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BRVTA WINTER HIKE

The Bayfield River Valley Trail Association's (BRVTA) Annual Winter Hike and Lunch set for Jan. 11 was postponed due to inclement weather. It has been rescheduled for this Saturday, Jan. 18 so folks still have an opportunity to start the new year off right with a community winter hike!

Guided hikes will be held at Mavis' Trail, as well as the Taylor Trail. Choose one or the other, or do them both; bring snowshoes if the weather allows. Dogs on leash are welcome.

The hikes will begin at 11 a.m. followed by a light lunch served after the hikes at the Stanley Complex near Varna. Everyone welcome. There will be no charge for the event, but donations will be accepted. This is also an opportunity to sign up for a Bayfield Trails Membership. Annual memberships allow the BRVTA to keep the trails accessible, covering

On Sept. 25, 2019, Bluewater staff were busy working at the Splash Pad in Clan Gregor Square. It will be undergoing a refurbishment in the spring and should be better than new for those hot, hazy days of summer! (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

People may have noticed that the Splash Pad in Clan Gregor Square is looking like a bit of a construction zone these days but never fear it will be undergoing a refurbishment in the spring and should be better than new for those hot, hazy days of summer!

This is the perfect opportunity for anyone who missed out on purchasing an engraved paver to grace the Splash Pad surround. The engraved pavers in Clan Gregor Square are a reminder of how great area residents and visitors are when it comes to supporting such projects as the Playground and the Splash Pad. People often ask if they can add an engraved brick to the path. Members of the Bayfield Optimist Club are once again providing this opportunity.

“In Memoriam” stones for loved ones as well as “just because” stones can be ordered with the work being done on site later in 2020 using the same two brick sizes that are already installed around the Splash Pad. The cost of these engraved bricks will vary depending on the size, printing and quantity of bricks to be engraved at that time. The plan is to have the bricks engraved in late May and/or early June.

Anyone with an interest in adding a brick can contact Mike Dixon via email at mikedixon@tcc.on.ca or by calling 519 955-5254 for further information.

APPLICATIONS ACCEPTED NOW FOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Are you interested in how Bayfield grows over the coming decades? The range of housing options it will provide and how it will influence the village’s charm, feel and aesthetic? How new areas will support walking and cycling like current areas do? What about additional/enhanced trails and more publicly accessible natural areas as part of future growth?

If you’re interested in any of the above, be sure to become involved in Bluewater’s Secondary Plan project for the Bayfield area. The Plan will be an amendment to Bluewater’s Official Plan and set the course for the undeveloped areas of Bayfield to the Crystal Springs Road at the south and Bronson Line on the east.

Developing the Plan is expected to take approximately a year with ongoing public input focused in the spring, summer and early fall when the village’s population is at its greatest.

expenses such as liability insurance, maintenance, programming and training.

To make membership even more attractive, the BRVTA is pleased to announce that they have teamed up with the employee discount store of Columbia Sportswear, located at 1425 Max Brose Drive in London. By showing a current BRVTA membership card, people are allowed to shop at 40-50 per cent off regular retail pricing several times a year during a special invitation period. Members will be notified by email if they subscribe to the BRVTA monthly newsletter.

Membership is affordable! Annual membership fees are $20 or $30 for a family rate. The BRVTA will hold several membership drives, enabling people to get their membership card. Membership can also be activated through the website, bayfieldtrails.com. As a member people will also receive special privileges to select Bayfield Trail events.

Anyone who has paid online or by mail, membership cards will be available for pick-up at the annual winter hike and lunch or at the following membership drives: Wednesday, Jan. 15 and Thursday, Jan. 30 at the Bayfield Public Library from 3-4 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. There will also be a membership drive at the Bayfield Lions’ Club’s Home and Garden Show held at the Bayfield Arena on Apr. 24-26.

For further information or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the BRVTA by e-mail at: info@bayfieldtrails.com

LIFE AT THE RINK

The Bayfield Relics compete against Bayfield 50+ at the Bayfield Arena starting at 8:30 p.m. tonight (Jan. 15).

Then on Thursday, Jan. 16, Goderich 1 take on Goderich 2 starting at 8 p.m.

The Bayfield Relics are an Oldtimers Hockey Team that was founded in 1987. Their home ice is the Bayfield Arena. The Relics play their season schedule versus teams from Huron and Middlesex Counties.

FARMERS' MARKET

The Bayfield Farmers’ Market invites vendor applications for the 2020 season.

The market is held in Bayfield’s Clan Gregor Square every Friday, 3-7 p.m., Victoria Day weekend to

One opportunity for involvement in the project is the Citizen Advisory Committee that's being formed. This Committee of 12 citizens will serve as a "sounding board" for project staff as the Committee informs the development of the Secondary Plan and ensures it reflects the Bayfield community's interests, priorities, needs, and perspectives. Included on the Committee are two Bluewater Councilors: Bill Whetstone, Bayfield Ward; and George Irvin, Stanley West Ward. The Committee will meet approximately six times during the Plan's development and also be in attendance during public consultation sessions with the community.

The Committee will represent the broad spectrum of the Bayfield community, both seasonal and permanent residents as well as all age groups. If you're interested in joining the Committee there's an application form available on the project's page on Bluewater's website: www.municipalityofbluewater.ca/Public/Bayfield-Settlement-Area-Secondary-Plan. The webpage serves as a central point for information on the Secondary Plan's development throughout the project and will list all public input opportunities as they become available.

Participation on the Committee is one opportunity but there will be many others throughout the year for all residents to participate in the Plan's development. To receive notice of these opportunities as they come available it's as easy as adding your email address through the sign-up process on the website. And, of course, there's always Bluewater's Facebook page (www.facebook.com/BluewaterOntario) which will also have postings related to the Plan's development on an ongoing basis.

