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LIONS' CLUB MEMBERS REFURBISH COMMUNITY BULLETIN BOARD

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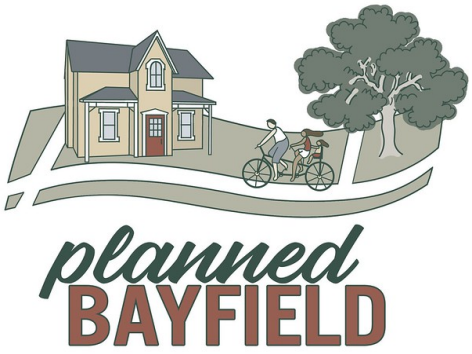


Community consultation on Planned Bayfield continues. A video explaining “What We Heard & Early Ideas” has been posted. Once people have

Bayfield Lions' Club members put about 60 man/woman hours into the refurbishment of the Community Bulletin Board on Main Street. Putting the finishing touches on the project were l-r: Brent Gotts, Dave Nearingburg, Kathy Gray and Bob Merrimen. (Submitted photos)

The Bayfield Lions are looking to celebrate their 75 years of serving the community in 2022, and have come up with several projects as a way of commemorating this special event.

One of the first tasks undertaken was the refurbishing of the Community Bulletin Board in front of the Archives. Club members started by having the roof re-shingled and the fascia replaced. The bulletin board surface was removed and rebuilt with new lumber, stained and reinstalled. The main structure was completely sanded and re-stained for further protection for years to come. The map was updated and is now in full color. In all, there were about 60 man/woman hours that went into the job.

The Lions would like to thank everyone for their patience during the restoration, and they look forward to more projects as they head towards their Anniversary next year.

watched the video, they are asked to provide feedback in the Second Round Survey.

What is Planned Bayfield? It is the development of a Secondary Plan for Bayfield; a document which will provide more detailed direction for future growth and change in Bayfield.

Public consultation on this project is hosted at connectedcountyofhuron.ca/. Public input is critical to the successful development of the Plan – visit this link and have a say in Bayfield's future!

Anyone with questions, comments or concerns, is asked to please email Denise Van Amersfoort, Senior planner, at dvanamersfoort@huroncounty.ca.

FARMERS' MARKET

The summer market season begins this week!

The market will now be open online every week starting Sunday until Wednesday for delivery and pick-up at Clan Gregor Square. Organizers are pleased to announce that they have new vendors, returning vendors and lots of delicious local foods!

People can place their orders by visiting openfoodnetwork.ca/bayfield-farmers-market/ from June 13 at 8 a.m. until today June 16 at 8 p.m. Shoppers will be directed to pick up their items up on June 18 sometime between 3-5 p.m. in Clan Gregor Square. They will receive an email confirmation (Thursday) with the approximate time of delivery on Friday afternoon.

Orders can be paid online with credit card or email 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.

How the Community Bulletin Board looked prior to the refurbishment.

Club members started by having the roof re-shingled and the fascia replaced.

The finished project!

HARP PRACTITIONER HOPES TO OFFER MUSICAL HEALING

Martha Lawrance (Submitted photo)

Bayfield is a village where many creative people like to settle and so it should come as no surprise to the community that Martha Lawrance, a professional harpist and certified Harp

BAYFIELD YACHT CLUB

Founded in 1971 the Bayfield Yacht Club's (BYC) goal is to bring together sailors to provide boating related activities and events both locally and abroad. BYC is member driven and always seeking new members to participate in sailing regattas, day races, after parties and fun!

The BYC Executive Board is pleased to announce that four Saturday events comprise their preliminary 2021 summer schedule. The dates and events are as follows:

- June 19 and July 31 – Regattas, both 1 p.m. starts
- July 10 - Boat Parade, commencing at dusk
- Aug. 21 - Given's Memorial Race, 1 p.m. start

To sign up for any of these events, or for more details, please contact the BYC at bayfieldyc@gmail.com.

TAKE & MAKE KITS

Practitioner, has chosen to become a full-time resident.

“I have recently returned to Bayfield as a full-time resident after spending the majority of summers at our cottage in the village. I would like to introduce myself in the hope of sharing my therapeutic music and programs in Bayfield and surrounding areas,” said Lawrance.

Lawrance has been a professional harpist for many years. As a graduate of the International Harp Therapy Program (IHTP) she is also a Certified Therapeutic Harp Practitioner (CTHP). She performs harp music in a therapeutic capacity to promote health and well-being: physically, emotionally, physiologically and spiritually.

“Prior to COVID-19, I played bedside in a hospital for post-acute care, rehabilitation, patients with Dementia, and palliative care. I also offered various group sessions with other instruments and harp, through Long Term Care facilities, women’s shelters, libraries, and children’s facilities,” she explained.

Lawrance went on to say, that as a promoter of musical healing she offers creative workshops for any age group tailored to the needs and wants of her audience. She is also available to play for a variety of facilities and functions.

“Music offers a magical capacity to slow us down, helping us to breathe deeper so that we might lift our hearts and souls with more mindfulness and compassion. We are all in need of nourishment and self-care especially during these trying times. I hope to offer workshops and deep relaxation sessions to a wide audience through the science of sound. Absorbing the vibrations and resonance of the harp, you are taken on a musical journey,” she said.

Lawrance believes that it is a true gift to now reside in Bayfield, surrounded by nature and all the elements of which she bases her musical sessions.

She invites people to contact her via her website, www.myharpheals.com, to learn more.

