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BAYFIELD READS THIS SUNDAY



With Bayfield Reads, virtually hosted by The Village Bookshoop, coming up this Sunday, March 7, it's time to introduce the final defender.

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, March 12.

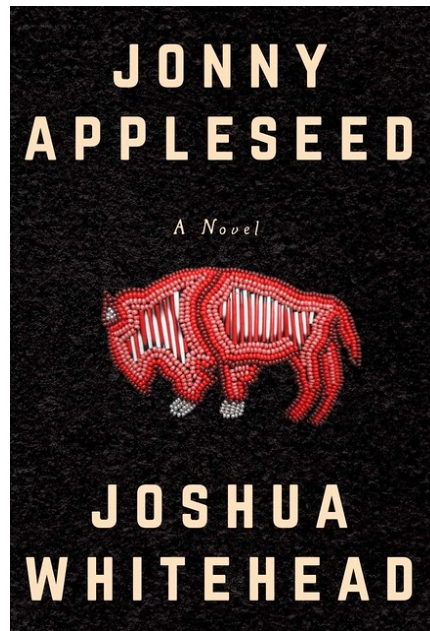
People can place their orders by visiting openfoodnetwork.ca/bayfield-farmers-market/ from March 7 at 8 a.m. to March 10 at 8 p.m. Shoppers will be directed to pick up their items up on March 12 sometime between 3-5 p.m. at Shopbike Coffee Roasters on Bayfield's Main Street. They will receive an email confirmation (Thursday) with the approximate time of delivery on Friday afternoon.

Over the last few weeks, the other participants have been introduced. They are Carmen Davies, who will be defending "Butter Honey Pig Bread" by Francesca Ekwuyasi; Godfrey Healthcote, who will be representing C. L. Polk's "Midnight Bargain"; Brad McLellan, who will be speaking for "Two Trees Make a Forest" by Jessica J. Lee; and Lorelei Lingard, who will be defending Natalie Zina Walschots's "Hench".

The final defender is Chris Walker, an avid reader with eclectic taste and an interest in philosophy and politics. Walker spent his summers growing up in his family's house right on Bayfield's Main Street, and considers himself very lucky to have been able to move back to Huron County.

He will be defending "Jonny Appleseed" by Joshua Whitehead, an award-winning novel about a young two-spirit man whose stepfather's death forces him to reassess his relationship with his culture.

According to CBC Books, "As Canadians scramble for their next pandemic winter book, they'll be lucky to find a truly exceptional read in Jonny Appleseed. The book follows a young two-spirit Indiqueer man who has left the reserve to try and find a life in the big city. A self-proclaimed "NDN glitter princess," Jonny ends up becoming a cybersex worker who fetishizes himself in order to make a living. But this is all upended when he returns home to attend his stepfather's funeral. And in the dream-like seven days leading up to the trip, Jonny learns to reconcile the pieces of his life before he faces his past."



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 this 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

VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING MAIN STREET TONIGHT

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 tonight (March 3) at 6 p.m.

Orders can be paid online with credit card or email 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

BAFB

The generosity of the community continues to brighten the lives of the people who look to the Bayfield Area Food Bank (BAFB) for support. The BAFB is currently in need of donations of personal care products, such as, toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, small shampoos, bath soap and baby wipes.

Anyone in need of assistance at this time, is asked to please reach out through either an email to bayfieldareafoodbank@gmail.com or phone/text 519 955-7444. All enquiries are handled with complete confidentiality.

For anyone wanting to drop off a non-perishable food donation, the outdoor bin located at Trinity St. James Church on Keith Crescent, can be found at the north entrance of the parish hall. This red bin is sitting next to the recycling container at that doorway facing the parking lot, and is emptied frequently, especially with the freezing temperatures.

Please note, monetary donations are always a very welcome gift as well, as this allows BAFB to purchase needed items that aren't otherwise available.

For anyone who would like to support BAFB with a monetary gift, there are a few options available. Cheques can be mailed to: Bayfield Area Food Bank, 10 Keith Cres., Bayfield, ON, N0M 1G0. A collection container for cash donations is located at The Bayfield Garage at the corner of Hwy. 21 and Jane St. An e-transfer can be made through BAFB's gmail account: bayfieldareafoodbank@gmail.com or a donation can be received on-line through the www.canadahelps.org website.

