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BRING A MUG AND SPOON TO SOUP'S ON AND REDUCE WASTE

Bronwyn Bechard (centre) was among the many who lugged a mug to the Soup's On event in 2018 - helping

VALENTINE'S DAY MASCOT DELIVERY

This Michael's Pharmasave mascot will deliver sweet wishes to your Valentine on Feb. 14 as a fundraiser for the Huron

the Bayfield Town Heritage Society in their crusade to lessen waste. What soups will emerge victorious at the 2020 competition? 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!

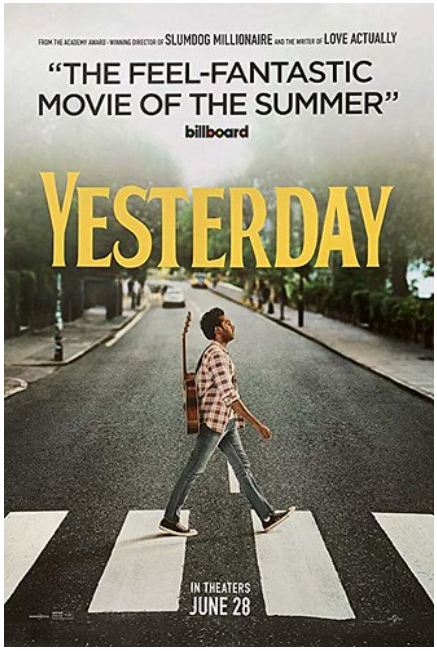
Local restaurants and community organizations compete in two categories (one for restaurants and one for community groups). Two judges are selected for this event – a non-participating restauranteur will judge the restaurant entries and a member of the community will judge the local organization entries. 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.

FILMS ANNOUNCED FOR SOUP AND A MOVIE AT TRINITY ST. JAMES



"Soup and a Movie at Trinity St. James" will be held on Tuesdays during the upcoming Lenten season!

The congregation of Trinity St. James Anglican Church welcomes the community to join in fellowship over a hearty bowl of soup while delighting in a great cinematic work.

This extremely popular community event will begin on Tuesday, March 3 and will be held on the four subsequent Tuesdays after that from 6-9 p.m. Those who attend will enjoy sampling a variety of soup, bread and a beverage all for a free will donation followed by a movie.

This year's movie schedule is: Yesterday, March 3; On the Basis of Sex, March 10; Christopher Robin, March 17; Green Book, March 24; and Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood, March 31.

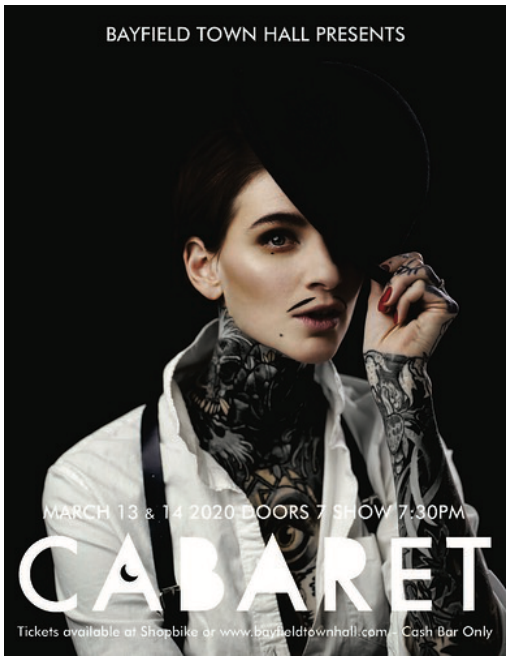
Anyone who has yet to come out to a movie night should consider doing so as the church hall boasts surround sound as well as a terrific big screen plus it is a fabulous evening to socialize and escape the winter blahs. Participants are asked to reserve a spot by calling 519 565-2790. All in the community are welcome to attend.

Residential Hospice. (Submitted photo)

Want to surprise someone special this Valentine's Day, Saturday, Feb. 14? When you purchase any Valentine's gift at retail price, you can have it delivered by a mascot to a local recipient of your choice for a donation of $15 to the HRH. With a wide variety of Valentine's gifts to choose from, Michael's Pharmasave has something for everyone, such as, Rheo Thompson chocolates or a Valentine's plush.

