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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.

The Bayfield station of the Bluewater Fire Department has added to their list of assets as they recently put a new Fire Rescue vehicle into service. Bluewater Fire Chief David Renner reported that it was manufactured in Quebec by Lafleur Industries. He also noted that this truck meets and exceeds the needs of the Bayfield station. It seats two in the front and six in the personnel compartment and will be used for transporting fire fighters and equipment to emergency calls. (Submitted photos)

LETTING GO AND ORGANIZING TOPIC OF FIRST VIRTUAL SPEAKER

The Saturdays at the Library speaker series is back – virtually by ZOOM! Friends of Bayfield Library (FOBL) and the Huron County Library have partnered to bring the popular speaker series online until the time when it is safe to gather again.

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

Bayfield Area Food Bank will be hosting their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, March 31 at 1 p.m. The meeting will be held virtually.

Members will be notified by email, however, if there are others interested in attending from the community, they can send an email request to bayfieldareafoodbank@gmail.com and the ZOOM link for the meeting will be sent to them as well.

BLUEWATER NEWS

The office of the Municipality of Bluewater Council has submitted the following to the Bayfield Breeze as highlights of their regular meeting of council held on March 1.

• Adopted the 2021 municipal budget and directed staff to bring back By-law 19-2021 for approval following the adoption of Huron County tax rates and ratios.
• Arranged to attend a workshop with Huron County to discuss the Official Plan and Zoning By-Law amendments through a "Housing Friendly Lens".
• Received a report from D. Van Amersfoort, Senior planner, Huron County, regarding the direction of the Bayfield Secondary Plan, specifically with reference to consultations on natural environment features.
• Directed staff to formalize a plan for the sale of 50 Main Street W, Zurich, through a sealed bid process.
• Directed staff to amend By-law 4-2013 to reflect modifications to the parking restrictions on Waterworks Road and to do so collaboratively with the Municipality of South Huron.
• Directed staff to submit notice of completed ESR for

All are welcome to join the ZOOM meeting on Saturday, March 27 at 10:30 a.m. for the first speaker of the 2021 season. Pauline Hoffman's topic is "It's Time to Let it Go" – reducing the stress of going through the belongings of a deceased loved one and organizing your own belongings to make this process easier for your children and friends after you're gone.

Hoffman is a Certified Professional Organizer, experienced speaker, and the founder of Just In Time Solutions.

Those who wish to attend are asked to please pre-register for the Zoom meeting:

Pauline Hoffman (Submitted photo)

zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_3XaO3zWRSr2YUMmEqx2ivg

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.

CASMIR MAY BE PART MAINE COON

the Bayfield Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion to the MECP and directed staff to engage with BM Ross to start a detailed design of the expanded facility.

• Awarded the tender for hot mix paving of Moore Court and Babylon Line to Lavis Contracting Co. for $493,064.75 (exclusive of taxes).

• Awarded the tender for roadside grass cutting for the 2021 and 2022 seasons to Diamonds Edge Custom Brush Services for $71,181 (exclusive of taxes) for the base bid only.

• Approved the like-for-like restoration of the Bayfield Community Bulletin Board located in the road allowance on Bayfield Main Street.

• Directed staff to apply to the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2, Review Stream for a Recreation Master Plan in the amount of $60,000.

• Approved application to the Municipal Modernization Program Intake 2, Implementation Stream for electronic equipment for use in Development Services in the amount of $5,000 and for a multi-year e-permitting subscription.

LIFE AT THE RINK

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.

The free public skating schedule continues: 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.

Casmir (Submitted photo)

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

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

Volunteers report that Casmir is a loveable goof, ready for his forever home!

He arrived at the Rescue very thin and very hungry. He has since adapted to life inside quite well and is a little food motivated. He may be part Maine Coon as he has some of the markings.

There is nothing he likes better than pets and getting brushed. He is a social cat but seems to enjoy the company of females to that of male cats. He did have a male buddy at the Rescue but he has been adopted and since then Casmir seems to want to be the one in charge.

Does Casmir sound like a cat that would suit your family? If so please 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 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.

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.