PIONEER PARK'S REPAIR THE STAIRS CAMPAIGN BEGINS THIS FRIDAY

The Pioneer Park Association (PPA) is looking to the community for support of two alternative fundraisers as their largest annual event the Pioneer Park Rummage Sale has been postponed for the second consecutive year due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. People can support the PPA by purchasing limited edition prints and/or trying their luck by buying some raffle tickets.

“Our long treasured, annual fundraiser needs to be postponed again this year. Not only is this our most important course of funds, it's our biggest community get-together,” said Catherine Tillmann, representing the PPA. “We'll miss both the fun and the funds. But perhaps, no. After all, the park is still giving us much enjoyment and we have two ways that all of us can play a part in that.”

One fundraising option being presented is the purchase of limited-edition photographs donated by Bayfield’s own Brad Turner.

"Take & Make" kit sample. (Submitted photo)

The Friends of Bayfield Library (FOBL) are busy preparing “Take & Make” Kits with a Canada Day theme that will provide hours of crafting fun for kids.

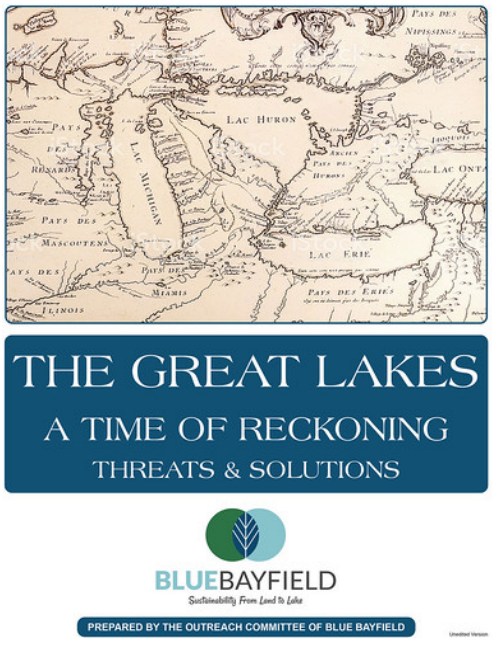
These kits will be ready for pickup outside the Bayfield Library on Saturday, June 26th from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., while quantities last.

Each kit will contain materials and instructions for a Canada Goose craft, a make-it-yourself puzzle, and Canada Day items courtesy of local MP Ben Lobb. The kit bag can even be repurposed into a fun beaver puppet ready for coloring! Attached to each kit will be a ballot to fill out for a chance to win a Village Bookshop gift certificate. A jar will be available at the pickup table for the completed ballots. The draw will take place on June 26th just after 2 p.m.

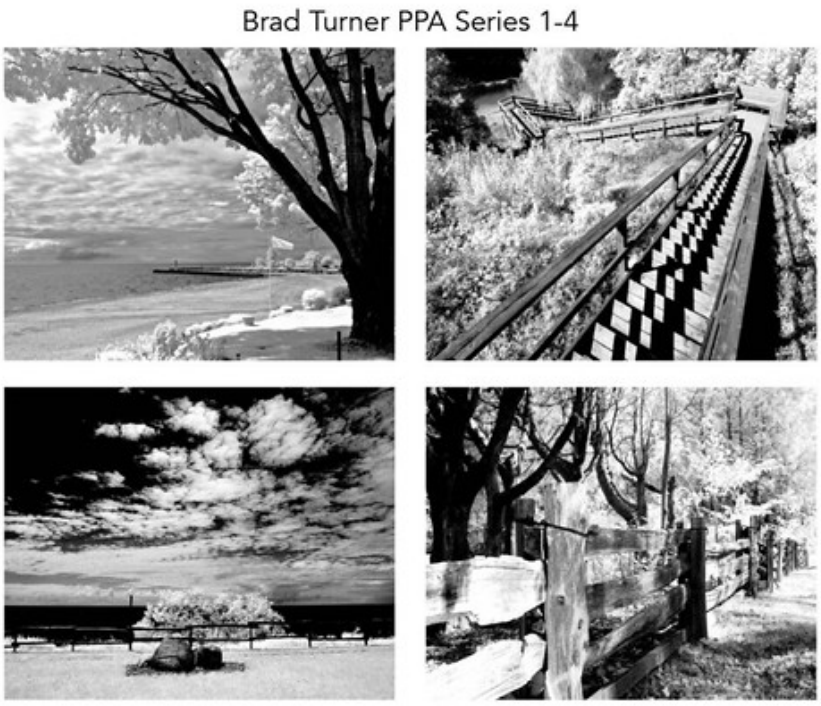
In keeping with current public health requirements, anyone picking up a kit must wear a mask. FOBL members will be on hand to make sure that social distancing protocols are followed.

After the event, parents (and grandparents too!) are invited to email photos of the completed crafts to contact@fobl.ca. The photos will be posted on the FOBL Facebook page over the following week. Although this event is all about the children, no photos of children will be posted for privacy reasons.

BLUE BAYFIELD BOOK



More than 50 copies of “The Great Lakes: A Time of Reckoning” has been distributed through The Village



Photographer Brad Turner shows in these photographs that Pioneer Park has an intimate personal impact on everyone. It is right there in those moments of reflection, celebration and wonder. The park has been, and will be, where we, The Keepers, bear witness to nature's transitory permanence, held within these stunning and timeless images is our promise to protect the future of the park. A limited number of the prints are available now in support of the Pioneer Park Association. (Submitted photo)

"Internationally acclaimed filmmaker Brad Turner has brought his tremendous talent to us in many ways. This time, to offset the loss of funds from the Rummage Sale, Brad is generously donating a limited edition of images that capture a lifetime of memories. They are Brad's homage to the stretching lawns, sheltering trees and majestic vistas. It is a part of his own dedication to our community's healthy and vital future," said Tillmann.

