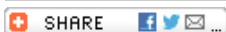




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YEAR OF HIKE PLANNED BY BRVTA

Come hiking! The Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) has optimistically scheduled 17 guided hikes for 2021 as well as the Earth Day Litter Walk and the Terry Fox Run in Bayfield. Each hike will be guided by Hike Ontario certified leaders. Unless otherwise noted, all hikes are free and open to the public, with leashed dogs welcome. Of course, the schedule is subject to COVID-19 restrictions in place at the time of the hike. Updates will be published each week in the Bayfield Breeze, on the Municipality of Bluewater Facebook page, and on the BRVTAs website and Facebook page (www.bayfieldtrails.com, @bayfieldtrails). All are welcome to share in experiencing the natural beauty of Huron County!

Hikes upcoming in March include a walk on the Woodland Trail to celebrate International Women's Day (IWD) and a Hills, Valleys and Trees Hike suitable for the whole family.

Celebrate IWD on Sunday, March 7, by joining BRVTA members for a stress-free, beautiful hike on Bayfield's Woodland Trail. IWD celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. This year's theme is "Choose to Challenge". Friends, partners, families, and individuals of all sizes, shapes and gender identities are welcome to hike. The

FARMERS' MARKET

People may not be aware but the Bayfield Farmers' Market didn't close up shop at the end of Thanksgiving – the online store is still operating with bi-weekly pickups or contactless delivery. The next market pick-up day is scheduled for Friday, Feb. 26.

People can place their orders by visiting openfoodnetwork.ca/bayfield-farmers-market/ from Feb. 21 at 8 a.m. to Feb. 24 at 8 p.m. Shoppers will be directed to pick up their items up on Feb. 26 sometime between 3-5 p.m. at Shopbike Coffee Roasters on Bayfield's Main Street. They will receive an email confirmation (Thursday) with the approximate time of delivery on Friday afternoon.

Orders can be paid online with credit card or email

Woodland Trail meanders past trickling streams, wide ravines, meadows and glacial hills. Located within the village's boundaries, the diversity of natural environment is surprising.

Participants are invited to meet/park at the David Street trail head. For more info see the map at: www.bayfieldtrails.com/woodland-trail. The hike will be approximately two hours over a distance of 3.5 KMs. The trail difficulty is listed as moderate. It is well marked but with some steep inclines, rough spots or obstacles. It has a natural trail surface with some bridges and boardwalks. Those who take part are encouraged to dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

The hike leaders are: Annerieke VanBeets, Roberta Stemp and Ralph Blasting, 519 525-3205.

Bannockburn Conservation Area is the location for a Hills, Valleys and Trees hike on Saturday, March 20. The landscape and forest growth of Bannockburn offer a fascinating story of the Huron County landscape. Families and youth are invited to join in this hike with Education Specialist, Denise Iszczuk, from the Ausable-Bayfield Conservation Authority. This hike which should prove to be both beautiful and educational will begin at 2 p.m.

Participants are asked to meet at 76249 Bannockburn Line, for a map please visit: abca.ca/conservationareas/bannockburn/. The hike will be approximately 1.5 hours over a distance of 2 KMs. The trail difficulty is listed as moderate. It is a natural trail with some steep inclines. Those who take part are encouraged to dress for the weather, wear sturdy shoes and bring water.

The hike leaders are: Peter Jeffers, Ralph Blasting (contact information above) and guest expert Denise Iszczuk.

Anyone interested in a hiking buddy? People who are new residents or hikers, single hikers, don't want to hike alone, or would love to meet new people through hiking the BRVTA trails, can now take advantage of the Hiking Buddy Program. The program enables hikers to connect with others and is available to all BRVTA members. If interested, or for more information, please send an email to info@bayfieldtrails.com.

A list of upcoming hikes and BRVTA activities for 2021:

Apr. 7: National Walking Day, 11 a.m., Naftels Creek Conservation Area
 Apr. 22: Seventh Annual Earth Day Litter Walk, 2 p.m. Village of Bayfield
 Apr. 30: Frogs, Toads, and Salamanders, with Nina Sampson from ABCA, 7 p.m., Morrison Dam Conservation Area
 May 15: Birdwatching Hike, with guest expert George Ebers, 8:30 a.m., Windmill Eco Park**
 May 23: Wildflower Hike, with guest expert Robert Tremain, 2 p.m., Mavis'-Taylor Trails,
 June 5: World Environment Day, 11 a.m., Linfield Wildlife Area
 June 20: Father's Day Photo Hunt, 2 p.m. Mavis'-Taylor Trails
 July 10: Trees of Bayfield, 11 a.m., Village of Bayfield
 July 18: National Ice Cream Day, 2 p.m., Woodland Trail
 Aug. 9: World Indigenous Peoples Day, guest expert David Plain, 11 a.m., Sawmill Trail
 Aug. 22: Historic Cemetery Tour, with guest expert Dave Gillians, 7 p.m., Bayfield Cemetery**
 Sept. 19: Terry Fox Run, 9 a.m., Village of Bayfield
 Sept. 26: Mushroom Hike, with guest expert Dr. Jennifer McDonald, 2 p.m., Lobb Trail**
 Oct. 17: Fall Colors Hike with Bayfield Photo Club, 11 a.m., Hullett Marsh
 Oct. 20: Full Moon Hike, 8 p.m., Sawmill Trail
 Nov. 17: National Take a Hike Day, 2 p.m., Mavis'-Taylor Trails
 Jan. 8, 2022: Annual Winter Hike and Lunch, 11 a.m., Mavis'-Taylor Trails

****BRVTA Members only**

INPUT REQUESTED REGARDING
MUNICIPAL SHORELINE PROTECTION

transfer. Organizers are pleased to offer delivery within 15 KMs of Bayfield for a flat fee of \$5. Shoppers can select their preference at checkout.

Anyone who would like to receive a reminder to shop the market when it opens is invited to join the Bayfield Farmers' Market email list. People can do so by visiting: eepurl.com/g1lpZ5

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



World Day of Prayer Artwork for 2021 by artist Juliette Pita of Vanuatu. (Submitted photo)

The invitation is out for everyone - men, women and children of all ages - to join the 2021 World Day of Prayer on Friday, March 5. This year's theme is "Build on a Strong Foundation". Women from Vanuatu, a chain of islands to the east of Australia, has prepared the service for 2021.

