service managers and Indigenous program administrators to $510 million.

Ontario's service managers and Indigenous program administrators help provide shelter or housing for those who are homeless or at risk of homelessness, victims of domestic violence, and members of Indigenous communities who are in need.

In September, the Ontario government passed the Helping Tenants and Small Businesses Act, which freezes rent in 2021 for the vast majority of Ontario's 1.7 million renters in both rent-controlled and non-rent-controlled residential units.

ABCA OUTDOOR FAMILY EXPERIENCES

The traditional one-night Owl Prowl is cancelled for 2020, as part of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) response during the current COVID-19 pandemic, but the conservation authority is offering activities for the entire month of November to replace the popular event this year.

ABCA is making November, Birds of Prey Month.

Raptors are meat-eating birds of prey and include owls, hawks, eagles, and falcons and they play a very important role in the local ecosystem, according to ABCA.

During the month of November, people may find out

Research and Planning Council (SRPC) wants to continue that discussion with a virtual Basic Income Forum.

The forum will be held on Nov. 4 at 7 p.m. live on YouTube.

“We’re glad to have an opportunity to further the discussion around Basic Income in our communities,” said Joëlle Lamport-Lewis, director of Research at the SRPC. “Momentum has been building across the social and political spectrum. We feel events like this Basic Income Forum are a great way to educate people further on the topic and have an open and honest discussion around Basic Income and what it means to individuals.”

Moderated by critically-acclaimed actor, writer, and voice-over artist Maev Beaty, the Basic Income Forum will feature a 45-minute discussion around Basic Income including what it is, what it isn’t, why it’s important, and how to lift everyone out of poverty.

Panelists are Senator Kim Pate, a nationally renowned advocate and former Executive Director of the Canadian Association of the Elizabeth Fry Society supporting some of the most marginalized, victimized, criminalized, and institutionalized citizens of Canada. Ron Hikel, world-renowned expert and Executive Director of Minicome (the Manitoba Basic Annual Income Experiment) in Dauphin, Manitoba in the 1970s. Dr. Tracy Smith-Carrier, associate professor and the graduate program coordinator in the School of Social Work at King’s University College at Western University and chair of Basic Income London, ON. Floyd Marinescu, CEO and co-founder of C4Media and a universal Basic Income activist. All four bring a variety of viewpoints on the issue of Basic Income and will share facts, offer opinions, and respond to questions.

For more information about the event, the panelists and the link to UWPH’s YouTube channel visit perthhuron.unitedway.ca.

A Basic Income is an unconditional cash transfer from government to individuals enabling everyone to meet their basic needs, participate in society, and live with dignity regardless of employment status. Around the world, a Basic Income is becoming recognized as an effective way to help eliminate income and wealth inequalities, reduce poverty and economic insecurity, improve health for individuals, address gender equality, and transform the relationship between people and work.

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.

Locally, the SRPC has been heavily involved in discussions around income inequality. The SRPC supports the Living Wage program in Huron and Perth, has previously reported on the struggles of those in local communities trying to get by on less through the How Much is Enough? report, made recommendations for the creation of a regional Poverty Reduction Strategy and struck a committee to look at the broader issue of Income Security in Perth-Huron.

EMERGENCY COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS

United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH) is accepting funding applications for the Emergency Community Support Fund (ECSF) Round 2 until Oct. 30. The fund continues to provide financial support to charities and other qualified donees adapting their frontline services to support vulnerable Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic. The Government of Canada has released this balance of funding for ECSF and it is being administered in collaboration with

more about birds of prey including owls through Outdoor Family Experiences offered by ABCA, through social media posts, and webinars on ZOOM and YouTube.

Interested parties may book a ‘COVID-friendly’ Owl Prowl for their family at Morrison Dam Conservation Area for dates starting in November until Feb. 27, 2021. Staff at ABCA ask everyone to please note that conservation area trails are closed to the public from sunset to sunrise. The public can only use trails at night when a program is booked and they are accompanied by ABCA staff.

Weekend outdoor family experiences can be booked through Eventbrite.ca and include owl prowls; autumn hikes at Bannockburn Conservation Area; pond studies at Morrison Dam Conservation Area (MDCA); fossil hunts at Rock Glen Conservation Area; a nature awareness hike at any conservation area; or ‘Christmas in the Forest’ at MDCA. The Eventbrite.ca website has the available dates and times to register for one of these experiences.