BAYFIELD RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION REVIVED AND BOARD ESTABLISHED

At an open meeting held in the village at the end of November strong support was expressed for the revival of an active Bayfield Ratepayers' Association (BRA) and a new Board of Directors was approved.

The Board has met twice in the past month and officers of the Association have been appointed: John VanOgtrop, president; Dave MacLaren, secretary; and Ian Matthew, treasurer.

The Board has established three priorities for the Association during 2020:
• Participation in the preparation of the Secondary Plan for Bayfield scheduled to be developed in the coming year. This high-level plan will show the preferred sites of future residential and commercial development, with due consideration of infrastructure needs and preservation of the village's cultural heritage.
• Implementation of the planned Main Street Revitalization Project
• Review of the municipal budget, with particular reference to its possible implications for Bayfield ratepayers.

In the months to come a website will be established and general meetings will be arranged for the long weekends in May and August. The Board urges all residents, both permanent and seasonal, to join the BRA and participate in discussions about the future of our village.
The Board can be contacted at Bayfieldratepayers@gmail.com.

PRATT NOW CAO FOR TILSONBURG

Thanksgiving weekend. Vendors must live within 75 KM of Bayfield and grow, produce or create the products they sell at the market.

Deadline for applications is March 1st. Applications can be submitted at https://bayfield.wufoo.com. All applications will be reviewed by the Bayfield Farmers' Market Board of Directors.

Applicants may address questions to Mary Brown, Market manager, at bayfieldfarmersmarket@gmail.com or www.facebook.com/bayfieldfarmersmarket

VALDY IN CONCERT

Valdy (Submitted photo)

There is no better way to beat the January blues then an evening with Canadian Folk Musician Valdy. He will make a return visit to the Bayfield Town Hall on Jan. 31.

Valdy began his career in the early 1970s with the release of "Rock and Roll Song", his first mainstream single. To date he has 14 albums, 22 singles and four gold records and has sold nearly half a million units worldwide. Since 1974 he has received 12 Juno nominations winning two Juno Awards - Folk Singer of the Year and Folk Entertainer of the Year.

An energetic performer, Valdy already has 26 concerts booked in 2020 throughout the US and Canada, with this visit to Bayfield on that list! Tickets are $30 in advance or $35 at the door. Cash bar. Doors open at 7 p.m. with the concert to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Former Bluewater CAO Kyle Pratt (Photo by Karen Rickers)

Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) Kyle Pratt has left the Municipality of Bluewater to take up a position as CAO at the Town of Tillsonburg. This took effect Monday, Jan. 13.

Pratt, who holds a Master of Public Administration degree from Western University, has been at Bluewater's administrative helm since January 2016. Previous to this, he spent six years as CAO at the Town of Plympton-Wyoming.

During his time in Bluewater, Pratt built a strong team of progressive staff members who streamlined and modernized operations to maximize efficiency. An increased commitment to Communications, including the implementation of a Style Guide and the expanded use of Social Media to build on the transparency and breadth of communication to residents, is another of his legacies.

"I'm proud of the strides we've made as an administration in Bluewater over the past four years," said Pratt. "The staff have been working hard as a team to create efficiencies within our administration while maintaining a high level of service for our residents."

"Council is sad to see Kyle leave Bluewater," said Mayor Paul Klopp. "We appreciate his hard work during his time here, and bid him luck in his new position in Tillsonburg."

While Council confirms next steps in hiring a permanent CAO, the municipality has contracted Laurie Spence-Bannerman as Interim CAO. Bannerman comes well qualified to the post, having recently spent almost seven years as CAO at the Municipality of Dutton/Dunwich.

WOMEN'S MARCH THIS SATURDAY

People can order tickets online (at no extra cost) at www.bayfieldtownhall.com

SATURDAYS AT THE LIBRARY

Looking for something to chase away the January blahs? Why not spice things up by going on a "Blind Date with a Book" organized by the Friends of the Bayfield Library (FOBL)?

Check out a brown paper wrapped book from their special display at the Bayfield Public Library from Jan. 15 to Feb. 15, take it home and unwrap it, and then read it. Don't forget to "rate your date" when you return the book and enter the draw for a prize. The draw will take place on March 13.

FOBL's "Saturdays at the Library" speaker program is back for the 2020 winter season.

First up in the series is a discussion on Saturday, Jan. 25, about feeding our feathered friends, presented by Steven Jenkins of Porter's Hill Wild Bird Seed Co. All are welcome to attend this informative and timely session to be held at the Bayfield Library in the Community Room starting at 10:30 a.m. Refreshments will be served. Participants are asked to bring their own coffee mug.

Three more "Saturdays at the Library' are upcoming including: Feb. 22, a presentation by Blyth Theatre Playwright, Dave Scott; March 28, learn about how to sort/store old photographs presented by Pauline Hoffman, Just in Time Solutions; and Apr. 18, hear all about local area food bank initiatives presented by Mary Ellen Zielman, Executive director of the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre and Terry Henderson of the Bayfield Area Food Bank.

KINDNESS WORKSHOPS

Open Hearts of Bayfield will be hosting a series of Kindness Workshops throughout 2020.

Three years ago, on Jan. 21, 2017, people of all backgrounds came together, five million strong, on all seven continents of the world. 2019 marked the inaugural march for the Huron Chapter of Women's March Canada. It was held in Goderich midday on Saturday, Jan. 19. The 2020 March will be held on Jan. 18 at 1 p.m. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

“Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women.” – Maya Angelou

“Let Us Rise Together” is the theme of Women’s March 2020. The Huron Chapter of Women’s March Canada will be hosting their march on Saturday, Jan. 18 in Goderich.