There will be a limited edition of 50 prints available for each image. These 8" X 10" photographs have been handprinted, by Turner, on archival paper, hand signed "in composition", and authenticated on the reverse. Individual prints are available for $125 each, or a full set can be purchased for $400. All proceeds go to the PPA.

Prints will be on display, and available for sale, at The Village Bookshop, located at 24 Main Street in Bayfield. They can also be purchased online at info@pioneerpark.ca or through The Village Bookshop at info@villagebookshop.ca.

Another fundraising option is the purchase of raffle tickets.

"COVID's recent wave may have knocked our annual Rummage Sale down again this year, and Mother Nature's waves may have knocked out our beach stairs, but neither is going to stop us from getting back up and running, said Tillmann.

The PPA wants to give people a new way to play this summer by introducing a 50/50 Cash Draw. Proceeds will be used to repair the Pioneer Park stairs down to the beach that are currently closed for safety reasons.

Every single ticket will give people a chance to win a cash prize that has a maximum value of $12,500. A single ticket is $5 or buy a book of 10 tickets for $40. There is a limit of 5,000 tickets available.

"We will begin selling tickets on Friday, June 18," said Tillmann. "Tickets will be available every sunset at the park and every Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the pop-up tent outside The Village Bookshop. Buy a ticket and watch our total prize value grow, as we

Book Shop demonstrating that even during a pandemic people are looking to be informed about the threats to the Great Lakes and what individuals can do to mitigate those threats.

The book was produced by the Blue Bayfield Outreach Committee with the intent of informing and inspiring locals to take care of area waters. Copies of the book are free but a minimum donation of $2 is appreciated.

"The Great Lakes are the shared legacy and treasure of all humanity. This timely and informative report gives us a history of the Great Lakes and their importance to the millions who live on them, as well as a thorough chronicling of the many threats to their very existence. Fortunately, it also offers solutions and hope and serves as a clarion call to protect these magnificent lakes for future generations," said Maude Barlow a patron of Blue Bayfield who is also an author and activist. She chairs the Board of Food and Water Watch and the Blue Planet Project.

To preview the book online visit www.bluebayfield.ca. To obtain a copy from The Village Bookshop visit villagebookshop.ca. The store is currently open noon to 4 p.m., Thursday thru Sunday.

FOOD BANK

Volunteer staff with the Bayfield Area Food Bank (BAFB) would like to thank the members of the Bayfield Optimist Club for their recent donation of two refurbished bicycles for client children in need.

"The members of BAFB are extremely grateful to the Optimists for this thoughtful and generous donation providing these bikes to two deserving young clients," said President of the BAFB Terry Henderson.

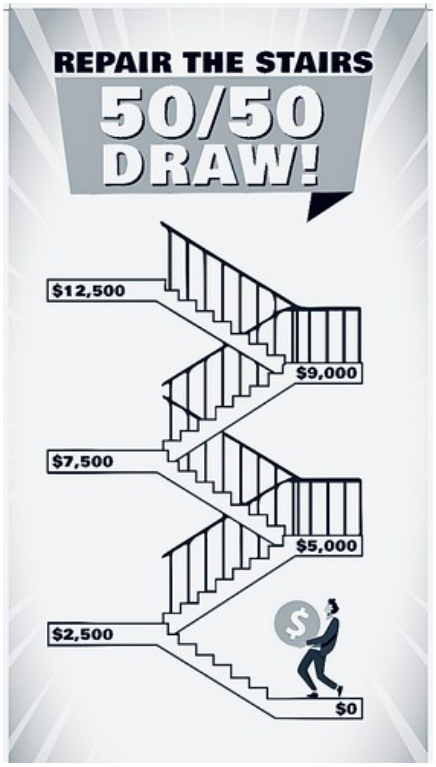
The BAFB remains in need of donations of "healthy breakfast choices" such as: instant oatmeal, unsweetened cereals, low sugar jams, peanut butter and other nut spreads.

"We have added a second bin for the collection of donated goods, and it is on the south side porch of

work to re-open the stairs to the beach."

The PPA would be most greatful to anyone who would like to volunteer to help sell tickets. Shifts have been organized in two-hour blocks. Training will be provided to anyone who can spare two hours this summer to help the park. Please contact Tina Bax at info@pioneerpark.ca and put 50/50 volunteer in the subject line to be sent an online link to choose a shift.

Anyone who would like to purchase a book of tickets can also do so by emailing info@pioneerpark.ca. Tickets purchases can be made using cash; debit or credit card, using the PPA's secure Square Reader.



The Repair the Stairs Campaign for the Pioneer Park Association begins June 18. (Submitted photo)

COLLEEN MAGUIRE GUEST SPEAKER AT HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM

Colleen Maguire (Submitted photo)

The Bayfield Historical Society (BHS) will be holding a virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) over ZOOM on June 28.

"Unfortunately, no banquet this year, but we do have a special guest speaker," said BHS President Ruth Gibson. "Local historian Colleen Maguire, who was instrumental in establishing the Reuben R. Sallows Gallery in Goderich in 2001 will speak about his life and legacy."

Maguire received her diploma in Applied Arts Photography from Fanshawe College in 1983 and owned a photography studio in Goderich. She also worked as a Medical Radiation Technologist at the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital in Goderich for 39 years. During her time there she was the Diagnostic Imaging Manager and was the team leader for the purchase of the CT scanner, Digital Mammography and the implementation of the digital imaging system.

"As secretary of the Remembrance Committee on the Great Lakes Storm of 1913, she was a recipient of the Governor General's History Award for Community Programming. In 2018, she was awarded the Huron Arts and Heritage Network's Heritage Award to an Individual," said Gibson. "Thus, she has researched the life of Reuben Sallows from the perspective of both a photographer and historian."

