

Cyclists invited to ride for food bank fundraiser

Huron County cyclists of all expertise are invited to ride with Janet Boot, chair of the board of directors of the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre (HCFBDC) on Saturday, June 13 and raise awareness of the work of the region's community food banks and gather financial donations for the centre's focus on filling the shelves of these food banks. Boot will be riding a tandem bike with her daughter Natalie, and together they will be riding a route that will link some of the county's food banks, sharing information about the challenges that families and individuals face on a daily basis.

"There has been a noticeable increase in younger people, families with young children and elderly individuals having to use the services of our community-based foodbanks. We have gone through economic challenges in these last few years and although we live in a highly-productive agricultural

county, there are ongoing employment problems that create social crises. Our food bank organizations and their volunteers recognize how important their work and services are, but together we can create an even stronger network, offering support and expanded services to help our neighbours who are having hard times" said Boot during a recent interview in her work to build awareness for the centre's partnership with local community food bank operations.

Starting in Wingham at 8:15 a.m. at the North Huron Food Share, the cycling group will be heading to Blyth and will be stopping at the Blyth Centre for the Arts on Queen Street to share information about the important sharing organizations in Huron County who are available to assist residents with problems accessing good food regularly. From here the Wingham riders who have joined Boot can turn back to Wingham or continue on to Clinton

with her.

The next stop where riders can join the group, bringing their financial donations will be at the Clinton Salvation Army building on Albert Street. At each community stop, riders are invited to ride along as far as they wish. The next location for a riding break will be in Hensall at the corner of Highways 4 and 84. The riding group will then continue along to the Exeter Food Bank, located on Main Street in town, right behind Noah's Ark store.

Finally there will be a celebration barbecue hosted for all riders and friends at the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre location at the corner of Highway 4 and County Road 10 on the grounds of Premium Transportation.

This unique riding event will take place, rain or shine and the hardy cyclists are encouraged to gather financial donations from family and friends to add to the financial

donations collected along the route. The pace of the ride will be about 15 kilometres an hour and the volunteers of the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre express their appreciation for the support and guidance of the Huron County Ontario Provincial Police as well as friends who will be manning the follow vehicles and volunteers along the route. Riders are reminded to bring their own water and to be appropriately dressed for the weather conditions.

With the support of the many volunteers and service organizations, the food banks of Huron County will continue to provide special services to those in need. Together, the linked food banks as partners of the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre, they will continue to address the challenges faced by too many of Huron County's residents in times of economic change.

"If more people are aware of the daily struggles of too many of our

neighbours, sometimes hidden along rural routes, we could unite to put ourselves out of business, working together to end Hunger in Huron sooner," said Boot as she set out on her training ride recently.

The Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre distributed 545,000 pounds of food and products throughout Huron County last year. Included in this shipment were a huge variety of fresh fruits and produce and packaged goods.

For complete route and rider registration as well as financial donation information, visit www.huroncountyfoodbank.org or call 1-519-913-2362. The Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre is a registered charity and can offer charitable receipts for monetary gifts, gifts of service and gifts-in-kind.

All financial donations will go directly to the cause of eliminating hunger in Huron County's communities.



Voices of angels

The Auburn Children's Choir, under the leadership of Suzanne MacVicar, performed at Huronview Home for the Aged in Clinton on Saturday, much to the delight of residents. Here, singing their little hearts out are, from left: Curran Forster, Joshua McCue, Sarah Hallahan and Ella McCue. *(Jasmine deBoer photo)*

WI briefed on PAN Missions

Visitors to the Huron Perth District Women's Institutes Associated Country Women of the World (ACWW) Church held at Zion Untied Church Gowanstown were thrilled to learn about PAN Missions and the APOYO team from Yvonne Gedke and Wynne Ross.

Over these last four years, sewing became part of the mission in Granada. Yvonne began to teach sewing to the ladies in the barrios. She led a nine-member team of women on a sewing mission to Xilola in 2011. In October, 2014, she helped to set up two sewing co-ops and returned in February 2015 with members of the APOYO team to support the other established sewing co-ops with new sewing projects. There were eight women who showed up to learn how to sew the first week and 18 in the second week.

