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HIKERS LEARN ABOUT THE CANOPY PLANTED BY THE TREE PROJECT

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Guided hikes hosted by the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) returned on July 10 with a Bayfield Tree Hike. Sondra Buchner, representing the Bayfield Tree Project, took people on a tour sharing the results of the groups efforts over the last decade to provide more shade in the village.

Over 500 trees of different species have been planted and maintained by volunteers during that time. Buchner pointed out significant trees and species while celebrating the success of this grassroots community project.

The BRVTA will hold their next guided hike on National Ice Cream Day, Sunday, July 18. To help earn that cone, the BRVTA will lead a hike on the Woodland Trail starting at 2 p.m. Participants are asked to meet/park at the David Street trail head: at the south end of town, to access take Sarnia Street to McTavish Crescent to David Street. The Woodland Trail is a 3.5

PLANNED BAYFIELD

Slow but steady progress is being made on the Bayfield Secondary Plan, an initiative known as “Planned Bayfield”. The requirements of COVID-19

km natural trail that traverses trickling streams, wide ravines, meadows, and glacial hills. There are some steep inclines and rough areas; the hike duration will be about 90 minutes. Please check the weather and wear appropriate clothing. Dogs on leash welcome.

Sondra Buchner and Bayfield River Valley Trail Association's Ralph Blasting used an alternate, and fun, means of transportation on the tree hike.

Sondra Buchner, representing the Bayfield Tree Project, shared her knowledge of the many trees that the group planted in the village over the last decade during a hike on July 10. The tour started at the gazebo in Clan Gregor Square, a park which benefited greatly from the tree plantings.

The first hike in August will coincide with World Indigenous Peoples Day on Monday, Aug. 9. Join special guest David D. Plain, a member of the Aamjiwnaang First Nation and author of five books on regional Indigenous history, for an engaging hike on the Sawmill Trail starting at 11 a.m. The Aamjiwnaang region covered all of the southern section of Lake Huron, from the Maitland River in the east to the Flint River (Michigan) in the west. This was the traditional territory of the Anishnaabek First Nation, also called the Ojibwe and the Chippewa. Learn about Indigenous life on southern Lake Huron while walking the land. Recommended reading is Plain's book entitled, “Ways of our Grandfathers”, available from the Huron County Public Library or by special order at The Village Bookshop (www.villagebookshop.ca). Those who wish to take part are asked to meet at the Sawmill Trial head on Old River Road. The hike is a natural trail 2 km long, and the walk will last about an hour.

For more information on any of the hikes visit www.bayfieldtrails.com or contact Ralph Blasting at 519 525-3205. Please note that the BRVTA continues to follow all Provincial COVID-19 protocols. People should not attend if they have any COVID-19 symptoms, or if in the past 14 days they have traveled outside of Canada or have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive. Masks are required during sign-in and on the hike when distancing is not possible.

have certainly changed how this Plan is being developed but the Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) is committed to taking the time to “get it right”.

Planning staff have met with various groups including the Bluewater Heritage Committee and the Bayfield People and Canine Community (PACC) group and will be reaching out to other community groups to consult. Interested in having a group session? Please email Senior Planner Denise Van Amersfoort at dvanamersfoort@huroncounty.ca or call 519 524-8394, Ext. 3.

Rather than holding an online public meeting (which the CAC appreciate some people are rather tired of), they opted to post a video on their consultation site with a follow up survey. This survey is still open and the CAC really encourage residents to take an hour to watch the video and fill out the survey - feedback is critical to ensuring this Plan reflects the vision of the residents of Bayfield! Please visit connectedcountyofhuron.ca and click on the "Planned Bayfield" icon.

The CAC and staff plan to host in-person consultation sessions once the first draft has been released and public health protocols allow.

Do you have other thoughts or questions? Please email Van Amersfoort at the address above or speak to any member of the CAC. Committee members are: Bluewater Councilor Bill Whetstone, chair; Leanne Kavanagh, vice-chair; Andre Mech, Councilor George Irving, Dave Gillians, Dave MacLaren, Elaine Coombs, Gary Davidson, Jean Anne Hamilton, Jeff Graham, John Van Ogtrop, Kim Loebach and Roger Lewington.

The CAC members thank those who have shown an interest in this very important project for Bayfield's future.

FARMERS' MARKET

Several people came out for the first hike hosted by the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association since the spring lockdown.

Sondra Buchner, representing the Bayfield Tree Project, brought visual materials to enhance her lecture. Ralph Blasting assisted in the presentation.

A Sunset Red Maple on Louisa Street planted by the Bayfield Tree Project. It is one of six varieties of maples that were planted along village streets.

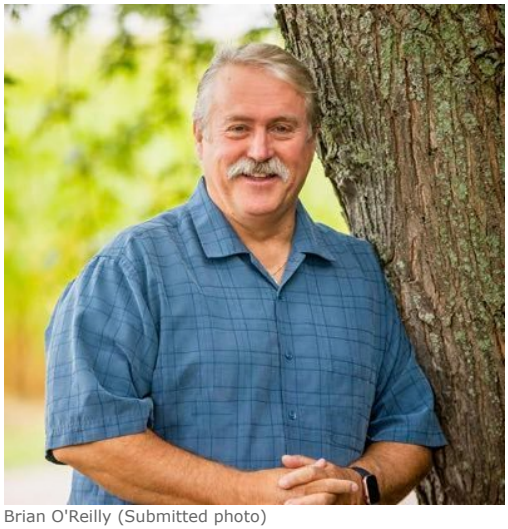
The summer market season is underway!