This would be a great way to surprise someone - spouse, significant other, friend, co-worker or parent - while also supporting a very important cause. Don't delay, all three Michael's Pharmasave locations are currently taking orders. Please call or visit Bayfield, 519 565-4454; Goderich, 519 524-2242; or Clinton, 519-482-5037 to place your order!

CABARET RETURNS

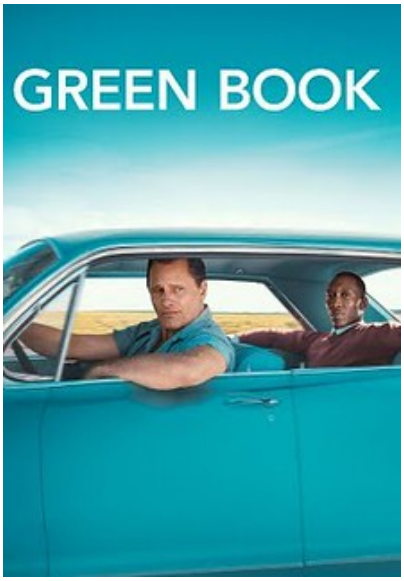


"What good is sitting, alone in your room?
come hear the music play!
Life is a cabaret, old chum!
Come to the cabaret!"

After a one-year hiatus, the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society is thrilled to announce the return of their cherished fundraiser, "CABARET".

Two performances will be held on March 13 and 14 starting at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar.

The society extends many thanks to returning cast members Natalie Tarnawski and Leanne Kavanagh



LOCAL DEFENDERS PREPARING FOR BAYFIELD READS 2020

along with newcomers Camille Oates and Big Mac are stepping in as this year's stellar artistic directing team. They promise that attendees will see many familiar faces on stage for this upcoming production.

Tickets are currently available for $20 online at www.bayfieldtownhall.com and in person at Shopbike Coffee Roasters in Bayfield.

ENNIS SISTERS

For over twenty years, the Ennis Sisters have been connecting to audiences across the world. They will return to Bayfield in May. (Submitted photo)

A Bayfield favorite, the Ennis Sisters will once again be performing at the Bayfield Town Hall on Saturday, May 23.

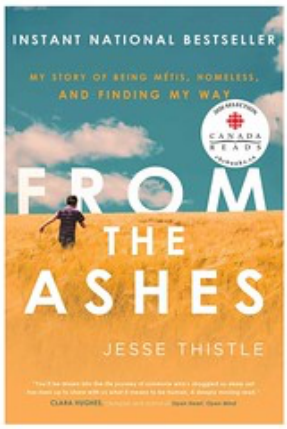
For over twenty years, the Ennis Sisters have been connecting to audiences across the world. From church halls in an out-port in Newfoundland to performing for International leaders at the 75th anniversary of D-Day on Juno Beach, their harmonies resonate with everyone.

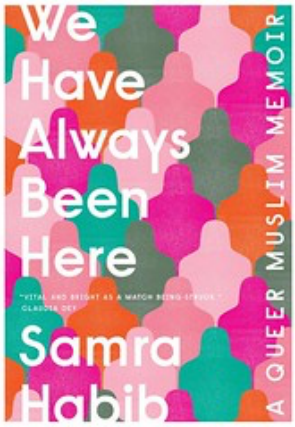
Flavored by Celtic and traditional Newfoundland influences, Maureen, Karen and Teresa are known for their captivating sibling harmonies and their powerful, often humorous, storytelling. Their music offers a broad mix of original songs as well as uniquely interpreted tunes and ballads.

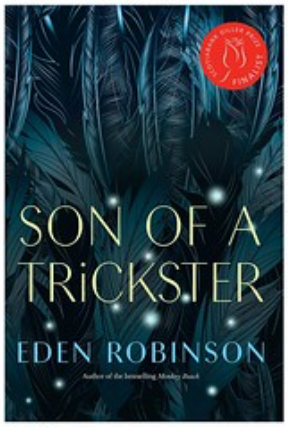
The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. The doors to the hall will open at 7 p.m. There will be a cash bar.

