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STAY HOME - IF YOU WERE OUT OF THE COUNTRY - SELF-ISOLATE!

A note from the Editor:

One of the biggest concerns people are writing to me about this week are people not taking this crisis seriously – they are worried that people coming home from vacations or stays in other countries, like the US, are not going straight home and self-isolating for the required 14 days. We are Canadians it shouldn't be that hard for us to self-distance and self-isolate. Think of this as an extended snowstorm with freezing temperatures and zero visibility. It is not safe to go out – doing so would put you and others at risk. Check in, virtually, with each other and reach out to those in need if you are able to help without compromising your own health or those closest to you.

Last week I asked for the community's help in providing content for future issues and I am very grateful that people have responded and I hope they continue to do so. Stories and photos of how people are passing the time are welcomed. Also, stories of how we are helping and looking

HOME4GOOD

Bayfield's Home4Good's Shopping Buddy program may be of help during the COVID-19 crisis, whether someone needs help getting groceries or wants to volunteer to help others. Applications to help, or to get help, can be submitted online through Home4Good's website at http://home4goodbayfield.ca.

COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING

Waterloo Region Public Health has made Huron Perth Public Health aware of a confirmed COVID-19 case in one of their residents who attended an event at the Seaforth Agricultural Hall on the evening of

out for each other during this crisis would be appreciated.

Again, putting Issue 559 together has been a challenge as I want to both help inform our community as well as maintain our positive approach to news as has been our mandate for the last decade. The news continues to evolve and may very well be out-of-date by the time it is published this morning (March 25) and for that I sincerely apologize. Again, I have been in touch with residents of Bayfield and area, who have been travelling, or are currently in other countries for them to share their stories with us here. A couple more appear this week and I hope you find them enlightening.

For those who have recently returned to our community from other parts of the world – welcome home – please remember to do your part - only together we can slow the curve for the benefit of our health care providers and our community. Take care – Melody

A LETTER FROM LOCKDOWN IN SOLLER, MALLORCA, SPAIN

Bayfield residents Gary and Kate Lloyd-Rees are currently in Soller, Mallorca one of the Balearic Islands (which are part of Spain), under a government decreed COVID-19 lockdown. This is their terrace view. The lockdown was recently lengthened to Apr. 15. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

Bayfield residents Gary and Kate Lloyd-Rees are currently in Soller, Mallorca one of the Balearic Islands (which are part of Spain), under a government decreed COVID-19 lockdown, from where they sent this update earlier this week.

Today, Monday, March 23, is our ninth day of lockdown that came into effect across mainland Spain and the Canary & Balearic Islands on March 15th. The initial 15-day lockdown period has now been extended for a further 15 days taking it to the middle of April.

There is much discussion about curfews, lockdowns, self-isolating and social distancing across the globe. To clarify, the Spanish lockdown means that freedom of movement is severely restricted with only a few specific justifications for leaving home. “Social distancing” is irrelevant - there is no physical socializing other than a “Bon Dia” if you pass someone on the street when out on a necessary shopping trip (all trips must be one person only - walking or driving)

Saturday, March 14. As part of contact tracing, Waterloo public health staff will directly contact known close contacts of the case, including close contacts that may have attended at that event.

Anyone who attended the event is asked to self-monitor for symptoms (fever, cough, difficulty breathing). If you develop symptoms, you are asked to self-isolate and take the online assessment tool (https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment) for further direction.

Dr. Klassen adds that as more cases are confirmed, we may learn of public places those cases visited while they had symptoms. There will be cases where HPPH believes there might be an exposure risk to others and we will need to alert our community.

However, HPPH will not violate patient privacy and not comment about any specifics around an individual case of COVID-19. We encourage others to not pursue this information unless an individual issues their own statement to this effect. HPPH will contact residents directly if you are a close contact.

(FROM PRESS RELEASE DATED MARCH 24.)

FOOD BANK

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On March 18, a pared down group of core volunteers from the Bayfield Area Food Bank met for the monthly food distribution day at Trinity St. James Anglican Church. (Photo by Elise Feltrin)

Amid cancellations and closing volunteers with the Bayfield Area Food Bank (BAFB) keep calm and carry on.

On March 18, a pared down group of core volunteers from the BAFB met for the monthly food distribution day. With lots of hand sanitizer, gloves and masks available, and carefully keeping their distance from one another, they packed fresh fruit and vegetables,

At 8 p.m. each evening, Kate and Gary Lloyd-Reese go out on our terrace for the town's "balcony clap". This involves playing music, clapping and shining mobile phone torches - all to show the town's appreciation for all the workers - emergency services, police, health workers, farmers, shop staff, garbage collectors, street cleaners and the many more people who continue to work to provide necessary services and keep them safe.

So…what does our current "new normal" day look like?

7.50'ish: Make tea and coffee and go back to bed.

8.00 – 8.30: Read overnight emails and check daily online news (quality sources for Spain, Mallorca, Soller, UK, US and Canada). On Wednesday morning check www.bayfieldbreeze.com for an early viewing of the Bayfield Breeze.

8.30 - 9.30: Get up, shower and breakfast.