Maguire is also an antique camera collector and has curated a vintage camera exhibit for the Reuben R. Sallows Gallery.

Reuben R. Sallows was born on a farm near Goderich in 1855. Sallows was an adopter of the pictorialism movement in Canada. His photography started as portraiture and progressed to

the Trinity St. James Parish Hall (10 Keith Cres) this means that both porches now have covered bins for the collection of non-perishables," said Henderson.

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 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. 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.

UNITED CHURCH

Since COVID-19 closed the doors of St. Andrew's United Church in Bayfield many changes have taken place but even though the doors are closed things are still happening.

St. Andrew's congregation has transitioned to new ways of supporting their Outreach Projects during this pandemic, so that they continue to be a caring and compassionate church community. Each month they chose an outreach project. Some of the outreach projects this year have been donations to Blessings, Healthy Babies Healthy Children and for the month of May their outreach project is giving support to Camp Menesetung.

A few weeks ago, the church members were sent a message from the Executive Director of Camp Menesetung, Clayton Peters outlining the current plans for Spring and Summer 2021 camping. Anyone who would like to learn more can view the video at www.youtube.com/watch?v=rOv1sbliJ-Y

Anyone wishing to donate to the camp can do so by mailing contributions to St. Andrew's United Church, P.O. Box 202, Bayfield, ON, N7A 3X8 - be sure to mark the designation of "Camp Menesetung" on the cheque. Anyone wishing to drop off a donation in-person can email Kathleen Sietsema at ksierts@tcc.on.ca to arrange a time.

Maitland River Wolf Shot 1860 (Photo by Reuben Sallows)

farmland, landscapes and expansive wilderness. He developed a reputation of being a “rogue photographer”, travelling across Canada by canoe and train with a camera on his back between 1881 to 1937. He became known internationally.

Cradling Wheat 1913 (Photo by Reuben Sallows)

Today his art is preserved in the Archives of Ontario; the Library and Archives, Canada; the Universities of Toronto and Western Ontario, Glenbrow Museum, Calgary; and the Reuben R. Sallows Gallery, Goderich.

Anyone who is not on the email list of the BHS is invited to please email bhsmembers@gmail.com to receive a link to this virtual AGM. The meeting will commence at 2 p.m. on June 28.

BROCHURE TO EDUCATE ON TOPIC OF BLUEWATER SHORT-TERM RENTALS

On May 17, during the regular meeting of the Council for the Municipality of Bluewater, members approved the distribution of short-term rental, educational brochures to educate and communicate a plan to short-term rental owners and their tenants. MEU Consulting is enlisted to provide on-call services for enforcement of complaints raised from short-term rentals (STRs) to Bluewater as a whole.

The intent of the brochure is to provide clear and concise information about municipal by-laws and enforcement measures to municipal residents, as well as to the owners and tenants of the STRs. The brochures will be distributed to as many short-term rental owners as possible and will be advertised on municipal social media and the Bluewater website.

“The short-term rental, educational brochures are an important step in successfully educating rental owners, their tenants, as well as the public regarding our municipal by-laws,” said, Mayor Paul Klopp.

The Bluewater Council has reviewed and discussed the subject of short-term rentals based on resident concerns and inquiries. Council has passed resolutions to adopt a "Strict Enforcement Policy". This means that the Municipal Law Enforcement Officers will operate a zero-tolerance mandate (i.e., no warnings) relative to repeat by-law infraction issues related to short-term rentals where evidence supports a charge against the landowner and/or the tenant.

A telephone number is provided to submit concerns. Once the required information is received, an officer will attend the property within approximately 1-2 hours to investigate and determine if a by-law violation exists and appropriate action will then be taken to resolve the matter.

Complainants’ personal details provided to the Municipal Law Enforcement Department are kept confidential according to the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

HOSPICE HOLDING SECOND 50/50

KNOX, BAYFIELD

Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield invites people to join their weekly church services, available anytime, online with YouTube and Facebook. The online links are available on the Knox, Bayfield website: pccweb.ca/knoxbayfieldpc/

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Trinity St. James Anglican Church has now suspended their in-church Wednesday morning, Communion Services.

Sunday services will continue at 11 a.m. and are 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 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.

RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

After an extended hiatus the Bayfield Ratepayers Association (BRA) is back. A new Board of Directors was established in 2020 to inform Bayfield residents of the major items of concern for the current growth and future of Bayfield.

The BRA Constitution supports three membership classes: Property Owners, Tenants and Associate Members. There is a limit of two eligible members per household or residence and members must be at least 18 years of age.

Property Owners, may be either absentee, seasonal or a resident in the Ward of Bayfield; and Tenants have their principal place of residence within Bayfield. Associate Members are those who do not own property in Bayfield, and do not reside in the ward, but have a genuine interest in the welfare of Bayfield. Associate Members have to be approved by a majority of the Board of Directors. Associate Members are not entitled to be an officer or director of the Association, or to vote at the Annual General Meeting or general meetings of the BRA.

BRA current membership rates are $20 for two years and $40 for five years. They no longer offer lifetime memberships. As a result of the COVID-19 disruption, the Board has decided to waive membership fees until the next general meeting of the Association, hopefully in the fall of 2021.

RAFFLE DURING MONTH OF JUNE

Huron Hospice has launched its second 50/50 Raffle. From now until June 30, individuals have another chance to win big! The more people play, the bigger the pot and the greater chances to win. When people play, they are “Making Moments Matter” for families on the end-of-life journey. It’s a win-win!

