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SPLASH PAD PAVERS

People may have noticed that the Splash Pad in Clan Gregor Square is looking like a bit of 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

About 30 individuals braved the cold and blowing snow to take part in the second annual Women's March around The Square in Goderich on mid-day Saturday. (Submitted photos)

The weather outside was frightful on Saturday, Jan. 18 but that didn't stop about 30 people from marching around The Square in Goderich in support of human rights and equality.

"Women's rights are being rolled back around the world," said Jenny Shanahan, co-chair of the Women's March Canada Huron Chapter. "We stood with people all around the world to #MarchForOurHumanRights. Every single action, every single voice counts."

She added that the Women's March Canada Huron Chapter wants to thank everyone who came out and marched in the storm to show solidarity with 40 other marches globally.

"We are currently looking for more volunteers to join our committee. We are women empowering women and girls in our community. You can reach us through our Facebook page or Instagram @womensmarchcanadahuron or email us at wmchcb@gmail.com

Shanahan added that the group is still accepting period products and panties as they work to help end period poverty in over 20 schools around Huron County. Locally donations may be made at The Bayfield Beauty Shop on Catherine Street in the village.

"No student should miss classes due to their period," she concluded.

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.

LIFE AT THE RINK

The Bayfield Relics compete against SF at the Bayfield Arena starting at 8:30 p.m. tonight (Jan. 22).

Then on Thursday, Jan. 23, Goderich 1 take on Bayfield 50+ 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.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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.

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.

FARMERS' MARKET

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

Homemade signs of encouragement and empowerment are a mainstay of the Women's March.

Women's March Canada Huron Chapter would welcome more volunteers to join their group that works to empower women and youth in the community.

NEXT CHAPTER FOR THE VILLAGE BOOKSHOP TO BEGIN THIS SPRING

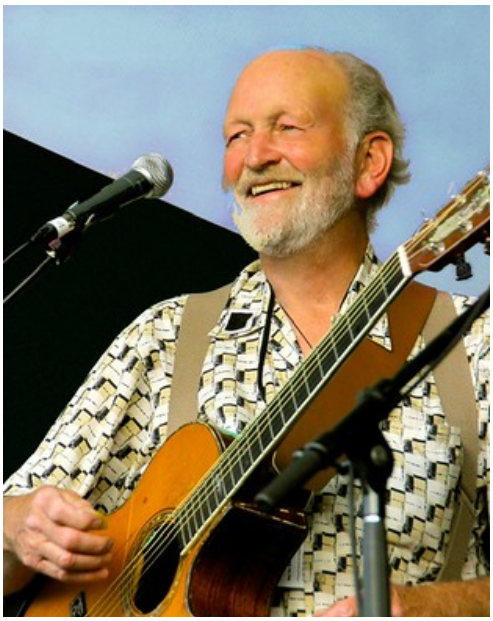
The Village Bookshop in Bayfield will be changing ownership on Jan. 31.

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

The new owners represent a cross-section of the Bayfield community and include: Pat and Gayle Waters, former long-time Innkeepers of the Little Inn; Doug and Barbara Brown, retired psychologist and university professor, who volunteer with the Bayfield Historical Society and Friends of Bayfield Library respectively; Laurien Trowell, retired Toronto gourmet food shop owner and caterer and familiar Village Bookshop face; Mike Peirce, Pioneer Park volunteer and retired Kellogg's executive; and, Nonie Brennan, recently retired non-profit leader.

"Our team is very excited to be taking over the Bookshop. We feel strongly that a good book shop is a community asset," said Doug Brown.

The new owners are committed to using their diverse backgrounds and expertise to build upon the work of previous Village Bookshop owners Martha Beechie, Mary Brown, and founder Mary Wolfe. The Village Bookshop fills a vital role in the community, and the new owners plan to continue this community focus while providing a more personal level of service than big box stores or online retailers.

"The Village Bookshop is a community treasure. We are all proud to be writing the next chapter," said Gayle Waters.

The Village Bookshop will be closed for renovations and will reopen mid-March. Please join the new owners at the Bayfield Town Hall on March 15 for Bayfield Reads, the event will start at 2 p.m. and tickets are $5 at the door.

ARTS PROGRAMMING TO START THIS SUMMER IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS

Bayfield Centre for the Arts (BCA) is an emerging creative centre focusing on the practice, advancement and appreciation of visual arts, to be developed in the village.