Daytime: A mix of mental and physical activity – reading paperbacks and e-readers, doing various online stuff (including face-timing family and friends, virtual dance parties, and a virtual Eurovision Song Contest (more on that to come), labouring over fiendish jigsaws, playing "Quirkle" and walking round and round and round the garden. It takes 42 steps to circle the garden – that is a lot of laps to get anywhere near 10,000 steps…

Our only reason to leave the house is to go to the Grocers or Pharmacy. We do that only when strictly necessary, the aim of the lockdown is to minimize our exposure to others and vice-versa.

19.30 – 20.00: Watch "TV" via a connected laptop and VPN. We have got through a lot of UK TV series from this past year.

20.00: Go out on our terrace for the town's "balcony clap". This involves playing music, clapping and shining mobile phone torches - all to show the town's appreciation for all the workers - emergency services, police, health workers, farmers, shop staff, garbage collectors, street cleaners and the many more people who continue to work to provide necessary services and keep us safe.

frozen meat, milk, cheese and packaged dry goods for the monthly clients.

With the anticipated economic impact of COVID-19, the needs of those relying on food banks will likely increase over the next few months.

People already struggling with poverty and unemployment will bear the brunt of the downturn. Families who have children at home for three weeks will not have the support of breakfast and lunch programs offered at school. Weekly grocery buying is already a challenge for these people, and they do not have the means to stockpile their pantries as so many others currently have the luxury of doing.

Volunteers ask for the community's continued support of the BAFB during these particularly challenging times. While non-perishable food, toiletry and household goods are always appreciated, financial contributions to the food bank go much farther. Organizers thank the community for their continued support!

LAW SOCIETY MEDAL

Heather Joy Ross

Members of Ontario's legal professions will be recognized for their outstanding career achievements and contributions to their communities at the annual Law Society Awards ceremony on May 27** at Osgoode Hall in Toronto. Heather Joy Ross, LLB, a former Bayfield resident, and founding partner of The Ross Firm in Goderich will be one of this year's recipients.

"Through the Law Society awards, we recognize

20.10 – 22.00'ish: More TV and then bed.

Other interesting things of note:
• We never see or hear children - as you can only go out alone the children stay at home. All schooling is taking place online, some music students are entertaining residents by playing from their rooftops.
• Internet access is precious. Speeds are a bit slower with everybody online – Netflix have actually reduced their maximum quality across Europe.
• The local police forces (Soller has its own force) are exceptional in their communications and dealings with the community - they are greatly respected and appreciated.
We continue to feel well and safe, especially now the whole island is effectively in quarantine from the outside world. In particular, the continuation of food supplies to the island have been guaranteed by the Government. We are registered with the Canadian Embassy in Madrid and are getting regular communiques and are well informed to make the decision as to when and how we make our way home to Bayfield and self-isolation.

We also continue to be grateful to our friends back home in Bayfield for your best wishes and your words of support. See you back in Bayfield. Stay well everybody.

CHEF'S LOG ANCHORED OFF THE COAST OF HORTA, AZORES, SPAIN

A Note from the Editor: Peter Keightley and Erika Smith were married on Aug. 24, 2019 in Bayfield. In early September, they embarked on a working honeymoon travelling the world aboard Super Yachts, as chef and stewardess respectively. Peter, will be familiar to Bayfield residents as the founder of both Drift the restaurant on the village's Main Street and Drift the lobster boat used as a charter in the summer months out of Bayfield Harbour. While on this adventure Peter has been keeping a journal and the Bayfield Breeze invited him to share some of this log with our readers during this time of uncertainty in the world…

It's another beautiful day (March 23) in the Azores Islands on our sailing honeymoon. It's been a wild and fun adventure since leaving Bayfield seven months ago. Erika and I have sailed to over eighteen countries in the Mediterranean (Med), across the Atlantic and into the Caribbean. We had flights booked home in time for Easter, leaving Apr. 8 from Antigua to Toronto. We decided to accept a last-minute job aboard a sailboat anchored in Antigua that needed a Chef and Stewardess. With some trepidation, we accepted the job, being reassured that the charter, from Antigua to St. Maarten, would be ten days, and that the delivery to Greece would be only another twenty days. Our flights from Athens back to Antigua were to be on March 31, and when we joined on Feb. 18, we anticipated having ample time. Little did we know a global pandemic was to erupt while we were sailing across the Ocean.

We are now anchored just a couple hundred metres off the coast of Horta, which is an island in the Archipelago of Atlantic islands known as the Azores, located less than 1,000 miles West of Portugal. Since pulling in here, out of necessity, as we were running out of fuel and supplies, we found ourselves in a state of limbo. At first the Portuguese authorities were hesitant to allow our vessel to come into port, as a state of emergency had been declared and no foreign vessels permitted. After two days of sitting at anchor, we were permitted to bunker fuel and take on supplies. I emailed a provisions' list to a purchasing agent who gathered up whatever he could (thankfully toilet paper is still available here).