For more information contact conservation education staff at 519 235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610.

The education programs adhere to the pandemic protocols for gathering sizes and social physical distancing, etc. from public health authorities.

GET OUTDOORS BINGO

Local people can get active, experience nature, and maybe win a prize through a new local Get Outdoors Bingo contest. Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) is hosting the fun activity and contest on its website, at abca.ca, from now until Oct. 29.

To download a PDF of the Get Outdoors Bingo visit the abca.ca website at this web page: www.abca.ca/post/?ID=1106. The bingo card, as well as contest rules, are posted on that page.

Anyone can play the Get Outdoors Bingo game but the contest is open to residents of any municipality of the ABCA watershed. The contest’s prize winner is to win a prize that includes an outdoor experience, delivered by ABCA staff, worth $70, as well as a Dragonfly Field Guide (or similar) and a 17-ounce Chilly Moose Kearney Traveller.

Entrants must date and check off the activities as they complete them and they need to follow all locally-applicable COVID-19 public health protocols. They are challenged to complete five activities in a row (horizontal, vertical, or diagonal on the Bingo

United Way Centraide Canada, Community Foundations of Canada and the Canadian Red Cross.

UWPH is proud to support this important additional investment into local communities.

“I am very pleased the application process for the second round of funding for The Emergency Community Support Fund has opened,” said John Nater, MP for Perth-Wellington. “This funding will allow the United Way Perth-Huron to deliver much-needed support to the local organizations that continue to offer essential goods and services to the most vulnerable in our communities. Thank you to all who are working tirelessly to provide critical resources for those who have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19.”

The ECSF continues to provides financial support to charities and other qualified donees providing frontline services to support vulnerable Canadians during the COVID-19 pandemic including low-income seniors, women, children and youth, persons with disabilities, members of the LGBTQ2S+ community, refugees, Indigenous peoples, members of racialized communities and more.

Types of services and activities eligible for funding include, but are not limited to, preparing and delivering meals and/or food hampers, mental health and wellness support, access to safe transportation for essential appointments and errands, community outreach and engagement and developing and/or delivering new programs, services or delivery models due to the pandemic.

“United Way Perth-Huron is proud to support this important additional investment by the Government of Canada in critical services for vulnerable populations in our communities,” added UWPH Executive Director Ryan Erb. “The need is still great across our region — I know these funds will be used well.”

To apply, organizations should visit the UWPH website at perthhuron.unitedway.ca. Deadline for applications is 5 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 30. Direct questions to Megan Partridge, director Governance and Community Impact at mpartridge@perthhuron.unitedway.ca or call 519 271-7730.

DEB TALK TO EXAMINE HOW PANDEMIC HAS IMPACTED WOMEN

COVID-19 has had profound effects on vulnerable populations across Perth-Huron and

card) and then scan or take a photo and send it to info@abca.ca to be entered into the draw.

The Bingo card includes 25 different outdoor nature activities including a beach cleanup, visits to trails and conservation areas, taking photos of autumn colors, a demonstration farm visit, outdoor education, birdwatching, tree planting, geocaching, paddling, bicycling, and more.

“This new spin on a classic game is a fun way for individuals and families to learn about plants, animals, and local nature areas and to safely enjoy activity and education in the great outdoors,” said Hope Brock, ABCA Healthy Watersheds technician.

MCLAREN EXHIBIT

The Huron County Museum and the Huron County Historical Society (HCHS) are pleased to announce that the much-anticipated exhibit “Reflections: The Life and Work of J.W. (Jack) McLaren” opened on Oct. 8. People are invited to pre-arrange their visit at their convenience to catch the exhibit, which is on until Apr. 30, 2021.

From mirth and mud at Ypres Salient and Vimy Ridge to the vibrancy of landscapes from Huron County and the Maitland Valley, the exhibit explores McLaren's prolific career as an artist, illustrator, and performer. Reflections is presented in partnership with the HCHS and features close to 100 works on loan from the community.

At this time, the Museum is open to the public Thursday to Sunday, 1-4:30 p.m. To pre-arrange a visit, please call 519 524-2686 and be sure to review the latest guidelines for visiting the Museum on their website.

Reflections is included with regular admission or free for Museum Members and Huron County Library card holders. Please call the Museum at 519 524-2686 to pre-arrange a visit today.