The market is open online every week starting Sunday until Wednesday for delivery and pick-up at Clan Gregor Square. Organizers are pleased to announce that they have new vendors, returning vendors and lots of delicious local foods!

People can place their orders by visiting openfoodnetwork.ca/bayfield-farmers-market/ from July 11 at 8 a.m. until today, July 14, at 8 p.m. Shoppers will be directed to pick up their items up on July 16 sometime between 3-5 p.m. in Clan Gregor Square. They will receive an email confirmation (Thursday) with the approximate time of delivery on Friday afternoon.

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

LIONS' CLUB



Brian O'Reilly (Submitted photo)

Immature crab apples growing on the White Angel Crab Apple trees located on Bayfield Terrace planted as part of the Bayfield Tree Project.

SURVEY REGARDING OFF-LEASH PLAY AREA FOR CANINES COMING SOON

Dude enjoying a day at the Seaforth Dog Park. (Submitted photo)

The Bayfield People and Canine Community (PACC) has been diligently working on preparing a survey which will soon be presented to the community. The goal of this survey is to gauge the concerns and desires of citizens with respect to securing an off-leash play area for local canines. One does not need to be a pet owner to participate, in fact, PACC would encourage everyone to take part as the issue affects all, whether they have a pet or not.

People are asked to please give some thought as to what they would like to see in terms of achieving this goal. How far would they be willing to travel to a dog park? Would they be willing to volunteer their time to maintenance chores? These are some of the questions that will determine how PACC can move forward to obtain a safe and secure play area. Public input is

The Bayfield Lions' Club would like to invite people to attend "4 Talks in the Park" on Fridays in Clan Gregor Square starting on July 23.

Brian O'Reilly, founder of Human Potential Plus, providing high performance internal psychology transformation coaching, with 35 years of private practice counselling, will be the guest speaker.

O'Reilly will tackle the following topics: Understanding Suicide, July 23; Creating Great Relationships, July 30; The Source of Unhappiness, Aug. 6; and The Secret of Staying in Love, Aug. 13.

Attendees are asked to bring their own lawn chairs to these evenings that will run from 7-8:30 p.m.

SECRETARY WANTED

The Bayfield Agricultural Society (BAS) is currently looking for a Secretary.

This position is a volunteer role and comes with an honorarium.

The Secretary will carry out a variety of general, year-round administrative duties on behalf of the BAS as well as prepare documents for monthly meetings. The Secretary receives and responds to the BAS correspondence and works as a liaison with the BAS Board of Directors.

Anyone who may be interested in taking on this role and becoming an integral part of the BAS is asked to please contact info@bayfieldfair.ca.

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Trinity St. James Anglican Church, located at 10 Keith Cresent in the village, has reopened!

Regular in-person services are now being offered on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m. Due to on-going pandemic restrictions, persons wishing to attend are asked to notify the Church Warden Godfrey Heathcote in advance by e-mail at godfrey.heathcote@dal.ca or by phone at 519 565-5824.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

absolutely vital as it is always the grass roots community that drives projects such as this.

Once the finishing touches have been applied, the survey will be available through social media channels and other means. Please stay tuned for further announcements. In the meantime, PACC invites everyone to view a brief video trailer which will introduce some of the PACC dogs and puppies: www.youtube.com/watch?v=Cr9mY_csiVc

People are invited to join the group's Facebook page: Bayfield P.A.C.C. or visit their website at bayfieldpacc.com

SOME IN-PERSON EVENTS RETURNING TO BAYFIELD COMMUNITY FAIR

The Bayfield Agricultural Society (BAS) Board of Directors has been meeting monthly and carefully following the updates from Huron Perth Public Health, OMAFRA and the province. They have determined that hosting the 165th annual summer fair is possible with the "post Step 3" guidelines under consideration. So, they are happy to advise the community that there is a 2021 Prize Fair Book on their Website (www.bayfieldfair.ca), and they will be adding to their schedule over the next six weeks as they prepare a variety of live and virtual events.

"Harvesting Memories and Planning the Future" is this year's theme. What good timing for respecting past accomplishments and celebrating the move into the "new normal"!

BAS President Pam Stanley recently shared "just a taste" of what's in the planning stages for the Bayfield Community Fair weekend, Aug. 20-22.

"We look forward to hosting a Grand Opening on Friday, Aug. 20 that will feature Senator Rob Black, along with a guest list of federal, provincial, municipal and local friends and neighbors. Without the support of all these folks, we would not be in this great position after the past 18 months. There will be a BBQ dinner, refreshments and fireworks!" said Stanley.

She went on to explain that there will be animals in the new display barn, and the 4-H Club and Junior Farmers will be participating. There will be horses. Friesens, Arabians and heavy horse competitions will be held. Children will be welcomed to see (and maybe, touch) the tractors of old and new vintages! Dog agility shows, a mini-tractor pull and some familiar kiddie's entertainment will be provided with special supervision. And the Bayfield Community Fair is very lucky to be one of only three Showcases in Ontario for the "Rise to Fame" talent competition.

"This year, we would like to invite non-profit community groups and service clubs to set up their own outdoor display tents as an opportunity to show community visitors how we are all working through COVID-times together," said Stanley. "There will be no space rental charge, but we would ask that a "kid friendly" display be part of your information booth."