When we came onto the section of dock in what was dubbed "the quarantine zone" none of the crew of thirteen, myself included, were allowed to have any local human contact or step foot on land. The fuel line was attached to a rope and passed to the engineer at the stern to begin bunkering 40,000 litres of diesel. The provisions purchased by the agent were waiting in a large pile on plastic sheeting on the dock. We formed a supply chain, hands gloved, washing station ready for the produce, and passed all the supplies to the interior of the boat. Being that close to

important contributions and important leadership," said Law Society Treasurer Malcolm Mercer. "Each award recipient is deserving of recognition. Each recipient provides a worthy example of professional service. We look forward to honoring them at our annual awards ceremony with the Law Society's highest awards of recognition."

Ross will be receiving The Law Society Medal. The award is given for outstanding service within the profession, whether in the area of practice, in the academic sphere, or in some other professional capacity where the service is in accordance with the highest ideals of the legal profession. It may be awarded for devotion to professional duties over a long term or for a single outstanding act of service.

Law Society Medal (Submitted photos)

Ross was called to the Bar in 1986. She is being recognized for her exceptional leadership and contribution to the legal profession and her community. She played a critical role in the establishment of the Huron Women's Shelter in Goderich and she is a founder and active member of the South West Region Women's Law Association. She served four consecutive terms as an elected Law Society of Ontario Bencher, starting in 1995, and then served as a life Bencher until 2019.

**Please note: event may be rescheduled subject to advice of public health authorities.

LIVERY FILM SERIES

The final film for the winter season of the Livery Film Series has been cancelled. The film, "Marianne & Leonard, Words of Love", was scheduled to be shown on Apr. 9 at the Park Theatre in Goderich.

"This film is well worth a look, should you see it return to a theatre near you or on a streaming service: rich in documentary concert footage and memorable

land but having no contact with anybody was very eerie.

Looking out on the port it was a sorry sight; I have sailed the Atlantic seven times, and been to this port three times before - and remembered it as a bustling fun place, home to the famous sailor bar “Peter Café Sport” and pit-stop to all walks of land-sick, drunk and salty sailors venturing East from the Caribbean back to the Med. It now looked like a ghost town; no large sailboats moored in the marina, no cars, no pedestrians, no signs of life whatsoever. As a crew, we felt relieved to at least have taken on necessary fuel and provisions to survive another few weeks. As a couple, however, Erika and I are growing concerned that once we reach Greece, we will not be able to exit Europe. Already a Quarantine has been issued in Greece for all incoming vessels. This means that in two weeks, when we should arrive in Athens, we will not be permitted to exit the vessel for an additional two weeks quarantine period while we have the yellow quarantine flag hoisted at anchor.

March 18: Peter wrote: After more than ten days at sea and 2,000 miles from Antigua, with favourable winds…Erika and I have pulled into the island of Horta in the Azores! The beautiful land looks and smells lush and green, however, due to the Corona pandemic we won’t get to go ashore this time. Thankful to be at anchor and the boat flat - time to do some cleaning and repairs, recharge our batteries and then onto sailing with the amazing crew another 2,000 miles to our next port of call in the Mediterranean.

Two months is a long time to spend indoors with the same people in a confined space with no access to the outdoors; flowers, trees, animals… or as I write this and hope to send it away… dependable internet.

Conversely, I couldn’t think of anyone else I would want to spend this quarantine period with other than Erika. We have it really good onboard as the only crew members together in marriage as well as being best friends…it would seem that the two of us have less stress than others who are apart from their partners, their prospective lovers and closest friends. We are also extremely thankful that as a boat isolated from land and self-sufficient with water making systems etc., that should things take a turn for the worse, we are in a safe place and a good situation. Lastly, and ironically, we are still gainfully employed and have a daily purpose.

Every day we wake up early, have our coffee together, I bake a 10 a.m. snack such as muffins or a cake (today it’s banana bread) or cut up some fresh fruit. Lunchtime is at noon, dinnertime at 5 p.m. Erika busies herself with all the usual upkeep, organizing and cleaning of a very large house. The engineers, deckhands, and chief officers carry out repairs and maintenance. Life goes on. We are thankful every day to be healthy and happy and still travelling amidst a world in crisis.

Tomorrow (March 24) we raise anchor, and in three days will sail past the rock of Gibraltar and enter the Mediterranean Sea…

songs,” said Susan Cole, with the Livery Film Series committee. “Thank you to our dedicated film fans this season – especially the 47 who made it through the worst blizzard in February to attend the screening of Official Secrets!”

She went on to thank the dedicated members of their small committee of volunteers, five at last count, who work with the tiff film circuit to bring these films to the community.

“We also appreciate the support of the Goderich Little Theatre Board members, to whom this committee reports. The success of culturally interesting, non-commercial films can be a tricky business!

“Finally, thanks to the management of the Park Theatre in Goderich who always seem to find dates to accommodate our limited “windows”. We are fortunate to have such a well-equipped and comfortable venue for those of us who prefer to be “awake in the dark” (Roger Ebert),” concluded Cole.

HURON HOSPICE

Earth Hour is a worldwide movement organized by the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). The annual event encourages individuals, businesses, and communities to turn off non-essential electric lights for one hour, from 8:30 to 9:30 pm on the last Saturday of March, as a symbol of commitment to the planet.

Earth Hour started as a lights-off event in Sydney, Australia, in 2007. Since then, it has grown to one of the world's largest grassroots movements for the environment, engaging millions of people in more than 190 countries to raise awareness of energy consumption and effects on the environment.