GODERICH'S COLDEST NIGHT WALK

PUBLIC HEALTH

MORE THAN DOUBLES GOAL

Bernie's Bunch was the top fundraising team for the Goderich walk. They were comprised of this family group from Dungannon (l-r): Sarah Hallahan, Arletta Hallahan, Bernice Glenn, Angela Brindley, Grace Hallahan and puppy, Lily. (Submitted photos)

United Way Perth-Huron's (UWPH) Goderich and Area Community Committee is proud to announce results from this year's Coldest Night of the Year (CNOY) event.

"The results from Coldest Night in Goderich and area have been incredible," said Beth Blowes, UWPH Board member, Goderich and Area Community Committee member and CNOY participant. "People really embraced coming together for the community while walking apart to address chronic homelessness locally. The generosity of Goderich and area walkers, donors and sponsors will help so many vulnerable people."

Bernie's Bunch also included members from Elmvale, l-r: Amy Anderson, Trent Anderson and puppy, Luna.

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."

"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

In total, 228 walkers including 43 teams raised $89,291 for CNOY — that's 223 per cent of the original event goal of $40,000. The top five fundraising teams were: Bernie's Bunch, $15,840; Green Goderich Walkers, $5,790; Red Hot Chili Steppers, $4,280; Team Dykstra, $3,880; and the Ice Queens, $3,790. The top five fundraising individuals were Bernice Glenn, $7,445; Trevor Bazinet, $3,220; John Grace, $3,140; Mary Gregg, $1,575; and Beth Blowes, $1,350.

Donations will be accepted at cnoy.org/Goderich until the end of March.

Please save the date for next year's CNOY on Feb. 26, 2022. Organizers hope people will be walking "United Together" instead of "United Apart" for those experiencing homelessness, hunger and hurt in the community.

Proceeds from this year's week long, COVID-safe event help ensure programs and supports funded last year continue including, a supportive housing advocate at the County of Huron, support for the "Out of the Cold – Hearts to Home" shelter in Goderich and Huron Turning Point along with the Huron Women's Shelter for Women, Children and Youth. This year's walk also raised money for UWPH's Urgent Needs Fund, supporting local residents in a time of crisis with funds for essentials like rent, groceries and medication.

Event sponsors included, Scotiabank, Ideal Supply, the Town of Goderich, the Township of Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanosh and the West Wawanosh Mutual Insurance Company.

SURVIVING AN "INFODEMIC" DURING A PANDEMIC TOPIC OF LECTURE

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Ken Milne presented a very relevant topic, "Health Information: Who and What to Trust", at Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway) second Lunchtime Lecture Series held on March 2.

Dr. Ken Milne (Submitted photo)

As one of Huron County's own physicians and the Gateway Chair of Rural 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. Gateway is grateful to have the opportunity to share this valuable information with local communities and beyond to promote knowledge translation and allow the public to make informed decisions when it comes to their health and well-being.

Four panelists joined in on the discussion with Dr. Milne, providing various perspectives on the pandemic from their diverse backgrounds:

Bonnie Baynham, one of Gateway's Board Members as well as a Community Developer at Huron Perth Public Health, recounted her experience working throughout the pandemic from a public health perspective. Baynham recognized the role that Gateway, and other local organizations, have to communicate relevant, reputable and evidence-based information to communities.

Patricia Robinson, also a Board Member with Gateway and Nurse Practitioner with the Maitland Valley Family Health team, also joined the discussion. As a frontline worker throughout the pandemic, she wants to remind everyone to be persistent in following public health guidelines so people can get through this together, as a community.

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.

PROVINCIAL FUNDING

The Ontario government is providing almost $1.9 million in new provincial funding to help Huron and Bruce Counties and their lower tier municipalities address ongoing COVID-19 related operating costs. The new financial relief will help ensure the delivery of critical services during the pandemic and keep capital projects on track.

"The provincial government recognizes the impact these unprecedented times have had on municipal governments and municipalities," said Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson. "That is why we are stepping up to help out."