The Ennis Sisters' latest CD release, "Keeping Time", is a concept album that honors and preserves our most precious gift – time, and what we choose to do with it. It is reflective yet uplifting. It is about keeping time in both life and music. Inspired by the unraveling and tethering of memory, Keeping Time is part homage, part celebration of life, as the album honors their father, who they recently lost to dementia.

Live performance has been a staple of the Ennis' experience, and continues to be. Proven road







The Village Bookshop presents Bayfield Reads 2020 on Sunday, March 15.

Calling all book lovers! Join the new owners of The Village Bookshop for this year's edition of Bayfield Reads, a chance for local personalities to defend this year's Canada Reads finalists.

This year's contenders include: "Small Game Hunting at the Local Coward Gun Club" by Megan Gail Coles, defended by Ruth Gibson; "Son of a Trickster" by Eden Robinson, defended by Jayne Dietrich; "We Have Always Been Here" by Samra Habib, defended by Kathy Wilson; "Radicalized" by Cory Doctorow, defended by Greg Stewart; and "From the Ashes" by Jesse Thistle, defended by Don Keillor.

Bayfield Reads will be held at the Bayfield Town Hall starting at 2 p.m. Admission is $5 at the door.

The Village Bookshop is currently closed and will reopen on Thursday, March 19 at 10 a.m.

COMMUNITY SURVEYS HELP DEFINE CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

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.

warriors since 1997, they gained underground notoriety before translating it into the global success they've become - and they aren't finished yet!

Tickets are selling now for $40 ($45 at the door if still available). Purchase tickets online at www.bayfieldtownhall.com

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 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

Tonight (Feb. 5) the Bayfield Relics will compete against the Zurich Avalanche starting at 8:30 p.m.

Exeter 50+ will take on Bayfield 50+ on Thursday, Feb. 6 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

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 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.

LAST CALL FOR CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPLICATIONS

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

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 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

FRIENDS OF THE BAYFIELD LIBRARY

There's still time to take a chance on a "Blind Date with a Book" at the Bayfield Public Library. This program runs until Feb. 15. Check out a brown paper wrapped book from the Blind Date display. Take it home and unwrap it, and then cozy up for a reading experience with your "book date". There is no limit, so be daring—check out more than one book to help you find the right connection! Don't forget to "rate your date" with the bookmark included and enter the draw for a prize. The draw will take place on March 13.

Friends of the Bayfield Library's "Saturdays at the Library" speaker program continues. Next up in the series is "Bringing Stories to Life on Stage or In Print", presented by local playwright David Scott on Saturday, Feb. 22. Three of Scott's plays have been produced by the Blyth Festival, including the popular, "The Ballad of Stompin' Tom." All are welcome to attend this 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.

Upcoming "Saturdays at the Library" programs include: March 28, learn how to put order into closet chaos, 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.

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.

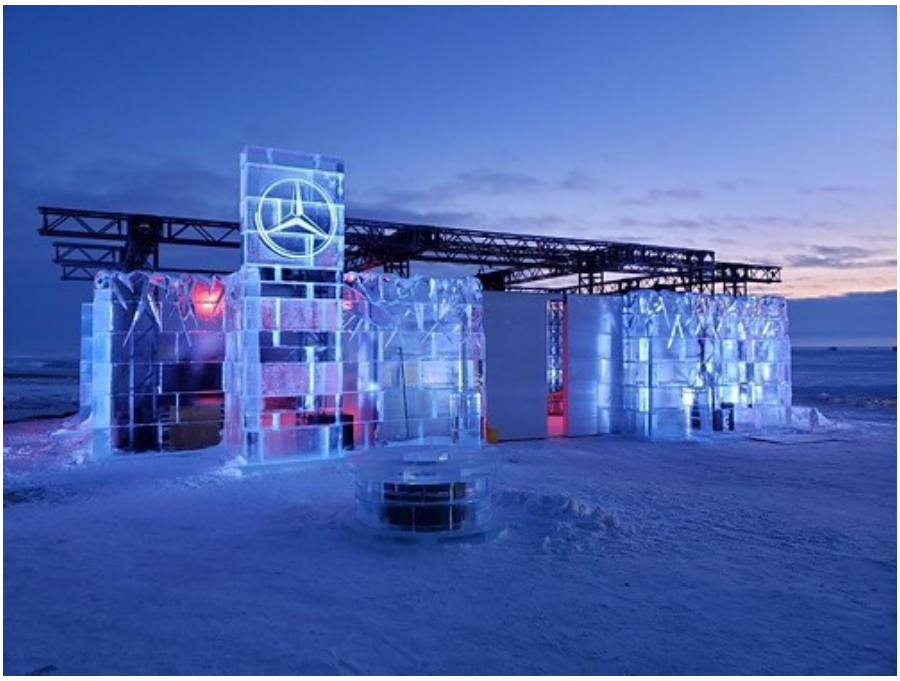
Participation on the Committee is one opportunity but there will be many others throughout the year for all residents to participate in the Plan’s development. To receive notice of these opportunities as they come available it’s as easy as adding your email address through the sign-up process on the 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.