As the 21st century continues to unfold people are learning more about the importance that arts and culture hold for individuals looking to add quality experiences to their hectic and stressful lives. Art and creativity that takes place in a positive environment play a significant role in enhancing quality of life, offering opportunity for community connectivity while increasing public knowledge that develops and fosters the growth of artistic vison and abilities.

BCA intends to offer structured, high quality, public seminars and presentations as well as one day and multi-day workshops, open studio time, lectures, traveling and student gallery exhibitions, education, festivals and many other inclusive opportunities for residents and visitors, with differing abilities, in Huron County.

The Centre will focus on promoting the industry of the visual arts, consisting of, but not limited to all widely accepted art forms and styles of painting and drawing, photography, fibre arts, culinary arts, ceramics, sculpture, metalworks, calligraphy, woodworking, glass and many fine crafts.

Uniquely, BCA will also offer attendees the opportunity to engage in Digital Arts and New Media with digital painting, video and film, animation and other creative experiences made possible through the use of computer technology.

The centre intends to be located in the village, with easy highway access and parking, while

7:30 p.m.

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 now 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

also partnering with other communities in Huron County through a Mobile Art Program to take the visual arts experience to their hometowns and residents of all ages and abilities.

A determined group of residents have undertaken the lead in developing the BCA. As an Ontario Not-For-Profit Corporation, start-up programming will commence in the summer of 2020 in a variety of locations. Once the organizations charitable status has been approved the BCA has plans to purchase and renovate a building as its programming and operational base. More volunteers, leaders, advisors and help are needed to make it happen. Please consider volunteering.

To add your name to the BCA newsletter please go to https://bayfieldarts.ca/People are also invited to take the programming survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/86FT7WZ as well as their volunteer survey at https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BCAvolunteer

Stay tuned for a fundraising campaign, website launch and community meetings in the spring of 2020.

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.

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.

Kindness Workshops throughout 2020.

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

SOUP'S ON A TASTY FUNDRAISER FOR THE BAYFIELD TOWN HALL

In 2019, Marlene Beyerlein (right corner of image), of the Bayfield Berry Farm, had the winning soup as voted on by the judge of the restaurant entries. 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 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.

shopping buddy. Her buddy already had a shopping partner, but Home4Good asked this volunteer to help 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).

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TREE PLANTING GRANTS RETURN

Stewardship Technician Nathan Schoelier, of Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA), holds a ball-and-burlap tree for planting in this file photo. The conservation authority is pleased to let landowners know they will be able to continue to help landowners with tree planting grants in 2020 thanks to recent support from a number of funding partners. Staff members provide local 'boots on the ground' support and technical expertise to help with tree planting, stewardship, and other programs that benefit local water, soil, and habitat. (Submitted photo)

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) can continue to help landowners with tree planting grants in 2020 thanks to recent support from several funding partners.

“There was some uncertainty in 2019 about future tree planting funding in the watershed but now we have a solid base of grants in place to help landowners with the costs of planting trees this spring and throughout the year,” said Ian Jean, Forestry and Land Stewardship specialist with ABCA.

Cost-share funding is available for many projects, such as field windbreaks, buffers and reforestation.

“Tree planting is one of the most important services we provide for landowners and the local community at large,” said General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of ABCA, Brian Horner. “We are pleased to be able to continue this important work in 2020.”

Tree planting helps to protect water and soil resources. It also helps to reduce risk from extreme weather and natural hazards such as flooding or drought.

Interested landowners can call 519 235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610 to find out more.

Tree order forms are available now by calling ABCA or by visiting www.abca.ca/forestry/treeorders/

Mail-in orders can be sent in until Jan. 31 or orders can be made accompanied by payment until Feb. 29.

Local landowners continue to plant tens of thousands of trees each year locally to the benefit of watershed health and human health. ABCA staff work all year to access funding support, for tree planting by landowners, from governments, non-government sources, industry, and the community.

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 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

LONELY NO MORE

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."

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.

Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway) recently received a donation from the Goderich Rotary Club in support of their Lonely No More program. Rotary Club Director, Bruce Thomasson presented a cheque to Sarah Versteeg, Lonely No More Program coordinator (right) ; and Nancy Simpson, Gateway chair of Sustainable Resources (left) (Submitted photo)

Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway) recently received a donation from the Goderich Rotary Club in support of their Lonely No More program.

With this program, socially isolated seniors have an opportunity to develop a social network with their peer group by participating in weekly teleconference calls which are facilitated by a trained community volunteer. It is necessary to have this social setting occur over the phone so that those individuals who have difficulties making it out, due to medical issues, lack of transportation or winter weather, can still participate and benefit from the program.