The women would rather that someone teach them a skill which they can then put to use to provide support for their families than

have a hand out.

A sewing machine will support a family's income for a year. The women graduate with a certificate and a Spanish Bible which enables them to apply for a job in their community. The ladies held a fashion show to display what they had learned to make in the previous four months.

After the sewing mission in 2011, Wynne had the idea to sell items from the co-ops in Canada to assist the women with a much needed market for the items they make. This is when the travelling store came to fruition. Every fall before the Christmas season, arrangements are made with various churches and other venues to host sales and the money goes directly back to the co-ops that have made the goods.

Since its birth, the travelling store has evolved and now project bundles are prepared and delivered to the new co-ops by the APOYO team to assist them in making projects that teach them sewing skills.

Wynne's travelling store is

exciting and visitors are happy to hear about this marketing opportunity and really appreciate seeing the display of projects.

All Women's Institute members are part of an international body called the Associated Country Women of the World -ACWW. The annual ACWW Church service helps to raise awareness of the work done throughout the world to help women with the 900 different projects that are ongoing. The Water for All is used for water sanitation and hygiene projects by providing water tanks, boring new wells, hand pumps, education and training.

ACWW is financed by dues paid by member societies and collecting Pennies for Friendship. It receives no government funding. Supporting the projects of ACWW has the power to make lasting changes in the quality of life for women in developing countries. The collection this year was divided equally between the ACWW Water for All project and PAN missions APOYO team.

ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD NOTICE

Union Gas Limited has applied for approval of a natural gas franchise agreement with the Township of North Huron.

Learn more. Have your say.

Union Gas Limited has applied to the Ontario Energy Board for:

1. Approval of a natural gas franchise agreement with the Township of North Huron which would grant to Union Gas Limited the right to build, operate and add to the natural gas distribution system and to distribute, store and transmit natural gas for a period of 20 years.
2. An order that the permission of the municipal electors of the Township of North Huron is not necessary in relation to the natural gas franchise agreement.
3. An order cancelling the existing certificates of public convenience and necessity for the former municipalities within the Township of North Huron and replacing them with a single certificate of public convenience and necessity for the amalgamated Corporation of the Township of North Huron.

THE ONTARIO ENERGY BOARD IS HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING

The Ontario Energy Board (OEB) will hold a public hearing to consider Union's requests. At the end of this hearing, the OEB will decide whether to grant Union's requests.

The OEB is an independent and impartial public agency. We make decisions that serve the public interest. Our goal is to promote a financially viable and efficient energy sector that provides you with reliable energy services at a reasonable cost.

BE INFORMED AND HAVE YOUR SAY

- You have the right to information regarding this application and to be involved in the process.
- You can review the application filed by Union on the OEB's website now;
 - You can file a letter with your comments, which will be considered during the hearing;
 - You can become an active participant (called an intervenor). Apply by **June 8, 2015** or the hearing will go ahead without you and you will not receive any further notice of the proceeding;
 - At the end of the process, you can review the OEB's decision and its reasons on our website.

As the delegated decision maker for this case, the Manager, Natural Gas Applications, does not intend to provide for an award of costs for this hearing.

LEARN MORE

Our file number for this case is **EB-2015-0169**. To learn more about this hearing, find instructions on how to file letters or become an intervenor, or to access any document related to this case, please select the file number **EB-2015-0169** from the list on the OEB website: www.ontarioenergyboard.ca/participate. From that OEB web page you can also enter the file number **EB-2015-0169** to see all the documents related to this case. You can also phone our Consumer Relations Centre at 1-877-632-2727 with any questions.

ORAL VS. WRITTEN HEARINGS

There are two types of OEB hearings – oral and written. The OEB intends to proceed with this application by way of a written hearing unless a party satisfies the OEB that there is good reason for not holding a written hearing. If you believe an oral hearing is necessary, you must provide written reasons to the OEB by **June 8, 2015**.

PRIVACY

If you write a letter of comment, your name and the content of your letter will be put on the public record and the OEB website. However, your personal telephone number, home address and e-mail address will be removed. If you are a business, all your information will remain public. If you apply to become an intervenor, all information will be public.

This hearing will be held under section 8(1), 9(3) and 9(4) of the Municipal Franchises Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.55.