GIMLI MERCEDES-BENZ GARAGE ONE COOL STRUCTURE

BLUEWATER NEWS

The office of the Municipality of Bluewater Council has submitted the following to the Bayfield Breeze as highlights of their regular meeting of council held on Jan. 27.

• Appointed Laurie Spence Bannerman as Interim Chief Administrative Officer and Deputy Clerk.
• Approved the Class Environmental Assessment for the Expansion of the Bayfield Waste Water Treatment Plant, and assume a phased in approach, beginning with a capacity requirement of 1,750 m3/day.
• Approved that the Ministry of Transportation pays the Municipality of Bluewater for the Ministry's portion of the 2018 and 2019 dredging activities in the total amount of $7,823.21, and that the Ministry will not be apportioned and levied annual dredging costs in 2020 and in perpetuity.
• Directed staff to pay the Municipality of South Huron the 46 per cent share of the final invoiced amount for the Dashwood Community Centre Washroom Project, with the additional $11,528 being applied from the Dashwood Hydro Electric Fund Reserve.



A new Mercedes-Benz garage in Gimli, Manitoba is made entirely of ice. (Submitted photos)

Most people have seen today's car dealerships and service centres which for the most part involve a modern building design with loads of glass, spotless showroom and new, highly-polished cars on the floor and sales offices strategically placed to house eager representatives.

Many popular car brands have standardized showrooms in terms of interior and exterior design, and a dealership on the East Coast is likely very similar in appearance to its sister display in Vancouver or any city in between.

A new Mercedes-Benz garage in Gimli, Manitoba however, is turning heads. It is nothing like other Mercedes outlets in Canada, nor does it follow the pattern of other car brand facilities. This new structure is made entirely of ice. It is not a long-term project and will only last as long as temperatures in the area remain well below zero.

A five-man team from Iceculture in Hensall, with help from a two-man crew from Fire & Ice in Saskatchewan, worked for a week to build the 54 ft x 40 ft ice structure which consisted of 450 x 300 lb blocks. With temperatures hovering between minus 10 and minus 42 degrees C, working conditions were a little less than ideal, but the freezing environment couldn't have been better for the project.

This ice garage is the first of its kind in the world and it tied in with the icy conditions surrounding the structure which were a perfect backdrop for test driving high-performance cars and shooting various videos as part of a new Mercedes-Benz promotion centering on handling vehicles in tough winter conditions.

The event was organized by the AMG Driving Academy, a division of Mercedes-Benz. Under the guidance of some of the world's best driving instructors, some of them race car drivers, 50 plus members of the media were given a taste of proper driving techniques in a typical Canadian winter.

They were invited to drive a number of high-performance cars and learn how to handle sliding, drifting and general handling on the 8 KM track. An off-road track was also laid out where visitors could try their hand driving SUVs on a snow-covered motor-cross course.

• Established that the Municipality of Bluewater will not maintain dog parks.
• Passed a By-law to include the Bayfield Slippery Elm Tree in the Municipal Heritage Register.
• Directed staff to send a letter to the Ministry of Transportation in support of a roundabout at the corner of Airport Line and County Road 83, and that the letter be sent to the Premier and MPP, and Huron County.

KINDNESS WORKSHOPS

Open Hearts of Bayfield will be hosting a series of 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

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.