It is time again to march for equality and the fundamental rights of women starting at 1 p.m. Participants will gather in Courthouse Square to raise awareness of gender inequalities. There will be speeches and music along with a walk around The Square all in an effort to bring people together in solidarity for women’s rights here in Huron County.

Donations of unopened women’s underwear and feminine hygiene products will be accepted to support the Women’s March Canada – Huron Chapter’s Red Box Initiative as they work to end period poverty in the county.

There will also be a Sign Making Workshop at the Goderich Public Library on Jan. 14 from 6:30-8 p.m. This workshop is open to anyone who wants to make a sign to hold at the march. Materials needed to make the signs will be supplied.

For more information about the Sign Making Workshop, Red Box Initiative or the march itself please visit the Women’s March Canada – Huron Chapter’s Facebook Page or email the Board directly at wmchcb@gmail.com.

AUTHORS OF BOOK ABOUT FARMERETTES TO SPEAK AT AGM

Shirleyan English and Bonnie Sitter are the authors and historians behind the book, “Onion Skins and Peach Fuzz: Memories of Ontario Farmerettes” and will be the guest speakers at the Bayfield Historical Society’s Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Banquet on Jan. 27 at St. Andrew’s United Church in Bayfield.

Awaken your heart through enlivening activities and discussions of what it means to be connected to community and the spirit. Bi-monthly explorations with different art media will be facilitated. All supplies are included. Most workshops are “drop-in” however, some workshops may require registration.

The workshops will be held at the Bayfield Public Library. They are free, however, a $5 donation to Huron Hospice is suggested. All ages are welcome but children under 10 years need to be accompanied by an adult.

The first workshop will take place Feb. 8 from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Design and make earrings in time for Valentine's Day! Create something beautiful for yourself, a friend or loved one.

The other workshops planned are: Earth Alter, Apr. 11; Kindness Rocks, June 13; Hospice Rocks, Aug. 8; Woolly Lambs, Oct. 24; and Nursing Home Cards, Nov. 28. More details will appear in the Bayfield Breeze as the date for each workshop grows closer.

More info also available at bayfieldactivities.info

SHOPPING BUDDY PROGRAM

Want to be a Home4Good Shopping Buddy?

Bayfield’s Home4Good decided a year ago to start a Shopping Buddy Program, and now has nine shopping buddy drivers paired with people around Bayfield who need help to go shopping or run other errands. Being a shopping buddy has proved a satisfying assignment for Home4Good’s volunteers, who are enthusiastic about helping their neighbors.

One shopping buddy said his decision to join Home4Good was an easy one. He wanted to make a positive difference to a fellow senior through companionship and shopping assistance. His past caregiving experience helps him deal with any challenges.

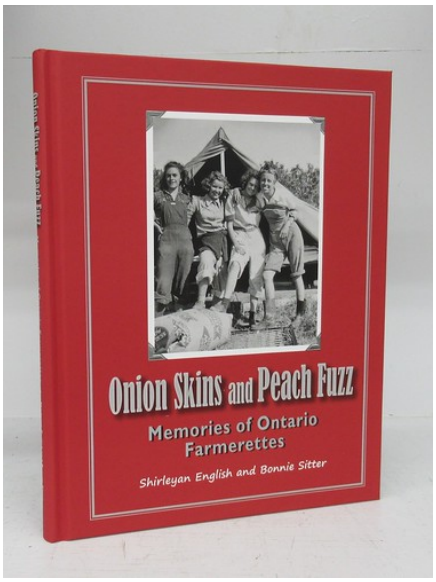
Another shopping buddy who retired from the social service sector, found that being a shopping buddy was an excellent way to spend some “spare time” and “pay it forward”. But more importantly she has a lot in common with her shopping buddy and their conversations are stimulating and wide ranging. She looks forward to sharing time with her shopping buddy and is grateful to find a new friend.

A third volunteer shares a love of flowers with her shopping buddy. Her buddy already had a shopping partner, but Home4Good asked this volunteer to help

The farmerettes are women who worked the farms while men fought in WWII, and were an important part of provincial history. English herself was a farmerette.

Those who attend the event are asked to arrive after 11:20 a.m. but before 11:50 a.m. to be seated by noon for a served, hot, full course, country meal.

Tickets are $25 and can be purchased at the Bayfield Archives on Fridays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. or by contacting a member of the BHS Board: President Ruth Gibson, 905 518 4646; Barb Durand, Claudia Barrett, Deborah Curran, Doug Brown, Doug Darnbrough, Godfrey Heathcote, Gwen Patterson, Joe Gray, Julia Armstrong, or Linda Hopkins-Greenly.



TIME TO RESERVE PREFERRED TIME SLOT FOR SOUP'S ON

In 2019, The Lake House of Bayfield entered their Sweet and Sour Beef Soup into the Soup's On fundraiser for the Bayfield Town Hall. Wondering what delectable soups will be served up in 2020? Now is the time to reserve a spot to find out! (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

The Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Association is happy to announce that Soup's On is back again on Family Day weekend, Sunday, Feb. 16th. All are welcome to sample the soups, meet up with friends and neighbors, learn about the many active organizations in the community and have fun!

Local restaurants and community organizations compete in two categories (one for restaurants and one for community groups). Two judges are selected for this event – a non-participating restauranteur will judge the restaurant entries and a member of the community will judge the local organization entries. The Winners earn bragging rights and get their names added to the

with gardening. Her buddy uses a walker and is no longer able to play in the dirt. Our volunteer was able to plant annuals, some perennials and rid the flower bed of nasty goutweed (for now!) They chat while our volunteer gardens and teases her about her garden art. Very fulfilling for both of them.