Any group wishing an outdoor display space is asked to contact Stanley by phone at 519 482-9914 or by email at info@bayfieldfair.ca

Volunteers are also needed to help the fair run smoothly. Anyone who would like to give some time to the event is asked to contact Stanley using the information provided above.

"Some restrictions this year are providing the opportunity to get back to the roots of what agricultural fairs started 165 years ago to be...about the farm, the animals, the children, the families, and the community supporters of how it all works together," said Stanley. "Even though the food and crafts will be primarily "virtual", we will strive to make coming to the fair...the summer event not to miss. See you at the fair!"

BAYFIELD TALENT SEARCH ONLY

Members of the community may be interested to know that although Camp Kintail won't be offering overnight camps or "Kintail on the Road" this summer, they have opened for Day Camps this summer as well as cabin rentals. To learn more about what is offered at the camp, located north of Goderich, please visit: www.campkintail.ca.

BAYFIELD YACHT CLUB

Founded in 1971 the Bayfield Yacht Club's (BYC) goal is to bring together sailors to provide boating related activities and events both locally and abroad. BYC is member driven and always seeking new members to participate in sailing regattas, day races, after parties and fun!

BYC has two summer events remaining for 2021:

- July 31 – Regatta, 1 p.m. start
- Aug. 21 – Given's Memorial Race, 1 p.m. start

To sign up for any of these events, or for more details, please contact the BYC at bayfieldyc@gmail.com.

COVER CROPS PROGRAM

Landowners in the Bayfield and Lake Huron tributary watersheds are now eligible for an enhanced cost-share program that offers $30 per acre, up to 100 acres, for planting cover crops.

"If you have been thinking about trying cover crops, this is an excellent opportunity," said Healthy Watersheds Technician with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA), Hope Brock.

When the program is coupled with funding from the Huron County Clean Water Project, agricultural producers in these watersheds can receive a total of $45 per acre thanks to the enhanced Cover Crop Boost Program. New this year is that a multi-species

COUNTY COMPETITION FOR FAIR

Anyone who sings, dances, plays an instrument, executes magic tricks or performs in other ways, and is between the ages of six and 21, may be interested in the upcoming “Rise2Fame Youth Talent Search”. It’s not too early to start practicing and perfecting a performance.

After a year’s hiatus the Bayfield preliminary competition to the Western Fair Talent Search will go ahead on a virtual platform. This is one of only three preliminary competitions taking place in Ontario and the only Huron County competition.

Video submissions can be submitted anytime between now and Aug. 1 at www.westernfairdistrict.com/western-fair/rise2fame-online
Videos will be forwarded by the Western Fair District to a panel of three local judges who will determine the winners.

On Saturday, Aug. 21 at the Bayfield Community Fair, the virtual competition will be followed by a live showcase of selected acts and an awards night. Winners of the virtual competition will be announced and given an opportunity to strut their stuff onstage. COVID-19 protocols will be in place. The live showcase will begin at 7 p.m. on the outdoor stage at the Bayfield Community Centre. Beth Sayler, from the Western Fair, will also be recording videos of the performances and winners will have the option of using her videos for submission to the Western Fair if they so choose. We are hoping this combination of virtual competition and live performance will provide a meaningful opportunity for young performers to celebrate and demonstrate their talent.

The Western Fair Rise2Fame Youth Talent Search is a 40-year tradition which has touched the lives of thousands of talented youngsters from across the province. The Western Fair competition, along with the preliminaries, has been the start to many careers in the arts and continues to encourage young people to showcase and pursue their talents.

Categories of competition are: Vocal Solo; Instrumental Solo; Dance Solo; Dance Group; Vocal and/or Instrumental Group, including, bands; Variety Solo; and Variety Group. Individuals can compete more than once in different categories.

Participants are asked to read the rules very carefully online before registering by visiting the website at: www.westernfairdistrict.com/western-fair/rise-2-fame.

By Wednesday, Sept. 8 all winners’ videos from the three preliminary competitions in Ontario will be featured on the Western Fair website and submitted to a judge’s panel.

On Sunday, Sept. 19 at 6 p.m. the final winners of the Western Fair Rise2Fame Talent Search will be announced. At the Western Fair level there are big cash prizes and trophies for final winners. Huron County has produced Western Fair winners and many local acts have made it to the finals over the years. A number of local youths, who have performed in this competition in the past, have gone on to careers in music and the arts.

But young people can’t win if they don’t enter the preliminary online competition in Bayfield, so, start practising, then get registered and send in videos before Aug. 1.

cover crop is no longer required if planted after corn or soybeans. Farmers planting one or more species after wheat are still eligible for the $30 per acre grant.

To find out more about grants to plant cover crops contact Hope Brock by email at hbrock@abca.ca or Nathan Schoelier at nschoelier@abca.ca, at ABCA, or call 519 235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610.

Funding is limited and some restrictions apply. Application intake deadlines are July 31 and Aug. 31.

Cover crops have many benefits to the farmer and the community. They help to protect water quality and build soil health. Cover crops help to reduce loss of nutrients and topsoil, reduce the amount and speed of water running off of land, and reduce wind speed at ground level which reduces wind and water erosion and the speed of water runoff. Those are just some of the benefits.