This year, you can have a positive impact on the environment by planting a tree in memory of a loved one at the Memorial Forest, located behind the Huron Hospice and surrounded by the Tranquility Trail. This tree will be a living memorial that will grow and flourish for years, attracting wildlife while reducing carbon. The tree will also remove 21.8kg of carbon from our atmosphere each year.

Community members have the opportunity to reduce their carbon footprint by donating to the memorial forest in memory of a loved one. Those who donate a tree may also participate in an annual dedication service in the forest. Huron Hospice recognizes the donor or the memorialized person on a commemorative sign at the forest entrance. Ten

March 20: Coming into port, at Horta, Azores, Spain, for a quick fuel up and to take on some provisions. Peter wrote, "This port holds a lot of fantastic memories for me and I'm happy that however brief the docking, I now get to share this special place with my darling wife, Erika, beside me."

different native tree species have been selected by an arborist to create a mixed forest suitable for the area.

Trees are ordered through the Huron Hospice website and are professionally planted by Verbeek's Farm and Garden Centre. A donation of $345 would cover the cost of one tree. This allows Hospice to cover the cost of the tree, a five-year warranty, planting, and installing the name of your loved one on the memorial plaque at the entrance to the forest. Tax receipts will be issued for the donation. For more information and to order, visit huronhospice.ca or email infohospice@tcc.on.ca.

This Saturday at 8:30 pm, consider turning the lights off for an hour; reflect on loving memories; and order a living memorial tree to celebrate our earth and our loved ones.

GIFT CARDS FOR KINTAIL ON THE ROAD

Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield Fundraiser with Huron Ridge Greenhouses is now underway.

"This is our once a year event in support of the 'Camp Kintail on the Road' program run every summer at our Church," said Grasby. "In 2019 the once weekly day camp was attended by over 100 children who enjoyed the leadership of counsellors from Camp Kintail."

As of 2020 the Huron Ridge Spring Fundraising Program is exclusively for Gift Cards with no expiry date which can be redeemed at the Greenhouse for plants or any product they sell.

Denominations are now available in $10, $25, $50 or $100 values. All but the $10 cards can be used in partial amounts. This new declining balance means people can spread the value over multiple purchases and dates. The $10 cards have been popular to be given as hostess and thank you gifts.

"We think the new format will appeal to all of us who enjoy browsing and picking out our plants and flowers while having helpful staff on hand to answer questions and offer suggestions. Win-Win!" said Grasby.

Please call Deb Grasby at 519 524-0224 or any member of the Knox Congregation to order cards.

RAINBOWS LIFT SPIRITS

March 20: Peter wrote, "On land it looks as though it is totally on lock down here as well with no traffic on the streets or any pedestrians visible. Strange times but grateful to be aboard a stellar sailboat with my amazing wife and an awesome crew!"

Bridget and Weylin Shanahan kept busy doing some arts and crafts during their time self-isolating at home. What are other Bayfield area families doing to pass the time with their children? Send the Bayfield Breeze a picture and we may share it here! (Photo by Jenny Shanahan)

COTTAGER INVOLVED IN ONE OF CANADA'S GREATEST MYSTERIES

BY DAVE GILLIANS, AUTHOR OF "FOR THE LOVE OF BAYFIELD"

Frank Glass and his wife Josephine, owned a cottage on Bayfield Terrace, which had a magnificent view of the lake and harbor. As Member of Parliament for Middlesex East, the cottage which they purchased in 1906, must have been a refuge for Frank from the grinding pressures of politics.

Frank Glass (Photo courtesy Wikipedia)

During the winter of 1916, before the Battles of the Somme and just after the disaster of Gallipolli, these pressures ramped up. Not only was Robert Borden's government directing the wartime affairs of the nation but rumours of German saboteurs in and around Ottawa were rampant.

In late January and early February, some small paper fires were discovered in the House of Commons Reading Room in the Centre Block of the Parliament Buildings. They were attributed to careless smoking but because there wasn't just one isolated incident there was a suspicion that the enemy had penetrated security. The Reading Room was a wooden panelled room with shelves stacked with reading material for the legislators. In the event of a

fire, it was a tinder box.

Shortly before 9 p.m. on Feb. 3, Frank Glass was standing at a reading table when he felt heat and smelled the smoke of burning paper. No one else was around to help him. He tried to extinguish the blaze but it was too far advanced. He ran out of the room to summon help but it was too late!

Canada's magnificent Parliament buildings were destroyed on that frigid February night and seven people lost their lives in the blaze. In its final report, the Royal Commission that investigated the fire said that it had a "strong suspicion" the fire was an act of German sabotage, but it had no conclusive evidence. The mystery has never been solved.

Frank died in 1925 but Josephine kept the cottage until 1931. For twenty-five years, Bayfield was the Glass family's sanctuary.

SPREADING A LITTLE JOY TO SENIORS IN ISOLATION

On March 21, some people offered signs of hope and encouragement to seniors in isolation due to COVID-19 concerns.

