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'WE LOVE WHAT'S LOCAL' CAMPAIGN ACCEPTING BUSINESS NOMINATIONS

It's time to show some love to favorite local businesses and services in the "Best Of" Contest as part of the "We Love What's Local" campaign, made possible by a $45,000 grant through the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) to the Grand Bend & Area Chamber of Commerce (GBACC). The OCC's "Ontario Shop Local Program" is supporting shop local initiatives throughout the province.

People are invited to nominate their go-to shops, services, restaurants and more and help spotlight businesses and services in Lambton Shores, Bluewater and South Huron. All

FOOD BANK

The festive season may still seem like a long way off but volunteers with the Bayfield Area Food Bank (BAFB) know that it takes some additional planning to make it a happy one for clients and with this additional planning comes the need for some additional funds.

"Monetary donations allow us to purchase specifically needed items, and in particular, with the holiday season on the horizon, this is more important than ever," said Terry Henderson, president of the BAFB.

For anyone who would like to support BAFB with a monetary gift, there are a few options available. Cheques can be mailed to: Bayfield Area Food Bank,

businesses, including retail, services and manufacturers, throughout the three municipalities are eligible and do not need to be a member of a local chamber of commerce or Business Improvement Area (BIA). People can see the complete business category listing and submit a nomination online by visiting welovewhatslocal.ca.

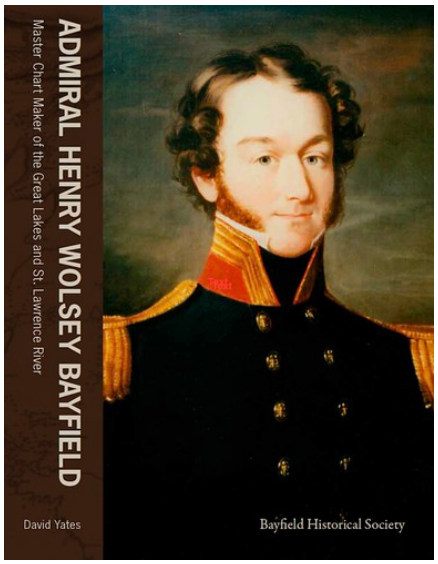
Nominations will be accepted from now until Wednesday, Nov. 10. The top five businesses in each category will be highlighted on the GBACC social media and website. Public voting will be held from Nov. 12 to Nov. 19. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, Nov. 24. Category winners will be showcased in a short video telling their unique stories, created and produced by FauxPop Media.

Campaign Coordinator, Nicci Podolinsky, said, “Supporting local businesses and services has been essential in the past year and a half. We want to keep that focus, help residents realize the full scope of goods and services available locally and celebrate those entrepreneurs doing a great job.”

She went on to say that “many of our local establishments have been run by local business owners and families for multiple generations, and that deserves some recognition, and we hope to do that with the ‘We Love What’s Local’ campaign through the next four months and beyond. We’re not necessarily pushing ‘Shop Local’, more ‘we love what’s local’ and this is what we love about this campaign’s direction!”

A special campaign branded envelope is being mailed to every local business with campaign items for display and use at business locations or as part of normal business operations. Meanwhile, local residents should be on the look out for a full color ‘We Love What’s Local’ postcard with more information and details.

ADMIRAL SUBJECT OF NEW BOOK



This image of Master Chartmaker, Captain Henry Wolsey Bayfield, RN (circa 1838) was selected for the cover of a new book published by the Bayfield Historical Society written by David Yates. (Photo courtesy Bayfield Historical Society)

Admiral Henry Wolsey Bayfield (1895-1885) was the greatest hydrographic surveyor in Canadian history. From the Lakehead to Labrador, he spent 40 years mapping Canada’s vast coasts and inland waterways for the British Admiralty. His navigational charts saved countless lives and vessels from shipwreck. Bayfeld quite literally put the waterways leading to the heart of North America on the map.

In small open-topped boats, and in some of the most inhospitable climates, he and his crews painstakingly measured thousands of miles of Canada’s unchartered coatlines. Using only the most primitive of navigational instruments, Bayfield completed depth sounding and mapping of every shoal, reef and navigational hazard from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic Ocean. Not only did he struggle against the elements but oftentimes against his own obstreperous crews as well. Only a man of Bayfield’s iron will and discipline could have accomplished what he did in one lifetime. Bayfield distinguished himself in other fields of endeavor as well. He was a veteran of the Napoleonic Wars, fighting in his first naval action before his 11th birthday.

In the early days of the Canada Company, a settlement on the shores of Lake Huron was named for Bayfield and a few years later was incorporated as a village. In a new book published by the Bayfield Historical Society (BHS), David Yates examines the life and work of

10 Keith Cres., Bayfield, ON, N0M 1G0. An e-transfer can be made through BAFB’s gmail account: bayfieldareafoodbank@gmail.com or a donation can be received on-line through the www.canadahelps.org website.

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

All donations whether of non-perishable products, personal care items, or monetary donations, are very much appreciated by both volunteer staff and clients.

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

ARTIST GUILD

Exciting news from the Bayfield Artist Guild (BAG) as many of their membership will have their works displayed at the Goderich Co-op Gallery for the month of October.

To view the art be sure to visit the gallery at 54 Courthouse Square in Goderich. The gallery is open Wednesday to Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

GIRL GUIDE COOKIES

Due to the absence of a spring campaign, Bayfield Guiding is currently selling Classic Chocolate and Vanilla Cream Sandwich Cookies this fall. They are available now from the membership in-person for $5 a box.

Grocery store chains will not have cookies for sale this year. There will not be a Chocolatey Mint Cookie campaign in 2021.

Money raised helps Bayfield Guiding subsidize activities and outings for their membership. Anyone who like to purchase a box, or two is asked to contact Melody Fallconer-Pounder at 519 525-3830 or email melody.pounder@gmail.com.