Home4Good is recruiting more shopping buddy drivers for 2020. Drivers are expected to take their shopping buddy passenger shopping (or do their shopping for them) at least once a month, but not more than once a week, at mutually agreed times. For more information about the program, and to download an application form go to Home4Good's website at www.home4goodbayfield.ca.

If you, or someone you know, could use the help of a shopping buddy, please contact the coordinator of Home4Good's program, Leslie Bella, at 519 955-1531 (text) or lbella@tcc.on.ca (email).

CHOCOLATEY MINT CAMPAIGN

Have you got your Chocolatey Mint Girl Guide Cookies yet? The local 2019 supply is almost gone! And at $5 a box they would make a fabulous token for your sweetheart this Valentine's Day!

They can also be purchased now from members or by calling Melody Falconer-Pounder at 519 525-3830.

Profits from sales help with program activities, field trips and camps.

coveted Bayfield Town Hall 'Soup's On' Plaque.

Due to the popularity of this event, tickets are available for one of three 45-minute time slots: 1-1:45 p.m.; 1:45-2:30 p.m. and 2:30-3:15 p.m. Tickets are $5 per person (children under 12 free). Book your tickets online at www.bayfieldtownhall.com for the start time that works best!

All proceeds go towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Town Hall.

As always, the organizers are asking everyone to bring their own spoon and mug to test the soups. This helps the Bayfield Town Hall's commitment to do their part for the environment and their efforts in reducing waste.

YOUTH AUDITIONS FOR PLAYHOUSE PRODUCTIONS THIS FEBRUARY

Coming in February, area young people will have an opportunity to audition for the Youth Musical Theatre Program and Children's Chorus at the Huron Country Playhouse in Grand Bend. (Submitted photo)

Drayton Entertainment is pleased to announce auditions for its 2020 Season Youth Musical Theatre Program and Children's Chorus at the Huron Country Playhouse in Grand Bend. The award-winning not-for-profit theatre company has been steadily growing its training offerings for young performers over the past several years, including launching the now popular Youth Musical Theatre Program (YMTP).

"We are consistently astounded by the talent and passion we've seen from aspiring young performers across the province. As a professional company, we feel a responsibility to develop the artists of tomorrow," said Artistic Director of Drayton Entertainment, Alex Mustakas. "Our Youth Musical Theatre Program sessions and Children's Chorus opportunities help to prepare young talent for future success."

THURSDAY TUNES

"Thursday Tunes and Dancing" is back at the Libro Hall (arena upstairs) in Clinton from now until May 21.

Libro Hall is located at 239 Fleming Drive and the program runs from 1-3:30 p.m. All musicians, dancers and spectators are welcome. Admission is by donation.

For more information contact Angela Smith at 519 476-5922.

BACHARACH TRIBUTE CONCERT

Take 3 & Company (Submitted photo)

Take 3 & Company will be performing, "A Tribute to Burt Bacharach", on Feb. 1 at the Grand Bend Place Centre for the Living Arts.

The trio, Theresa Wallis, Jenny Nauta and Ron Nauta will perform Bacharach's greatest hits from the 1950s to the 1980s. The audience is sure to enjoy their amazing harmonies to such songs as: Walk On By, You'll Never Get To Heaven, Alfie, One Less Bell

Auditions will be used to determine participants for the YMTP in Grand Bend, and the Children's Chorus for Sleeping Beauty: The Panto at the Huron Country Playhouse II. Young performers must sign up in advance. Auditions will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9 at Huron Country Playhouse in Grand Bend.

Now in its fifth year, the Drayton Entertainment YMTP is an auditioned training program designed to cultivate community, encourage leadership, ignite imagination, and boost confidence, while providing aspiring young performers with the opportunity to learn from professional theatre artists and develop a deeper appreciation for live performance. Students train with passionate industry professionals in singing, dancing, acting, audition technique and technical theatre.

There will be a week-long training session in Grand Bend from July 13-17 for youth ages eight to 12. Plus, the popular Pre-Professional Production Program, which has traditionally been held in Waterloo Region, will move to Grand Bend. The Pre-Professional Production Program gives teen performers hands-on insight into how a musical is cast, rehearsed, and performed. In 2020, aspiring young performers ages 13 to 18 will present a 60-minute junior version of the Disney blockbuster Frozen at the Huron Country Playhouse II. This two-week session will take place from July 27 to Aug. 7, with ten performances of Frozen JR. from August 11-15 at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. daily.

Adapted from the blockbuster animated film, Frozen JR. follows the stormy story of true love and acceptance between princess sisters Elsa and Anna. Burdened with an uncontrollable magical power, Elsa flees her home of Arendelle when she inadvertently causes the kingdom to become frozen, and nearly kills her sister. Fearless Anna joins forces with mountaineer Kristoff and his reindeer sidekick to find Elsa, break her icy spell, and save their kingdom from eternal winter.

Associate Artistic Director David Connolly will direct and choreograph the production. Connolly's impressive résumé includes work on major musicals like the pre-Broadway production of First Wives Club in Chicago and numerous Drayton Entertainment productions including Disney's Newsies, Mamma Mia! and the popular family pantos Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella, Aladdin and Snow White.

More information about the YMTP, including tuition costs and audition requirements, is available at www.youthmusicaltheatreprogram.com.

The Children's Chorus Program offers young performers the opportunity to audition for the youth ensemble in the company's panto production alongside professional performers in the lead roles.