“Like many other charities, COVID has forced us to think outside the box and be strategic about how to raise our needed revenue,” said Huron Hospice Executive Director, Willy Van Klooster.

The take home on the March 50/50 Raffle was over $12,000.

“The Ontario Government covers half of the cost of Huron Hospice $1.2 million operations. The province allows funding to be used for the cost of salaries and benefits for nursing staff. Donors cover the other half 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. 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,” said Van Klooster

“We recognize that playing a raffle is not for everyone,” said Huron Hospice Manager of Fund Development, Christopher Walker. “However, in 2020-21 interest in raffles is growing.”

He went on to say, “There are many ways in which Huron Hospice donors can support the Hospice. They can support the There’s No Place Like Home Telethon. Donors can also contribute by making donations in memory of family who have died. What ever way people choose to give we know all gifts come from the heart.”

Walker also noted that buying tickets is simple. Just log on to www.huronhospice.ca and follow the links. People get 100 tickets for $40; 40 tickets for $20; and five tickets for $10.

Anyone with questions is asked to please contact Walker by calling 519 525-7352 or emailing 5050@huronhospice.ca (Licence No.: RAF1201150)

OLLIE IS BAYFIELD FORGOTTEN FELINES CAT OF THE WEEK

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

Ollie is the Adopt-A-BFF Cat of the Week.

Ollie is a very mild mannered and calm kitten who is about 10 to 12 weeks old. He went through a very traumatic and harrowing experience before finding his way to the Rescue. He was found by some people because he was hanging out at the edge of their deck. They started feeding him and discovered that he had some marks on him. Upon closer inspection they realized it was puncture marks. There were at least 10 puncture marks on this poor little kitten, whatever grabbed him managed to get a hold of him several times but he was somehow able to

All in the community are invited to become a member of the BRA so that their voices will be heard. For more information visit bayfieldratepayers.ca or email bayfieldratepayers@gmail.com.

BLUE BAYFIELD

Editor’s Note: This is a semi-regular feature from Blue Bayfield highlighting simple ways people can make a difference in their community to create a healthier environment.

Did You Know…that some common household cleaning products contain toxic chemicals that could be dangerous to you, your children, your pets, and the environment? We’re talking about laundry detergents, all-purpose cleaners, bleach, dishwasher detergent, oven cleaners, window cleaners, toilet bowl and drain cleaners, furniture polish, upholstery cleaners, and air fresheners, just to name a few—these all need to be used with caution. Are there other options? Yes, there are!

What You Can Do…You can clean your home and save money at the same time by making your own cleaning products. Yes, we know it sounds like a lot of work but it’s really not. For example, to make a household cleaner, you can mix together baking soda, borax, vinegar and water. For a window cleaner, you can use vinegar or borax and water. Personally, we think we’d rather have baking soda, vinegar and borax in the house than toxic chemicals. How about you? Check out this website for more ideas: www.ecocycle.org/hazwaste/ecofriendly-cleaning

Ollie (Submitted photos)

get away. In addition, these wounds were infected. Since his arrival at the Rescue, he has been to the vet where he received a pretty funky haircut so that the docter could clean all the wounds properly. He is now on some antibiotics for the infection and ointment is being used on his wounds. Despite all that he's been through he is very friendly and is a lap cat who just wants to be cuddled and loved. Volunteers note that Ollie has huge, golden, soulful eyes and he loves to make eye contact perhaps to say, "Thank you for taking care of me."

Anyone who has a place in their hearts for Ollie is encouraged to contact Bayfield Forgotten Felines at bayfieldsforgottenfelines@gmail.com. Supplies and support are given to the Foster Program volunteers by the Rescue.

Anyone who is interested in learning more about the Foster Program is asked to please contact Mary Pounder at jackabunny@gmail.com or call 519 565-2717.

Can't adopt or foster? Donations are always appreciated. The cost of a vet visit is $150 per feline, a lot more for cats with special needs. E-transfers can be sent to the Rescue's email listed 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.

NEED FOR SPECIALIZED GERIATRIC SERVICES ESSENTIAL TO AREA

Dr. Alexandrea Peel (Submitted photo)

On June 1st, Gateway Centre of Excellence in Rural Health (Gateway) hosted their final lecture series of the season entitled, "Building a Huron-Perth-Bruce-Grey Where People Can Age at Home".

Huron County's first and only Geriatrician, Dr. Alexandrea Peel, discussed the importance of homecare and community support services in times of a rapidly aging population, the COVID-19 pandemic and various healthcare shortages. Dr. Peel is the Chair of Rural Senior Care at Gateway, an adjunct Professor in the Division of Geriatric Medicine at Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry and the School of Pharmacy at the University of Waterloo.

With this region having a higher proportion of elderly residents compared to similar communities in Ontario, the need for specialized geriatric services is essential. Despite this, services such as homecare and community support are limited in rural regions and have been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Some of these unique sector challenges include: capacity limits imposed

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 and also the per centage of people vaccinated please visit: www.hpph.ca

ABCF SCHOLARSHIP

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation (ABCF) is offering a $1,000 Student Environmental Award scholarship in 2021. The Conservation Foundation is bringing back the student bursary which was not awarded in 2020. The bursary is presented to the winner of an application process.

ABCF presented this annual $1,000 bursary each year between 2010 and 2019. After a one-year hiatus, the award is back.

"We are very proud to bring back the Student

on group activity and transportation; the loss of the volunteer base which reduces program availability; budget shortfalls due to a lack of fundraising events and increased costs related to the pandemic; difficulties in recruitment and retention of staff leading to longer waitlists; shifts to virtual caregiver support and education which is more time consuming and is not reflected in the provincial budget; community support services being deemed as non-essential, resulting in more families in crisis; and the closure of shared spaces that were used to operate programs.