Participants are encouraged to reflect on the challenges this republic has encountered during its steps to independence over the last forty years. The writing team has shared the injustice obstacles that the women of Vanuatu have met, and the hopes they have for the future. These experiences will unite participants in prayer and solidarity.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church event that began 99 years ago bridging social, geographic, and political barriers in over 170 countries. The weekend of prayer begins in Samoa and then travels in many languages throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East,

The Municipality of Bluewater is seeking input regarding the installation of shoreline protection on municipal property.

Due to erosion, private property owners have requested to install shoreline protection on municipal property to protect their own properties. To date, Bluewater Council has permitted the installation of erosion mitigation measures on one property.

Multiple reports have been presented to Council regarding these requests, the most recent being a draft policy regarding "Shoreline Protection on Municipal Property". The intent of the policy is to apply guidelines for potential construction of shoreline protection on municipal properties, while at the same time mitigating risk of potential liability due to the installation of shoreline protection on municipal property by private property owners. Please click the link to view shoreline protection reports and draft policy:

bluewater.civicweb.net/filepro/documents/13?preview=30700

The opinion of Bluewater property owners matters to Council. Please click the link to complete the ten-question survey: www.surveymonkey.com/r/V6W3HQB

Comments can also be emailed to mrolph@municipalityofbluewater.ca. Please note that the draft policy comment period is open until Friday, March 19th and personal information will be kept confidential.

REVITALIZATION PRESENTATION MATERIAL NOW ON BLUEWATER SITE

The Municipality of Bluewater is planning to move forward with implementation of the Bayfield Main Street Revitalization project.

A Public Meeting was held on Sept. 2, 2020 to present the Main Street design to members of the public. Following significant input from residents, the proposed plan has been updated to address this feedback. With the assistance of the Landscape Architects, an updated plan has been prepared for public review. The new plan incorporates a wider boulevard area incorporating unique surface treatments at the entrances to businesses. A revised approach to lighting has also been devised. Input from property owners has allowed for additional modifications to incorporate site-specific design details.

A final virtual Public Meeting is planned to present the revised plan to residents of the community. Following the receipt of input, Bluewater Council will consider elements to be included in the final design and provide direction.

Representatives from the Municipality, the Project Engineers, and Landscape Architects, will be attending this virtual meeting to be held on Wednesday, March 3 at 6 p.m.

Presentation material for the meeting will be made available for public review (today) Feb. 24th, on the Bluewater website.

Individuals wanting to provide input on the project are encouraged to send their feedback via email to Environmental Planner Kelly Vader at kvader@bmross.net. Input will be accepted until March 17.

Individuals wanting to provide feedback orally at the Public Meeting on March 3rd will be required to pre-register by contacting Lacey Vander Burt at 519 236-4351 Ext. 238 or via email at lvanderburt@municipalityofbluewater.ca by Tuesday, March 2 at 4 p.m.

CARMEN DAVIES TO DEFEND

Europe, Australia, and the Americas. Together participants pursue justice, peace, and reconciliation by standing together in prayer and action.

The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees and organizations in each participating country. In Canada, the World Day of Prayer is coordinated by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada (WICC), one of the original founders of this prayer movement. Offerings received through the World Day of Prayer transform prayers into action in the form of project grants empowering women and children in Canada and throughout the world. All regions share in the grants, with consideration given to greatest need. Through WDP offerings, WICC has distributed over 2.5 million dollars in the past 35 years. The vision is to restore hope to women and children touched by injustice.

The WICC invites everyone to join a local service in over 1,100 Canadian communities on or near Friday, March 5. Many of these will take place via ZOOM. As well, individuals and families are welcome to watch a one-hour World Day of Prayer service video prepared by WICC that features participants from across Canada.

Locally, Knox Presbyterian Church in Bayfield will host a virtual service starting at 1 p.m. ZOOM can be accessed through a landline, tablet, smart phone or computer. For information on how to log onto the service please visit:

pccweb.ca/knoxbayfieldpc/ or contact Rev Lisa Dolson 519 572-8529 for more information.

To learn more about WICC, please go to: wicc.org or email wicc@wicc.org.

LIFE AT THE RINK





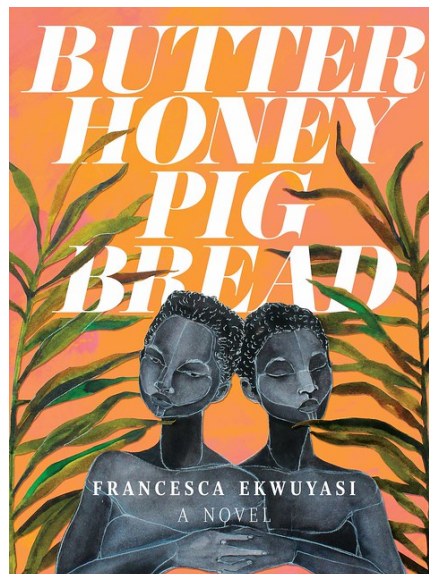
The Village Bookshop owners are preparing for this year's edition of Bayfield Reads. As part of that process they are introducing a different defender each week.

To date they have introduced Brad McLellan, who will be defending "Two Trees Make a Forest", by Jessica J. Lee; Lorelei Lingard, who will be representing Natalie Zina Walschots' "Hench"; and Godfrey Heathcote, who will be defending C. L. Polk's "Midnight Bargain".

This week they are introducing Carmen Davies, a retired elementary school teacher who grew up in Hensall and Stratford, and has lived all over Canada. Davies spent many summers in Bayfield, and always knew it was the right place for her to retire. She is an avid reader, and particularly enjoys memoir and biographies.

Davies will be defending "Butter Honey Pig Bread" by Francesca Ekwuyasi, a novel about the messiness and beauty of familial love.

According to CBC Books, "Francesca Ekwuyasi's debut novel tells the interwoven stories of twin sisters, Kehinde and Taiye, and Kambirinachi, their mother. Kambirinachi feels she was born an ogbanje, a spirit that plagues families with misfortune by dying in childhood to cause its mother misery. She believes that she has made the unnatural choice of staying alive to love her human family and now lives in fear of the consequences of that decision."