The eight-week program was launched on Jan. 13. The program still has capacity to add more participants and volunteers. Anyone who would like more information about the Lonely No More Program, or would like to enrol, is asked to please contact Sarah Versteeg at 519 612-1053 or sarah@gatewayruralhealth.ca

COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

The Ontario government is making another investment in small, rural and northern communities. Through the Ontario Community Infrastructure Fund (OCIF), the provincial government continues to support municipalities as they build and repair roads, bridges, water and wastewater infrastructure.

This year, Huron-Bruce will receive more than $8.8 million across 14 municipalities to address their local community infrastructure needs.

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.

EARLY BIRD TICKET PURCHASERS COULD WIN A LIMO RIDE TO DINNER

It's the start of a new decade and a local community committee is set to embark upon its fourth decade of a charity auction event in support of conservation projects in local communities.

The 31st Conservation Dinner takes place on Thursday, Apr. 16 and tickets are now available, said Dave Frayne, chair of the Dinner Committee.

There are many reasons to buy a ticket early for the Conservation Dinner, according to the Chair. There is a limited number of tickets, the charity fundraiser is a sold-out show year after year, and the Dinner Committee expects a great deal of excitement for this year's event – the Dinner's 31st year. Here's another reason to purchase tickets early: Wave Limo and Tours (Wave.limo), of Grand Bend, is donating a limousine ride for up to 10 people, to and from the event, to this year's winner of the Early Bird Prize Draw, drawn from early purchasers of Dinner tickets. Only people who buy Conservation Dinner tickets before Monday, Feb. 10, at 4 p.m. are eligible for the Early Bird Prize Draw.

"If you buy a Conservation Dinner ticket you know you will get fun, fellowship, good food and that you will be helping your community," said Chair Dave Frayne. "If you buy a ticket before February 10 you will also get a chance to win the great Early Bird Draw Prize of a limo ride for up to 10 people."

The Dinner Committee Chair thanked prize donor Bradley Oke and Wave Transportation for this year's prize.

The Conservation Dinner takes place at South Huron Recreation Centre at 94 Victoria Street East in Exeter. Tickets are $85 each. Patrons receive a charitable gift receipt, for income tax purposes, for a portion of that amount. To buy a ticket or to donate to the 2020 Conservation

"Municipalities across Huron-Bruce have aging infrastructure," said MPP Lisa Thompson. "This provincial investment is invaluable in order to enable local municipalities to build and repair roads, bridges, water and wastewater systems as needed."

Total investment in communities across Huron-Bruce are as follows: Township of Howick, $88,051; Municipality of Morris-Turnberry, $120,830; Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh, $238,800; Township of Huron-Kinloss $275,793; Municipality of Bluewater, $286,380; Municipality of Brockton. $301,518; Township of North Huron, $316,651; Municipality of Huron East, $431,716; Municipality of South Bruce, $432,080; Municipality of Central Huron, $483,847; Municipality of Kincardine, $584,570; Town of Goderich, $628,685; County of Bruce $660,950; Municipality of South Huron, $688,269; Town of Saugeen Shores, $848,610; and County of Huron, $2,417,826.

This funding is a part of Ontario's approximately $200 million commitment to 424 communities addressing their core infrastructure projects and asset management planning needs in 2020.

"This investment provides the predictable and stable infrastructure funding small, rural and northern municipalities have asked for," said Laurie Scott, minister of Infrastructure. "With this OCIF funding we are working directly with our municipal partners to deliver community infrastructure."

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: Seaforth Library,

Dinner, visit the Ausable Bayfield Conservation office east of Exeter at 71108 Morrison Line (just south of Highway 83) or phone 519 235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610 or email info@abca.ca. Find out more at abca.ca and conservationdinner.com.

The Conservation Dinner started in 1990. This gala charitable auction and dinner event has raised more than $1.2 million over three decades for projects in local communities. These projects include accessible nature trails in Bayfield, Clinton, Parkhill, Lucan, Arkona, Exeter, and Varna; busing for students to experience outdoor nature education; a $1,000 student environmental bursary benefitting students in local communities; a summer job at Ausable Bayfield Conservation for a senior secondary school student; turtle monitoring and events in Port Franks and Ailsa Craig; aquatic habitat studies in Old Ausable Channel, Grand Bend; and projects like nature day camps, fishing derby and Owl Prowl, and parks and conservation areas.