All donations of \$20 or more will be receipted for tax purposes. BAFB is a registered charity with CRA. Anyone who would like a receipt, is asked to ensure that their name and address are clearly provided along with the donation.

BAFB will be hosting their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, March 31 at 1 p.m. The meeting will

Presentation material for the meeting is available for public review 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.

INPUT REQUESTED REGARDING MUNICIPAL SHORELINE PROTECTION

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.

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!

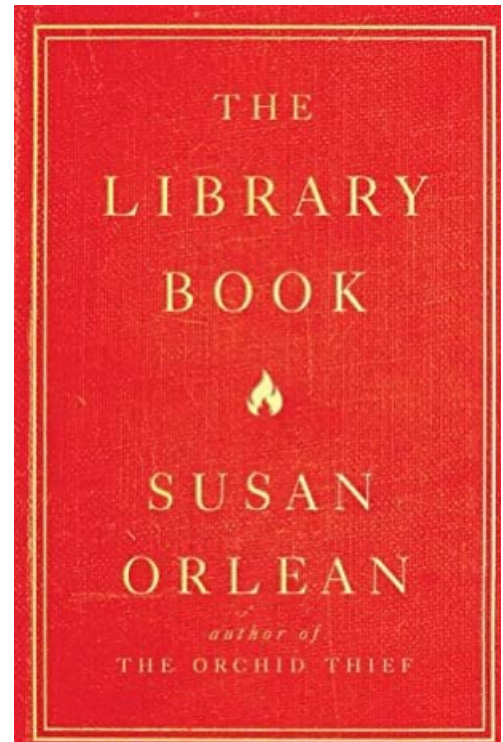
Hikes upcoming in March include a walk on the Woodland Trail to celebrate International Women's Day (IWD) and a Hills, Valleys and Trees Hike suitable for the whole family.

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 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

be held virtually. Members will be notified by email, however, if there are others interested in attending from the community, they can send a request to the email listed above and the ZOOM link for the meeting will be sent to them as well.

RECOMMENDED READING



During the COVID-19 crisis, people may find themselves with more time to turn the pages of a good book. But what books to read and what books to leave on the shelf?

In case Bayfield Breeze readers are looking for a little guidance in this department the folks at The Village Bookshop on Main Street will be providing a monthly suggestion via their customers who have agreed to pen a book review to share with our readers.

March's title is "The Library Book", written by Susan Orlean and reviewed by Barbara Brown.

If you love books, libraries and are a bit of a social historian you will enjoy The Library Book. It is in part about the fire that broke out in the Los Angeles library in 1986. According to Orlean, a stoichiometric condition was created that resulted in total perfect combustion. Most firefighters will never see such a blaze. The fire was thought to be arson but the suspect, Harry Peak, was never charged because he

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**

LANDFILL SITE FERAL NOW SWEET AND PLAYFUL PET IN NEED OF HOME

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

was a chronic liar. Over 400,000 books were destroyed and 700,000 were damaged along with the destruction to the library itself. The damaged books were put into freezers for two years and then pressed to remove the water. Yet, The Library Book is much more than a tale of arson. Orlean presents the broader history of libraries in the past, the crucial role they play today and considerations for the future.

Some interesting tidbits about the Los Angeles library include the first woman to head the library, Mary Fox, was only 18 years-old. Charles Lummis, another library head and eccentric journalist, wanted to make the library the best in the world! Every week 700 new books arrive and 47,000 are distributed to 72 branches. It took 15 years to decide on the renovations. The library offers a drive through book return, a daycare centre, a puppet theatre, a high school program and a safe place for the homeless.

Orleans believes that a library is "a place where you feel part of a conversation that has gone on for hundreds and hundreds of years, even when you are all alone." "You don't need to take a book off a shelf to know there is a voice inside that is waiting to speak to you" and the voice or "writer's belief that someone would find his or her book important to read."