On March 21, some people offered signs of hope and encouragement to seniors in isolation due to COVID-19 concerns. They began their tour at Harbour Hill. (Photos by Elise Feltrin)

In the Saturday morning sunshine, a small handful of well-wishers gathered in the parking lot of Harbour Hills Retirement Home in Goderich. Keeping a safe distance away from one another, they unfurled a huge homemade banner that they held up reading: "Hi Everybody. We are thinking of you. We miss you!" They slowly walked around the entire building, as delighted residents smiled and waved from their windows and balconies. Other signs offered messages of appreciation and support to the staff, and specific greetings to loved ones.

This cheerful troop then carried on to Goderich Place and Maitland Manor where they continued to spread smiles and laughter to folks who have otherwise been confined and isolated from family and friends. Busy staff smiled and waved as they assembled wheelchairs at the windows and drew the attention of residents to the outdoor welcome brigade. Some people opened their windows and shouted down greetings.

UNITED WAY

United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH) is announcing the launch of a COVID-19 Urgent Needs Fund to help individuals, families and organizations in need as communities across the region deal with effects from the COVID-19 outbreak.

Administered by UWPH, organizations who need to increase program capacity, expand the reach of existing programs or shift to alternate models of providing support will be invited to partner with United Way so individuals get the help they need.

"This is a challenging time and people are uncertain," said UWPH Executive Director Ryan Erb. "We want to make sure everyone in our community is supported and that's what the COVID-19 Urgent Needs Fund aims to do. If you need help, to the best of our ability we want to offer help. If you'd like to support our work with this fund, please visit the UWPH website and click on the 'Donate Now' button, go to give.unitedway.ca/donate/WSTRAT or mail in a donation to United Way Perth-Huron at 32 Erie Street, Stratford, N5A 2M4."

UWPH has also created the Huron-Perth COVID-19 Resource Group on Facebook as a resource for people in communities across our region. Currently with over 1,150 members, the group serves as a forum to offer kindness and help to those in need, share information about what local businesses are doing to help during these challenging times as well

The idea came from a Goderich family who are missing in-person visits with their elderly parent and contacted the nursing homes to alert them in advance. It was an easy and creative way to put smiles on a lot of faces!

At Harbour Hill residents emerged on their balconies to wave at the sign and banner bearers.

At the entrance to Goderich Place - even the dog enjoyed the parade!

as a place to link people with credible information from institutions such as Huron Perth Public Health.

Administrators will also soon help connect group members with important services through private messaging. Type “Huron – Perth Covid 19 Resource Group” into Facebook search and ask to join. All are welcome to respectfully share information and resources to help members of our communities.

VIRTUAL ASSESSMENT MODEL

Healthcare providers involved in the Huron Perth and Area Ontario Health Team are working together to provide COVID-19 assessment services to all residents. While some areas of the province are opening assessment centres, Huron Perth is coordinating a Virtual Assessment Model so that people can get an assessment from a trustworthy source without travelling and having contact with others.

If someone is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, such as cough or fever:
1. Complete the Ontario government’s Online Assessment tool at https://covid-19.ontario.ca/self-assessment/#q0.
2. If the online tool tells you to seek clinical assessment, contact the office of your family doctor for a phone assessment. If you do not have a family doctor, contact Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH). It is important that you do not visit your doctor’s office without calling first.
3. If further action is needed, you will be given directions by the assessor.

For those without access to a computer, contact the office of your family doctor for a phone assessment. If you do not have a family doctor, contact HPPH.

Currently, Virtual Assessment Services are available during Family Health Team office hours and during after-hours clinics where available.

Please do not show up at the office without calling first:

• Bluewater Area Family Health Team: 519 236-4314
• Clinton Family Health Team: 519 482-3000
• Grand Bend and Area Community Health Centre - Grand Bend site: 519 238-2362 - Hensall site: 519 262-3140
• Happy Valley Family Health Team: 519 284-3450
• Huron Community Family Health Team: 519 600-2273
• Maitland Valley Family Health Team/AMGH: 519

This cheerful troop then carried on to Goderich Place and Maitland Manor (pictured) where they continued to spread smiles and laughter to folks who have otherwise been confined and isolated from family and friends.

FRONT LINE WORKERS IN NEED OF PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Huron County Emergency Services are asking for the public's help sourcing Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) - needed to ensure that front line workers are kept safe in the fight against COVID-19.

If you are a local business or organization that has available PPE supplies in stock for immediate use by County of Huron paramedics, social services, and long-term care homes, please call Emergency Services at 519.524.8394 ext. 3507 from Monday to Friday, 8:30AM-4:30PM or email esmessagesandfaxes@huroncounty.ca.

Immediate supplies needed include:
• N95 masks, model number 3M18710, 3M9210 or 3MVFlex;
• Other models of N95 may be used after assessment by our staff;
• Nitrile gloves;
• Disposable impermeable gowns;
• General surgical masks ; and
• Hand sanitizer and disinfectant with a DIN#.

In your call or email, please state the number and types of PPE you have in stock for purchase or donation. Huron County staff will arrange time and location for pick-ups or drop-offs.

On behalf of all County of Huron staff, thank you for your support. Your generosity helps County front line workers effectively serve the public during these unprecedented times and it is greatly appreciated.