Moderated by The Village Bookshop bookseller Mike Peirce and featuring last year's defenders, Ruth Gibson, Jayne Dietrich, and Greg Stewart, as judges, Bayfield Reads 2021 will take place on Sunday, March 7 at 2 p.m. on ZOOM. Admission is free and there's no need to RSVP. Just join the event at the following link: zoom.us/j/94945383838

This year's Canada Reads finalists include: "Butter Honey Pig Bread", by Francesca Ekwuyasi; "Two Trees Make a Forest", by Jessica J. Lee; "The Midnight Bargain", by C.L. Polk; "Hench", by Natalie Zina Walschots; and "Jonny Appleseed", by Joshua Whitehead.

FAMILY SOUGHT FOR CORINA

Bayfield Forgotten Felines (BFF) has helped hundreds of feral and abandoned cats find their forever homes but many are still waiting.

Corina is the Adopt-A-BFF featured cat of the week.

BFF has a long relationship with Corina. She is one of the cats from the old Trap Neuter and

Jeff Kish, director of Marketing for the Bayfield Community Centre, announced on Feb. 12 that the centre would re-open Feb. 16 for all ice surface and community center activities.

"As you can imagine, the demand for ice time is overwhelming," said Kish. In an attempt to meet demand, the management team of the Bayfield Community Centre and Arena has decided to extend ice hours to 9 p.m. each day, as well as further extending the ice season to March 31st.

"We're very excited to welcome our Huron-Perth skating and hockey enthusiasts back to the Bayfield Community Centre," said Kish, who reminds the public to check their website for all information relating to ice and meeting facility availability.

The free public skating schedule has resumed: every Sunday from 1-3 p.m., recreational skating open to all residents of Bayfield and surrounding area; every Monday for one hour starting at 10:30 a.m., recreational skating open to just Moms & Tots and Seniors and their Caregivers; every Monday for one hour starting at 7 p.m., Kids Shiny, a fun time to get youth involved in hockey.

For more information call 519 565-2121 or visit www.bayfieldcommunitycentre.ca.

Masks are required when entering the Bayfield Community Centre and can be taken off once on the ice. Other COVID-19 protocols are in effect and posted, people are asked to please abide by the rules.

BRVTA

With the lockdown lifted, the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) will resume offering guided hikes on Saturday mornings at 10 a.m. at the Varna Nature Trails. The next one is scheduled for Feb. 27. Hikers are asked to meet at the Varna Community Complex, Mill Road (Ontario Rt 3), just west of Varna.

Hike leaders will guide a one-hour hike (2.5 KMs) on the Mavis/Taylor nature trails. All are welcome, including dogs on leash. They will follow social distancing protocols, so please wear a mask at sign-in. During the hike, participants may remove their mask as long as they keep 2 Ms (6 ft) distance from other hikers. Leaders recommend cleats and a ski pole, as the trails can be covered with hard-packed snow and ice.



Corina (Submitted photo)

Release (TNR) program and is Stormy's sister. (see Issue 606). About three years ago, she was trapped, vetted and released. She was just a young girl about seven months old at the time. According to Rescue volunteers, this happened at the beginning of their learning curve about feline rescue. They had no place to hold cats for more than a short time, and no foster homes, so after her surgery she was returned to the streets. However, a shelter was built for her and her siblings who were also part of the TNR program and they were fed daily by a rescue volunteer to keep them healthy and happy.

In the fall of last year, Corina showed up with a paw injury and was brought to the Rescue. Now healed from her injury this beautiful girl is looking to be adopted and to live the fine life of an indoor cat.

Anyone willing to make Corina a part of their family is asked to reach out to Bayfield's Forgotten Felines at bayfieldsforgottenfelines@gmail.com.

The cost of a vet visit is \$150 per feline, a lot more for cats with special needs. Donations are always appreciated. E-transfers can be sent to the email above or email to arrange for a drop off or pick up of donations. Cheques can be mailed to Bayfield's Forgotten Felines, P.O. Box 33, Bayfield, ON, N0M 1G0.

For questions or more information, contact BRVTA Hike Coordinator Ralph Blasting at rjblastingjr@gmail.com or 519 525-3205.

Watch this space for news about the BRVTAs full 2021 hike schedule.

BAYFIELD PACC

The Bayfield People and Canine Community (PACC) was recently formed to address the community need for a local play space where people's canine friends can exercise and socialize. The members of PACC feel that Bayfield is a dog-friendly community catering to locals and visitors alike. The group's mandate is to work with community partners in an effort to secure an off-leash area for their dogs and puppies, to promote responsible pet ownership, and to educate the public about the benefits of such a facility for this growing community. The group looks forward to providing details on this effort in the coming weeks and months.

Please join their private Facebook page at Bayfield P.A.C.C. to keep abreast of their activities. They welcome questions and ideas from interested parties as they work to pursue their goal of a safe, healthy, and secure play area for the village. Woof! Woof!



DR. KEN MILNE TO PRESENT ON DETECTING REPUTABLE INFO

Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway) will host the second Gateway College Lecture Series event on Tuesday, March 2nd.

Dr. Ken Milne, one of Huron County's own physicians and Gateway's Chair of Rural Medicine, will be presenting on the topic: "Mezmerization with Evidence-Based Medicine". The one-hour, lecture-webinar will begin at noon.

Dr. Milne will be highlighting how to detect reputable information and encouraging skepticism

PUBLIC HEALTH

The Huron Perth Public Health website is updated regularly with confirmed case counts received.

"Our online case reporting is not a real-time tool but is meant to keep the community informed on trends we are seeing," explains Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Miriam Klassen.

For the latest statistics on COVID-19 cases in Huron and Perth Counties please visit: www.hpgh.ca

when analyzing all health claims. This topic is especially pertinent in the realm of COVID-19, with the “infodemic” of false claims and fake news.

He is a staff physician at the South Huron Hospital Association in Exeter, ON. With over 35 years of research experience, 25 years of clinical practice and the creator of a knowledge translation project, “The Skeptics Guide to Emergency Medicine”, Dr. Milne’s objectives align with Gateway’s mission and the Lecture Series’ purpose of cultivating a culture of rural health knowledge and innovation. He is currently an adjunct professor in the Department of Medicine (Division of Emergency Medicine) and Department of Family Medicine at the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry, Western University.