Anyone who might need some help to decide what to plant is asked to contact their local cover crop seed supplier,talk to their neighbor, or contact their certified crop advisor.

They may also want to use the cover crop decision tool here: decision-tool.incovercrops.ca

For Bayfield and Gully Watershed boundaries consult the Watershed Report Cards at abca.ca.

ADOPT-A-BFF

Gillies (Submitted photo)

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

Anyone who may have questions is asked to contact Charles Kalbfleisch at 519 565-2244 or Willi Laurie by email wlaurie@tcc.on.ca or by calling 519 482-9265 for more information.

PIONEER PARK'S RAFFLE SOLD OUT

Celebrating selling all 5,000 raffle tickets for the Pioneer Park "Repair the Stairs" Campaign were l-r: Emily O'Halloran, Pattie MacDonald and John Rishworth. The draw for the 50/50 cash prize will be held on Aug. 13. (Submitted photo)

The Pioneer Park stairs will once again reach the beach! Organizers are pleased to report that all of the tickets for their 50/50 Cash Draw have been sold – 5,000 tickets went in three short weeks. Now all ticket-holders have to do is wait for the draw.

The draw will happen on Friday, Aug. 13 at sunset in Pioneer Park.

“If you’re not in attendance jumping up and down, we will have you on your phone shortly there after,” said Catherine Tillmann, representing the Pioneer Park Assocation (PPA).

People can also support the PPA by purchasing limited edition photographs donated by Bayfield’s own Brad Turner.

Gillies is the Adopt-A-BFF cat of the week.

Gillies is about four or five years old. He has spent most of his life in a colony. He had a bit of an upper respiratory infection that needed to be looked at so he was brought in to see a vet. It was at that time he was discovered to be very friendly and calm. He likes being indoors and isn’t much interested in going back out to the colony. He loves attention and being brushed.

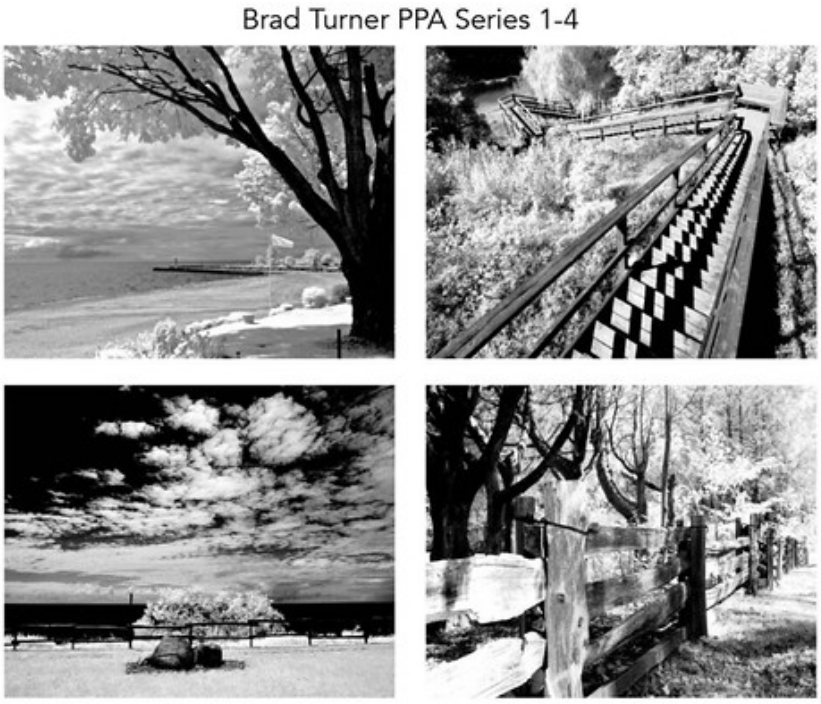
Rescue volunteers have noted that he gets along with some cats better than others. He can sometimes try and be the boss, so every now and then, there’s a dust up or a standoff with another male cat. This is probably due to his position in the colony. He was more than likely one of the leaders. As a result, volunteers feel he may be happiest as an only cat. He will definitely be a great companion and will give his adopters all the attention that they want and more.

Could you be Gillies forever family? Anyone interested in adopting Gillies is encouraged to contact Bayfield’s Forgotten Felines at bayfieldsforgottenfelines@gmail.com. The adoption fee is now $200. Adopted cats are vetted, shots are up-to-date and they are also spayed or neutered. Donations are also always appreciated. E-transfers can be sent to the Rescue's email 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.

BLUE BAYFIELD

Editor’s Note: This is a semi-regular feature from Blue Bayfield highlighting simple ways people can make a difference in their community to create a healthier environment.

Did You Know…that all the creeks and streams and rivers in our watershed eventually flow into Lake



Photographer Brad Turner shows in these photographs that Pioneer Park has an intimate personal impact on everyone. It is right there in those moments of reflection, celebration and wonder. The park has been, and will be, where we, The Keepers, bear witness to nature's transitory permanence, held within these stunning and timeless images is our promise to protect the future of the park. A limited number of the prints are available now in support of the Pioneer Park Association. (Submitted photo)

"Internationally acclaimed filmmaker Brad Turner has brought his tremendous talent to us in many ways. This time, to offset the loss of funds from the Rummage Sale, Brad is generously donating a limited edition of images that capture a lifetime of memories. They are Brad's homage to the stretching lawns, sheltering trees and majestic vistas. It is a part of his own dedication to our community's healthy and vital future," said Tillmann.