When there is a change in the availability of home care and community support services, it leads to a ripple effect that impacts the entire healthcare system. This results in more people in hospital and long-term care (LTC) than would typically be seen, directly reflecting the deficits that homecare and community support services are experiencing. This disjunct substantially affects patient care, with 150,000 Ontarians reporting unmet care needs and 124,500 Ontarians eligible for LTC that are receiving homecare. As well, primary care is often not equipped to provide 24/7 responsive services and ongoing health monitoring and 17 per cent of the 5,372 hospital beds are occupied by patients awaiting LTC. The substantial cost difference is also striking, with the cost of caring for 120,000 people at home who would be eligible for LTC being $9 million per year, compared to the cost of housing someone in LTC at $4 billion per year.

The question remains: if homecare is so much more cost-effective for the healthcare system, why is it not being utilized? In the last decade, some community support organizations have received a one to three per cent base funding increase, while inflation has increased about 17 per cent. Despite all the pandemic-related challenges that this sector has faced, there has still been no increase in the Ontario budget for this year. The increased demand in services combined with a lack of funding and Personal Support Worker (PSW) shortages, results in waitlists continuing to grow and a corresponding inability to provide services. In turn, individuals rely on services from other avenues, such as hospitals, primary care and LTC. Furthermore, the transition to LTC is not always welcomed by families and individuals in need, often being made out of desperation. Ninety-one per cent of older adults want to live at home as long as possible and eight per cent of people on waitlists could be managed through homecare. This suggests the potential to save the healthcare system a considerable amount per year, while allowing individuals to age safely and comfortably.

These issues highlight the importance of homecare and the need to make it more accessible to individuals that require it. The Ontario Community Support Service sector made three recommendations to the Ministry: to increase funding to community support services to mirror the number of frail older individuals with cognitive impairment, to provide closer to wage parity to individuals working in the LTC sector and lastly, to invest in a communication platform that would bring community supports services into other sectors of the healthcare system. There have also been suggestions to make a virtual LTC service, with the idea to increase funding to community support services. To ensure this service would be successful, it would be very flexible to meet individuals' needs.

Three panelists joined the discussion to share their local insights. Each member reiterated the importance of fundraising and volunteering, and how the pandemic has impacted this area significantly.

Executive Director of OneCare Home and Community Support, Kathy Scanlon highlighted the vast range of services that OneCare offers, including adult day programs, assisted living, meals on wheels, transportation. As well, she touched on the importance of the central intake model of coordination with its origin in Huron-Perth. This model ensures that there are a variety of services that are integrated and easily accessible.

Executive Director of the Alzheimer Society of Perth, Debbie Deichert, recognized the importance of being resourceful in times of severe PSW shortages. For example, the Alzheimer Society uses various disciplines, such as recreational specialists, to deliver their programs, to ensure they are not taking from the small pool of PSWs.

Executive Director of the Alzheimer Society of Huron County, Cathy Ritsema emphasized the

Environmental Award in 2021," said Dave Frayne, ABCF Chair. "This $1,000 student bursary helps a local student in their studies and we encourage local young people to apply."

There have been ten local recipients of the award. Past winners are: Ryan Finnie, 2010; Raina Vingerhoeds, 2011; Greg Urquhart, 2012; Ryan Carlow, 2013; Connor Devereaux, 2014; Barb Alber, 2015; Samantha Bycraft, 2016; Marina Lather, 2017; Ethan Quenneville,2018; and Meghan Glavin, 2019.

The deadline to apply is Monday, June 28 by 4:30 p.m.

For the application form and flyer poster, and for complete details, please visit the abca.ca website at this web page link: www.abca.ca/foundation/awards/

The successful applicant must be a graduating secondary school student or student currently enrolled in university or college pursuing education in a conservation-related course of study such as biology, ecology, geography, forestry, fish and wildlife, agriculture or outdoor education.

Interested students are to write a creative two-page essay on their personal involvement with a conservation or environment-based project or organization.

Eligible students must be between the ages of 17 and 25, have a permanent address in a municipality of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) watershed. Municipalities in the ABCA watershed are: Adelaide Metcalfe, Bluewater, Central Huron, Huron East, Lambton Shores, Lucan Biddulph, Perth South, Middlesex Centre, North Middlesex, South Huron, Warwick and West Perth.

Visit abca.ca for complete details.

HPHA VIRTUAL AGM

The Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance will be holidng a Virtual Annual General Meeting (AGM) on June 17 via ZOOM.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

This AGM is for members of the Clinton Public Hospital, St. Marys Memorial Hospital, Seaforth Community Hospital and Stratford General Hospital. Highlights of the meeting will include: the receipt of Annual Reports of the Board of Directors, including financial statements, together with the Auditor's Report thereon; appointment of auditors; and receipt of the Ad Hoc Nominating Committee Report.

importance of respite services for the individual, care givers and support workers in maintaining their health and well-being.

In conclusion, increasing capacity in community support services is in the collective best interest to ensure the well-being of the community, workers and healthcare system as a whole and requires participation from various sectors and individuals. As a community member, there are steps people can take to help make this a reality:
● Advocate for a grassroots approach to recruiting and training healthcare professionals
● Fundraise for a Community Respite Centre
● Make 2021 the year to donate to local community support services
● Advocate to hospital board members of the hallway crisis and its relation to the erosion of community support services and the need to create longitudinal and transitional restorative care opportunities
● Speak to an MPP about expanding funding, flexibility, programs and integration of community support services

Gwen Devereaux, president of Gateway, stated the importance and timeliness of this conversation during a time of increased loneliness in seniors due to COVID-19. She expressed gratitude to Dr. Peel, as well as the community panelists, for their contribution to and advocacy for the rural community, to ensure they can age at home in a happy and healthy manner.