The Exeter Lions Club has been co-partner, with the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation and the watershed community, on the Dinner since 1991. Net profits are split 50-50 between community conservation projects of the Conservation Foundation and community conservation projects of the Exeter Lions Club.

The annual charitable event features live and silent auctions of art and other distinctive items including travel packages and sports and entertainment memorabilia. The Dinner also includes special raffles, general raffles, appetizers, wine tasting, a wonderful meal, and a chance to visit with neighbors. The Conservation Dinner Committee thanks all the donors and sponsors, patrons and guests, and volunteers who make the event a success. The committee also thanks all the creative people who have been feature artists over the years in media ranging from paintings to ice sculptures to metal art to culinary arts to other creative disciplines.

TIME TO NOMINATE FOR CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Do you know a person, business, farm, community group, or organization doing great work to protect water, soil, and habitat for living things in Ausable Bayfield watersheds? If so, you are invited to nominate them for the Conservationist of the Year Award.

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) will accept award nominations until Feb. 15. The award winner is recognized at the Partner Appreciation Evening, an early-evening event to show appreciation for conservation partners, to be held at Ironwood Golf Club, in March.

“The Conservationist of the Year Award is one way we can say ‘thank you’ to some of the active local stewards who are helping to protect our water and soil resources and to improve our forest and wetland conditions,” said General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of ABCA, Brian Horner. “I invite you to nominate a person, farm, business, community group, or organization doing positive things in your watershed community.”

ABCA has recognized, with conservation awards, outstanding achievements in conservation each year since 1984. Past award winners have included rural landowners and residents, agricultural producers and farms, service clubs, community organizations, companies, nature groups, and municipalities. Koos and Nathalie Vermue, agricultural producers from the Bayfield area, were winners of the Ausable Bayfield Conservationist of the Year Award in 2019.

To submit a nomination, visit abca.ca for the nomination form and award information or visit the office east of Exeter at 71108 Morrison Line for a printed copy of the form. People may also call 519 235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610 or email tcumming@abca.ca for more information about the award. The nomination form is at this web page link: https://www.abca.ca/community/conservationistoftheyear/

Jan. 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.

For more information, please call the Alzheimer Society of Huron County at 519 482-1482 or email admin@alzheimerhuron.on.ca

ALZHEIMER AWARENESS MONTH

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.

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.

Current ABCA staff and directors are not eligible for the award. ABCA will make an offsetting donation to Carbon Footprints to Forests (footprintstoforests.com) on behalf of everyone who attends the Partners in Conservation Evening in March. Trees will be planted locally, and maintained for the long term, to capture the equivalent of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases (GHGs) produced in travel to the event.

NEW HEALTH CARE PROGRAMS ADDRESS PATIENT REQUESTS

In a little more than 12 months, Aleshia Nolan has made an indelible mark with the Bluewater Area Family Health Team (BAFHT). She arrived at the clinic armed with impressive credentials, a Masters of Nursing, Primary Health Care Nurse Practitioner from the University of Western Ontario in London. She also completed a Bachelor of Health Sciences Degree with Honors Specialization in Rural Health which included promotion prior to her BSc in Nursing. She is also a certified Canadian Red Cross Standard First Aid and CPR instructor.

Aleshia Nolan

She lives with her husband, Brady and their daughter, Deni, aged 2.5 years, in Dublin, ON. Before joining the BAFHT, she was full-time with Seaforth Hospital. Brady works as the Operations Manager with the Township of Howick.

Nolan used her expertise and position as a Nurse Practitioner with the BAFHT to create new, innovative health care programs and round out the services offered by the Zurich clinic. The idea of developing new health care programs came to Nolan when talking with her many patients.

The new programs and clinics that are all provided free to the community are: Post-Natal Program, Free Fluoride and Oral Health Clinic, Education for Parents, Overweight Program and the Ontario Seniors Dental Care Clinic.

Post-Natal Program: Whether a new parent or expecting a second, third or fourth baby, the days, weeks and months after the birth can be overwhelming – a roller coaster of emotions. Feelings of sadness, and depression are often far more common after childbirth than is realized. It is very important for new parents to be aware of these feelings and reach out and connect with each other.

This program is a fun, friendly, safe, interactive environment for parents to talk, exercise and generally bond with their little ones and each other. The objective of the program is to make new parents realize they are not alone.

The BAFHT is now running its third program having completed an eight-week summer session and a six-week fall program. This new program runs until the end of February.