Online inventory is now sold out! Thank you so much to eveyone who purchased cookies via the unit's online portal.

KNOX CHURCH

the “Father of Canadian Hydrography”.

“Admiral Henry Wolsey Bayfield, RN: Master Chartmaker of the Great Lakes and St Lawrence” (2021), is available now by emailing bhsmembers@gmail.com. Visit www.bayfieldhistorical.ca for further details. The softcover is selling for $15 each while a limited edition hardcover is $40.

FINAL TREK OF THE YEAR ON NATIONAL TAKE A HIKE DAY

The Bayfield River Valley Trail Association’s (BRVTA) final hike of the year will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 17th – National Take a Hike Day which is observed each year in Canada and the United States.

There are over 90,000 km of non-motorized, managed trails in Canada. Try 3.5 km of them on Mavis’ Trail and Taylor Trail on this day starting at 2 p.m.

Mavis’ Trail is named after area community activist Mavis Govier and offers a walk to the Bayfield River and back. The Taylor Trail is an optional 1 km loop. The hike will last about 90 minutes. Meet at Varna Complex on the Mill Road (Rt 3) 5 km east of Bayfield. A map of the trails can be found at www.bayfieldtrails.com/mavis-taylor-trail. Dogs on leash welcome. The hike leaders will be Roger Lewington and Annerieke VanBeets.

For more information contact Ralph Blasting at 519 525-3205. People are asked not to participate if they have any COVID-19 symptoms, or if in the past 14 days they have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive.

The BRVTA members would like to remind everyone that the Woodland Trail is now closed for hunting season through Dec. 31st.

Knox Presbyterian Church is now open for in-person worship Sundays at 11 a.m.!

For those who are unable to attend in-person, the services will continue to be posted on pccweb.ca/knoxbayfieldpc/ with a link to Knox’s YouTube page.

Knox Church members have decided to hold their book studies via ZOOM only. All are welcome. Please contact Rev. Lisa Dolson via email at revlisa.knoxbayfield@icloud.com for the ZOOM link to join.

Starting on Nov. 14, the book "The Women of the Bible Speak; The Wisdom of 16 Women and Their Lessons for Today" by Shannon Bream will be the focus of discussion. The study will be held on Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

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 Church Warden Godfrey Heathcote in advance by e-mail at godfrey.heathcote@dal.ca or by phone at 519 565-5824.

PROVINCE SUPPORTS GATEWAY PROJECT ON COVID-19 IMPACT

The launch of the “Be Well, Work Well” research project at Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway) could not come at a more important time as COVID-19 has had an incredible, direct economic impact and social stress on businesses and communities worldwide. Rural communities and local businesses in Huron and Perth Counties have been uniquely impacted.

Gateway has joined forces with the University of Guelph and other local partners in conjunction

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

with the Ontario Government to understand the impact of COVID-19, mental health and substance use on rural workplaces.

On Nov. 1st, a short survey will be distributed across both Counties to explore workplace experiences, identifying both economic and social impacts throughout the pandemic. The project will aim to strengthen Huron-Perth rural communities by ensuring that the voices of local employers and their employees are heard and reflected in the solutions. By joining communities together through roundtable discussions and focus groups, the project will support the resiliency of local businesses, employers and employees into the future.

Gateway President Gwen Devereaux said, “It is very important that this project will be anchored in the current conditions of the COVID-19 Pandemic as it is crucial that we take the time to listen to the unique experiences of rural businesses, employees and residents of Huron and Perth Counties.”

MP Lisa Thompson, on behalf of the Ontario Government, recently presented Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health with a cheque for $275,000 toward their “Be Well, Work Well” project. Accepting the cheque were Project Lead, Bonnie Baynham (middle) and Gateway President Gwen Devereaux (right). (Submitted photo)

Ultimately, the project will be driven by the voice of businesses in Huron and Perth Counties to develop strategies that optimize local assets, build resiliency to address business needs and improve the well-being of rural business and local communities.

MPP Huron-Bruce, Lisa Thompson reiterated the importance of this project.

“This is indeed a very timely and important project. I always try to put a rural lens on various issues and topics as they arise and I am sure such an approach — using local business owners and residents — will be invaluable to this study,” Thompson said.

For more information on this project, please reach out to the Project Leads, Bonnie Baynham via email at bonchi@live.com or Matthew Maynard at matthew.g.maynard@gmail.com.

ONE CARE CELEBRATES DECADE OF SENIOR SUPPORT IN HURON-PERTH

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

NEW HPHA OPHTHALMOLOGISTS

L-r:: Dr. David Schulz and Dr. Mary Feng. (Submitted photo)

The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) is pleased to announce the recruitment of two Ophthalmologists who will provide expanded healthcare services in local communities, Dr. David Schulz and Dr. Mary Feng.

Dr. Schulz completed his undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies at the University of Waterloo, and Medical School at Western University. He completed his Ophthalmology Training at the Western University Ivey Eye Institute.

Dr. Feng completed medical school and Ophthalmology residency at Western University, followed by a fellowship in Oculoplastics and Ocular Oncology at the Tennent Institute of Ophthalmology in Glasgow, UK.

“Continually strengthening needed services across our region is a top priority for the HPHA,” said HPHA President and CEO, Andrew Williams. “Improving access and wait times for our Clinton Public Hospital’s cataract program is a big part of this and we are very excited to welcome Drs. Schulz and Feng.”

“I am very excited to have just opened up a new clinic in Huron Perth,” said Dr. Schulz. “There is a lot of opportunity to grow the Ophthalmology program in this area and I look forward to what the future brings.”

ONE CARE received a generous donation of $5,000 from Compass Minerals to reach their fundraising goal recently. (Submitted photo)

This is an exciting year for ONE CARE Home & Community Support Services as the agency celebrates its 10-year anniversary of supporting seniors and older adults with health challenges in Huron and Perth counties.