Locally, the Friends of Bayfield Library view our library as the vital heart and hub of our community. Orlean would add our "mind and soul" and in spite of the digital age libraries are more necessary than ever.

If you enjoy The Library Book, Orlean's "The Orchid Thief: A True Story of Beauty and Obsession" is also a must read.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Stanley (Submitted photo)

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

Once a scrappy and fierce survivor, Stanley has evolved into a sweet and playful boy.

This feral fellow came to the Rescue courtesy of the kind gentleman at the Stanley landfill site, near Varna, who noticed a poor, bedraggled cat skulking around the trash heaps and reached out to BFF volunteers to intervene.

Stanley has now graduated from several weeks of one on one "feral-deconditioning" at a foster home and is ready to start auditioning for his forever home.

Anyone willing to make Stanley 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.

IN MEMORIAM

BAUER WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR GENEROSITY AND FUN-LOVING SPIRIT

Patricia Alice (Schnurr) Bauer made the transition to new life on Feb. 26 in her 95th year.

Patsy, as she was affectionately called, was born to Gertrude and Joseph Schnurr on Apr. 11, 1926. Patsy had a long and full life.

Patsy was a Kitchener-Waterloo girl through and through. She grew up in the backyard of Victoria Park and went to St. Mary's High School. She trained to be a nurse at St. Mary's Hospital, Kitchener, and at St Michael's, Toronto. Patsy was a Registered Nurse and was so proud to be top in her class. Her warm bedside manner carried her through life in the spirit of giving, caring, and a healthy dose of tough love.

Patsy married Raymond Aloysius Bauer in June of 1949 and celebrated 52 years of marriage. Together they had a family of ten children. That family grew to thirty-five grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. In 1991, in recognition of her charitable works Patsy was a recipient of the Papal Knighthood in the Equestrian Order of the Knights of the Holy Sepulchre. She was



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, 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



Patricia Alice (Schnurr) Bauer (Submitted photos)

fondly named "Lady Patricia". She was a lifelong member of St. Louis RC Church in Waterloo.

She lived in the moment and was very present to all around her. Her greatest gift to all of us was her love of her family and her ability to find humor in all situations. Mom was the heart of our family and some would say the rock. She gave her children many opportunities to pursue activities in sport, music and education. Mom possessed an inner strength that was a constant source of inspiration for each of us.

Patsy and Ray were blessed with many happy memories spent at Union Street, Sunset Beach and Sunset Cliff. Bayfield was a special place with wonderful memories where Mom would be the first and last one in the lake each year. We spent many summers sharing meals and the

most beautiful sunsets in the world overlooking Lake Huron. We had many gatherings, sock hops, weddings, pig roasts and New Year's parties. Patsy was always the life of the party and most welcoming to her family and friends. We will miss her generosity and fun-loving spirit.



Patsy Bauer crossed the finish line during a Pioneer Park Fun Run. The park was one of her favorite places in the village.

She is predeceased by her husband Raymond A. J. Bauer (2001) and daughter Barbara Bauer-Maison (2005). Mother of Brenda (Pat), Toronto; Carol (Neil), St. George; Maureen (David), Perth; Raymond E. Bauer, Bayfield; Marianne (Brian), Cambridge; Lisa (Frank), Waterloo; E.J. Bauer (Lynn), Bayfield; Peter (Kathleen), Waterloo; Brian (Holly), Waterloo; and son-in-law, Marc Bauer-Maison, Stratford.

Patricia is lovingly remembered by her thirty-five grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Paul (Jessica), Kristen (Ryan), Naomi, Elisha, Natasha, Michael, Alanna (Dillen), Tatyana, Matt (Cate), Dan (Kristine), Kevin, Connor, Peter, Martha, Dave (Katie), Jon, Mike, Stephen, Rob, Paul, Maria, Brianna, Jasmine, Phil, Joseph, Basil, Grace, David, Shannon, Brendan, Erin,

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



Jeff Kish, director of Marketing for the Bayfield Community Centre, announced on Feb. 12 that the centre would re-open on 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.

Jessie, Ben, Brooke and Riley.