Gateway would like to thank the sponsors of this event: Bruce Power, Larry Otten Contracting, Ian Murray of CBC Wealth Management, DeJager Town Square IDA Pharmacy, Town of Goderich and the Staysh. Gateway would also like to thank everyone for their participation and support in the first season of the Gateway College Lecture Series.

The Lecture Series aims to connect virtually with communities locally, nationally and internationally to reduce social isolation and promote a knowledge translation strategy in rural communities. The free, virtual, lunchtime, lecture webinars will resume in the fall, starting on Tuesday, Sept. 7th starting at noon for one-hour. To register visit Gateway's website: www.gatewayruralhealth.ca/lecture-series.html.

SUGGESTIONS ON HOW TO PREVENT SPREAD OF WEST NILE VIRUS

The warmer weather is here and Huron Perth Public Health (HPPH) has begun West Nile Virus surveillance. People need to be sure to protect themselves against West Nile virus (WNV) as they enjoy this season's weather.

WNV is a disease transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. Evidence shows that many people infected with WNV will have mild symptoms or no symptoms at all. However, people with weaker immune systems and those with chronic diseases are at greater risk for serious health effects. Over the last several years, mosquitoes carrying WNV have been found in Huron and Perth counties. In the last five years, there have been fewer than five cases of WNV human infection reported.

People can stop mosquitoes from breeding by getting rid of standing water around their home, farm and workplace at least once a week.

"Objects that collect water, like birdbaths, children's toys, pool covers and tires, are perfect mosquito breeding grounds," said Public Health Inspector, Stephanie Carlisle.

Adult mosquitoes also like to rest in dense shrubbery. Keep bushes and shrubs clear of overgrowth and debris, and keep compost piles turned on a regular basis.

HPPH recommends that residents and visitors protect themselves from mosquito bites by using insect repellent containing DEET or Icaridin on clothing and exposed skin. They should always read and follow label directions. People can also cover up with light-colored clothes and wear

Only members of the hospital corporations shall be entitled to vote at the AGM but members of the public are welcome to attend. To RSVP please contact Sue Davey by calling 519 272-8205 or emailing susan.davey@hpha.ca and a ZOOM link/teleconference number will be provided in advance of the meeting.

RIDE TO END HUNGER

Cycling enthusiasts from across Huron County are invited to take part in the Sixth Annual "Better Together - Ride to End Hunger – Together – Apart" from June 12 to June 19 in support of the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre (HCFBDC).

Participants are asked to ride at their leisure during the week either at home or on their stationary bike or wherever it is safe to bicycle in their community or along the backroads of Huron County.

People can sign up as a team or individually by visiting:
www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/huron-county-food-bankdistribution-centre/p2p/BetterTogetherRideToEndHunger/

More information is available on the HCFBDC Event Page at:
www.huroncountyfoodbank.org/2021-bike-ride.html

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING

The Social Research & Planning Council, United Way Perth-Huron (SRPC) is releasing a new report looking at the local issue of homelessness through the lens of supportive housing and the benefits a community can gain by building robust housing supports.

"Housing is a basic human right and requirement for good health. Supportive housing is a highly effective strategy that combines affordable housing with intensive coordinated services to help people struggling with factors such as, chronic physical and mental health issues maintain stable housing and receive appropriate health care," said SRPC's Director of Research Joelle Lamport-Lewis. "Through this report, we're hoping to enhance the understanding of homelessness locally and the role supportive housing can play within a larger strategy to end chronic homelessness, particularly for people with the most complex mental health and addiction needs."

Supportive housing generally refers to a combination

long sleeves and pants when outdoors. Especially in areas where mosquito activity is high. They can also avoid spending time outdoors from dusk until dawn when mosquitoes are most active.

To better understand the risk of WNV transmission locally, HPPH conducts adult mosquito trapping to track the virus across Huron and Perth. The adult mosquito trapping program begins the week of June 14 with traps set in locations across both counties. Any mosquitoes caught will be sent for identification and WNV testing.

Catch basin larviciding, which helps control mosquito larvae, will take place in July and August in Stratford, Listowel, Mitchell and St. Marys. These locations were chosen based on previous WNV activity.

“Catch basins are a primary breeding area for the types of mosquitoes known to carry the virus,” said Carlisle. “Larval control measures help stop young mosquitoes from growing into adult mosquitoes and further prevent the transmission of WNV to humans.”

For more information call the Health Line at 1-888-221-2133 Ext 3267; or visit www.hpph.ca.

BUSINESS RETENTION & EXPANSION SURVEY COMING TO COUNTY

The economic well-being of Huron County is directly impacted by the successes and challenges facing Huron’s business community. In recognition of this, positive action is being taken by the County of Huron Economic Development department to identify and meet the needs of local businesses.

The Huron County Business Retention and Expansion (BR&E) project is a county-wide effort, supported by local BIAs, Chambers of Commerce, and others, that recognizes, confidential business surveys as a way to:

1. Identify the needs, concerns, and opportunities of existing local businesses so that, where appropriate, action can be taken.

2. Learn of the future plans of the area’s local businesses with respect to expansion, relocation, and/or retention and assess where assistance can be provided.

3. Demonstrate the county’s pro-business attitude and develop an effective means of communication.

“As a Huron County business owner, this is your opportunity to directly voice your needs and ideas to the County,” said Director of Economic Development Cody Joudry. “The information collected in the BR&E surveying is vital for the County to continue making informed decisions, and help us take pro-active actions that will have positive and lasting benefits in our community.”