Dr. Ken Milne (Submitted photo)

Dr. Milne is passionate about providing the best quality care to patients through evidence-based research. He notes that the knowledge translation gap in the medical field is evident, taking 17 years for high-quality, clinically relevant information to reach patients. He will be discussing various topics of science and evidence-based medicine, and how he incorporates this into his everyday practice.

Gateway organizers are thrilled to have Dr. Milne present and are looking forward to continuing to connect virtually with communities locally, nationally and internationally to reduce social isolation and promote their mission of research, education and communication.

Anyone interested in attending this next free, virtual, lunch-time, lecture-webinar on March 2nd, is asked to visit Gateway’s website to register: www.gatewayruralhealth.ca/lecture-series.html.

HURON HOSPICE LAUNCHES RAFFLE

Huron Hospice is launching an exciting new fundraising 50/50 Raffle. The first draw starts March 1st. The Huron Hospice 50/50 is your chance to win big! The more you play, the bigger the pot and the greater your chances to win. When you play, you are “Making Moments Matter” for families on the end-of-life journey. It’s a win-win!

Each year, the Ontario Government covers half of the cost of Huron Hospice \$1.2 million operations. The province allows funding to be used for employing nursing staff.

“Huron County donors cover the other \$600,000 of our costs. Donors cover the cost of Hospice community programs, such as grief and bereavement recovery for adults, and children and youth. At the residence, donations help provide meals, heat and hydro and general building upkeep,” said Willy Van Klooster, Huron Hospice Executive director. “We are truly fortunate to have a team of 130 volunteers who help our nurses and provide many of these services and programs. We are thankful for both the Government support and the assistance of our donors and volunteers. We could not do it without any of them,”

Van Klooster added, “Like many other charities, COVID-19 has had an impact on our Hospice revenue this year. We have been forced to think outside the box and be strategic about how to raise our badly needed revenue.”

“Although the Government does not cover them, these daily programs and services are essential. They impact our friends and neighbors, maybe even a family member,” commented Jay McFarlan, Huron Hospice Board chair.

“We understand that buying raffle tickets is not for everyone,” said Christopher Walker, Huron

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

March 8 is International Women's Day. It is a day of recognition, celebrating the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women and girls.

COVID-19 has had a profound effect on women, both at the workplace and at home, with increased workload and stressors due to lockdown, and quarantine measures, in Huron County, there are virtual plans to honor as many of these women as possible – women who have been true champions through the pandemic.

“Women, Connection and Community” will be a virtual event broadcast by “The Stayish” in Goderich and hosted by Roz Elliot. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. on Monday, March 8.

Recognition is also taking the shape of a fundraiser for three worthy Huron County causes: Huron Women’s Shelter Second Stage Housing and Counselling Services, Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre (HCFBDC) and/or the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) - Exeter and Goderich sites. Nominations will be accepted for a \$20 donation to one of these three charities. Each \$20 donation allows for one nomination, with no limit to the number of nominees, or the number of times one woman is nominated. Organizers ask that those who make a nomination let their nominee know to watch the celebration.

This virtual evening will feature local talent and speakers, plus many local eateries will offer take-out specials and deliveries, so that this free event can be a real celebration!

The links to the event will be posted closer to the date on Facebook, and on the three supported agencies’ websites.

Donations may be made by E-transfer to: Huron Women’s Shelter, donations@huronwomensshelter.com; or HCFBDC at hcfcdadmin@hay.net. Please include the nominee’s name. Anyone who would like a tax receipt is asked to include their contact info.

To donate to the local CMHA visit: cmhamiddlesex.ca/donate-now-gift-to-rural-mental-Health.

ENTREPRENEUR FUND

Deb Gill, chair of the Sunset Community Foundation

Hospice, manager of Fund Development. "However, in 2021 interest in raffles is growing.

Walker noted that there are many other ways in which Huron Hospice donors can support the Hospice. They can join the Hike for Hospice, support the There's No Place Like Home Telethon or by making donations in memory of family who have died.

Walker concluded, "Donors and their gifts are a critical part of our continued work. We thank everyone for joining us, however they choose to give. We know all gifts come from the heart."

Buying Raffle tickets is simple. Between March 1st and Apr. 1st people can get their tickets at www.huronhospice.ca When they purchase, they have options of 100 tickets for \$40, 40 tickets for \$20 and five tickets for \$10.

Please contact Christopher Walker at 519 525-7352 or 5050@huronhospice.ca with any questions.

FARM FAMILY CHALLENGES OTHERS TO BECOME LEADER MATCH DONORS



From l-r: Chase, Jennifer, Duane and Kole Dietrich

As the United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH) annual campaign surpasses 90 per cent of its goal of \$1,762,200, Shakespeare-area farm family Duane, Jennifer, Kole and Chase Dietrich are helping the organization celebrate and challenging other rural families by investing in their community as Leader Match donors. Leader Match donors donate \$6,000 to inspire five other people to give at the Leadership level of \$100 per month.

"We care about our community and want to help," said Jennifer Dietrich. "So, when Martin Ritsma approached us with the idea of becoming Leader Match donors, we thought it was a great opportunity to support people where we live and motivate others to give back through United Way."

"We're grateful to Duane and Jennifer," added UWPH Campaign Co-chair Martin Ritsma. "Hard-working farm families like theirs are the backbone of Perth-Huron. As a sector, agriculture contributes so much to our community. We're proud to welcome the Dietrichs to the UWPH family of donors to help support the most vulnerable."

(Sunset) (formerly, Grand Bend Community Foundation) is delighted to announce the establishment of the Huron Entrepreneur Fund (HEF).

The new Fund was developed by a group of business leaders in Huron County, led by John Marshall.

"This is an opportunity for donors to support charitable activities in Huron County, and at the same time, to foster new businesses and grow existing businesses," he said. Marshall is also the first donor to the new HEF making a gift of \$10,000 in early February.

Marshall explains that donations to the HEF will be held permanently, with grants made to charities from the investment income. The Fund's capital will be invested in Community Futures Huron, which provides small business loans to enterprises in Huron. Community Futures, in turn, will provide a return to the HEF.

"It's two for one!" said Marshall. "Both the capital and the income from the Fund will be used to benefit the people of Huron County, through business loans and grants to charities. As a donor, I welcome the opportunity to support economic development while reaching out to people in challenging situations."