During the one-hour class, a 10-minute introduction and open discussion is followed by 30 minutes of exercise. The class wraps with a 15-minute educational component with local health care professionals such as: chiropractor, physio therapist, speech pathologist, health nurse and a CPR/choking expert. A wide variety of topics are discussed including the healthy

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LIVERY FILM FEST

On Thursdays during the winter and spring of 2020, the Livery Film Fest committee brings new, intriguing and delightful films from the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF) Film Circuit to Goderich.

Here are the offerings: Feb. 6, The Peanut Butter Falcon; Feb. 27, Official Secrets; and Apr. 9, Marianne & Leonard: Words of Love.

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).

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

development of the infant and nutrition. Each session concludes with meditation.

Free Fluoride and Oral Health Clinic: This program starts with the first tooth and runs for three years. In each session, a Health Unit Hygienist at the BAFHT runs a four-hour program broken down in to 15-minute time slots. Patients simply sign up at the front desk and drop in. The Health Unit Hygienist also applies fluoride and assesses oral health. The BAFHT plans to run two sessions per year.

Education for Parents: Adult CPR/choking aid educational session - This is a one-hour, hands-on, educational session and is not a certificate program. Infant CPR/choking aid educational session - This is another one-hour program that teaches child and infant CPR/choking aid and is very suitable for parents, caregivers and babysitters. It is not a certificate program.

Ruth Guy (Submitted photos)

Overweight program: This program starts on Feb. 6 and will run every Thursday for eight-weeks. This one-hour evening program is co-led by Nolan's colleague, Nurse Practitioner, Ruth Guy. This is a free class open to the community. Each class will include an optional weigh-in, goal setting, education on healthy lifestyle, exercise, diet and have a movement component.

Ontario Seniors Dental Care Clinic: Nolan will also be helping out when the BAFHT takes on The Ontario Seniors Dental Care Program (OSDCP) in the Spring. Several health clinics are already underway with the program. A Dental Hygienist from the local health unit is assisting the BAFHT with the application papers.

The OSDCP is a new publicly-funded dental care program to help low-income seniors access appropriate dental care. It provides free routine dental services to seniors aged 65 and over who meet the required income conditions and do not have access to any other form of dental benefits. In Huron County, about 600 seniors are estimated to be eligible for the program.

To qualify, seniors must meet the age requirements, be residents of Ontario and have no existing dental benefits. Single applicants must have an annual income of $19,300 or less, and a couple must have a combined income of $32,000 or less.

Dental services covered under the program will include preventive care and treatment services, such as fillings and extractions, check-ups, X-rays and cleanings, and will partially cover dental prosthetics and dentures. A full list of coverage is provided on the web site – Ontario.ca/SeniorsDental.

SERVICE TO OTHERS

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 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

Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway) Board members Nancy Simpson and Dan Stringer (right) attended the Annual General Meeting of the Huron/Perth Retired Teachers of Ontario (RTO) where RTO President Gary Jewitt (left) presented them with a donation to the Gateway research project, "Food Insecurity and Seniors Living Independently". Gateway in collaboration with the University of Guelph is investigating those barriers which prevent rural seniors from accessing nutritious and adequate food. The aims and objectives of this Gateway research project are well aligned with the RTO "Service to Others Program" that awards funds to retired educators like Simpson, who are involved in community initiatives that increase social isolation awareness and support shut-ins or disadvantaged residents in rural communities. Gateway is most appreciative of the generous donation from RTO District 9 Huron/Perth. (Submitted photo)

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."

REMEMBER ME?

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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, an image of Wilson and Mary Cox (nee Parker) taken in the 1890s. Another photo courtesy the Lucy Woods Diehl collection. (Archives Code: PB12 6a)

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

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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In Issue 549, we feature an undated photo of Jim

McPherson from the Lucy Woods Diehl collection. Does anyone remember him? (Archives Code: PB12 5b)

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PHOTO STORY

BAYFIELD RIVER VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION

SNOWY CONDITIONS SET AMBIENCE FOR WINTER HIKE

PHOTOS BY CONRAD KUIPER

Approximately 25 intrepid hikers remained undaunted by the wintry weather on Saturday, Jan. 18, to hike Mavis' Trail and the Taylor Trail near Varna.

The annual walk hosted by the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) was postponed for one week because of rain, but this week's snowy conditions made for a beautiful atmosphere in the forest.

BRVTA President Conrad Kuiper observed that "there is no bad weather for hiking…only inadequate clothing."