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

beyond. Among those who have been impacted the most are women. That's the topic of United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH)'s first-ever virtual Women United event — and inaugural TED-style DEB talk — by Dr. Laura Morlock entitled, "She-Cession and How Women Lost 30 Years in Six Months", on Friday, Nov. 6.

This one-hour event will begin at 8 p.m.

"Twenty-one amazing volunteers are working with us from across all regions in Perth and Huron Counties to bring this important virtual event to our community," said Campaign Co-chair Kathryn Ritsma. "We're inviting anyone who's interested in this important issue to join us. We hope Dr. Morlock's talk will start a conversation and inspire local women to make a difference in the communities they live in."

Dr. Morlock's talk will build on Women United's goals of shining a light on women's challenges and supporting local women. Dr. Morlock will examine the effects COVID-19 has had on women in the workforce, along with the long-standing social norms that put women in a vulnerable position in the first place. Dr. Morlock will also offer ideas on rebuilding toward a new, gender-equal model and answer any questions. Three-time Juno nominated Canadian recording artist Emm Gryner will also perform.

Join women from Goderich, Exeter, Wingham, St. Marys, Perth East, North Perth, Stratford and the rest of Perth and Huron for UWPH's first-ever virtual Women United fundraising event. The $35 ticket includes a link to the online event and a #LocalLove swag bag including a Junction 56 cocktail, something sweet, something savory and something to set the mood; all safely delivered to the doors of participants. Women from outside the area can arrange to pick up their swag bag in one of the above regions or purchase an event-only ticket for $25. Proceeds raised over the weekend of the event will help support counselling for women and youth in Perth and Huron, including early intervention counselling, women's and youth shelters and counselling for children who witnessed domestic violence.

Dr. Morlock is a scholar and advocate for gender equity, human rights, and religious diversity. She speaks and writes on public debates over gender and cultural identity, and the ways these shape North American human rights laws and policies. Her forthcoming book "Seaming Canadian: Religious Dress, Multiculturalism, and Identity Performance" looks at public battles over women's bodies through Muslim, Sikh, and Mennonite head covering controversies. Far from being the threat to gender equity many imagine these communities to be, she shows how they in fact consistently advance human rights for all Canadians.

Dr. Morlock holds a PhD in Religious Diversity in North America from the University of Waterloo and is a lecturer at Ryerson University's School of Fashion and Wilfrid Laurier University's Anthropology Department.

Gryner is an acclaimed singer, songwriter, vocal coach and occasional CBC radio host. She has been nominated three times for a Juno Award, twice for Pop Album of The Year. Gryner toured the world with David Bowie, and appears on the recordings "Bowie at The Beeb" and "Glastonbury 2000". In 2013, she collaborated with astronaut Chris Hadfield on his version of "Space Oddity" recorded partially aboard the International Space Station. The Hadfield-Gryner version has received over 200 million views worldwide and is celebrated as the first music video recorded in outer space.

UWPH would like to thank event sponsors Jennifer Anderson, Real Estate broker, Royal LePage/Hiller Realty; Kathy Dawson, Real Estate broker, Royal LePage/Homefield Group; Stacey Clarkson, Real Estate broker, Kempston & Werth; Operation Organize, Royal Homes, and Junction 56 Distillery.

For more information and to purchase tickets visit perthhuron.unitedway.ca or call 877-818-8867 or 519-271-7730.

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 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.

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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 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 the lead up to Remembrance Day we will feature some items belonging to those who served their country and represented Huron County proudly during both times of war and times of peace.

RATION TOKEN

This is a small round, blue token with a hole in the middle and a small maple leaf at the middle of each side. It measures 2.5 cm in diameter. On both sides of the token an inscription reads: "CANADA RATION MEAT VIANDE".

This token belonged to J.W. Beattie during naval service in WWII.

LAPEL PIN

This is a sterling silver pin from around 1945. The pin length top to bottom is 2.5 cm. and the width across is 1.5 cm. It was made by BMCo. It has a crown on top, three maple leaves in the middle and is inscribed, "General Service" at the bottom. It is attached to the original cardboard. On the back it says, "Penalty for misuse 500 dollars or six months imprisonment".

This lapel pin belonged to J.W. Beattie for naval service in WWII.

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PHOTO STORY

TRIGGER POINT

FEATURE FILM PRODUCTION ON LOCATION IN VILLAGE

STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

Bayfield is enjoying a taste of Hollywood this week as about 100 cast and crew members for the feature film, “Trigger Point” descended on the village to shoot portions of the upcoming thriller starring, Barry Pepper and Colm Feore.