ONE CARE has a rich history of providing home care and community programs to thousands of people locally through agencies that date back more than 40 years. This year marks the 10-year anniversary of three community-based, charitable non-profit organizations coming together to form ONE CARE.

“Creating ONE CARE was in response to the changing environment and the understanding that Community Support Services needed to play a different role in supporting the healthcare system,” said ONE CARE Executive Director Kathy Scanlon. “We needed to change to adapt and be prepared to meet needs differently, and coming together was the first step.”

Over the past decade, the agency has made it easier for seniors to access a wide range of essential services like In-Home Personal Support, Meals on Wheels, Wellness and Exercise, and EasyRide Transportation to name a few. They have expanded services across both counties, and have continued to further integrate care to better support the needs of individuals in the community.

“Our community is important to us, and the seniors in our community rely on our services,” said Scanlon. “With October being Community Support Month, there is no better time to say thank you to our incredible staff and caring volunteers who are delivering essential services to our loved ones in need everyday.”

Many community members have shown their support over the last few months through kind messages and donations as ONE CARE celebrates this exciting milestone. ONE CARE relies on the support of generous donations to support the agency and the people they serve. This month ONE CARE completed their largest annual fundraiser, The Grand Parade, which raised over $30,000.

“When we found out ONE CARE was just shy of their fundraising goal with only a few days left in the campaign we wanted to help,” said Aileen Pajunen, Human Resources manager at Compass Minerals in Goderich. “As a proud lead sponsor of this event, we made an additional donation of $5,000 to help ensure ONE CARE can continue providing care to as many

Both Drs. Schulz and Feng are looking forward to providing comprehensive medical and surgical eye care to Huron and Perth Counties. Services include cataract surgery, intravitreal injections, and oculoplastic procedures, among other Ophthalmology care.

GATEWAY FOOD INSECURITY STUDY

Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway) and the University of Guelph have partnered on a project that examines Food Accessibility and Insecurity Amongst Rural Seniors.

The project's first phase included interviews with 77 health service providers in Huron, Perth, Grey and Bruce counties. The second stage of the project will continue in the four counties and focus on connecting with rural seniors to examine food concerns and to help better meet their nutrition needs. The project will explore regular eating patterns, food consumption, food security/insecurity experiences, accessibility to food, and diet adequacy.

Dr. Al Lauzon, professor at the University of Guelph and lead researcher on the project states that, “nutrition is critical for overall health, managing chronic illnesses and maintaining, rural seniors face more significant challenges. They are at greater risk of food insecurity than their urban counterparts.”

According to the study's initial findings, a range of factors impacts rural seniors' experience with food insecurity and accessibility. Notably, rural seniors experience additional barriers around the regionalization of grocery stores, a scarcity of support services such as meals on wheels or other meal delivery programs and preparation services. Seniors that have already participated in the study have highlighted these issues can be impacted by distance to support and health services, access to affordable, nutritious food and the lack of transportation options. Other challenges discussed by rural seniors include the lack of partners to share and cook meals with and economic challenges that impact the ability to afford nutritious food. COVID-19 has exacerbated many of these issues and continues to deepen the gaps that affect food accessibility for rural seniors.

The study will also explore possible changes between the relationship with food and the COVID-19 pandemic. The project team is currently looking for rural seniors in Perth, Bruce or Grey Counties who are 70+ years and older and living

individuals in our community as possible."

As the community's population ages, the services offered by ONE CARE will become even more important. Donations help to ensure they can continue to help seniors live independently in their own homes and communities for as long as possible, and reduce the burden on family caregivers and the healthcare system.

The community is encouraged to help ONE CARE celebrate this exciting milestone by submitting a kind message or memory to Hilary Marshall at hmarshall@onecaresupport.ca, or by donating through their website at www.onecaresupport.ca.

ONE CARE is a community based, charitable, not-for-profit health organization local to Huron and Perth counties. ONE CARE offers a wide range of essential services to improve quality of life for seniors and older adults with health challenges, as well as caregiver relief. Programs include: Adult Day Programs, Assessments and Care Planning, Assisted Living, Day/Overnight Respite, Dining/Social Programs, Friendly Visiting, Foot Care, Home at Last, Home Help, In-Home Personal Support, Lifeline – Emergency Response, Meals on Wheels, Social Work, Telephone Reassurance, Transportation, and Wellness and Exercise. Due to the ongoing pandemic, some programs may be temporarily modified. For the most up-to-date information visit www.onecaresupport.ca or call 1-877-502-8277.

WATER SOURCE PROTECTION MAPPING SUBJECT OF VIDEO

Mary Ellen Foran is one of the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Water Source Protection Committee's local agricultural representatives that appear in the most recent video. (Submitted photo)

A new video shares convenient online drinking water source protection mapping tools that will be of interest to real estate agents, certified crop advisors, farmers, and property owners, especially those interested in purchasing or leasing property.

The video features realtor Rick Lobb; Certified Crop Advisor Mervyn Erb; and local source protection committee agricultural representatives Mary Ellen Foran and Bert Dykstra. The new video (Online Mapping Tools for Real Estate, Farming, and You) may be viewed on the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Source Protection Committee (SPC) website at: www.sourcewaterinfo.on.ca/news/videos

This video shows how to find and use the province-wide online Source Protection Information Atlas as well as the vulnerable area mapping layers also available on the provincial Ag Maps portal; county interactive mapping; and the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Water SPC website. For a link to the Atlas mapping portal, visit: www.sourcewaterinfo.on.ca/maps or www.ontario.ca/page/source-protection

independently to participate in the project. Participants will be asked to have a 60-minute interview over the phone, there will be no long-distance phone charges for participation.