CAREGIVER EDUCATION

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Community Connections Outreach Services will be hosting a Caregiver Education Event at the West Huron Care Centre in Zurich on March 10. The afternoon session will provide information about services and support for Huron caregivers.

Caregivers are; a family member or friend who provides unpaid support, assistance and care for someone in need.

Caregivers, or people who know one, are invited to the session to get helpful information to support their loved ones. The session will cover: caregiver programs and services, caregiver website, resources and events in the area and helpful tools and tips.

The one-hour event will begin at 2:30 p.m. in the Risi Room at the West Huron Care Centre, 37792 Zurich-Hensall Road.

For more information and to RSVP please call 519 236-4373 Ext. 632.

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: 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

LIVERY FILM FEST

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DIXIE DEMONS COMING TO GRAND BEND LIVING CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

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).

SUMMER JOBS

Member of Parliament for Huron-Bruce, Ben Lobb invites local businesses and organizations to apply for funding under the Canada Summer Jobs program. Applications close on Feb. 24.

Those interested can apply online through Service Canada (https://www.canada.ca/en/employment-social-development/services/funding/canada-summer-jobs.html).

In 2019, 300 summer employment positions were created by 126 successful applicants in Huron-Bruce. 2020 applicants should receive word about their funding starting in May.

The Dixie Demons will perform in Grand Bend on Feb. 22. (Submitted photo)

The Grand Bend Centre for the Living Arts will host the Dixie Demons in concert on Feb. 22 for a Mardi Gras evening.

The Dixie Demons have been dazzling audiences for the past 26 years. This prestigious Toronto-based performing group entertains with a catchy and exciting repertoire of traditional jazz. Anyone who has seen this stellar six-piece band on stage knows that the chemistry they share is what makes them tick. Their performances are a real treat of great music, amazing virtuosity and showmanship.

The doors to the centre located at 22 Main St. in Grand Bend will open at 6:30 p.m. with the performance to follow at 7:30 p.m. There will be a cash bar.

Tickets are $25 and are available now by calling Janice Sinker at 519 238-5436 or The Garden Gate at 519 238-5436 or visit ticketscene.ca

AVON CREST TO BE REDEVELOPED AT STRATFORD GENERAL HOSPITAL

ART AROUND TOWN

Vreni Beeler

Vreni Beeler was raised on a small farm in the Swiss Alps but nearly 30 years ago she and her husband, Tom, chose Huron County to be their new home. They live on a farm in the Zurich area where they raise chickens and do cash crop farming.

Until April visitors to the Exeter Library can enjoy Beeler's creativity as Art Around Town is displaying seven pieces of her photography on canvas at the Exeter Library. Also displayed is a quilted wall hanging titled, "OWLS". Beeler also makes creative art with cement and wood. She offers her art for sale from her home and on Instagram.

One of Vreni Beeler's photographs on canvas that is displayed at the Exeter Library until April. (Submitted photos)

She can be contacted at vreni.beeler@gmail.com

CONSERVATION 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

The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) is excited to confirm that it has formally begun the process to redevelop the Avon Crest property at the Stratford General Hospital. (Submitted photo)

The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) is excited to confirm that it has formally begun the process to redevelop the Avon Crest property at the Stratford General Hospital. This “once in a generation” opportunity will aim to develop facilities and space that will contribute to the health and wellbeing of Stratford and surrounding communities for decades to come.

The process has begun with the release of a Request for Solutions that aims to identify qualified groups interested in partnering with the HPHA to develop the property in a manner that both respects the heritage significance of the original hospital and brings significant value to the health and wellness system supporting the population.

“While confirming the exact direction we will pursue will take some time, we are really excited to finally begin looking for partners that have the same vision we have of turning the Avon Crest property into a world class development that will support the ever-changing health and wellness needs of this community,” said Andrew Williams, HPHA president and CEO.

HPHA is required to follow a very prescriptive process as outlined through the Province’s Broader Public Service Procurement Guidelines, and will look forward to sharing information with, and receiving feedback from the community as the project proceeds.

Those interested in reviewing project material are welcome to visit the public websites www.biddingo.com and www.MERX.com for further information, and/or forward questions directly to Jennifer Lubbers, manager, Materials Management at jennifer.lubbers@hpha.ca. General inquiries may be directed to Andrew Williams at Andrew.williams@hpha.ca or 519 274-0021.