The funding announced includes: Ashfield-Colborne-Wawanash, $56,916; Bluewater, $99,312; Brockton, $80,377; Bruce County, $501,184; Central Huron, $77,633; Goderich, $66,656; Howick, $28,527; Huron County, $ 367,943; Huron-East, $77,235; Huron-Kinloss, $77,215; Kincardine, $113,305; Morris-Turnberry, $26,291; North Huron, $41,669; Saugeen Shores, $150,250; South Bruce, $44,940; and South Huron, $86,337.

This announcement ,made on March 4th, is part of the province's $500 million investment to help ensure the stability of Ontario's 444 municipalities as they plan for the year ahead. The funding is being prioritized to help municipalities hardest hit by the pandemic and can be used for things like personal protective equipment, cleaning supplies and by-law enforcement.

"Our government continues to adapt and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic as it evolves, and we know

Goderich Mayor, John Grace, spoke to the difficulty of mass messaging of information throughout the pandemic. In Grace's words, "I can't be what people think I ought to be" — recognizing that he must act within the realm of his profession to keep his community safe, positive, engaged and healthy.

Finally, a rural pharmacist in Bruce County, Kristen Watt, shared her knowledge and opinions on COVID-19. As a business owner and rural healthcare professional, Watt expressed concern with the mass of information surrounding COVID-19. She stated that it is not about winning or losing an argument on social media, but rather, as informed professionals, it is about sharing the best information available at that moment to allow people the opportunity to make their own decisions.

Dr. Milne prefaced the discussion with a "mesmerizing" story of historical medical practices, which for everyone, should allow people to appreciate the use of science in everyday life and the widespread adoption of evidence-based medicine throughout the healthcare field.

He said, science, although it can be tentative, proximate and explorative, is the most reliable method for exploring the natural world. Evidence-based medicine incorporates the use of science into everyday medical practices to allow the highest quality of care to be given to patients. This rests on three pillars: that the literature consists of relevant, scientific evidence which, combined with knowledge and experience, informs clinical judgement and most importantly, accounts for the patients' individual preferences and values.

According to Dr. Milne, from mixed messaging on masks and social distancing to anecdotal cures and vaccine hesitancy, COVID-19 is nothing short of an "infodemic". With a lack of agency and regulation regarding COVID information, combined with social media being utilized as a platform for widespread communication, there is a plethora of "bad science", in the realm of COVID-related health claims.

Dr. Milne reinforced the crucial importance of being skeptical when analyzing any health claim, and provided some tips to use when doing so:
● Use skepticism when analyzing information from social media tips
● Popularity does not equal efficacy — what matters more is high-quality data of efficacy
● New or old practices do not equate better or worse outcomes
● Be sure to consider the net effect of an intervention — weigh potential benefit over potential harms
● Use a cherry-picking method to determine whether the study is an outlier and what the scientific consensus is
● Watch out for conflicts of interest — this can bias interpretation and reporting
● Testimonials and anecdotes are powerful narratives, but do not represent high-quality evidence and are not reliable to test the efficacy of treatments
• Anecdotes confirm hypothesis, confirmation comes from evidence
● Ensure articles and press releases have peer review paper or pre-print publication
● Blinding in studies helps minimize bias and is a quality indicator
● Lack of randomization or selection bias allows researchers to skew results
● Correlation is not causation

Undoubtedly, this past year has been a difficult time for everyone, but the lack of knowledge and misinformation has only complicated matters.

Gateway President, Gwen Devereaux, would like to thank Dr. Milne as well as all of the panelists for bringing this discussion to the forefront to promote Gateway's mission of improving the knowledge economy in rural areas.
As a closing remark, Dr. Milne wanted to remind everyone to "be kinder to ourselves, each other and the people that keep systems moving forward — the agriculture and food industry, the healthcare field, transportation systems and the economy."

Gateway would like to thank the sponsors of this event, CIBC Wealth Management, Larry Otten Contracting and Bruce Power, as well as the ongoing support from the community.

our municipal partners are on the front lines of this effort – providing the critical services people depend on every day," said Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, Steve Clark. "Our municipalities have been clear that they need ongoing operating funding in 2021, and it is important that we step up and provide that support so our municipal partners can continue to deliver the services Ontarians rely on each and every day."