There will be a limited edition of 50 prints available for each image. These 8" X 10" photographs have been handprinted, by Turner, on archival paper, hand signed "in composition", and authenticated on the reverse. Individual prints are available for $125 each, or a full set can be purchased for $400. All proceeds go to the PPA.

Prints will be on display, and available for sale, at The Village Bookshop, located at 24 Main Street in Bayfield. They can also be purchased online at info@pioneerpark.ca or through The Village Bookshop at info@villagebookshop.ca. Rumour has it they are more than 50 per cent sold so anyone who was planning to purchase one (or four) should do so very soon.

Huron? That means if your car leaks motor oil, if you flush your expired meds down the toilet or if you use pesticides on your lawn, it all ends up in the lake. These toxic chemicals result in poor water quality and degraded wildlife habitat.

What You Can Do…you can take your household hazardous waste, including your batteries, to the Huron County Hazardous Waste Depot located at the Mid-Huron Landfill Site, 37506A Huron Road (Hwy 8), Clinton. Disposal of hazardous waste is free of charge.

For more information, go to www.municipalityofbluewater.ca

INTRODUCING THREE MORE SUMMER PUBLIC HEALTH

STUDENTS AT GATEWAY

Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway) is pleased to welcome three regional university students who will be conducting health research with Gateway's rural research chairs this summer. Each summer wonderful students join Gateway and bring their enthusiasm and new ideas which always invigorate the organization. This year while still not back around the table, great rural health research is being done.

Nicole Schilbe is a recent graduate of the University of Western Ontario with an Honours Bachelor's Degree with a specialization in Kinesiology. She plans to return to complete a Master of Science in Occupational Therapy degree. She is extremely passionate about helping others to live optimally, and through various volunteer and employment opportunities, has been able to channel her passions into meaningful work.

Nicole Schilbe (Submitted photos)

Throughout her undergrad years, she played alongside young athletes of varying abilities during both Winter Special Games and Motionball Marathon of Sport events. Once returning home during COVID, she began her involvement with the local Meals on Wheels program. This involvement with individuals of various ages and stages of life allowed her to recognize that she will truly appreciate the flexibility of a career in Occupational Therapy. This also solidified her desire to help others achieve health and wellness through a variety of means.

Schilbe joins the "Food Insecurity and Rural Seniors Living Independently" study. Under the tutelage of Dr. Al Lauzon, a Gateway research chair and professor at the University of Guelph, her primary roles will be recruitment of participants and collection of primary data. Her passion for health and wellness inspired her to join Gateway this summer. During her academic career, she took numerous nutrition and health courses and is excited to be putting them into practice. Schilbe grew up in a rural community and is aware of issues surrounding rural health and healthcare and is excited to give back to her local community.

When she is not working at Gateway, she volunteers, or works at The Hub on the Docks Restaurant in Bayfield. She enjoys time with family and friends. She loves to travel and hopes that her travel credits from a cancelled trip to Spain and Portugal will be put to use soon. As a past kinesiology student, it is no surprise that she enjoys activity of all kinds – especially those that can take place outside.

Schilbe said, "One thing I can thank the pandemic for is helping us all to appreciate nature, and it has made me extra thankful to live in a rural community on the lake".

Kayla Gauthier is a third-year, undergraduate student at Western University, studying towards her Honours Bachelor's Degree in Health Sciences. Healthcare is her greatest passion so she is very excited to take this opportunity to explore the field of research while gaining important skills and insight into health within her home community.

Gauthier is a current volunteer at Huron Hospice, and Student Relief Team Western where she aids in pandemic relief support. She is a past member of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program for high school students across Southwestern Ontario. She has worked as a fund development intern at Huron Hospice, and locally as a pool lifeguard across Huron County.

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 and also the per centage of people vaccinated please visit: www.hpph.ca

HOSPICE HANDBAGS

The stores are open and Hospice Handbags are back and they are available in Bayfield at a new location.

"This is your opportunity to support Huron Hospice by purchasing a one-of-a-kind shopping tote, handmade by a Hospice Volunteer from up-cycled materials. Each bag is like a piece of art!" said Huron Hospice Manager of Fund Development, Christopher Walker.

"Thanks to Joan Bailey ad Tony Eyamie the famous, and stylish, Huron Hospice shopping totes are now available at Patina Studios, 12B Main Street, Bayfield," Walker added.

The bags sell for an affordable $25 each. Please note only cash or cheques will be accepted when purchasing. All proceeds to Huron Hospice.

"With the upcoming plastic bag ban, make sure you're prepared to shop in style. Quantities are limited, so hurry in to check them out," said Walker.

WATER ADVISORY LIFTED

The Water Response Team (WRT) has removed the Level 1 Low Water Advisory for the entire Ausable Bayfield watershed. Watershed conditions have seen a slow but steady improvement in response to wet weather late in June and early in July. Rainfall totals from the last week of June, and the first week of July,

This summer she will be using her past skills to work on the “Food Accessibility and Insecurity Among Rural Seniors” project. She is excited to be applying her academic knowledge in a research setting.

In her spare time, Gauthier enjoys being outdoors, spending time with family and friends (pre-COVID), reading, and baking and cooking.

Kayla Gauthier

Mohammed Fadel

Mohammed Fadel is a recent Kinesiology graduate of Western University and will be returning to attend his first year of Masters in Epidemiology.