Patsy is predeceased by her brothers Robert (Jean) Schnurr, Jim (Vivian) Schnurr, Betty Ann (Dr. William) Young, and Joseph Schnurr. Survived by sister-in-law Ellie (Bob) Mueller. She is predeceased by Frank (Barbara) Bauer, Bob Bauer (Margaret), Eugene (Sally) Bauer, Jerome (Harriet) Bauer, Fr. David Bauer, Alice (Cecil) Schmalz, Mary (Edward) Freiburger, Rita (Jim) Huck, Therese Dillon and Joseph Laudenbach. Survived by Tom Dillon, and Margaret Laudenbach.

A thank you to Mom's very special caregivers from years past: Raz, Tess, Tricia and June. Dr. Irwin, Dr. Gartner and Dr. Milligan took Patsy under their care. The family would like to thank them for their kindness given to Patsy while living at home and in the Village at University Gates. A special thank you to Shelley and all the nurses and personal care workers and staff at the Village at University Gates, Wright Neighbourhood. Thank you to Fr. Sam Restivo for supporting and comforting our "Patsy" through her last months.

As expressions of sympathy the family would appreciate donations to her special charities: Carmel of St. Joseph, St. Mary's General Hospital Foundation, St. Louis Parish and Pioneer Park Association, Bayfield. Donations can be made through the funeral home at www.erbgood.com or by calling the Erb & Good Family Funeral Home, 171 King Street S., Waterloo at 519 745-8445.

The Bauer Family will have a private celebration of life. It will be live-streamed to Patsy's tribute page at www.erbgood.com and family and friends are invited to join through the link. The Mass of thanksgiving for Patricia Alice Bauer will be celebrated at St. Louis RC Church on Friday, March 5th at 11 a.m. Interment to follow at Mount Hope Cemetery, Kitchener.

In addition to the online funeral service, the family will be hosting a live-streamed reception on March 5th at 7 p.m. in honor of Patsy. This will be a separate event from the Funeral Mass held earlier in the day. At the reception, people will be able to communicate with each other through an unique ZOOM platform. All are welcome to attend by registering in advance. A link will be sent once you have registered. To register go to www.bit.ly/pbauerzoom or through the link found on Patsy's tribute page.

"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 Shinny, 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.

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!



LEITH DEACON RESEARCH CHAIR OF RURAL RESILIENCY AT GATEWAY



Leith Deacon (Submitted photo)

Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway) is thrilled to welcome Leith Deacon to their team, as the Research Chair of Rural Resiliency.

Deacon's focus aligns with Gateway's mission to promote health equity and improve quality of life among rural residents through research, education, and communication.

"I am excited to work with Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health, to bring attention to rural issues by conducting research that contributes to increasing the resiliency of rural areas and improving the health and quality of life of rural residents," Deacon said.

Deacon is currently an Assistant Professor in Rural Planning and Development in the School of Environmental Design and Rural Development at the University of Guelph. He is a full member of the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) and a Registered Professional Planner (RPP). Deacon's primary research focus is rural resiliency across Ontario, Canada, and globally.

He has an MSc (2004) from the University of Guelph and a PhD (2010) from the University of Western Ontario. Additionally, he spent time gaining research experience from the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, Rural Development Division, in Rome, Italy. He employs quantitative and qualitative research methodologies to gather data about the experiences of individuals from rural and remote communities that can be used to help advocate for the inclusion of rural communities and the needs of their residents within policy decisions.

Deacon's extensive experience and educational background will leverage Gateway's research potential and bolster the impact on rural communities they work with.

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.hpph.ca

HOSPICE RAFFLE

Huron Hospice is launching an exciting new fundraising 50/50 Raffle. The first draw started on 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."

Gateway's President, Gwen Devereaux, is thrilled to welcome him as Chair of Rural Resiliency.

She said, "This is a perfect time to bring additional strength to our research team. This pandemic has tested our resiliency and helping our rural residents with strategies to stay strong during this time is so important to our well-being."

COLORS IN QUILT OF THE MONTH A VIBRANT REMINDER OF SPRING



With so much talent, busy hands and love in the community during the COVID-19 lockdown period, the Huron Hospice was pleasantly overwhelmed with donations of afghans and quilts. A random selection of these handmade quilts will be sold as a fundraiser for patient care at the hospice.