The HEF will be held within and administered by Sunset. The newly renamed Foundation represents two decades of experience in working with donors to realize their goals and making grants based on deep community knowledge.

Gill hopes the HEF will provide a model for other individuals, families, and groups in Huron County.

"We are committed to helping new funds develop in Huron County, which previously did not have a Community Foundation. We've seen the positive impact of the Foundation in Lambton Shores and South Huron, and we want to see those same benefits throughout Huron County."

To contribute to the HEF, contact John Marshall at john@jmarshallassociates.com or by phone at 519 525-2989.

CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Do you know a person, business, farm, community group, or organization doing work that protects water, soil, and habitat for living things in Ausable Bayfield watersheds? If so, you are invited to nominate them

UWPH is committed to addressing important local issues, helping support almost 50 partners and programs across Perth and Huron Counties delivering important human services and creating brighter futures for more local people. This year, in addition to working with existing supported partners, UWPH is raising money for its Urgent Needs Fund (UNF). Already responsible for helping over 665 people since its creation in May of 2020, the UNF supports local residents in a time of crisis with funds for essentials like rent, groceries and medication.

To learn more about donating visit: perthhuron.unitedway.ca.

HPPH PROVIDES UPDATE ON VACCINATION PROGRESS

According to a Feb. 19th press release, Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH), with partners, continues COVID-19 vaccination work in Huron-Perth according to provincial direction.

"This week Huron Perth reached some exciting milestones," said Huron Perth Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Miriam Klassen. "HPPH received our first shipment of Pfizer vaccine, and we completed second-dose vaccinations for residents of long-term care and high-risk retirement homes. Also, as vaccine supply slowly begins to increase, we began work with our regional partners on expanding vaccination to other prioritized groups identified by the province. Although we are still in the initial stages of Phase One, planning and preparation is underway for all phases, and we are prepared to expand vaccination efforts as supply allows."

Ontario continues to be in Phase 1 of the province's three-phase vaccination plan. With the renewed delivery of vaccine into Canada and additional guidance from the Province, the Regional COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization Advisory Committee (including HPPH, Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU), and Southwestern Public Health (SWPH)), are expanding vaccination to other prioritized groups identified in the first Phase of Ontario's Vaccination Plan, who have yet to receive a first dose.

Immediate priority for first-dose vaccination:

- Staff and essential caregivers in long-term care homes, retirement homes and First Nations elder care homes, and any residents of these settings that have not yet received a first dose of vaccine.
- Alternative level of care patients in hospitals who have a confirmed admission to a long-term care home, retirement home or other congregate care home for seniors, as feasible.
- Highest priority health care workers, in accordance with the Ministry of Health's guidance on Health Care Worker Prioritization.
- Indigenous adults in northern remote and higher risk communities (including, on-reserve and urban communities).

Because short-term vaccine supply will continue to be less than the number of eligible recipients identified, the Regional COVID-19 Vaccine Prioritization Advisory Committee is further sequencing these groups.

Current Vaccination Activities:

- Huron Perth received its first shipment of Pfizer vaccine during the week of Feb. 15.
- Second-dose vaccines for long-term care and high-risk retirement home residents were completed as of end of day Thursday, Feb. 18.
- HPPH is working with long-term care and retirement homes to schedule appointments for staff and essential caregivers who have yet to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. These will be done through pilot clinics during the week of Feb. 22, with the support of Community Emergency Management Coordinators and municipalities in Huron and Perth. Only those who are eligible will be contacted for these clinics.
- Mobile teams will continue for retirement home residents as eligible. They are looking ahead to continued mobile clinics for healthcare workers.

for the Conservationist of the Year Award.

Award nominations may be submitted until today (Feb. 24).

"The year 2021 is the 75th anniversary of our conservation authority and, on this special year, we are proud to once again present this award," said Doug Cook, chair of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) Board of Directors. "This is just one way we can say 'thank you' to some of our participating local stewards who help to protect your water and soil resources and to improve forest and wetland conditions."

To submit a nomination, visit abca.ca for the nomination form and award information. The nomination form is found on this web page link: www.abca.ca/community

People may also email tcumming@abca.ca for more information.

ABCA has recognized outstanding achievements in conservation, each year since 1984, with conservation awards. Past award winners have included rural landowners and residents, agricultural producers and farms, service clubs, community organizations, companies, nature groups and municipalities.

SHORELINE POLICY CHANGES

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) Board of Directors invites the public to provide written comments on some proposed shoreline policy changes related to shore protection structures in regulated dynamic beach areas. The proposed policy changes do not apply to all shoreline areas but only beaches classified as dynamic.

The loss and buildup of sand is a natural part of the shoreline process in a dynamic beach area but recent high lake levels have made the loss of sand more pronounced. In areas where some landowners have previously existing shore protection structures, some neighboring landowners have also requested permits. The proposed policy changes are, in part, a response to this, to make it possible to consider approval of shore protection structures for those property owners in those areas.

"Policies in bluff areas do not change and most policies in dynamic beach areas stay exactly the same," said ABCA Water and Planning Manager, Geoffrey Cade. "The only changes are to policies related to new shore protection structures, and

• The Huron Perth Mass Vaccination Advisory Committee (HPMVAC) continues to work together to coordinate vaccination activities in Huron-Perth. The HPMVAC issues weekly memos regarding Huron-Perth vaccination status and activities. These memos can be found at www.hpph.ca/vaccines. Please note, guidance provided is tentative and subject to change. This reflects the evolving nature of COVID-19 and related supply chain logistics.

Vaccine eligibility:

- During Phase 1, eligible, confirmed candidates for vaccinations are being directly contacted.
- When Phase 2 and Phase 3 vaccinations roll out, HPPH and partners will be sharing information widely on who is eligible to receive the vaccine and how to get it. This will include direct contact of eligible participants through organizations and facilities, as well as mass media, print and social media.
- Please do not call HPPH, a primary care provider, or the pharmacy to be put on a wait list for the vaccine. Anyone eligible during Phase One, will be contacted. As mentioned above, communications will go out widely to notify eligible candidates for Phases 2 and 3 when those phases are set to begin.
- Please remember that there will be enough vaccine for everyone. Anyone who wants to be vaccinated will receive their opportunity to be vaccinated. HPPH appreciates the enthusiasm and patience of those eager to receive COVID-19 vaccine.