OVER 100 HAVE BEEN TESTED FOR COVID-19 IN HURON PERTH

On March 24, Medical Officer of Health for Huron Perth, Dr. Miriam Klassen, called on all residents to follow the current public health recommendations as the expected rise in cases of COVID-19 continues across the province.

"We know that COVID-19 is transmitting in our neighboring communities and it may be in ours,"

524-5412
• North Perth Family Health Team: 519 291-4200
• North Huron Family Health Team: 519 357-3930
• South Huron Medical Centre: 519 235-3343
• Stratford Family Health Team: 519 273-7017
• STAR Family Health Team - O'Loane Medical Building: 519 273-1060 - Avon Family Medicine Centre: 519 508-1212 - Tavistock Community Health: 519 655-2322
• Huron Perth Public Health: 1-888-221-2133 Ext. 3267

If calling for a Virtual Assessment after hours and on weekends, please call Telehealth Ontario at 1-866-797-0000 or HPPH at 1-888-221-2133 Ext. 3267.

Notes:
• If your COVID-19 screening results in the need for a hospital visit, please call ahead.
• Anyone with severe symptoms, such as difficulty breathing, or any other medical emergency should call 911.

VISITOR RESTRICTIONS

Since March 20, visitors are no longer permitted access to any Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) hospital site unless under exceptional circumstances.

"This is part of our ongoing efforts to protect the public, patients, their families, and members of the HPHA Team from the potential transmission of the COVID-19 virus," said Andrew Williams, president and CEO.

Any visitors that need to be at the HPHA under exceptional circumstances must be 16 years or older and pass the screening at the following hospital site entrances: Clinton Public Hospital, Emergency Department; St. Marys Memorial Hospital and Seaforth Community Hospital, Main Entrance; Stratford General Hospital, Main Entrance or Emergency Department.

Visitors can be turned away if they do not meet the criteria for exceptional circumstances. Please note these circumstances allow one person to visit/accompany. These criteria include:
• Compassionate grounds for patients who are dying
• Partners of women in labour
• Individuals providing care to a patient who would otherwise be at risk if the personal caregiver was not available (eg. infants, children, other dependents)

"We know the importance of maintaining connection with loved ones when in the hospital," added Williams. "Our staff will do what they can to help

said Dr. Klassen. “I call on everyone to take our public health recommendations seriously: maintain a healthy physical distance from others, self isolate if you’ve returned from travelling, stay home if you’re sick, wash your hands often, and limit group gatherings at this time. Now is the time for us to flatten the curve.”

Due to limited testing capacity across the world, not every symptomatic person in Huron and Perth can be tested for COVID-19 at this time. As elsewhere, testing locally has been focused on priority populations. So far in Huron Perth, 101 people have been tested, with 73 negative, 26 pending, and two confirmed cases.

“Since we cannot test each person who is sick at this time, it’s important that everyone takes seriously any symptoms of cough, fever and shortness of breath,” said Dr. Klassen. Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) recommends that if you become sick with COVID-19 symptoms, self-isolate immediately and seek additional guidance using the province’s on-line assessment tool or by calling your primary healthcare provider. Always call ahead before you go to an emergency room or your doctor’s office. Some residents who are sick with suspected COVID-19 symptoms may be advised to get tested by their family doctor or by public health.

Measures such as self-isolation and social distancing are aimed at limiting the number of people you come into contact with and are very important in reducing the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

Social distancing includes, but is not limited to:
• Working from home where possible.
• Avoiding non-essential trips in the community.
• Limiting or cancelling group gatherings.
• Avoid all large gatherings of over 50 people.
• Planning virtual meetings instead of in person.
• Maintaining a distance of 2 M (two arms' length) between yourself and others.

The latest recommendations on self-isolation for different scenarios is available at www.hpph.ca/en/health-matters/covid-19-self-isolation-information.aspx. Please follow the directions.

“It is possible that if people do not follow directions, governments will have to implement more restrictive measures.”

If you are concerned about a person’s actions in your community, HPPH encourages you to have a respectful conversation with that person and remind them about the current recommendations for stopping the spread of COVID-19 in our community. You can direct them to our website at www.hpph.ca/coronavirus for the latest recommendations.

With the expectation of community spread, we encourage residents to seek information from credible sources, such as our website at www.hpph.ca and to avoid sharing unconfirmed information.

SECOND CASE OF COVID-19 CONFIRMED IN HURON PERTH

As of Wednesday, March 18, Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) has received laboratory confirmation of a second case of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Huron and Perth. The confirmed case is a 57-year-old female who is a close household contact of the confirmed case announced on March 14. She currently does not have any symptoms of COVID-19 and is self-isolating at home.

“We are not surprised to receive this result, as it is a similar pattern to the way confirmed cases have been showing up across Ontario,” said Medical Officer of Health for Huron Perth, Dr. Miriam Klassen.

patients and loved ones connect virtually and by telephone.”

In order to facilitate this connection, in addition to the existing free WiFi, HPHA will also ensure free telephone and television services are available to all patients as appropriate.

Further details on HPHA’s COVID-19 response are available at www.hpha.ca under the COVID-19 Information icon.

