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PILES OF POTATOES – The special education class at Wellington Heights Secondary School, known as The Den, were busy last week harvesting and sorting potatoes that will be donated to the local food bank.

An impromptu harvest for a good cause

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MOUNT FOREST – The local food bank will be receiving a pile of potatoes thanks to the special education class at Wellington Heights Secondary School.

The class, taught by Dave Griffiths, harvested 370 pounds of potatoes from a field at the north end of Mount Forest that would have otherwise gone to waste.

Griffiths said he was driving by the field early last week and saw the farmer was harvesting his potato crop. However, Griffiths said, his machine was leaving a bunch of potatoes behind.

Seeing that the farmer was not going back for the tossed taters, Griffiths had an idea.

“I went over and asked him if I could bring my class over to harvest the potatoes, which we would donate to the local food bank,” he said.

Special education class harvests potatoes for local food bank

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“The farmer replied, ‘Bring the whole school,’” added Griffiths.

On Tuesday, students from The Den made their way over to the field and harvested 370 pounds of rather large potatoes.

“I assume the machine thought they were rocks,” said Griffiths.

Last Wednesday, the class was busy sort-

ing the potatoes in a portable at Wellington Heights, making sure the damaged potatoes were kept separate. Griffiths said those would be kept for the class to make French Fries, with the good ones going to the food bank.

Griffiths thanked the farm, Lewis Land and Stock, for allowing the class to collect the potatoes and donate them to the food bank.