The hike was followed by a complementary lunch in the Stanley Complex with hot apple cider, sausage on a bun, and other treats. This also marked the kickoff for the BRVTA's membership drive. Memberships help support the ongoing maintenance of the trails, insurance, programming, and training. Memberships can be obtained for $20 for individuals and $30 for families.

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.

A membership drive event will be held on Thursday, Jan. 30 at the Bayfield Public Library from 3-4 p.m. and 6-7 p.m.

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

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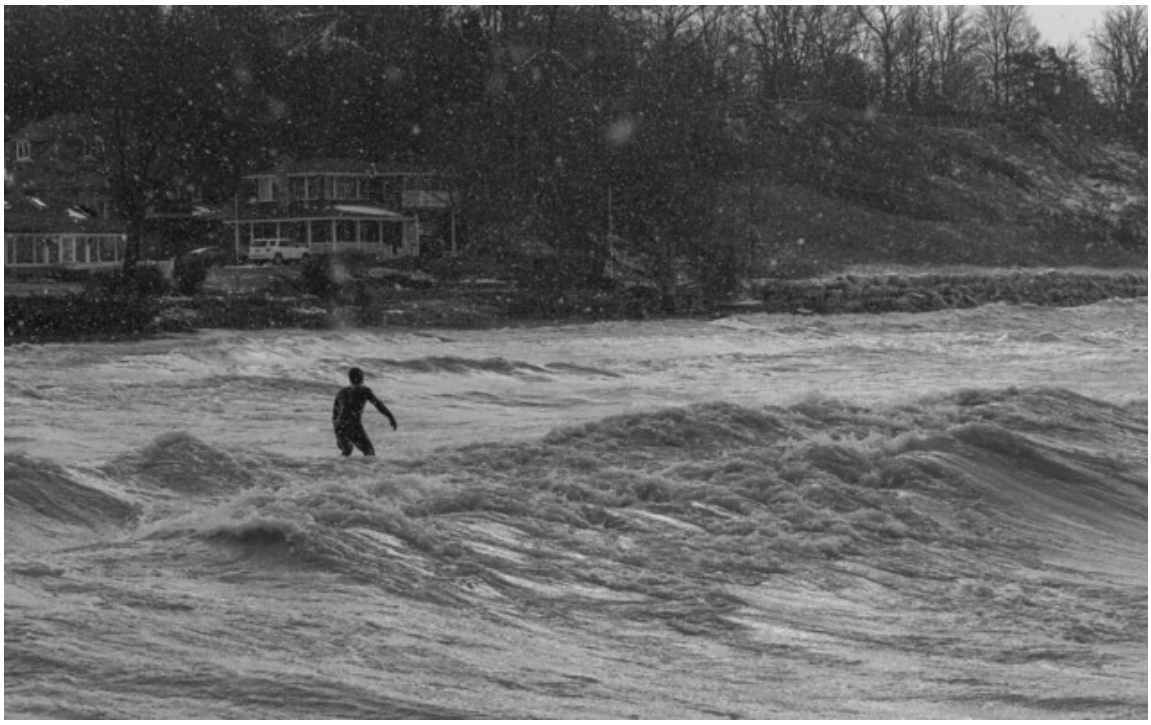

Winter Surf...*By Naomi Pal*

Email your photo in Jpeg format to bayfield.breeze@villageofbayfield.com with the subject line Subscriber Photo of the Week. or...Upload your photo to Flickr.

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 regularly get asked what's up with the new development at 89 Main Street South? This week I emailed Ward Councilor for Bayfield, Bill Whetstone for an update on the construction that first began on Sept. 6, 2018.

He then sent a request for an update to the Chief Building Inspector for Bluewater, Mike Rolph. On Jan. 20, the inspector in turn contacted the Site Superintendent for the project and received the following information:

• The interior floor has been poured.

• The framing is almost completed.
• There are some grading issues that need to be resolved prior to curb and asphalt work being started but the asphalt companies will not be opening up until around April so there is some time to have those items addressed.
• The water service connection still needs to be completed. It is assumed that this would take place in the early spring.

Due in part, no doubt, to the fact that the project has now been in the works for about 17 months rumours have developed. One of them being that there is no franchisee to take over the Tim Hortons. Rolf commented that it is his understanding that Tim Hortons is still the franchise that will be occupying the southerly portion of the building with a convenience store in the north half.

And there you have it folks, the latest “timbits” on this project. – Melody

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

Please email me at bayfield.breeze@villageofbayfield.com or call 519-525-3830.

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