PAINT ONTARIO

Paint Ontario's venue, the Lambton Heritage Museum, is currently closed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The good news is that the exhibit schedule at the Museum is flexible. The Grand Bend Art Centre (GBAC) and the Museum still plan to present a 2020 show, but a bit later in the year than normal.

In the meantime, the GBAC is also working on presenting all of the accepted works for viewing in an on-line gallery, on the Paint Ontario website.

Please check paintontario.com for updates as they become available. Thank you for understanding during this difficult time.

BRUCE POWER

As of March 20, Bruce Power continues to take proactive actions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic to protect the community, employees, and also ensure the facility continues to provide the province with a reliable supply of electricity now and in the future, while maintaining the supply of Cobalt-60 for sterilization of medical equipment.

The Bruce Power site has been reduced in population by two-thirds over the last week and these reductions will continue as we advance with planned response activities. Key prevention actions are also being implemented as recommended by health officials including enhanced cleaning, social distancing and personal hygiene.

Individuals returning from outside of Canada are not permitted to return to work on site until they have self-isolated for 14 days.

The priority of the site is to minimize the number of employees working within the facility while maintaining safe, reliable operations and completing essential plant maintenance and inspections. Bruce

According to the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA), the status of the man who is hospitalized and was the first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Huron Perth has changed from serious to critical condition.

“I am continuing to urge everyone in our community to please respect the privacy of the family involved during this difficult time and to continue to follow credible sources before sharing information,” said Dr. Klassen.

HPPH staff will be conducting thorough contact tracing related to this confirmed case.

“Please be assured that public health is following all necessary contact tracing to ensure that anyone who may have been exposed or at risk is contacted and receiving instructions from us,” said Dr. Klassen. “If there were a greater community exposure, we would be sure to let everyone know.”

Coronaviruses are spread mainly from person to person through close contact, for example, in a household or healthcare centre.

“Public health experts have identified that this virus is spread by respiratory droplets when people are sick with cough and fever,” explained Dr. Klassen. “There is further study into whether it can be spread to others if someone is not showing symptoms. While experts believe that it may be possible, it would be rare.”

Everyday actions can help prevent the spread of germs and viruses like COVID-19:
• Wash your hands often with warm water and soap or an alcohol-based hand sanitizer
• Avoid contact with people who are sick
• Stay home when you are sick
• Sneeze and cough into your sleeve
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.

Face masks are not recommended for the general public, except for people experiencing symptoms and who have been advised to wear a mask by a healthcare provider.

For the most up-to-date information related to COVID-19 in Huron and Perth, visit www.hpph.ca/coronavirus. If you can’t find the answer to your question on our website, residents can also call our Health Line at 1-888-221-2133 Ext. 3267; however, we are experiencing high call volumes and will respond to calls and voice mails as possible. Follow us at www.facebook.com/HuronPerthPublicHealth and www.twitter.com/HPPublicHealth

Power is confident these plans will allow us to deliver a sustainable and dependable supply of electricity to Ontario residents, hospitals and health-care facilities, and businesses.

The Major Component Replacement (MCR) Project is on schedule, however, given the focus areas moving into the next stage of our response to COVID-19, the site will further reduce activities on the MCR Project. Key MCR activities will be narrowed to essential tasks related to plant safety and system integrity.

Bruce Power is committed to supporting the surrounding communities during this challenging time as well as the health care system. All residents within the region are encouraged to follow the guidance of Public Health officials. Bruce Power hosted a Virtual Town Hall with officials from Grey Bruce on Thursday evening, and this can be listened to and shared at www.brucepower.com.

REMEMBER ME?

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There are countless photographs of people in the Bayfield Historical Society’s Archives collection, but sadly their names were never recorded. In this section we will showcase an image with the hopes that one of our subscribers might be able to identify the individual(s) in the photo. Please email your information to the Editor’s attention at the address listed near the bottom of the page in “Submissions” or you can email the archivist directly at

bayarchives@tcc.on.ca or click on the image and make a comment on Flickr.

Editor's Note: We are now adding the archive's code to the information supplied with the photographs so that if anyone would like to learn more from the Bayfield Archives about certain pictures they can use the code to make the process easier.

This week, we feature a photo of Bayfield Minor Hockey's Pee Wee team for 1988-89. How many of these faces can you recognize? Thank you to Tara Heard for providing this image from her personal collection.

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

In Issue 557, we explore the Editor's own collection of newspaper clippings relevant to Bayfield history with this image taken in December of 2004. Two members of the Bayfield Optimist Club Paul Mulligan and President Dick Walker (right) are shown with Bluewater Mayor Bill Dowson (left) drawing the name of the winner of the club's Holiday Raffle. The prize was a two-minute shopping spree at Bayfield Foodland. The winner of the draw was Elaine Sturgeon.

ISSUE 558

In Issue 558, we feature a photo of the Bayfield Figure Skating Club members in the 1993-94 season. How many of these faces can you recognize? Thank you to Tara Heard for providing this image from her personal collection.

BAYFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

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BAYFIELD TOWN HALL - PART II

CABARET SHOWCASES TALENTS OF AREA RESIDENTS

Lauren McKinnon, Erin Elliott and Colleen Caesar open the second half of Cabaret 2020 with the "Can Can".