Feore is perhaps best known locally for his work on the Stratford Festival stage. He is currently appearing in the Netflix series, “The Umbrella Academy” the second season was launched mid-summer. Pepper’s myriad of credits include, “Saving Private Ryan” and “The Green Mile” as well as playing Robert F. Kennedy in the mini-series, “The Kennedys” and “The Kennedys: After Camelot”.

On Monday and Tuesday, the west end of Main Street was closed off to traffic with scenes being

Monday morning props and lighting equipment were in position along the west end of Main Street. (Photo by Cheri Shaver)

Sunday morning the parking spaces around Clan Gregor Square were filled with vehicles and trailers for the team working on the feature film, "Trigger Point" as they set up shop in the village for the week. Things were quiet on Sunday morning but 100 cast and crew were expected. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

shot both outside and inside The Village Bookshop and The Lakehouse of Bayfield. In fact, The Lakehouse has undergone a temporary name change, and a new interior look for the movie, becoming the Lake Home Diner.

Brad Turner is directing the film while his wife, Jessica Petelle is one of the producers. Turner is a Bayfield native who has an incredible body of work to his credit including such popular television productions as, “Twenty Four” and “Hawaii 5-0”. Petelle has been recognized on the festival circuit recently for her directing of a short film, “Age of Dysphoria”, starring Laura Vandervoort and Gordon Pinsent, Parts of which were also shot in the Bayfield area. The couple, who live in the village part time, suggested Bayfield for a location for Trigger Point.

An idea that Bayfield Ward Councilor for the Municipality of Bluewater, Bill Whetstone is quite excited about. Area hotels and cottages are booked for the team and local restaurants will also be busy this week which Whetstone notes as being a boost at the end of the normal tourist season.

“Having this movie in Bayfield is not just a great economic boost for the downtown but also I hope will be the first of more to come. We have a perfect backdrop for many types of movies,” said Whetstone. “In speaking with the director, he has suggested once the shoot is done that we get together to see how we can get more attention from the movie industry.”

Shooting a film in the time of COVID-19 is of course different and protocols are being closely followed to keep everyone healthy and safe. Everyone working on location have had COVID-19 tests, including, any locals involved with the production.

Both village residents and visitors may have been surprised to find themselves in the heart of a film being shot on location if they failed to heed the signs. (Photo by EJ Bauer)

Sunday morning changes to the landscape were subtle like this sign depicting a temporary change of name for The Lakehouse of Bayfield. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Actor Colm Feore is seen coming out of The Village Bookshop. The store's interior is also being used as a

This is the first feature film to shot on location in the village. (Photo by EJ Bauer)

The Lake House of Bayfield has been styled to suit the film's storyline. (Photo by Jan Wallace)

location for filming. (Photo by EJ Bauer)

Colm Feore is co-starring in the film being shot on location in Bayfield this week. (Photo by Bill Whetstone)

The Lake House of Bayfield is closed for the week as it is being used as an interior location for the filming of Trigger Point. (Photo by Jan Wallace)

Filming began early in the morning on Tuesday at The Lake House in Bayfield. (Photo by Jan Wallace)

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Calm after the storm...*By Gary Lloyd-Rees*

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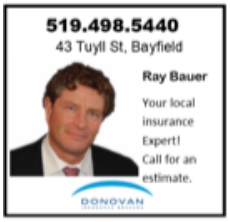

SUBMISSIONS

Thankfully here in Bayfield when you go out for a stroll you don't often come across a gun fight or see a Bentley burning rubber down Main Street, however, this week you very well could. But don't worry it's all make believe as there is a feature film being shot on location in the village.

Sunday morning on Main Street, I came across the couple responsible for the opportunity. Jessica Petelle, and husband, Bayfield native, Brad Turner, were out for a coffee and a stroll with their little dog, Jack. I'm sure their walk took a lot longer than expected as people, some with their own dogs and

coffee, stopped them to chat about the week ahead. You could feel the anticipation on the street.

Since then my social media feed has been filled with snippets of the process here and there as people are allowed to observe from a safe distance. Some locals have even gotten involved in the process – opening up their businesses, loaning props, acting as extras. It seems that Brad and Jessica and their team have created a wonderful atmosphere of inclusion through the process and not surprisingly the village is reciprocating in kind.

Break a leg everyone! - 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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