The brown and blue colors in this cotton quilt selected for March are mesmerizing. It will give anyone's décor a quick pick-up, no matter where it is placed. This incredible quilt is suitable for all ages. What a fun way to celebrate spring, saying good-bye to the bare earth and looking

"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 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 now 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.

HPHA

An outbreak of COVID-19 at the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) – St. Marys Memorial Hospital was declared over by Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) on Feb. 24. The outbreak had been declared on the Inpatient Unit on Feb. 2 after five cases of the virus were identified.

"Upon declaring the outbreak, immediate precautions were implemented, including prevalence testing in team members and enhanced site cleaning," said HPHA President and CEO, Andrew Williams.

In total, three patients acquired the virus while in hospital, along with four team members. As there have been no further cases, the Inpatient Unit has been reopened to admissions and transfers. Family and caregiver presence on the Unit has also been restored. Full guidelines can be found on their website at www.hpha.ca.

"While this outbreak is over, we can't stress enough the importance of continuing to follow public health measures, especially with the risk of new variants.," said Williams.

forward to blue lakes and rivers. This quilt was made by members of the local community and measures 67" x 52"; it is suitable for a wall hanging, throw or pet blanket and sells for \$495.

The first person sending an email to Hospice Manager of Fundraising Christopher Walker at chris.walker@huronhospice.ca will be the happy owner of this quilt. Anyone who would like further information before they decide should also contact him via email.

CONSERVATION EDUCATORS OFFER REMOTE AND OUTDOOR PROGRAMS

Conservation educators at Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) have offered support to the watershed community through new learning opportunities, which are provided at no cost thanks to program sponsors Canada Nature Fund; Environment and Climate Change Canada's EcoAction Community Funding Program; and ABCA.

Two new online synchronous (when there is live interaction between ABCA conservation educators and students) learning programs were created for watershed teachers. The Species at Risk program, with funding support from Canada Nature Fund of Fisheries and Oceans Canada, teaches students about local species at risk, including turtles, mussels and fish found in the Ausable River. The second program, Wonderful Wetlands, focuses on the at-risk habitat of wetlands and is sponsored by the EcoAction Community Funding Program. Additional support for teachers is found on ABCA's website, abca.ca, which has a teacher's resources section with printables, lesson plans and educational website links.

People can now watch ABCA conservation educators, on YouTube, with the posting of this series of free presentations. ABCA first broadcast these videos, as live 'lunch and learn presentations' for each of these topics. The lunch and learn presentations are now available, for viewing anytime, on ABCA's YouTube channel: www.youtube.com/user/TheAusable

These are the five presentations:

- Species at Risk (geared to students in Grades 4-6), first broadcast Jan. 29
- Wonderful Wetlands (geared to students Grades 4-6), first broadcast Feb. 2
- Species at Risk (geared to students in Grades 7-12), first broadcast Feb. 5
- River Safety – Flooding and You (geared to Grades 4-6 students), – first broadcast Feb. 9
- Water and Wetlands (geared to students K-3), – first broadcast Feb. 12

"Conservation educator Nina Sampson and myself are available to chat and we are keen to help teachers or parents in any way we can," said Denise Iszczuk, conservation educator. "Step one to learning about nature is to plan time to get outside every day."

In addition to these and other remote learning opportunities, this March the conservation educators at ABCA are planning outdoor spring sessions of Oaks and Acorns; Coyotes and Pups; Muskrats; and Outdoor School.

To register or to find out more visit the abca.ca website's education web page at this link: www.abca.ca/education/

Anyone who would like to chat with conservation educators about these programs, is asked to please call 519 235-2610, or toll-free 1-888-286-2610, Ext. 255 or 262.

VACCINATIONS EXPANDED TO ADDITIONAL PRIORITY GROUPS

With increased vaccine supply in the region, and guidance from the Province, Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH), the Middlesex-London Health Unit (MLHU), and Southwestern Public

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 hcfdcadmin@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.

SHORELINE POLICY CHANGES

Health (SWPH) will expand eligibility for COVID-19 vaccination to additional priority groups identified in the first Phase of Ontario's Vaccination Plan.