Colleen Caesar and Clare Day opened the second act with the "Can Can".

PHOTOS BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

After a one-year hiatus, the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society hosted two sold out shows, March 13 and 14, of their cherished fundraiser, “CABARET”. They also opened up the show’s dress rehearsal for people to come watch for a donation. And on Friday night they live-streamed the performance on the Bayfield Ontario Facebook page.

The society would like to extends many thanks to returning cast members Natalie Tarnawski and Leanne Kavanagh along with newcomer Camille Oates as directors and newcomer Big Mac as artistic director.

Cast members joining Kavanagh, Tarnawski and Oates on stage were Paul Tarnawski, Keet Tarnawski, Mike Graham, Jonathan Gemmell, Angela Keeley, Ian Rutherford, Dwight and Janice Nelson, Daniella Comacchio, Jamie Thomas, Darryl McLeod, Clare Day, Colleen Caesar, Jenny Shanahan, Erin Elliott, Emma Kavanagh, Lauren McKinnon, Shannon Pitre, Kara Sloetjes, Callie Berry and Desiree Small. Jen Pate acted as stage manager.

The photos included here were taken at the dress rehearsal. This week we are sharing pictures from Act 2.

Kara Sloetjes sang "Good Feeling" during Cabaret 2020.

Ian Rutherford and Cam Oates during a scene in the second half of the Cabaret dress rehearsal held at the Bayfield Town Hall on March 12.

Cam Oates discovered that Kara Sloetjes had a set of pipes on her that could bring down the hall.

Lauren McKinnon and Nat Tarnawski dance during "Shake it Out".

Janet Nelson was given the honor of singing the title song, "Cabaret".

Ian Rutherford and Lauren McKinnon are featured during the pairs section of the "Shake it Out" performance.

The finale of Cabaret 2020 featured Cam Oates on vocals, Mike Graham, drums; Dwight Nelson, guitar; and Janet Nelson, piano.

Desiree Small and Callie Berry were the back up performers for Kara Sloetjes' solo performance.

Leanne Kavanagh and Daniella Comacchio dance to "Shake it Out".

Off stage, the entire cast of Cabaret 2020 joined in the singing of the closing number, "From Now On", a stirring number from "The Greatest Showman". Cam Oates and Kara Sloetjes shared the stage.

Cam Oates and Leanne Kavanagh dance during the second act of Cabaret 2020.

PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Twin Bridges - one old, one temporary...*By Don Munro*

Across the River...*Photo by Wendy Heimrich*

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SUBMISSIONS

A friend of Bayfield resident, Ruth Gibson writes editorials for "Bancroft this Week". She contacted Chris Drost to see if she would be open to having this article shared with our Bayfield Breeze readers. As I am enjoying an extended March Break with the grandkids I am offering her perspective on the current world crisis with you here. – Melody

In recent decades it has become the norm for many people to travel south for the winter or to exotic locales throughout the world. This is something relatively new. In my parent's generation it was a big deal if someone travelled to another province, let alone another country. When my uncle moved to the west for a job at the air base in Cold Lake back in the sixties, it was as if he was going to the far ends of the earth. Long distance phone calls happened perhaps once a year and I only remember them coming back to Ontario for a visit once when my grandmother was dying. How things changed over the years.

Now, the entire world that seemed to be at our finger tips, has shrunk to the size of our own homes. Being able to travel or hop in the car and visit people is now unwise, to say the least. It is difficult to wrap your head around how the situation changed so abruptly in a matter of a week, but not to despair, at least we have a multitude of ways to keep connected to the people we love, without seeing them in person. If this happened a generation ago, we would really know what isolation means.

There are good things to come out of this so far. My kids and other family members have more time to call on the phone. We held a virtual Sunday night dinner last week where everyone sat around and drank wine and ate great home-cooked food that we could all see on messenger video chat. Later we shared recipes. We got to see my niece's one-year-old take her first steps and watched her engage with the screen trying to say hi to us all. This week we are starting a virtual book club among the women in the family. We each downloaded the same book and have plans for one of us presenting it and a discussion at the end of next week. Other members are finding interesting and obscure YouTube videos we can all watch and discuss online. Yesterday we began to share ways of improvising with the food we have to create everything from Pad Thai dishes to daiquiris using frost burnt berries from the freezer. It is a way to keep us all close when we cannot physically be together.

While it is difficult to concentrate on much else besides this crisis, keeping family close by whatever means possible is going to be important in the weeks ahead. It is what will keep us going as this situation continues to evolve.

P.S. Nat Tarnawski, stylist and owner of the Bayfield Beauty Shop, is in the running to be the next Inked Cover Girl, an American magazine devoted to the tattoo lifestyle and our subscribers can help her achieve her goal as the public is invited to vote daily for their favorite candidates.

Tarnawski is now in the semi-finals and at the time of this publishing was in 5th place. Please consider voting for her at https://cover.inkedmag.com/2020/nat-tarnawski?fbclid=IwAR3LRYirLhGhC8faBh53p0f98uL3rLvEwktBl10GDKqSJv4rRBkNEbOYMQE

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Deadlines for submissions are Sundays at 4 p.m.

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

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