As vaccinations roll out, it is important to continue following all public health measures: wash hands often, avoid close contact with people not part of your household, maintain 2 Ms (6 ft) of physical distance from others, wear a mask in indoor public spaces, and stay home when sick.



Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol

REMEMBER THIS

The Huron County Museum is home to thousands of artifacts that illustrate the history of both the rural and urban populations of the area. Space dictates what wonderful curiosities the public regularly gets to see when they visit the museum located at 110 North Street in Goderich (now open to the public by appointment). But where there is wifi, there is an opportunity to time-travel with over 3,000 pieces of the museum's collection now available to view online at <https://huroncountymuseum.pastperfectonline.com>.

"Remember This" highlights items from the collection of the Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol. Items that have shaped the fabric of the county and the people who have lived here since before the county became the county in 1835 up until more recent times.

Brooches may not be as fashionable as they once were but the museum collection offers a few examples of their design...

FUNERAL BROOCH

GREEN STONED BROOCH



This is a gold colored brooch with little round indents and a green, oval-shaped stone in the middle. It appears to be missing surrounding stones.

This brooch belonged to Eliza Ann Thompson and her daughter Sarah Rebecca Thompson (Becky)



This is a small hair brooch (funeral brooch) with an intricate weave of hair belonging to Margaret Scott. The engraving on the back reads "Margaret Scott died 2nd Oct. 1846 Aged 72". The back has a hinged pin and clasp as well as a loop to attach a necklace. It has a short doubled necklace attached (not shown).

The Scott's lived in Harpurhey (near Seaforth, ON). Maragaret (Elliott) Scott (1774-1846) was married to Robert Scott Sr. (1769-1857).



who lived on a farm on the east half of Lot 22, Concession 6, in West Wawanosh.

"These women were very fashion conscious. They followed the latest styles in the Harper's Bazaar magazine and retained an itinerant dressmaker to board with them for a few weeks every so often to make new outfits for the coming season. The clothes were sewn on a treadle machine or, if fine, by hand."

LEAF SHAPED BROOCH



This is a small, leaf shaped brooch from the 1880s. It has a white enamelled/painted top. There is gold around the outside of the leaf, stem and on the back, there is a rhinestone in the centre towards the tip of the leaf. It has a gold brooch pin on the back for fastening.

The brooch was found inside the "handiwork" box belonging to Rebecca (Swaffield) Adams who lived in Colborne Twp and Goderich Twp and later Goderich.

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PHOTO STORY

NEW BOOK

MANY HURON COUNTY PLAYERS HAVE MADE AN IMPACT ON THE GOOD OLD HOCKEY GAME

PHOTOS COURTESY DAVID SCOTT

During the pandemic, people are missing live hockey arena sounds like scraping skates, pucks hitting boards, and cheering fans all the way from local arenas to the NHL. Some of those stories and memories of hockey games past are captured in a new book, "Huron County Hockey Heroes".

This project was years in development. Seaforth native and Goderich area writer, David Scott finally got down in print those from Huron County who have made an impact in hockey from the Jr B level and up, at the college/university level, semi-pro and pro and those who have represented Canada on a world stage or played professionally in another country.

Given those parameters, the former editor of the Seaforth Huron Expositor and Zurich Lakeshore Advance netted about 200 names from online records, hockey databases, Huron County newspapers and other sources. He's amazed at the number of players, coaches, officials and NHLers he found in the search.

Close to two dozen hockey players from Huron County have played at least one game or more in the NHL in the last 100 years. A few dozen more were drafted by NHL teams but were never called up. And all told, two players and two Huron County hockey professionals listed as builders have been inducted into the Hockey Hall of Fame in Toronto to date (including, Al Pickard, of Exeter).

Those subjects are all covered in Scott's first book, Huron County Hockey Heroes, a 300-page series of individual profiles complete with hundreds of color and black and white photos. The NHL teams with the most Huron County players and connections going back decades and generations are the Boston Bruins and Detroit Red Wings, both Original Six teams.

An effort was made to contact as many of the



Sierra Burt of Bayfield.



Sierra Burt playing with the Lindenwood Lions at Lindenwood University in Saint Charles, Missouri.



Cara Gardner with the Princeton 2020 ECAC champions.



Cara Gardner with the Ivy Trophy.



Cara Gardner with players from Team Canada.

players in the book as possible. Some profiles contain information from firsthand interviews, past and present. Some information was gleaned from online sources and records. As many original photographs as possible were purchased including many rare and hard to find photos and cards to help illustrate the book.

Both South Huron and Bluewater are well represented with several individuals and siblings reaching hockey success professionally or with NCAA teams, Ivy League teams, the NHL and with international hockey teams. Scott arranged the book by using individual profiles organized by surnames in alphabetical order to avoid discrimination or favoritism to town, team, era, level of play, gender of player, etc.

The following are just a small sample of the players covered in the book:

Sierra Burt, of Bayfield, has found success at the NCAA (W) level with the Lindenwood Lions team at Lindenwood University in Saint Charles, Missouri. She earned Rookie of the Week kudos four times in 2017-18. She has played for Team Ontario in the past and been invited to Team Canada training camps.

Cara Gardner (aka Cara Gardner Morey), of Hensall, is a former player and accomplished coach leading the Princeton Tigers women's hockey team. She led her team to their first ever ECAC championship in 2020. The Ivy League coach runs her own leadership camp. She has coached for the Canadian National program for several years and has led players of all ages at international competitions and World Championships.

The O'Reilly Family: Cal O'Reilly, of Brucefield/Varna, was first out of the gates for the hockey-playing O'Reilly siblings. He was signed early by the Milwaukee Admirals of the AHL and then joined the Nashville Predators in the NHL. Both Cal and his younger brother played together in the Russian Elite league before returning to the NHL and playing together on the Buffalo Sabres. Ryan's fateful trade to the St. Louis Blues led to the Cinderella Story of Stanley Cup victory for the team. They went from worst to first and captured the 2019 Stanley Cup. Ryan was named Captain of St. Louis for the 2020-21 season. Sister Tara O'Reilly was captain of the Carleton Ravens women's hockey team when she attended Carleton University in Ottawa.