Gateway's President Gwen Devereaux said, "We are extremely happy to partner with Dr. Lauzon and University of Guelph on this very important project. I hope you are able to help us by taking the time to do the survey. It would be so appreciated."

For further information on the project, please visit: www.gatewayruralhealth.ca/food-insecurity.html

Anyone interested in participating in the project is asked to please reach out to Project Manager Casandra Bryant at: casandra@gatewayruralhealth.ca

STORYTELLING CLUB

The Lonely No More Program is excited to announce the second meeting of their new monthly Storytelling Club to Learn & Try the art of storytelling which is open to all community members. The October session will be held on Thursday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m. on ZOOM, and will continue on the last Thursday of the month throughout the winter.

Just in time for Halloween, local media personality Bob Montgomery, author and reporter with Blackburn News and local radio CKNX, will share his favorite ghost stories! Montgomery will be joined by special guest Sinead Cox, Curator of Engagement & Dialogue at the Huron County Museum and the Huron Historic Gaol, who will share spooky stories from the jail's colorful history. Everyone is welcome to this free ZOOM event.

Please use this link to register: storytellingclub.eventbrite.ca. Anyone who joined the Storytelling Club for its launch last month, are already registered and can use the same Zoom link they received in September.

This monthly hour of entertainment and friendship is an opportunity to share community stories through the power of storytelling, to stay connected with the community throughout the fall and winter months and enjoy lively discussion with neighbors.

"To help us find our own voice and be empowered to share our own stories, we will feature live storytelling, prerecorded tales and opportunities to engage with each other. It will be exciting to hear stories we have in common, learn more about our community and chat with our live storytellers," remarked Sarah Versteeg, Lonely No More coordinator.

This is the seventh in a recent series of popular local source protection videos released during the pandemic. The series has received more than 16,000 views. The Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley SPC released the video on Oct. 18.

Other videos in the series, available on the source protection website featuring Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley SPC members, include: Introduction to Source Protection Videos with Chair Matt Pearson; Seaforth Well Tour, Alyssa Keller, Public-at-large; Protecting Water in the Goderich Harbour, Rowland Howe, Industry; Goderich Water Treatment Plant, John Graham, Environment; Protecting the Groundwater in our Aquifers, Jennette Walker, Environment; and Drinking Water Protection Zones, Dave Frayne, Municipal.

Stay tuned for more videos from members as they continue to inform people about where their drinking water comes from, how to protect it and where to find more information.

SPC Chair Pearson said, “With the current red-hot real estate market, people need to be aware when they are looking at purchasing or leasing in wellhead protection areas that there may be policies that prohibit or restrict activities to protect municipal water supplies from possible contamination.”

This can include policies for fuel, waste oil, septic systems, chemicals and activities such as fertilizer, pesticide and manure application. He said the new video helps certified crop advisors, realtors, property owners and prospective property purchasers/leasers to learn the location of wellhead protection areas and to add source protection to their current property research list. He noted that, as social physical distancing and venue capacity restrictions continue and fewer in-person events are taking place during the pandemic, the videos are a great way for committee members to continue to reach out in a personal way.

The videos will also be posted on Facebook and the Ausable Bayfield YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/TheAusable

HOLMESVILLE ONE LOCATION FOR UNITED WAY DEBX TALK EVENT

Dr. Laura Morlock (Submitted photo)

United Way Perth-Huron’s (UWPH) DEBx talk returns for a second year on Friday, Nov. 5, with

Organized by the Lonely No More Leadership Team, this Storytelling Club is modeled after their highly successful Friday Jam Sessions, which are established and led by engaged Lonely No More participants who share their joy of music by bringing together local talent on Friday’s at 3:30 p.m. for an eclectic hour of music and fun.

The Storytelling Club and Jam Session are just two of the many ways people can work together as a community to empower those experiencing loneliness and social isolation, enhancing their well-being through new networks and community engagement. For more information about the Lonely No More Program and their upcoming events, as well as opportunities to participate and/or volunteer, please visit www.gatewayruralhealth.ca/lonely-no-more or call 519 292-6862.

UNITED WAY

UWPH Director of Governance and Community Impact Megan Partridge (Submitted photo)

Is your organization aware of a local issue that needs to be addressed? Are you considering how to best deliver services to the community? It’s these types of questions that United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH) is looking to answer through their New Initiative Grants process which opened on Oct. 18.

“The New Initiative Grant program is a great opportunity for community organizations,” said UWPH Director of Governance and Community Impact Megan Partridge. “It’s a way to respond to emerging needs, test service models, support smaller projects and help pilot new ones.”

New Initiative Grants provide up to $20,000 for one year for projects developed by registered Canadian charities, incorporated not-for-profits or qualified donees that are planning to, or already deliver, social and community services in Perth and/or Huron.

Expressions of interest can be submitted to UWPH

"The Voice of Dress", a panel discussion focused on the role of fashion, what dress means to communities and in Canadian society, moderated by last year's speaker Dr. Laura Morlock. Singer, songwriter, actor and multi-instrumentalist Evangelia Kambites will also perform.

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. 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.

Kambites is a singer-songwriter, actor, dancer and multi-instrumentalist and a graduate of Queen's University (BAH) and Randolph College for the Performing Arts. She was the winner of a Jessie Award for "Avenue Q" and a META award for "Adventures of a Black Girl".

"We're excited to bring the Women United DEBx talk back again this year," said UWPH Campaign Co-chair Leslie Edney. "I invite anyone interested in exploring the role of fashion in society to join us. As with last year, we know this year's DEBx talk will encourage important conversations among friends and communities, along with raising funds for the work related to women and youth UWPH helps support in Huron."