In recent years, he’s had the opportunity to contribute to research efforts involving multiple papers and conference presentations at Western’s Neurobehavioural Lab, as well as research for part of Schulich Medical School’s indigenous community case curriculum. Throughout his undergraduate schooling and research experience, he’s developed a strong understanding of research methodology and health sciences. Fadel has past volunteer and work experience as a Kinesiology mentor, Taekwondo Head Instructor, Camp Shine Counsellor, Muslims for Humanity Director and is a member of the Volunteer Management Committee at MAC.

This summer he will be working with Dr. Alis Bonsignore, research chair at Gateway and director of the local Healthy Hearts program, on a Systematic Review investigating the effectiveness of cardiac rehab in preventing future hospital readmissions in patients as well as Assessment of Clinical COPD Care in the Rural Setting. Fadel is excited to contribute towards research and work that can improve local communities in Ontario as well as learn more about the research process, especially regarding systematic reviews and studies evaluating patient care in communities.

In his spare time, Fadel enjoys Taekwondo, in which he is a third-degree black belt with over 12 years of experience. He also enjoys partaking in Arabic calligraphy, reading and recreational outdoor activities, when safe to do so.

Gateway strives to offer regional University students the opportunity to participate in real time practical health research that benefits the people living in local communities. Through funding from the Canada Summer Jobs program, contributions from Huron Futures, and grant monies from OMAFRA and the University of Guelph, and the generosity of donors, Gateway can makes these student placements possible

are in the range of 50-75 millimetres (2-3 inches), and between 100 and 150 mm (4-6 in) over the last 30 days.

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) network of monitoring stations shows streamflow has rebounded over the past few weeks with baseflow beginning to show signs of a longer-term recovery. Groundwater levels in the shallow aquifers, measured at ABCA’s monitoring wells, have shown a rebound, with levels holding steady.

“A rise in groundwater levels, during a period of typical decline, is a strong indicator we may see more sustained baseflow for the next few weeks,” said Davin Heinbuck, ABCA Water Resources coordinator. “As ground conditions become saturated, and the water table rises, we are able to observe baseflow improvements in local watercourses.”

Long-range forecasts show a wet weather pattern is likely to persist through the middle part of July.

The Chair of the WRT, Doug Cook, thanked both industries and individuals who voluntarily reduced their water usage in response to the dry weather observed through the spring, but in particular, the month of June.

“During dry periods, conservation of water is an important measure to prevent further declines in water supplies, and to ensure everyone has access to water at the most critical times, especially during a low-water condition,” Cook said.

The WRT was formed in 2001 in response to the low water and drought conditions that year and the team has been active ever since. The WRT includes representatives of major water users, such as, aggregate industries; agriculture and vegetable growers; and golf and recreation and includes local municipal representatives and staff of provincial ministries, such as, Natural Resources and Forestry; Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; and Environment, Conservation and Parks. ABCA staff will continue to monitor precipitation and streamflow data and keep the public informed of any changes in watershed conditions.

Visit www.ontario.ca/lowwater for further resources on the Ontario low water response program or the website at abca.ca for the dynamic low-water advisory tool which alerts people to low-water advisories in effect in the watershed.

STEP THREE THIS FRIDAY

ORDER MONARCHS BY MID-AUGUST TO PARTICIPATE IN RELEASE

The deadline to order a butterfly for the Fifth Annual Huron Hospice Butterfly release is Aug. 11. (Submitted photo)

Huron Hospice will hold the Fifth Annual Huron Hospice Butterfly Release on Sunday, Aug. 29. The butterfly is a universal symbol of transformation, and this ceremony has grown to become a much-anticipated experience for families and children across Huron County. It is a beautiful way to honor and remember the losses in the community and recognize the important work done by staff at the Hospice.

Last year, during the COVID-19 pandemic, the Hospice team turned the in-person release into a wonderful virtual event. Families picked up their butterflies and released them at their own chosen locations that held special memories. A live stream ceremony was held at the entrance to the Memorial Forest, where the memorial names were honored. This year, there is still some uncertainty about gathering in large groups, so Huron Hospice has decided to repeat the virtual event this year. Plans are already in the works for a post COVID, in-person butterfly release for 2022.

"Families are encouraged to remember a loved one or a family friend and make a special day to remember their loved one by releasing a butterfly. With the release of the butterfly, people often feel close to their loved one or friend," said Huron Hospice Executive Director, Willy Van Klooster. "The journey of the butterfly is transformative. In a way, it is representative of how Huron Hospice brings together members of our community who are going through similar experiences."

Having done his Master's degree on migration physiology, Jay Mcfarlan, who is also Huron Hospice Board Chair, assures all who participate that the release is safe.

"The International Butterfly Breeders Association (IBBA) has done thorough research on butterfly releases and demonstrate that these events are safe if done correctly," Mcfarlane said.

McFarlan noted that the IBBA assures:
• Captive butterflies retain their instinct to migrate, so relocation and release will not impact their ability to find resources and migrate during the appropriate season.
• Scientists have little evidence of any effect on the gene pool of wild populations after captive-bred butterflies have been released.

Ontario, including Huron Perth, will move to Step Three of the provincial Roadmap to Reopen at 12:01 a.m. on Friday, July 16.