TREE PLANTING ORDERS ACCEPTED UNTIL END OF MONTH

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 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

In this file photo, rows of trees are being planted, thanks to a participating watershed landowner and with help from an Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) tree planting crew, to help reduce erosion, manage stormwater runoff, and improve habitat and air and water quality by increasing forest cover. Landowners in Ausable Bayfield watersheds plant tens of thousands of trees each year and ABCA staff say the recent support of funding partners makes it possible to continue to link landowners to grants that help them with tree planting. (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/

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.

CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR NOMINATIONS NOW SOUGHT

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.

conservation areas.

“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/

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.

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,this undated image of Alf Erwin was donated to the archives by the late Richard and Sarah Dick. Does anyone remember him? (Archives Code: PB12 3b)

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

In Issue 551, we look back on a Remember Me featured in Issue 541. The Bayfield Archives had accepted a rather unique donation, an LP produced in 1967 showcasing some local talent. The LP was donated by Jamie McDougall of the Little Inn of Bayfield.

The album was recorded by “The Bayfield Ladies Trio” comprised of Ann Chapman, Louise Talbot and Anna Nichols with Muriel Snider on the piano. Chapman recently contacted the Bayfield Breeze with some background on the recording and an update on the performers.

Chapman shared that the former Baptist Church in Bayfield was the location in which the recording was made and 300 albums were made. She reported that the members of the trio are all “alive and well” and the trio and their spouses still get together.

Chapman now resides in London with her husband Joe. She lived in Bayfield at 15 Clan Gregor Square for 36 years and worked at the former CIBC branch on the village’s Main Street for 34 years. According to Chapman, Talbot also now lives in London with her husband, David and Nichols is a resident of Barrie, ON with her husband, Gerry. Talbot’s husband played trumpet on the record.

Organ and guitar music were also provided for the recording by Norm and Mary Lou Tait. The couple now reside in Exeter, ON. Unfortunately, Snider, their pianist, died on Dec. 7, 2012.

“We were just a group of friends getting together to sing beautiful gospel songs,” concluded Chapman.

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PHOTO STORY

LIFE AT THE RINK

NINTH ANNUAL OVER 50 TOURNAMENT HELD IN BAYFIELD

PHOTOS BY JOHN POUNDER

The Bayfield Arena was the location for the Ninth annual Bayfield Over 50 Hockey Tournament on Saturday, Feb. 1 with four teams taking to the ice for some friendly competition.

Brian's Bears, Mike's River Rats, Ron's Relics and Chuck's Old Dogs played three games each before entering the finals. The teams were drafted from a pool of eligible players. Ron's Relics were the winners of the A-Final.

The Bayfield Over 50 Hockey Tournament was sponsored by the Bayfield Brewing Co.

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PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Winter River Reflection...*By Dawn Cumming*

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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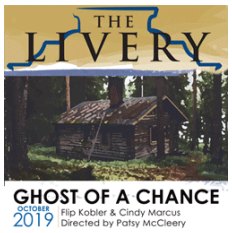

SUBMISSIONS

Neveah Devine was a member of Girl Guides of Canada in Newfoundland. She died in 2018 at the age of nine. She was diagnosed with a rare form of cancer called neuroblastoma when she was just three years-old. In 2014, she started Nevaeh's Lemonade Stand to support her community as they had supported her with fundraisers after her diagnosis. She died in 2018 at the age of nine but her philanthropy lives on. Nevaeh's Lemonade Stand fundraising events continue to raise money for children fighting cancer in her province.

The Girl Guides in Newfoundland wanted to honor Neveah's caring spirit and as a result Neveah's Act of Kindness Challenge was created. The members of Bayfield Guiding are working on this challenge and one of the projects they have decided to include is the collection of aluminum pop tabs. These tabs are collected by different groups for the purpose of purchasing wheel chairs for those in need. Bayfield Guiding is inviting the community to help with this project. Anyone who happens to drink soda, juice or beer from cans is asked to consider collecting the tabs for the girls. This project will run until June 1st. Feel free to email me if you'd like to help. – Brown Owl 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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