Young performers ages nine to 15 are invited to audition for the children's chorus ensemble in Sleeping Beauty: The Panto, which will be on stage at Huron Country Playhouse II from July 2-18. Youth cast in the production will be divided into teams, and will perform in the show on a rotating schedule. Auditions will be held on Sunday, Feb. 9. Advance registration is required. Connolly will direct and choreograph the production.

More information about Children's Chorus opportunities, including show dates and audition requirements, is available at www.draytonentertainment.com/Online/article/youth-auditions.

THIRTY-SEVEN REMARKABLE CITIZENS RECOGNIZED AT LEVEE

Standing ovations, cheers, and tears of joy were shared last Wednesday, Jan. 8 in Teeswater as 37 "Remarkable Citizens" were recognized at Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson's Eighth Annual New Year's Levee.

"I've always said that there is no better way to ring in the new year – and decade for that matter To Answer, and I'll Never Fall In Love Again.

Door will open at 6:30 p.m. with the concert beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the centre located at 25 Main Street in Grand Bend.
Tickets are $25 and are available now from Janice Sinker, 519 238-5436; The Garden Gate, 519 238-1701; or ticketscene.ca

PROVINCIAL GRANT OPPORTUNITIES

Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson is encouraging local organizations to submit applications to receive provincial grants through various programs.

"As we begin 2020, the new year is a great time to look at what funds might be available for community projects," Thompson said.

The MPP said The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) (www.otf.ca) is a popular program that has helped organizations and communities across the province.

"This program helps to build healthy and vibrant communities throughout Ontario by strengthening the capacity of the volunteer sector by investing in community-based initiatives and strengthening the impact of Ontario's non-profit sector," she said, adding that the first deadline to apply for seed money is Feb. 26.

The foundation supports programs in the arts and culture, environment, human and social service, youth development and sports and recreation. In 2018-19, the OTF invested more than $108 million through Seed, Grow, and Capital investment streams funded by the Ministry of Heritage, Sport, Tourism, and Culture Industries and $14 million through the Youth Opportunities Fund, funded by Ministry of Children, Community and Social Services.

Those eligible to apply include registered charitable organizations, a not-for-profit corporation without share capital in a Canadian jurisdiction, a First Nation, Metis, Inuit or other Indigenous community, a municipality with a population of 20,000 or less (municipalities eligible for arts and culture and sports and recreation sectors only).

Another program is the Ontario Arts Council (OAC) (www.arts.on.ca) which provides support for the creation of art to benefit and enrich the lives of Ontarians including the provision of grants, scholarships and awards. It is Ontario's primary funding body for professional arts activity with over 60 funding programs for Ontario-based artists and art organizations. In 2018-19, the OAC invested $61.1

– than recognizing people who make a difference in our communities across Huron-Bruce," Thompson said.

This year's 'winners' included: Mikayla Ansley, of Blyth, a legally blind young woman whose essay on Kindness won the International Lions Youth Peace Essay; Richard and Elaine Porter, of Cargill, who have fostered more than 430 children over a span of 50 years; and Barry Ludwig, of Teeswater, who has donated blood more than 250 times.

"Everyone's achievements, and volunteer work, are truly remarkable. They make a difference, and they are all an inspiration," Thompson added.

Others recognized were: Wes Larson, Jennifer Morin, Jordan Jarvis and Arthur McIntosh, all of Kincardine; Brenda Campbell, George and Ruth Townsend, Gwen Devereaux, Lyle Haney and Gwen Good, all of Seaforth; Bruce MacDonald, Brian and Gisele Ireland, Steve Tiffin and Adam Ireland, all of Teeswater; Gladys Van Egmond and Kaushik P. Patel, both of Clinton; Helen Varekamp, John Elmslie, Mike Dixon, and Patricia Lewington, all of Bayfield; Nicole Mackechnie, of Goderich/Bayfield; Jane Smyth, Blyth: Joanne Caldecott, Brockton; Karen Redmond, Auburn; Marilyn Freer, Sam and Heather Finnie, all of Ripley; Peggy Griffin Paetzold, of Tiverton; Ron Alton, Ruth Alton, and Sharon Nivins, all of Lucknow; and Zoellyn (Zoey) Onn, of Brussels.

To date 175 Huron-Bruce residents have received the distinction of being recognized as "Remarkable Citizens". Thompson also applauded those who make the nominations.

"We couldn't do this without their support."

Editor's Note: *To learn more about the award recipients from Bayfield visit Issue 547 of the Bayfield Breeze dated Jan. 1.*

ALZHEIMER SOCIETY HOSTS TWO DOCUMENTARIES AT MUSEUM

Every year the Alzheimer Society of Huron County selects movies for their January Awareness Month. These movies are selected to start the conversation about dementia. This year's movies are both documentaries, depicting how people with dementia and their families are living with disease. These stories are honest, real, sometimes raw and genuinely inspiring.

The Caregivers Club (2018) steps inside the private lives of four Toronto families as they navigate through heartbreak with humor and frustration. It's an inspiring journey of love, loss and letting go that thousands of families will take as their family members age. Audiences will get to know four middle aged caregivers – Dominic, Karen, Susan, and Barbara – each taking care of a spouse, or parent, who can no longer care for themselves. All four stories take the audience far beyond the practical problems of navigating a seemingly fickle healthcare system and into the psychological challenges of coping with the deterioration of their loved ones. Unfolding over a year, the stories told in The Caregivers Club resonate with reality for many families.

million to 228 communities through 2,252 grants to artists and 1,424 arts organizations.

Previous grants have been awarded to more than 2,950 individual artists and arts organizations, investing in such areas as: writing a book or a play; organizing a local concert series; arts education – artists in the schools; and professional development and career building. Applications are received year-round.