Beginning on Friday, outdoor social gatherings of up to 100 people will be permitted, and indoor social gatherings will increase up to 25 people. Personal care services, including services requiring the removal of a face covering, will be allowed to resume, and businesses will reopen with capacity limited to the number of people that can maintain a physical distance of 2 m (6 ft).

Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) will be working closely with businesses and operators to prepare for the safe resumption of services over the coming weeks.

"As we continue to navigate our way through the COVID-19 pandemic, we want to thank all Huron Perth business owners and operators who have made sacrifices to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community, and for their continued cooperation and patience as the new changes come into effect," said Medical Officer of Health for Huron-Perth, Dr. Miriam Klassen. "The COVID-19 pandemic has been extremely challenging for many local business owners, and we ask that all Huron Perth residents be respectful, kind and patient with businesses as they implement the changes under the Reopening Ontario Act."

The move to Step Three is due to the great vaccination coverage that has been seen across the Province, including in Huron and Perth. To date (July 9), 74.4 per cent of Huron Perth residents aged 12 and over have received one dose of vaccine, and 44.7 per cent are fully vaccinated. For those aged 18 and over (the metric the province is using for the Roadmap to Reopen), 75.8 per cent have received one dose and 48 per cent are fully vaccinated.

"Over the past week, there has been a steady increase in the number of people fully vaccinated," sais Dr. Klassen. "Thank you to all of our partners who have made the vaccination clinics possible, and to all residents for your eagerness to be vaccinated and stepping up to get vaccinated as soon as you were able."

The older adult population has been leading the way forward with their excellent vaccine uptake, and HPPH asks that those who are between the ages of 18 and 39 and have yet to do so already, get their first or second dose as soon as possible. Please book an appointment today.

There are several spots available at HPPH clinics available through the online booking system at

• Butterflies rarely die in shipping, and the IBBA has a “shipping policy” that breeders must follow to prevent such from happening.
• Captively raised butterflies do not introduce parasites into the wild population so long as the proper procedures are followed in raising the butterflies.

According to McFarlan, “There are many benefits of butterfly releases which include pollination of gardens, a decrease in the need for the use of insecticides, the opportunity to educate schools and other organizations in communities about butterflies and their importance in the promotion of wildlife and other natural resources. There is also the potential to spark an interest and appreciation of the entomology of the community.”

All are welcome to participate in this year's Butterfly Release on Sunday, Aug. 29th! On the day of the release, purchasers will pick up their butterfly at the Huron REACH Centre in Clinton between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Following personal releases, everyone is welcome to join Huron Hospice at 4 p.m. for the live stream on social media.

The cost of the butterfly is $30 and they can be purchased on eventbrite.ca or by email at kayla.gauthier@huronhospice.ca. The deadline for orders is Aug. 11th.

www.hpph.ca/vaccinebooking, as well as through many local pharmacies.

Anyone aged 12 or older who received their first dose of mRNA (Moderna or Pfizer) vaccine can book a second dose appointment for a future HPPH clinic at a shortened interval. The second dose must be at least 28 days after the first.

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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 (temporarily closed). 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.

This week, we are sharing a few pieces of the agricultural equipment that comprise the Museum collection, just in time for wheat harvesting season...

REAPER

CORN SHELLER

This is a corn sheller used to remove the corn kernels from the cob. It is made of wood and cast iron. The sheller can be turned by hand or belt-driven. The cobs are fed in from the tray. An iron disc with raised teeth is rotated and scrapes off the corn kernels. The cob is ejected out one side

This is a "McCormick Virginian Reaper" patented in 1834. This reaper is one of the original seven reapers Cyrus Hall McCormick designed and made in 1831. McCormick, and his reaper, began the farm revolution replacing the sickle and the scythe.

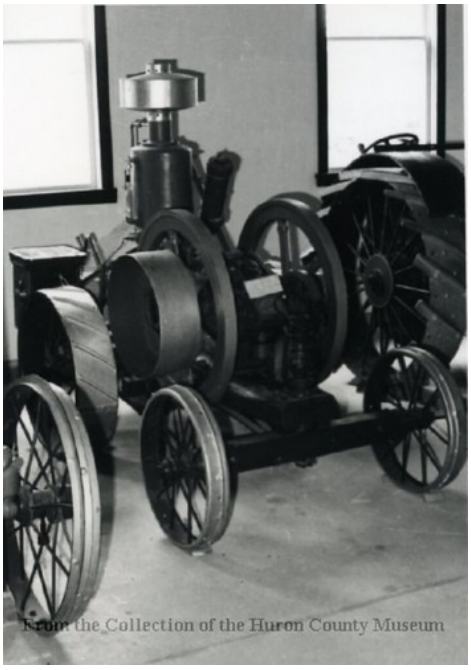
The "McCormick Reaper" led the way in mechanizing farm work. He first demonstrated his invention in 1831. It is made completely out of wood and sold for $100. It was drawn by a single horse positioned between the two shafts. The machine had a reciprocating knife that was actuated by gears from the large traction wheel. The grain stalks fell on the platform parallel to the horse. A man, walking behind, would periodically rake the stalks from the platform into bundles ready for binding.

By 1871, McCormick was producing 10,000 reapers. He remained an active part of his company until his death in 1884. The McCormick Co. amalgamated with six other companies in 1902 to become the International Harvester Company of Canada.

and the kernels fall out the bottom.

It is a faded red color with black and gold lines. On one side is written, "Maxwell/David Maxwell & Sons" and on the other side is printed "Maxwell" and a gold design.