Although people often consider fashion to be trivial, the clothing they wear speaks volumes to those around them, most of it subconsciously. An Armani suit on Bay Street communicates wealth and power. A dolly dress on a young girl communicates innocence. And sometimes what people wish to communicate gets misinterpreted by the viewer. Muslim, Mennonite and Indigenous women in Canada know clothing's possibilities for empowerment and challenges all too well. Hear panelists Sahver Kuzucuoglu, Melissa Hammell and Anna Wall share their experiences and expertise on what their community's dress means to them and how it impacts their navigating Canadian society.

Kuzucuoglu holds a Masters Degree in Religion and Culture, a second MA in Cultural Analysis and Social Theory, and is currently a PhD candidate in Religious Studies at Wilfrid Laurier University. Born in Kitchener to one of the first Turkish families in the region, she has worked for many years as Interpreter/Translator in the settlement of new Canadians in Southern Ontario fueled by her passion for volunteerism, community, decoloniality, pluraversality and intercultural dialogue. Her current research areas include Turkish Cultural Studies, Sufism, experiences of the invisible minority, as well as the identity negotiation of the 'minority within a minority'.

Hammell is a writer, speaker, and community connector. She has lived in Ottawa, Peterborough and Kitchener-Waterloo and is proud of her Anishinabe and European mixed heritage. She has three energetic young children who share her love for drumming and singing. Hammell has over 20 years of experience working with urban Indigenous communities. As the owner and lead facilitator at Pine Gum Studio, she designs and facilitates local community events and engagements. She is also the Vice President of First Peoples Group, a circle of Indigenous consultants that specializes in cultural awareness training, relationship building and project management for a diverse group of clients across the country. She volunteers for several community organizations and serves as President of the Board of Directors for Tewegan Housing for Aboriginal Youth.

Wall is a Low German-speaking aka "Mexican Mennonite" who grew up in a Mennonite colony in Nuevo Ideal in Durango, Mexico. She writes extensively on her experiences growing up Old Colony Mennonite, including through her blog Mennopolitan. Wall is a Low German Community Health Worker and Interpreter through the Woolwich Community Health Centre and most recently has been busy working with public health for the Low German Mennonite COVID-19 vaccination program. When not in a pandemic she is responsible for the healthy meal recipe

until Nov. 5. Submissions will be reviewed based on eligibility requirements and organizations will be notified whether or not their initiative has been approved to move on to the full application stage. Full applications are then submitted by Nov. 26. For more details visit perthhuron.unitedway.ca, call 519 271-7730 Ext. 225 or email mpartridge@perthhuron.unitedway.ca.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

The Alzheimer Society of Huron County is back at it with their Fall 2021 Online Education Programs. Interested in learning ways to improve brain health? Want to learn more about dementia or Mild Cognitive Impairment? These online education programs offer these topics and more in free, one-hour online programs. Interested parties can find the dates and times and register for these programs at alzheimer.ca/huroncounty/en/help-support/programs-services/education-hour. These programs are always just a click away on the "Education Hour" banner on the Alzheimer Society's website.

The Dementia Basics series covers the topics addressed most frequently: Ten Warning Signs, Brain Changes and Dementia, Types of Dementia, and Communication Changes. These programs start soon on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. and Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m.

The Brain Health 101 session covers lifestyle choices to keep a brain functioning at its best. "What is Mild Cognitive Impairment (MCI)?" will help clarify what this diagnosis means and what resources are available. These education programs are offered at various times in the upcoming months. Please check the "Education Hour" page on the website for upcoming dates.

The Memory and Aging Program is an enjoyable and engaging series that describes those common age-related memory changes everyone can relate to – as well as brain health lifestyle choices and a chance to practice new memory strategies. Participants will be meeting on ZOOM from 10 a.m. to noon on

program, literacy and prenatal health program, overseeing special programs for German-speaking children and developing Low German educational videos.

The DEBx event will be held at the Stratford Country Club and livestreamed to other in-person events at locations in St. Marys, Listowel and Central Huron. Tickets are available now for the in-person event at the White Carnation Banquet Hall in Holmesville. Tickets are $50 and admission is limited due to COVID guidelines. This ticket will include a locally prepared, event inspired flavorsome array of appetizers/desserts in COVID-friendly portioning. The doors will open at 6:45 p.m. with the program starting at 7:30 p.m.

For those who prefer to watch from the comfort of home, tickets for the livestream are available for $30. Proceeds raised over the weekend of the event will go toward supporting services for local women and youth including mentorship for youth, housing and support care for youth and shelter for women and their children. For a link to purchase tickets visit perthhuron.unitedway.ca.

UWPH would like to thank their event sponsors Laura Morlock — RE/MAX ab Realty, Listowel Vision Care, Resonance Fashion, Home & Company Real Estate, The Family Tree Consignment, Jennifer Anderson — Royal LePage Hiller Realty, Stacey Clarkson — Kempston & Werth Realty, O'Grady's Clothing and Accessories, Cathie Szmon and Sue Fowler — Peak Select Realty, The Jewellery Box, Listowel Pharmasave, Pick a Posie Costume Company, La Osa Jewelry & Vintage, Cait's Café, The Carriage House Suites, Shear Talent Hair Salon and Anstett Jewellers.'

SIX MONTH PROVINCIAL PLAN FOR ENDING PANDEMIC MEASURES

Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson shared "some good news" on the afternoon of Oct. 22 about the Ontario government's gradual approach to lifting remaining public health and workplace safety measures by March 2022.

"I know that this is welcomed news to everyone in Huron-Bruce," Thompson said, adding the plan will be guided by the ongoing assessment of key public health and health care indicators and supported by local or regional tailored responses to COVID-19.

"The vast majority of residents in the region have worked so hard and sacrificed a great deal to help get us to where we are," Thompson said. "I am very proud of the response and the commitment made in Huron-Bruce."

Ontario Premier Doug Ford echoed Thompson's sentiments.