As of March 1st, the three health units are expanding eligibility to include community members who are 80 years of age and older and Indigenous adults who are 55 years of age and older.

"In addition to long-term care and retirement home residents, staff and essential caregivers, and an expanded list of prioritized healthcare, we are very pleased to begin including community members over the age of 80 as well as Indigenous adults 55 and older," said Medical Officer of Health at HPPH Dr. Miriam Klassen. "Expanding vaccine eligibility means we can continue to build a wall of protection around our most vulnerable community members."

In order to accommodate these groups from the general public, HPPH will be opening a public booking system (online and telephone) in the days ahead. Clinics will begin early to mid-March and continue for several weeks.

Anyone with a loved one who is 80 years old or older, is asked to please inform them that booking links and details will soon be announced for Huron-Perth. When booking opens for those aged 80 and older, HPPH will be communicating this information widely through their webpage, print, radio, local news, and social media. People can also call HPPH at 1-888-221-2133, press one for COVID-19 vaccine, and listen to the regularly updated vaccine information. People are asked not to call their primary care provider or pharmacy for further information.

Healthcare workers in provincially-prioritized groups will also be able to start getting their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine. Among the groups now eligible to receive the vaccine are:

- Staff and essential caregivers in long-term care homes, high-risk 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.
- Frontline healthcare workers working in hospital inpatient settings and hospital procedural areas, including surgical care, obstetrics, endoscopy, operating rooms, dialysis, imaging, chemotherapy, and radiotherapy. Other ambulatory and out-patient care areas are not included at this time.
- Residents and staff in other congregate care settings for seniors, including assisted living facilities.
- Hospital and acute care healthcare workers in frontline roles with COVID-19 patients and/or with a high-risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- Patient-facing healthcare workers involved in the COVID-19 response.
- Medical First Responders
- Patient-facing community healthcare workers serving specialized populations (such as Needle exchange/syringe programs, home and community care healthcare workers)
- Residents and staff in other congregate care settings for seniors, including assisted living facilities.

For a full list of all healthcare workers and sectors currently eligible for a first-dose, visit: www.hpph.ca/en/health-matters/covid-19-vaccine-information.aspx.

Healthcare workers will receive booking directions from their employer. Additional information on how healthcare workers can preregister for an appointment will be available shortly.

Since Dec. 23, 2020, more than 30,000 doses of COVID-19 vaccine have been administered to eligible individuals within the region. Vaccination eligibility will be expanded as Ontario moves to the second and third Phases of the Provincial Vaccination Plan. The Provincial government has estimated that Phase two may begin as early as March, with plans to extend vaccination to more cohorts in the senior population.

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 maintenance or replacement of old ones, in regulated dynamic beach areas."

The ABCA Board of Directors has approved release of the proposed policies to the public for written comments prior to consideration for approval. ABCA is receiving public written comments on the proposed changes until Friday, March 5. To review the proposed policy changes, and to provide written comments, visit abca.ca and this web page link: www.abca.ca/planning/shoreline-2021/

TRINITY ST. JAMES

Trinity St. James Anglican Church offers Sunday services at 11 a.m. provided virtually over ZOOM. All are welcome.

The congregation would also like to invite people to join in their relaxed Coffee and Conversation hour also held over ZOOM every Thursday and Friday starting at 11 a.m.

To join any of these ZOOM sessions please contact Rev'd Mary Farmer at mary.e.r.farmer@gmail.com.



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.