A final program highlighted by Thompson is the Ontario Cultural Attractions Fund (www.ocaf.ca) which has three aims: to increase cultural tourism by providing investments to assist Ontario organizations to develop, promote and present one-off or first time events, or a significant expansion of existing activity, which are designed to attract new tourists and visitors to cultural events; increase the earned revenue capability of the applicant organization; and support events that foster economic growth and contribute to job creation.

"Each year the government of Ontario distributes millions of dollars to help promote the arts and culture in communities large and small," Thompson said. "This is part of our 'Celebrate Ontario' program and I encourage everyone to take advantage of the funding."

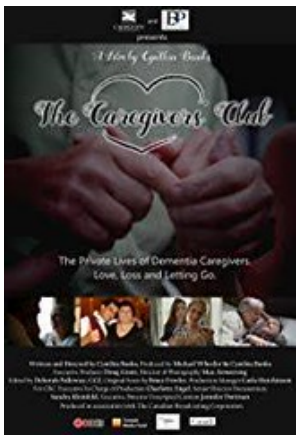
ALZHEIMER AWARENESS LIBRARY TOUR

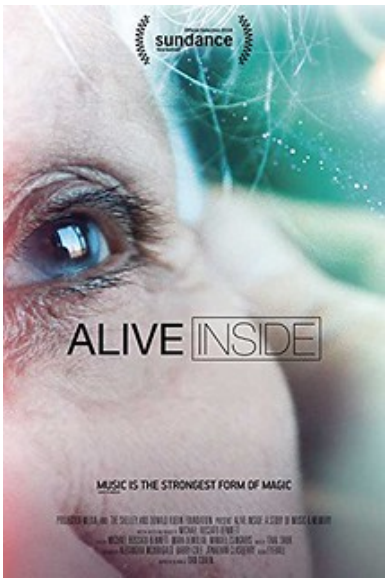
January is Alzheimer Awareness Month. Representatives from the Alzheimer Society of Huron County will be visiting libraries across the county to ensure people have the information they need. They will be offering a 20-minute presentation about Alzheimer's disease and dementia.

Topics will include:
• Ten warning signs of Alzheimer's disease
• What is the difference between Alzheimer's disease and dementia?
• Should I be worried? What is the difference between "normal age-related memory change" and dementia?
• I am worried about myself or someone I care about. What can I do?

There will also be plenty of time to answer questions and provide resources and needed information.

Here is the library visiting schedule: Goderich Library, Jan. 20, 10:30 a.m.; Alice Munro Library in Wingham, Jan. 21, 10:30 a.m.; Seaforth Library, Jan.





The Caregiver Club will be shown at the Huron County Museum on Jan. 22 at 2 p.m. and Jan. 29 at 7 p.m.

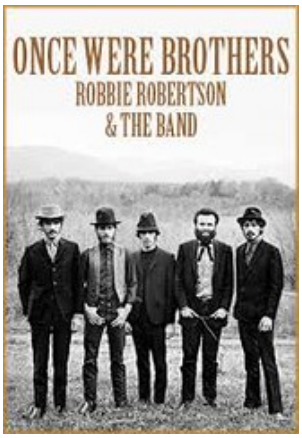
Alive Inside (2014), the winner of many awards including the Sundance Audience Award, is a “joyous cinematic exploration” of the capacity of music to reawaken the soul. Filmmaker Michael Rossato-Bennet chronicles the experience of many people who explore the simple act of listening to the music of their youth, along with the experience of family members, friends and healthcare professionals who help make that happen. This movie is simultaneously poignant, joyful and inspirational.

Alive Inside will be shown at the Huron County Museum on Jan. 22 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 29 at 2 p.m.

All movies are free; donations gratefully accepted.

For more information, please contact the Alzheimer Society of Huron County at 519 482-1482/1-800-561-5012 or admin@alzheimerhuron.on.ca

ONCE WERE BROTHERS KICKS OFF LIVERY FILM FEST



Welcome to the new decade! In the winter of 2020, the Livery Film Fest committee brings four new, intriguing and delightful films from the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) Film Circuit - a great way to mark Thursdays on those new 2020 calendars!

Here are the New Year offerings: Jan. 16, Once Were Brothers: Robbie Robertson & The Band; Feb. 6, The Peanut Butter Falcon; Feb. 27, Official Secrets; and Apr. 9, Marianne & Leonard: Words of Love.

Once Were Brothers, the January film, is based on Robertson's autobiography “Testimony”. Robertson, lead songwriter for The Band, and the film's director Daniel Roher are both Toronto natives. Roher claims that hearing “Up on Cripple Creek” while on a canoe trip was the beginning of his journey to bring this story to the screen.

23, 2 p.m.; Brussels Library, Jan. 23 6 p.m.; Exeter Library, Jan. 29, 10:30 a.m.; Zurich Library, Feb. 1, 10:30 a.m.; Howick Library, Feb. 7, 2 p.m.; and Blyth Library, Feb. 11, 6:30 p.m.

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WATERSHED CHAMPIONS

Local schools can help their community with the help of Watershed Champions grants. The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) has extended the grant application deadline to Friday, Jan.17. The grants are for local schools to complete projects that improve surface and groundwater quality, forest cover and overall watershed health. Projects may also include a public education event or activity. The local conservation authority offers four grants of up to $500 each.

The 2019-2020 school year is the third year of the grant program. An application form and guidelines are available online at abca.ca. You may email completed applications to diszczuk@abca.ca by Jan. 17.