"Thanks to our cautious and careful approach to re-opening, we are now in position to gradually lift all remaining public health measures over the coming months," he said. "This plan is built for the long term. It will guide us safely through the winter and out of this pandemic, while avoiding lockdowns and ensuring we don't lose the hard-fought gains we have made."

Ontario will slowly and incrementally lift all remaining public health and workplace safety measures, including the provincial requirement for proof of vaccination and wearing of face coverings in indoor public settings, over the next six months. This phased approach will be guided by the ongoing assessment and monitoring of key public health and health care indicators, such as the identification of any new COVID-19 variants, increases in hospitalizations and ICU occupancy and rapid increases in transmission to ensure that public health and workplace safety measures are lifted safely.

"Since the beginning of the pandemic, Ontario has taken a cautious approach to reopening to protect the health and safety of Ontarians," said Deputy Premier and Minister of Health, Christine Elliott. "Our plan will ensure we replicate this success and take a gradual approach

Wednesdays from Oct. 27 to Nov. 17. There is a $25 workbook fee for this course.

See more details and sign up for any of these courses by clicking "Learn More" on the Education Hour banner at www.alzheimer.ca/huroncounty. People can also register by contacting the office at 519 482-1482 or 1-800-561-5012 or by emailing jeanette@alzheimerhuron.on.ca.

HOSPICE RAFFLE

The Huron Hospice October 50/50 raffle is on now and it is the third opportunity for peole to win and do something great for their community. The raffle runs from now until Oct. 29.

"The Ontario Government covers half of the cost of Huron Hospice $1.2 million operations and pays for salaries and benefits of nursing staff. Donors cover the other half of our costs, including Hospice community programs, such as grief and bereavement support for adults and children and youth. At the residence, donations help provide meals, heat and hydro and general building upkeep. We are thankful for both the Government support and the assistance of our donors and volunteers. We could not do it without any of them," said Willy Van Klooster, Huron Hospice Executive Director.

Buying tickets is simple. Just log on to www.huronhospice5050.ca and follow the links. People can purchase 100 tickets for $40, 40 tickets for $20 and five tickets for $10.

Anyone with questions is asked to please get in touch with Christopher Walker, manager, Fund Development, at 519 525-7352 or by email at 5050@huronhospice.ca Licence No.: RAF1201150

BUSINESS REGISTRY

Local MPP Lisa Thompson said she is pleased to see the Ontario government is making good on its promise to reduce red tape for small businesses and not-for-profit organizations when dealing with the province.

The government recently launched the new Ontario Business Registry, making it easier, simpler, and more affordable for millions of businesses and not-for-profit corporations to access government services.

"This new registry replaces an out-dated and inefficient process, providing business owners and not-for-profit operators with direct access to

that will protect our health system capacity, prevent widespread closures, keep our schools open and support the province's economic recovery."

In the absence of concerning trends, public health and workplace safety measures will be lifted based on the proposed following milestones:

Oct. 25: In response to continued improvements to key indicators, including ongoing stability in the province's hospitals, Ontario lifted capacity limits in the vast majority of settings where proof of vaccination are required, such as: restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments; indoor areas of sports and recreational facilities such as gyms and where personal physical fitness trainers provide instruction; casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments; and indoor meeting and event spaces. Limits will also be lifted in certain outdoor settings.

At this time, the government will also allow other settings to lift capacity limits and physical distancing requirements if they choose to require proof of vaccination, including: personal care services (e.g., barber shops, salons, body art); iIndoor areas of museums, galleries, aquariums, zoos, science centres, landmarks, historic sites, botanical gardens and similar attractions; indoor areas of amusement parks; iIndoor areas of fairs, rural exhibitions, festivals; indoor tour and guide services; boat tours; indoor areas of marinas and boating clubs; indoor clubhouses at outdoor recreational amenities; open house events provided by real estate agencies; and indoor areas of photography studios and services.

Locations where a wedding, funeral or religious service, rite or ceremony takes place may also implement proof of vaccination requirements for services, rites, or ceremonies at the location.

This will not apply to settings where people receive medical care, food from grocery stores and medical supplies. In addition, the government intends to allow for greater capacity at organized public events such as Remembrance Day ceremonies and Santa Claus parades with more details coming in the near future.

Nov. 15: The government intends to lift capacity limits in the remaining higher-risk settings where proof of vaccination is required, including food or drink establishments with dance facilities (e.g., night clubs, wedding receptions in meeting/event spaces where there is dancing); strip clubs, bathhouses and sex clubs.

Jan. 17, 2022: In the absence of concerning trends in public health and health care following the winter holiday months and after students returned to in-class learning, the province intends to begin gradually lifting capacity limits in settings where proof of vaccination is not required. The Chief Medical Officer of Health will also lift CMOH directives as appropriate. Proof of vaccination requirements may also begin to be gradually lifted at this time, including for restaurants, bars and other food and drink establishments, facilities used for sports and recreational facilities and casinos, bingo halls and other gaming establishments.

Feb. 7, 2022: The government intends to lift proof of vaccination requirements in high-risk settings, including, night clubs, strip clubs, and bathhouses and sex clubs.

March 28, 2022: At this time, it is intended that remaining public health and workplace safety measures will be lifted, including wearing face coverings in indoor public settings. Recommendations may be released for specific settings, if appropriate. In addition, the provincial requirement for proof of vaccination will be lifted for all remaining settings, including meeting and event spaces, sporting events, concerts, theatres and cinemas, racing venues and commercial and film productions with studio audiences.

To manage COVID-19 over the long-term, local and regional responses by public health units will be deployed based on local context and conditions. Public health measures that may be applied locally could include reintroducing capacity limits and/or physical distancing, reducing gathering limits and adding settings where proof of vaccination is required, among others. Public health measures would be implemented provincially in exceptional circumstances, such as when the province's health system capacity is at risk of becoming overwhelmed or if a vaccine resistant COVID-19 variant is identified in the province.

government services, available online 24 hours a day, 365 days a year," Thompson said. "It's a much needed and much wanted improvement."