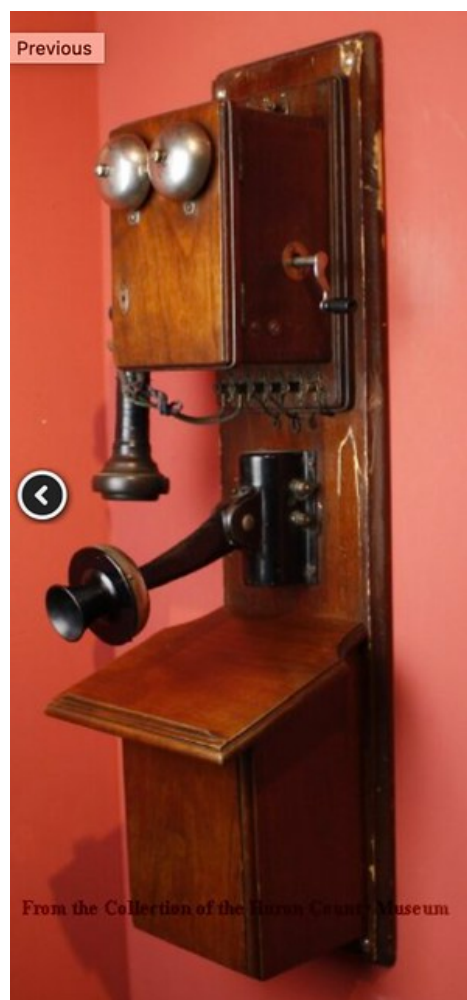
Telephone communications have evolved quickly over the last century here are a trio of early examples that the museum has in their collection...

SWITCH BOARD

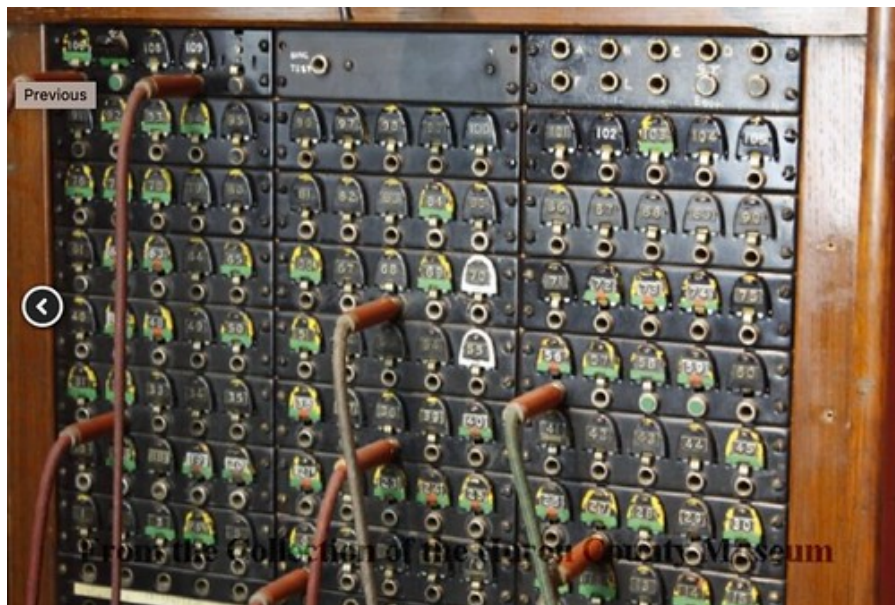


This Switchboard was used at Centralia Central until 1960.

BELL WALL PHONE



This a wall phone from "The Bell Telephone Company of Canada, Montreal". It fastens to a wall. The upper wooden box has a hand crank for dialing on the right side and a cradle on the left side to hold the ear piece. The ear piece is attached to the bottom of the upper-box by a cord. At the top front of the upper box there are two



silver bells with covers. The mouth piece can be found below the upper box fastened to the centre of the wall mounted wood. The "lower box" features a sloped ledge.

DESK STYLE PHONE



This is a two-piece, desk style telephone. The first piece is comprised of a round cylinder that protrudes from the base and at the top of this is a round mouth-piece and holder for the receiver (ear piece). The receiver is also cylinder shaped with a larger circumference at one end. The cord is attached to both pieces with metal fittings at the ends of the cords.