“We want to make sure our local watershed schools have the chance to apply for this program so we’re extending the application deadline into January,” said Denise Iszczuk, Conservation educator with ABCA. “Local schools have done great projects the previous two years and we want to build on that success in 2020.”

Past Watershed Champions include: Precious Blood Catholic School, Exeter; Stephen Central Public School, Crediton; East Williams Memorial Public School, Ailsa Craig; and Wilberforce Public School, Lucan.

To view videos of past school projects, visit the ABCA YouTube channel at this link: https://www.youtube.com/user/TheAusable Watershed Champions Grant projects provide solutions to environmental challenges with measurable and manageable actions. The projects need to be completed by June 2020.

All schools with funded projects are to be notified by the end of January.

“We are excited that we can offer Watershed Champions Grants for the third year in a row, to local schools, thanks to funding from NextEra Energy Canada,” said Iszczuk. “We were really impressed by

In addition to Robertson's “cautionary and occasionally humorous tale”, this film documents the collaboration of the group with music legends such as Eric Clapton, Bruce Springsteen, Van Morrison, Ronnie Hawkins (who is said to “steal the show”).

Archival footage and iconic songs contribute to the nomination of this new film as the Best Canadian Feature Film (TIFF, 2019). This film was the Festival opener this year.

The Peanut Butter Falcon is described as a “modern day Mark Twain fable”, telling the story of a young boy who leaves home to become a wrestler. And yes, there is a raft scene, and lots of “heart and humour”. This film has been enthusiastically received by other film circuit audiences. Critics rating on the Rotten Tomatoes website is 95/100.

All films will be screened at 7 p.m. at the Park Theatre in Goderich. Please check the website before you come, as dates may be subject to change (www.thelivery.ca).

the projects completed by schools through this program and we look forward to reviewing applications for projects that help to improve soil, water and living things in our watershed community.”

Schools can apply for one of two categories: 1) Creating Awareness; and 2) Taking Action.

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There are countless photographs of people in the Bayfield Historical Society’s Archives collection, but sadly their names were never recorded. In this section we will showcase an image with the hopes that one of our subscribers might be able to identify the individual(s) in the photo. Please email your information to the Editor’s attention at the address listed near the bottom of the page in “Submissions” or you can email the archivist directly at bayarchives@tcc.on.ca or click on the image and make a comment on Flickr.

Editor's Note: We are now adding the archive's code to the information supplied with the photographs so that if anyone would like to learn more from the Bayfield Archives about certain pictures they can use the code to make the process easier.

This week, we feature an undated photo of Jim McPherson from the Lucy Woods Diehl collection. Does anyone remember him? (Archives Code: PB12 5b)

Make your comments...click on any image and it will take you to Flickr.

In Issue 547, we feature an image taken in 1889 of Rachel Wild that records indicate was related to Keegan. It is from the Lucy Woods Diehl collection. (Archives Code: PB12 5Ab)

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In Issue 548, we feature a Reuban Sallows portrait of Frank Keegan taken circa 1890 from the Lucy Woods Diehl collection. (Archives Code: PB12 5Aa)

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A RETROSPECTIVE OF VILLAGE HAPPENINGS FROM AUG. 7 TO DEC. 18

THE BEST OF THE BAYFIELD BREEZE 2019

STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

This week we conclude our look back on the

Aug. 7 - Issue 526 - PIONEER PARK ASSOCIATION - RECORD BREAKING NUMBERS PARTICIPATE IN FUN RUN: The buzz around Pioneer Park on Monday morning (Aug. 5) was awesome as organizers hosted the Annual 5 KM Fun Run, Walk and Wheel which hit it's 33rd year – amazing! (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Aug. 21 - Issue 528 - BAYFIELD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY - MODERN ACCESSIBLE BUILDING ALLOWS FAIRGOERS A CHANCE TO BETTER INTERACT WITH FARM ANIMALS:MP Ben Lobb (right) and Glen McNeil, mayor of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh; look on as Doreen MacKenzie cut the wheat rope on the new Animal Display Building at Agriculture Park. Mackenzie has been an integral part of providing the display of animals at the fair for many years and was thus selected to officially open the facility (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Bayfield that was from Aug. 7 to Dec. 18, 2019.

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We would like to extend a thank you to all who take the time to write in and share their comments about our weekly online publication some of these notes are filtered through this retrospective.

Here’s to a 2020 filled with plenty of good news!

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I love getting the Bayfield Breeze every week. Thank you for keeping us "in the know". - M.L.

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Like many others, we live outside of Bayfield and the Bayfield Breeze is such a wonderful way to stay connected all year long. Thank you for all you do to make this publication so special! - G.G.

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We really enjoy and appreciate receiving the Bayfield Breez every week. Thank you for all that you do to keep this fantasitc publication going. - C.M.

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Just new-ish to the area and am amazed and pleased with the information that the Bayfield Breeze has provided me. So much information from local politics to community events and associations; thank you so much! K.K.

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How lucky are we to have this on line newspaper? Very, very lucky I would say. - J.D.