This provincial investment builds on the $1.39 billion in operating funding that was provided to municipal partners through the joint federal-provincial Safe Restart Agreement. The second phase of the Safe Restart Agreement was allocated to all Ontario municipalities in December, to ensure that no community entered 2021 facing an operating deficit from 2020.

"Municipalities are important partners in the fight against COVID-19," said Minister of Finance and President of the Treasury Board, Peter Bethlenfalvy "We know the global pandemic has created significant financial challenges for communities across the province. That's why we have been there with support from the very beginning. I encourage our federal partners to step forward with additional investments as all three governments work together to protect people's health and jobs."

GRAND BEND ROTARY

Members of the Grand Bend Rotary would like to invite people to mark Wednesday, May 26 on their calendars to help them celebrate their 30th anniversary and share in some community appreciation.

They will be hosting a Drive-in event at the Shipka Starlite Drive-in Theatre starting at 6:30 p.m. The evening will cost $40 per person and will feature entertainment, a blockbuster movie, fabulous food and door prizes. More details to come as the date grows closer.

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Conservation educators at Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) have offered support to the watershed community though 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.'

Anyone interested in attending the next free, virtual, one-hour, lunchtime lecture-webinar on Tuesday, Apr. 6th, (noon start time) should visit Gateway's website to register: www.gatewayruralhealth.ca/lecture-series.html.

THOMPSON FURTHERING WOMEN'S CAUSES ON COMMONWEALTH STAGE

Monday, March 8 was International Women's Day – a day to mark and acknowledge the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women on a global scale.

Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson hopes to lead by example as she now has another platform from which to support women in the riding, provincially, nationally and at the commonwealth level as Chair of the Commonwealth Woman Parliamentarians (CWP) - Canada Region.

"Women around the world have had to challenge society to change as we strive to ensure opportunities for women in an equitable manner," said Thompson.

"I hope to utilize this honor to shine a spotlight on women who paved the path for us. For instance, Agnes MacPhail from Grey County, and who taught school in Bruce County, was one of the first women elected to Queen's Park; and Federated Women's Institutes of Ontario lead by example by championing change throughout the years," she added.

The CWP-Canada Region was founded in 2005, and it is composed of women parliamentarians of the provincial and territorial Canadian legislatures and the federal parliament. Its aims and objectives include providing opportunities for strategic discussion and development for future and current parliamentarians; increasing female representation in Canadian governments - at all levels; fostering closer relationships among Canadian women parliamentarians and other countries having close parliamentary ties to Canada; and to provide a forum to discuss, and act on gender-related issues.

Representing Canada at this level has already meant 5 a.m. ZOOM meetings and the opportunity to participate in a ZOOM panel discussion post-election with parliamentarians from Trinidad and Tobago.

Thompson, who is the first chair person from Ontario, hopes to expand the organization's reach with women of all ages to get them engaged and to encourage them to "Choose to challenge", as the 2021 International Women's Day theme states, the status quo and advocate for positive change for their local communities and at the provincial and federal levels as well.

The local MPP hosted an outreach program in 2016 for her CWP colleagues from across Canada that included initiatives in Toronto, Guelph, Kincardine and the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

In 2017, Thompson also celebrated local women holding "Remarkable Women" events in Huron County, co-hosted by then South Huron Mayor Maureen Cole, and Bruce County, co-hosted by Kincardine Mayor Anne Eadie. More than 350 women were recognized for their achievements and contributions.

That same year she was also pleased to welcome many women's groups from Huron-Bruce to Queen's Park in celebration of the 100th anniversary of women earning the right to vote in Ontario.

Thompson added that this unique experience allows her opportunities to continue to promote the riding of Huron-Bruce at an international level, and the role of women in community economic development initiatives and the agri-food sector.

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.

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 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.

OPTIMIST CLUB

People often ask if they can add an engraved brick to the path around the Splash Pad in Clan Gregor Square and members of the Optimist Club of Bayfield are pleased to announce that there is further opportunity to have a name added to the circle in 2021.

The engraved pavers in Clan Gregor Square are a reminder of how great area residents and visitors are when it comes to supporting such projects as the Playground and the Splash Pad.

"In Memoriam" stones for loved ones as well as "just because" stones can be ordered with the work being done on site later in 2021 using the same two brick sizes that are already installed around the Splash Pad. The cost of these engraved bricks will be medium, $70; and large, $90. The plan is to have the bricks engraved in late May and/or early June.