Registrations or filings that were previously submitted by mail or fax, taking four to six weeks to complete, can now be done instantly through the online registry. Annual returns can also be completed in the registry, which means corporations can keep all their important filings in one place. Additionally, the new Ontario Business Registry is integrated with the Canada Revenue Agency, enabling the identification of a business or not-for-profit corporation by a single business number, further streamlining administrative processes.

"Ontario's previous three-decade old business registry system was cumbersome and complex, demanding significant time and energy from business owners and not-for-profit operators. Our government's new business registry will help ensure they are equipped to meet the needs of our modern economy and rapidly expanding digital world," said Government and Consumer Services Minister Ross Romano, who made the announcement along with, Associate Minister of Small Business and Red Tape Reduction, Nina Tangri.

"By providing quick and easy access to critical services online, we're leveraging our advanced digital capabilities to remove unnecessary hurdles and make it easier for Ontarians to operate in our province."

For the first time ever, whether starting, maintaining, or dissolving a business, the new registry will support businesses and not-for-profit corporations at every stage of their lifecycle with quick and easy access to over 90 transactions online.

"The Ontario Business Registry is an important step forward for small businesses in Ontario. We know how much time and sacrifice it takes to run a business and by digitizing services we are helping to lighten the load for owners and operators," said Tangri. "Modernizing government services will reduce unnecessary burdens and help to accelerate business growth across the province."

In line with the launch of the new Ontario Business Registry, the Not-for-Profit Corporations Act, 2010 came into force today. This legislative framework modernizes governance for Ontario's not-for-profit corporations and significantly reduces the bureaucratic burden on them, moving from paper-based filings to digital services and providing enhanced flexibility.

Not previously available in the province, Ontario not-

“We are now in a position where we can see the proposed plan for lifting the remaining public health and workplace safety measures in Ontario,” said Chief Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Kieran Moore. “The months ahead will require continued vigilance, as we don’t want to cause anymore unnecessary disruption to people’s everyday lives. We must continue to prevent the transmission of COVID-19 in our communities by following the public health measures in place and by vaccinating those who have not yet received their shots. Ontario has the infrastructure in place to manage outbreaks, including a high-volume capacity for testing, and people to perform fast and effective case and contact management when needed.”

for-profit corporations will be able to access an online government system, eliminating the duplication of paperwork and other redundancies. It will also empower not-for-profit corporations with features like pre-defined text that will support their operations, helping users submit information error-free and reduce legal costs.

DOG BITE INCIDENT NEAR GODERICH

Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) is looking for a dog involved in a biting incident that occurred near Goderich.

The incident occurred around 3 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 24 on the Goderich Rail Trail between CP Line and McGaw Road.

The dog involved in the incident is described as small to medium-sized, chocolate brown in color and possibly a spaniel mix. It was unleashed at the time of the bite. The dog was accompanied by a male, who had a second dog on a leash. That dog is described as small and white or tan in color.

HPPH is investigating this incident to verify if the dog has up-to-date rabies shots. If the dog is not found, the person who was bitten may need to complete a series of rabies shots.

HPPH reminds people to always obtain the contact information of the owners of the animal involved in a biting incident.

Anyone who has any information about this dog should contact HPPH at 1-888-221-2133 Ext 2670. For after hours or over the weekend, call the main number and follow the prompts to reach the answering service.

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Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol

REMEMBER THIS

GAS MASK

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. 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.

CANTEEN

This is a military issue canteen for drinking water; volume approximately one quart. The body may be metal, but is covered with a khaki colored, wool felt insulating cover that is tightly stitched on. The neck is closed with a tight-fitting cork stopper with a metal cap. A khaki colored cotton strap with a brass snap closure and two brass buckles enables the canteen to be carried, but the carrying strap is not attached. The body of the canteen is slightly curved.

This canteen belonged to Robert John Snell. He was born on Feb. 19, 1921 and lived in Goderich before moving to Londesboro at the age 15. Robert married Marion Ada Nethery on March 9, 1944 just hours before he flew out. He was a Sergeant in the R.C.A.F.

This is a black, rubber gas mask with rubber hose that goes into a metal cannister.

Glass plates for eyes are encased in metal rims. The metal front at the mouth/nose reads "CCB". Printed on the rubber on the right side of the face is "NORMAL" and "BFG 9/42". There is a white metal tube that fits into a rubber tube for breathing. There are metal fasteners that attach the elastic straps to the mask. Inside the mask there is a back head strap that has "No. 4 MK III B.F.C. - 42" printed on it. Where the hose meets the mask is printed "No. 3 II" and "V.M.C.".

The cannister is painted a brownish red with markings that read "15/10'42 0 SBT 318" and "G.S.W. MacDonald Plant Toronto". In black marker on the top is written "P4" and an arrow with a circle around it. On the bottom reads "G.S.W. No A 1942 AC 4 E/V1".

There is a circular brown tag attached to the hose near the cannister that reads "N. ORR STO. V68183".

HAVERSACK

This is a khaki colored, canvas bag used to carry a gas mask. The bag has a woven canvas strap

with brass colored fasteners; inside fasteners read: "UNITED CARR CANADA". The interior of the bag has five divisions with one small closed pocket. The bottom of bag is vented.

The bag and gas mask belonged to Douglas (Doug) Orr who was stationed on the H.M.C.S. Peregrine, Halifax around 1942.

H.M.C.S. Peregrine was a manning depot in Halifax during World War II for personnel waiting to be posted to a ship and at the end of the war for demobilization.