Aug. 28 - Issue 529 - BAYFIELD AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY - HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 163RD BAYFIELD COMMUNITY FAIR FROM A VOLUNTEER'S PERSPECTIVE: Agricultural Society volunteer Bil Dowson made countless happy trips around the fairgrounds as the train conductor on the weekend. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Sept. 18 - Issue 532 - BAYFIELD RIVER VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION - IN THE RAIN PARTICIPANTS PERSEVERE JUST LIKE FOX: Peter Jeffers (centre) examines the map of routes for the Terry Fox run with members of the Trail Blazers including, Roger Lewington (far left). (Photo by Jack Pal)

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Thank you Melody, Dennis, John and Mike for all that you do! I so appreciate your dedication, creativeness and passion for producing a local paper that informs and excites. - Anonymous

Sept. 4 - Issue 530 - VIRTUAL HIGH SCHOOL - MAKE A WISH SUPPORTERS AND MAKE A WISH FAMILIES CONNECT AT VHS RUN4KIDS: Lee Coates (left) congratulates Simon Meades as they crossed the finish line together with a time of 20:29. Simon took first for a male between 13-19 years of age. (Photo by John Pounder)

Sept. 11 - Issue 531 - HURON RESIDENTIAL HOSPICE - TWO HUNDRED AND FIFTY BUTTERFLIES TAKE FLIGHT:

Oct. 2 - Issue 534 - BAYFIELD VOLKFEST - GOOD VIBES CONTINUE TO GROW AT FIFTH ANNUAL EVENT: The "People's Car" returned to Clan Gregor Square on Sept. 29 and so did the people as the fifth annual Bayfield Volkfest celebrated all things Volkswagen with a great turn out of Vintage Volkswagen Vans, Campers, Beetles and other Volkswagen designs from a variety of eras. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Oct. 9 - Issue 535 - PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB OF BAYFIELD - MUSKETS FIRE AND LENSES CLICK AT FALL FOTO FEST: The seventh annual Bayfield Fall Foto Fest (FFF), a joint production of the Photography Club of Bayfield (PCoB and Photo Tour Trekkers, phototourtrekkers.com/ was held this past weekend, Oct. 5-6. Approximately 100 photographers took part each day. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Messages to grandparents and others lined a couple of tree trunks in Pioneer Park. (Photo by Blanka Jordanov)

Oct. 30 - Issue 538 - THE WITCHES WALK - FIFTH ANNUAL EVENT RAISES FUNDS FOR BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS: The fifth annual Witches Walk in The Ashwood Haunted Woods was held on Saturday, Oct. 26 in support of the Big Brothers and Big Sisters of North Huron (BBBSNH). (Photo by Jack Pal)

Nov. 29 - Issue 542 - CHRISTMAS IN BAYFIELD - OLAF'S WARM HUGS ENVELOP AUDIENCES: The Glee Sisters interpretation of the children's story, "Olaf's Night Before Christmas" was well received by two capacity crowds at the Bayfield Town Hall on the afternoon of Saturday, Nov. 16. Everyone was encouraged to get up and dance! (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Oct. 16 - Issue 536 - BLUEWATER NEWS - CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN ON NEW BRIDGE THAT ADDRESSES BOTH SAFETY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: Grading operations will continue west of the bridge throughout the fall and winter months to prepare the approach for the temporary bridge spring 2020. This image was taken on Oct. 5. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Nov. 13 - Issue 540 - LEST WE FORGET - SNOW COVERED GROUND AT VILLAGE'S SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: The color party marched in to the service from the gazebo this year at the start of the Bayfield Remembrance Day services on Nov. 10. (Photo by John Pounder)

Nov. 20 - Issue 541 - EXCITEMENT BEGINS WITH LIGHTING: Snow arrived in the village on Nov. 7 and it stuck around for Christmas in Bayfield so it was a pleasant yet rather chilly Lighting of the Lights in Clan Gregor Square on Nov. 16. Is that a fire truck they see coming down the street? (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Dec. 18 - Issue 545 - HURON CENTENNIAL SCHOOL - THERE IS NOTHING MORE TINSEL THAN A HOLIDAY CONCERT: On the afternoon and evening of Dec. 11 the younger students enrolled at Huron Centennial School, near Brucefield, put on a festive concert in celebration of the holiday season. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Dec. 4 - Issue 543 - BAYFIELD LIONS' CLUB - PERFECT NIGHT TO TAKE HOME A TURKEY: The skies were clear and the air crisp on Dec. 2 - the perfect night for the Bayfield Lions' Club's Annual Turkey Bingo. The "Share the Wealth" wins are even sweeter when there is just one winner and they don't have to share. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Dec. 11 - Issue 544 - BAYFIELD OPTIMIST CLUB - HOLIDAY SPIRIT STIRRING AT BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Volunteers at the 14th annual Breakfast with Santa hosted by the Optimist Club of Bayfield welcomed a number of folks with hearty appetites through the doors at The Docks Restaurant on Dec. 8. Arlo Beattie, Kyle Geddis and Elliot Beattie had some fun with food at their very own table. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

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SUBMISSIONS

Last week I wrote about January as a month to unabashedly take time for ourselves. As an adult there is less time to be made for reading save perhaps for January. To date I am on my fifth book and perhaps not coincidentally four out of five have either been written by L.M. Montgomery or about the authoress of “Anne of Green Gables” fame. As my favorite author of all time, one of the book shelves in our library is devoted strictly to her work.

My kids fuelled my passion at Christmas putting a few new gems in my stocking. Currently I am reading “My Dear Mr. M – Letters to G.B. MacMillan From L.M. Montgomery”. It may seem to be a very odd thing to read the letters that she wrote to this Scottish author from 1903 to 1941 without the benefit of the letters he wrote to her. The conversation is a bit one-sided. However, these letters are a fascinating look into the eras in which they were written. They lived through the sinking of the Titanic, WWI, the abdication of King Edward and the advent of the motor car, the airplane and the radio.

In one of her notes to MacMillan, Montgomery herself states, “We have lived in strange times – no stranger in all of history I verily believe.” Penned in 1936, nearly 100 years ago, and with a scan of today’s headlines. it could certainly apply to events in 2020. So much so in fact I think the next book I reach for should be some light-hearted fiction! – Melody

Ideas and contributions to the Bayfield Breeze are always welcome.
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