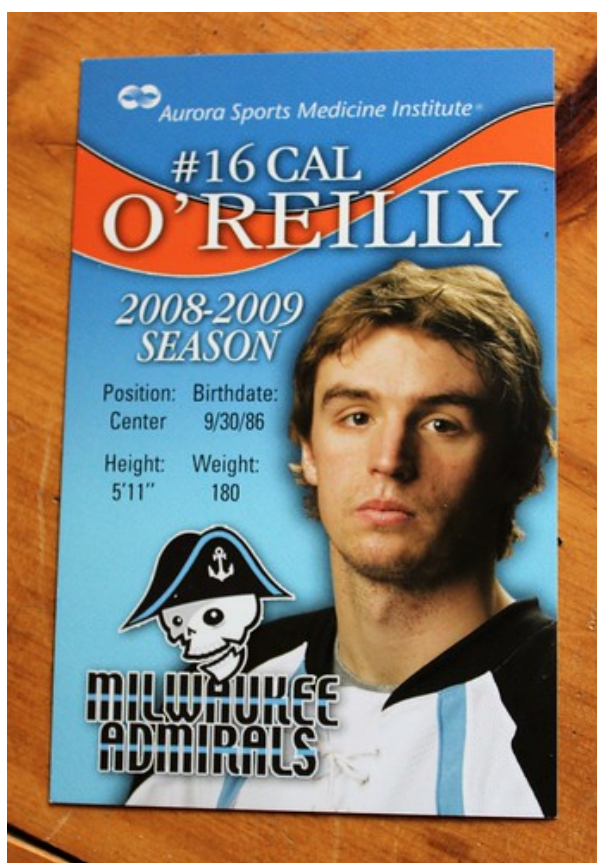
The Mercer Family: Mercer siblings Carly,



Cal O'Reilly's Milwaukee Admirals' hockey card.

Cal O'Reilly #16							
Position: Center							
Height: 5'11" • Weight: 180							
Shoots: Left							
Birth Date: September 30, 1986 • Birth Place: Toronto, ONT							
NHL Experience: None							
Acquired: Nashville, 5th Round, 2005 Entry Draft							
Season	Team	Lge	GP	G	A	Pts	PIM
2003-04	Sarnia Sting	OHL	62	5	11	16	106
2003-04	Windsor Spitfires	OHL	61	3	18	21	2
2004-05	Windsor Spitfires	OHL	68	23	50	73	16
2005-06	Windsor Spitfires	OHL	68	18	81	99	8
2005-06	Milwaukee Admirals	AHL	2	0	0	0	0
2006-07	Milwaukee Admirals	AHL	78	18	47	65	20

Cal O'Reilly's stats.



Cal O'Reilly hockey card from the Milwaukee Admirals.

Cayley and Cullen, of Exeter, have showed great skill in their collective hockey experience. Sisters Carly and Cayley together helped Clarkson University win its first ever NCAA (W) Championship in 2013-14. Both sisters have won medals for Canada at international competitions. Not to be outdone, brother Cullen was drafted by the Plymouth Whalers of the OHL and played a few seasons for the Michigan-based team. He also found success with the Jr B Listowel Cyclones and Sr AA Clinton Radars.

"Huron County Hockey Heroes" is available for \$60 total and can be purchased from Scott directly by emailing dscott2443@gmail.com or by visiting his Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/DavidScott...

It is also available in Seaforth at Local Organics and Pete's Office Supplies & Seaforth Sewing Centre or in Blyth at The Citizen newspaper office.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR:



David W Scott

David W Scott, of Goderich, has been working on this book for a few decades (very slowly and carefully!). But full-time work as an editor at the Seaforth Huron Expositor, Zurich/Grand Bend Lakeshore Advance and then at American Heart Association's Stroke medical journal in London kept him from working on this project in greater depth in the early years of its inception. Raising two young boys took a bit of time, too.

Scott was editor of Western University's Alumni Gazette magazine from July 2004 to January 2016. As a playwright, two of the three stage plays he had produced that premiered at the Blyth Festival had multiple out of province productions, including, "The Ballad of Stompin' Tom".

He has worked in publishing and the media since



Cal O'Reilly's NHL rookie card.

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Cal O'Reilly c
H: 6'8" Wt: 187
Shoots: L

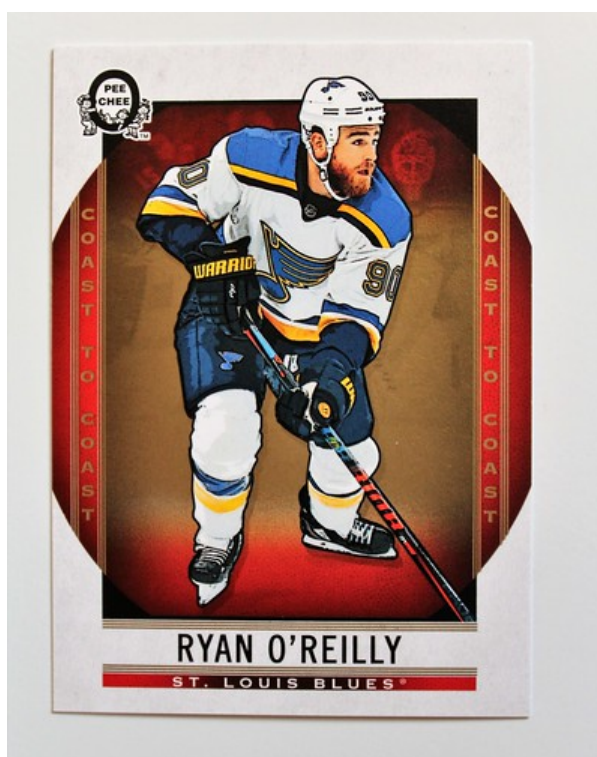
YEAR	TEAM	GP	G	A	Pts	PM	PPG	+/-
2008-09	NASHVILLE	11	3	2	5	2	0	2
1	NHL SEASON	11	3	2	5	2	0	2

O'REILLY PLAYED FOR THE CANADIAN SQUAD AT THE AHL ALL-STAR GAME IN 2008-09, AND LED THE MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS WITH 56 ASSISTS. HE HAD SEVEN POINTS, ALL ASSISTS, IN THREE GAMES WITH MILWAUKEE IN 2009-10 BEFORE EARNING A CALL BACK TO NASHVILLE.