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PHOTO STORY

ADOPT-A-BFF

SUPPORTERS EMPOWER VOLUNTEERS TO KEEP BAYFIELD'S FORGOTTEN FELINES' DOOR REVOLVING

PHOTOS COURTESY BAYFIELD'S FORGOTTEN FELINES

Pet Valu in Goderich is a great supporter of Bayfield's Forgotten Felines (BFF) on Saturday, Oct. 23 they hosted an Adoption Day where six cats/kittens found their forever homes, however, over the course of the weekend one adult cat and nine kittens were brought to the Rescue.

"It's a little like a revolving door," said Deb Penhale, representing BFF. "But we couldn't do what we do without the generous support of these unsung and generous heroes at Pet Valu. We'd like to thank Cori, Melissa, Lonni and all the amazing staff, as well as their customers, for their support during Adoption Day.

Earlier in the month Pet Valu held a fundraising campaign for BFF where people could donate to have a paper paw print placed in the store window. This campaign raised $2,000 for BFF to help with the costs associated with vetting the

Rusty - Regular readers will have heard this fellow's story. During the summer, he was rescued from a branch 50 feet up in a tree where he was stuck with a tin can on his head. Look at him now! He is gorgeous and heading to his forever home this week.

Miranda - Is a petite, two-year-old female whose favorite things are pets and food!

T.J. - This 3-year-old male had it tough while he was outside but he is very much a lover not a fighter.

cats brought into the Rescue.

This issue there are not one or two featured Adopt-A-BFF cats but eight! Their stories can be found under their pictures. If one, or two, pull at the heartstrings email bayfieldsforgottenfelines@gmail.com for more information.

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.

Melissa, one of the owners of Pet Valu in Goderich presented Deb Penhale (right) of Bayfield's Forgotten Felines with a cheque for $2,000 in support of vetting costs, recently. The store held a special fundraising campaign earlier in October that was generously supported by the community.

One of nine kittens that were admitted to the Rescue on Saturday still to be named.

Bud - This 10-week-old whirlwind, is an energetic guy who is just learning how to play with others as he only had himself in the wild.

Binew - This adorable Tuxedo kitten has personality plus! She was found by some very caring people and was taken to the vet as she seemed to have an upper respiratory infection. She was given meds and is on the road to recovery. Unfortunately, she is not able to make her permanent home with the people who found her but they want her to have the best life possible and for that reason brought her to the Rescue. She is a petite kitten, about 10-weeks-old. She will be spayed and receive her shots and then will be ready to have her forever family come and get her.

Kamala - This sweet Tortoiseshell is 4.5 months old and looking for love.

Liza - Is a strikingly beautiful grey mother cat that arrived at the Rescue this past Saturday with her fluffy grey kitten, Suki (not pictured). Where Suki is still quite nervous, Liza is already a love!

Tahlula - This four-year- old, medium haired Calico would prefer to have a human all to herself for long brushing sessions preferably!

These two young lovelies will soon be in need of a forever home.

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The Little Inn...*By Erin Carroll*

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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

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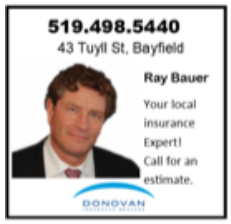


SUBMISSIONS

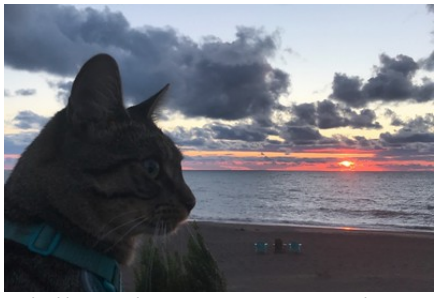
I greatly admire the work of the volunteers at Bayfield's Forgotten Felines (BFF) and I welcome happily ever after tales of adoption success to share in my space here at the bottom. Special thanks this week to Greg Csullog for sharing "Bobo's Story" as well as such delightful pictures of this handsome fellow. - Melody

We planned to foster pregnant cats and raise the kittens. We had done this before, multiple times, prior to moving to Bayfield in 2019. Unexpectedly, BFF offered us a young male cat that was found along Hwy 21. He really needed foster parents so we took him in. His given name was Enzo.

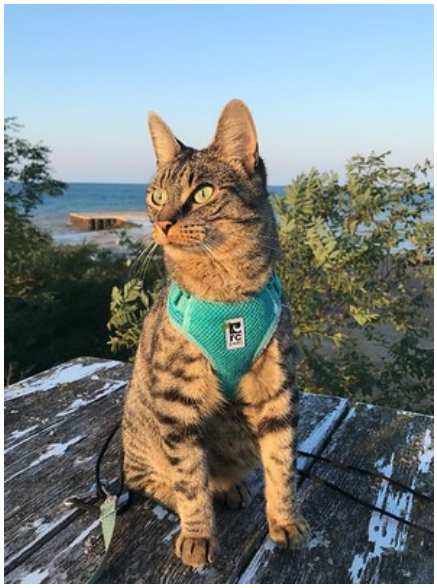
Enzo was literally a whirlwind, a wild cat, and we very nearly asked to have BFF take him back. We sent him off to be neutered and afterwards he very quickly became a calmer, loving cat. However, he still begged and begged to go outside. That's when we decided to get a harness and a leash for him and to teach him to go on walks. At that point we decided to keep him and named him BoBo. He's emerged from his early start as a wild cat to become somewhat of a neighborhood celebrity.

As we go on walks in the neighborhood, down to Marina Beach, sometimes three times a day, or to Pioneer Park many people say, "Hi BoBo." Others stop and chat about having a cat on a leash for walks. Some folks are surprised while others tell stories of their cats being leash trained.

BoBo has also become quite the adventurer and is now a great ambassador as a BFF success story…



Bobo likes watching sunsets at Marina Beach.



Bobo also enjoys taking in the sunrise at Marina beach. (Photos by Greg Csullog)

All that walking can really tucker a fellow out.

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

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