Always Changing.
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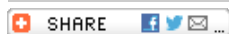


PHOTO STORY

DECADE RETROSPECTIVE

CABARET A THEATRICAL ESCAPE FROM WINTER BLAHS

STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER



2012 - The Bayfield "Andrews Sisters" also known as (l-r) Kate Lloyd-Rees, Jamie Thomas and Helen Latimer, performed "Don't Sit under the Apple Tree". (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)



2013 - Philip Keightley's Donovan really seemed to enjoy the attention of Kate Lloyd-Rees' Cher and Jamie Thomas' Nancy Sinatra during the "Sixties doing the 60s" Dress Rehearsal on Thursday night. The sold-out Cabaret was staged as a fundraiser for the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society in the Bayfield Town Hall on the evening of Feb. 16. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

The winter Cabarets "were born of an idea based on providing some entertainment for the 'die-hards' in Bayfield who are not 'snowbirds' and therefore brave the Canadian winter valiantly. There is nothing like a good song and dance to wash away those winter blues!"

That was how Judy Keightley, the writer and director behind the first Cabaret held in February of 2012 described the premise behind the show.

In the years since that first production, Cabaret has become a favorite on the social calendar for many with multiple performances being added and always selling out. The production scale continues to grow and the cast and crew always seem to rise to the challenge while maintaining the fun of the early days.

Cabaret 2020 was a fine example. It was also one of the last activities everyone in the community enjoyed before the pandemic set the world topsy, turvy. In 1882, at the grand opening of the Bayfield Town Hall a three-hour Cabaret was held so tradition dictates that the community will come together to sing and dance again when it safe to do so.

CABARET THEMES

Let's take a look back at the themes of the Cabaret over the years:

2012 – "We'll Meet Again" (Music from the 1940s)

2013 – "Sixties Doing the 60s"

2014 – "Those were the Days" (Music from the 1950s and 60s)

2015 – "The Great White North Cabaret...Eh" (Music from the 1960s to present day)

2016 – "Bayfield at the Oscars – a Night at the Movies"

2017 – "Tourjours L'Amour"

2018 – "All Hat – No Horse – Best of the West"

2019 – Hiatus year

2020 – "Cabaret"



2014 - After a recent concert at Budweiser Gardens Sir Elton John stopped into the Bayfield Town Hall thanks to Paul Hill. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)



2012 - Lisa Stewart, who in the spirit of Vera Lynn, sang favorites from the 40s including "A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square" and "The White Cliffs of Dover". (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)



2015 - Jamie Thomas performed "Man! I Feel Like a Woman" in tribute to Shania Twain. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)



2017 - Paul Hill performed "Beth" by KISS during "Toujours L'Amour" at the Bayfield Town Hall. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)



2016 - Dave MacLaren, Roger Lewington, Scott Robeson and Peter Keightley as The Diamonds performed "Little Darlin" from American Graffiti. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)



2017 - Natalie Tarnawski was one of the cast that reenacted the 1980s video for "Addicted to Love" by Robert Palmer. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)



2018 - Paul Hill and Dwight Nelson (foreground) interpreted "Devil went Down to Georgia" by the Charlie Daniels Band. (Photo by Jack Pal)



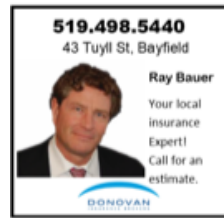
2020 - Kara Sloetjes sang "Good Feeling" during Cabaret. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)



2018 - Local thespians, such as Dwight and Janice Nelson, impersonated country legends in three sold-out shows on Feb. 23-24 and March 3 at the Bayfield Town Hall for their annual cabaret fundraiser. (Photo by Jack Pal)



2020 - Ian Rutherford, Jonathon Gemmell and Paul Tarnawski hoist Cam Oates into the air during the "Come and Get Your Love" number from "Cabaret". (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)



PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK



Icy Sunset... By Shawn Taft

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SUBMISSIONS

Have you gotten your free, postage-paid postcard in the mail from Canada Post yet? Our household received one yesterday and it very nearly ended up in the recycling. Fortunately, my Owl-eye spotted it before it reached the bin. As Canadians we often tend to take a subtle approach and the folks at Canada Post have followed the trend with these.

Apparently, there are six designs, such as, red with a "Sending Hugs" motif or blue with an "I Miss You" message", and they might be confused with junk mail unless you open the card. What is revealed is an opportunity to share a little gratitude with someone you know, anywhere in Canada, who might need a little extra cheer as we approach the first anniversary of taking "two weeks to flatten the curve". – Melody

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

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