GAS TRACTOR



This is a "Stickney" seven-horse power, stationary, gas engine. It is believed to be the first gas tractor in Huron County. It has a water-cooled engine and the firing order is every second stroke of the piston until it gets going. The dry cell battery gives power to the coil that feeds the spark plug that sparks the inside mixture of gas and air creating a small explosion which builds up pressure and shoots the piston out.

The engine was purchased by J.H. Neill in 1906 and made into a tractor in 1913. It was used mainly for cutting wood but has filled silos, cut straw and run a cement tile plant. It also pumped water for bridge building, chopped grain and threshed with the “ol” carrier type separator. It was still in working condition in 1950.

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PHOTO STORY

BAYFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

LODGE PART OF VILLAGE CULTURE FOR CENTURY PLUS

Orange Parade marches past Post Office, July 12, 1930.

Women and children walk in Orange Parade, 1930s.

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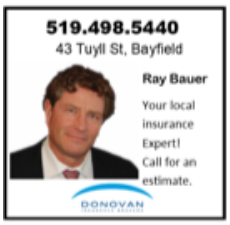
The Orange Order was founded in Northern Ireland in 1795 as a fraternal organization based on Protestant social ideals. Orange Lodge chapters sprang up in towns throughout early 19th-century Ontario and were powerful community influences. William Connor established Bayfield's Orange Lodge # 24 on Main Street South in 1845. At a time when life was difficult for new settlers and social services for the needy were non-existent, Lodge members organized many benevolent activities in their communities. As Bayfield's Loyal Orange Lodge Master, Connor shaped the moral and behavioural code for all young men in the village.

The annual Orange Lodge parade, featuring a fife and drum band, was a long-standing tradition. Every July 12, these celebrations drew hundreds of spectators to local towns. Bayfield hosted the parade several times. By the mid-1970s however, membership in the Orange Lodge had declined. Bayfield's last parade occurred in 1977. Soon after, Orange Lodge # 24 disbanded and sold its building on the old Connor property on Hwy 21.

Spectators enjoy Bayfield's Orange Parade, 1920s.

Union Jack and marchers, Orange Parade circa 1920.

Orange Lodge #24 Parade with Lindsay Smith (on drum) and Jack Parker, circa 1930.



PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Wet Benches on the Pier...*By Suzan Johnson*

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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

test

SUBMISSIONS

I greatly admire the work of the volunteers at Bayfield's Forgotten Felines (BFF) and that is why I'm sharing this story that came across my desk this week in my bit here at the bottom. Special thanks to Maureen Dillon for writing "Covey's Story", may it spark others to provide us with other happily ever after tales. - Melody

Last August, while my mother and sisters were vacationing in Bayfield, they were greeted one morning by a furry, friendly little visitor. It was a tiny kitten,

little more than a month old and without any identification tag, and she appeared to be looking desperately for food. The poor cat was so hungry that they figured it only right to feed her that first morning. As the week wore on, though, that malnourished kitten continued to visit them each day, looking for food and going to great lengths to earn it: for instance, my family discovered her clinging to the screen door one afternoon, some six feet off the ground, and hoping to be let in to visit and offered something to nibble on. They quickly came to realize that their new friend--who was likely one of the town's feral cats--was in need of help.

After receiving a call from my family, I came over to see how we could assist them in dealing with their new feline friend. I was accompanied by my older son, who had previously adopted a feral cat found in Huron County. I think it was love at first sight, and he asked if anyone was interested in taking the cat home. Nobody else seemed ready to take on the task of a little feral cat, but he felt it was his mission to take care of her.

Covey (Submitted photo)

It was at that point that we turned to the lovely volunteers at BFF for help. They were able to arrange for the kitten to be taken to a vet to receive medical treatment, including vaccinations, spaying, and tagging. More importantly, they were able to offer her a safe, caring, and healthy environment in which to be temporarily housed in the days before her vet visit and then afterwards, as we made the necessary preparations to welcome a new kitten into our lives. In the course of the past year, that kitten--aptly named Covey--has become both the best of friends with our older cat, Kit Kat, and an integral part of our lives. I can't even imagine what it would be like not to see Covey's little face each morning, and I know that the support offered by BFF played a major role in helping this feral kitten to become a loving member of our family.

The past year has been trying for many of us; we've not only been stuck at home, but also faced previously unknown stresses and uncertainty. Interestingly, though, the addition of a kitten to our household proved to be great for our mental health, filling our pandemic days with laughs, happiness, and much-needed distraction. These vulnerable little creatures depend on us for care, forcing us to direct our attention to their needs and development. They connect with something inside of us, and they are so little and helpless you want to pick them up and hug them. Moreover, they are endless sources of entertainment, spending their days playing, nuzzling, and looking for belly rubs and scratches behind the ears.

Having a focus beyond oneself can be important, especially when times are difficult. My family and I were lucky enough to find that focus through the adoption of our kitten, Covey, formerly one of the town's feral cats. She is among the many animals whose lives have been saved by BFF. And while the work of this organization is crucial, the growing number of adult cats and kittens assisted by the shelter need something that only you can offer: a loving, long-term home. Whether you're looking to add an additional kitty companion or contemplating adopting a pet for the first time, please consider welcoming a furry friend into your home. It will change your life, and the life of one of Bayfield's Forgotten Felines, for the better!

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

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