CHOICE
ROOKIE
2008-10 UPPER DECK COLLECTOR'S CHOICE HOCKEY

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CHUCKA, CHUCK

Stats from Cal O'Reilly's rookie card with the Nashville Predators.



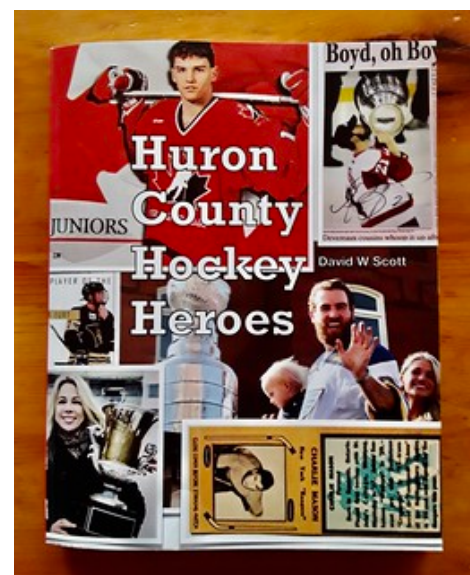
Ryan O'Reilly's St Louis Blues' hockey card.

the late 1980s with his first related job in the summer of 1985 editing a laboratory safety manual for the Canadian Red Cross in Toronto. After graduating from Ryerson's Radio & Television Arts program in 1987 he was hired in early 1988 as a runner for CBC's The Journal with Barbara Frum. He was promoted to production coordinator a year later and stayed with the show until the summer of 1992.

Eager to switch from the production side of the media to the editorial side in print journalism, Scott eventually moved back to his hometown of Seaforth and worked as a reporter in early 1993. During his six years of reporting and editing for Signal-Star newspapers he wrote several hockey profiles, covered games, interviewed former Seaforth players amongst his other writing and shared stories with Huron County audiences.

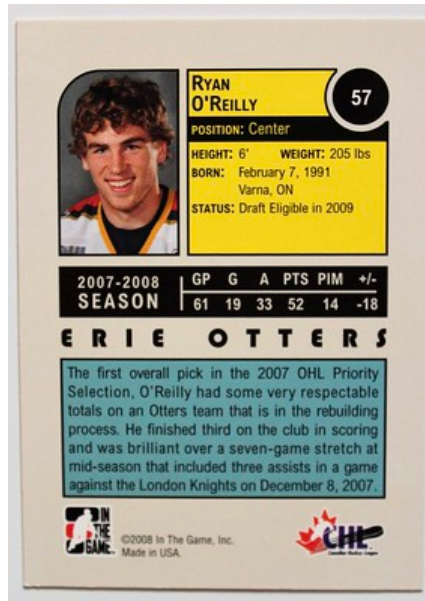
He was the last mayor of the Town of Seaforth from 1998 to 2000 before amalgamation and the creation of Huron East. He's had an active interest in hockey going back to his youth. He played neighborhood road hockey and backyard rink hockey at the Morton's when Don faithfully flooded their backyard that faced the fields of Scott's family farm on the northwest edge of Seaforth.

Scott lives with his wife, Becky Bannerman, at their home on Lake Huron.





Ryan O'Reilly's prospects card with the Erie Otters.



Ryan O'Reilly's stats as they appear on this prospects card.



Ryan O'Reilly celebrated his team's Stanley Cup win with a parade down Seaforth's Main Street in the summer of 2019. His grandmother had a place of honor on the float.



Tara O'Reilly



Tara O'Reilly playing with the Ravens.



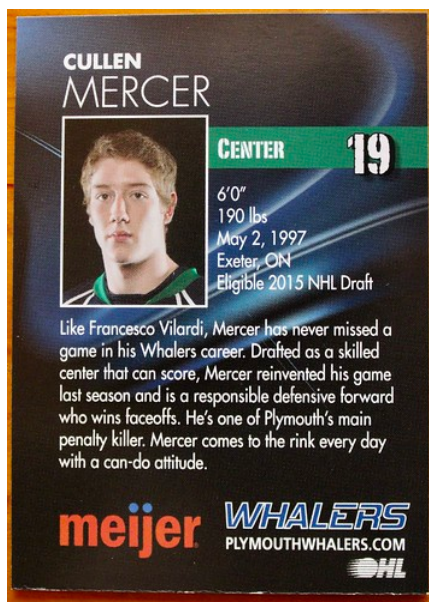
Carly Mercer (left) with the NCAA trophy during her time with Clarkson University.



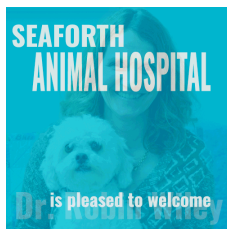
Cayley Mercer celebrates.



Cullen Mercer's Whalers' hockey card.



Cullen Mercer's stats.



PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK



The new Bayfield River (ice) bridge...do NOT try and cross it...By Gary Lloyd-Rees

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SUBMISSIONS



Monday was Feb. 22, for those with a background in Guiding and Scouting it is an important day on the calendar. It is Thinking Day.

On Sunday, I did a Chocolatey Mint cookie exchange with a woman who wished me a happy, upcoming Thinking Day. This, of course, sparked me to inquire as to her history with Guiding. I love talking to women who have had experiences in the movement long before myself. It was thrilling to hear that she, as a youth, had met Lady Baden-Powell in the 1960s when the World Chief Guide was on a tour of Canada. In my three decades plus as a leader I think this was a first for me! In our brief visit she shared a lot of fond memories of times in Guiding and offered to come and talk with our current members when it is safe to do such things again.

Girl Guides of Canada has organized a virtual convention for its leaders that started yesterday and runs until mid-March. Leaders across the country can register for meet-ups and trainings and some fun surprises. Yesterday, I went to my first virtual meet-up of Pathfinder leaders from BC to New Brunswick and all points in between. It was very nice to chat and brainstorm with people facing similar experiences who are all trying to support our youth in a pandemic.

On Monday night, many landmarks across the country were lit up in blue to recognize Guiding on Thinking Day – the CN tower and Niagara Falls were just two. There was a candle in the window at my house too. A simple symbol that during this health crisis we can learn from our history, reflect on shared experiences and enjoy opportunities that may normally not be afforded to us. – 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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