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

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.

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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.

Butter has been a hot topic in the news of late so this week we take a look back at butter production from days gone by...

BUTTER CHURN

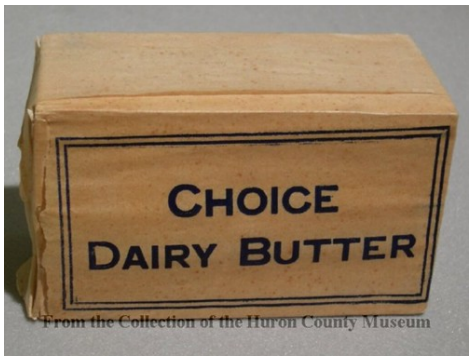
This mechanical butter blender machine (churn) was used to mix butter and cream together, making more butter when it was scarce. The outside can was partially filled with luke-warm water. The butter on hand was cut into small pieces and put into the blender on both sides of the mixers. Salt dissolved in milk would then be poured over the butter. With the top on, the machine would be cranked by hand for about 10 minutes. The water would then be poured off and butter coloring added and the machine cranked again for a couple of minutes. The product would be poured into crocks or moulds and left to set in a cool place. It is completely metal.

CREAMERY CAN

This is a metal can with a close fitting round metal lid with its own handles. A second metal handle is fixed by brackets on sides of the body of the can about 9 cm from the top rim. The words "CLINTON CREAMERY" are stamped into the body of the can about halfway from the top. Stamped into the body closer to the top is the inscription "CJW/PAT. PEND". The circular floor of the can fits tightly inside the body and is held in place by four large rivets. The body and lid are heavily corroded and scratched; the lid is rusted in place and can't be removed.

The Clinton Creamery was on King Street in Clinton, ON. Cream was gathered from local farmers and Clinton Creamery Butter enjoyed a good share of the market. It was operated by a Division of Canada Packers. The Creamery was moved to Walkerton in 1966.

BUTTER BOX



This is a box for “Choice Dairy Butter”. The block represents one pound of butter. This is the way butter was sold in the late 1880-90s.

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BAYFIELD TRAILS

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATED WITH A HIKE ON THE WOODLAND TRAIL

PHOTOS BY JACK PAL

BRVTA celebrated International Women's Day on Sunday, March 7 by hosting a stress-free, beautiful hike on Bayfield’s Woodland Trail. Photos from this hike are featured here!

Their next scheduled hike is set for March 20. Bannockburn Conservation Area will be the location for this Hills, Valleys and Trees hike. 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, 519 525-3205; and guest expert Denise Iszczuk.

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!

Here is the 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

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.

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For International Women's Day...*By Jack Pal*

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I am looking for the Bayfield that is a delight to the eye – please share photos with a touch of whimsy, beauty, humor or a sense of fun. If you are to include people in your photos be sure to have their permission to publish their picture on-line and also send in their names and where they are from. And don't forget to tell me who took the photo for proper credit to be issued

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Tomorrow (March 11) marks the one-year anniversary of the World Health Organization declaring COVID-19 a global pandemic. I remember the moment I first heard this, listening to the news, and wondering what it really meant.

Three hundred and sixty-five days later we know all to well what it meant. Our federal government has designated tomorrow (March 11) a national day of observance to commemorate the loss of the more than 22,000 Canadians who have died due to the virus since the global pandemic was declared.

I offer a poem for those who have experienced loss during this last year, not just from COVID-19, but from other causes too, because respecting the virus protocols has prevented people from being able to mourn in the traditional way and that I'm sure has troubled people greatly. I selected this poem as a graveside reading for my father's funeral in 1997. It has always resonated with me and brought me comfort, I hope it does the same for you. – Melody

Do not stand at my grave and weep
I am not there. I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow.
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift uplifting rush
Of quiet birds in circled flight.
I am the soft stars that shine at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry;
I am not there. I did not die.**

** Poem attributed to Clare Harner Lyon (1909-1977)

Ideas and contributions to the Bayfield Breeze are always welcome.
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