Surveys will be mailed to the business community starting at the beginning of June, and continuing through to the end of November. Volunteers will reach out to businesses, via telephone, to assist and support as needed. Note that non-profit organizations that do not sell goods or services will not be engaged in this project.

The final report that presents the high-level findings of this project will be made available following the data collection period and will be used to plan future economic development activities for Huron County.

To learn more about the Huron BR&E survey, visit: ecdev.huroncounty.ca.

of housing assistance and support services enabling people to live as independently as possible in their community. Among the potential supports are ones focused on successful tenancy, social connections, health and wellness, life skills training, eviction prevention, crisis interventions and clinical support. Supportive housing is also viewed as essential to supporting the recovery and long-term housing stability for vulnerable people who face challenges around mental health and addictions.

Locally, there are a number of pressing concerns around homelessness. Currently, an estimated 208 people across Perth-Huron are experiencing homelessness and in need of support. Additionally, with the end of the current stay-at-home order on the horizon, and the possibility of evictions resuming, people in precarious housing situations are facing adverse health effects due to stress and anxiety. Stigma and a lack of understanding around supportive housing also continue to be issues in local communities.

“We want to encourage discussion and action around chronic homelessness and the housing-related challenges faced by vulnerable people,” added Lamport-Lewis. “There have been moves by government — nationally, provincially and locally — to undertake a transformational review of the homelessness system through specific initiatives; including updated Housing and Homelessness plans in both Perth and Huron Counties. Hopefully, this report will add another important perspective as our communities work to develop a more responsive housing system and with the goal of ending chronic homelessness.”

To view the Supportive Housing Report, visit: perthhuron.unitedway.ca.

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Huron County Museum and Historic Gaol

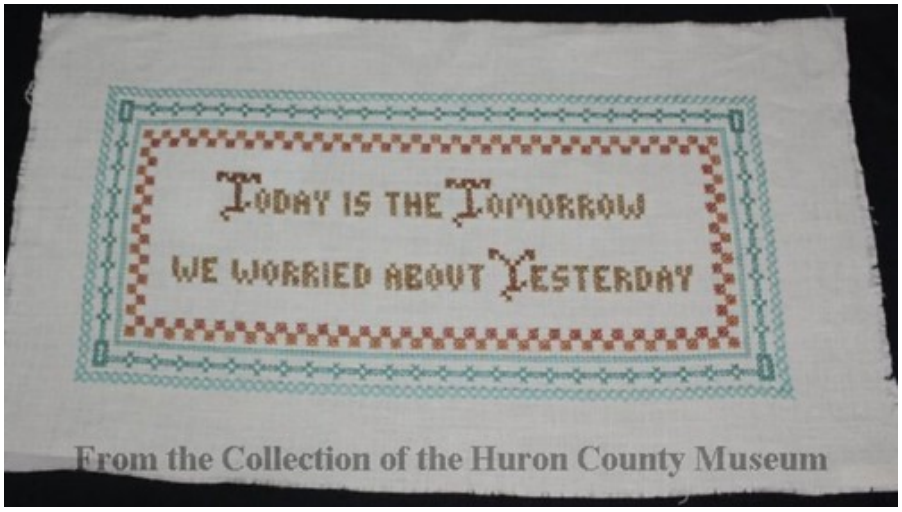
REMEMBER THIS

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 (temporarily closed). 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.

June is traditionally the month for weddings so it seems an appropriate time of year to explore the collection of wedding mementoes that the Museum has collected through the years...

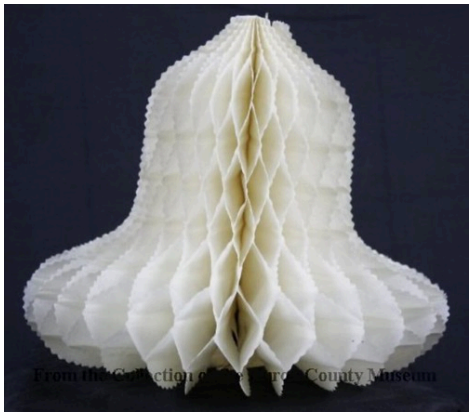
BRIDE'S SAMPLER



Leota Adeline Cardiff married Dean Fleming Davison on July 20, 1938 in Brussels, ON. A few treasures from the occasion are highlighted here including, this sampler, created using brown, orange and green thread that was handmade by the bride. Stitched on the sampler is the saying: "Today is the tomorrow we worried about yesterday".

Born on March 15, 1913, Leota wore this off-white, floor-length wedding gown (shown at right) for her nuptials. Her gown has a satin liner with cotton mesh over-dress. There is a "V" at front and back waist, with peplum net inset. The front "V" also has a ruffle. The gown also features

WEDDING DECOR



This creamy colored paper bell was used as a decoration at the Cardiff-Davison wedding. The bell can be stored flat – when unfolded it opens up into the shape of a bell.

WEDDING DRESS

three quarter length sleeves and there are fabric-covered buttons with loops on the back closure.

She was the daughter of Elston Cardiff who was the member of the House of Commons for Huron County for 25 years from 1940 to 1965. Her groom Dean Fleming Davison was born on Apr. 14,1914.

BRIDE'S HEADPIECE

Leota's veil was enhanced by this wedding headpiece featuring creamy wax flowers with yellow centres and green leaves. There is a piece of black elastic to secure the band on the head.

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ART EXTRAVAGANZA - PART II

CLINTON NOW BACK ALLEY ART DESTINATION

STORY AND PHOTOS BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

At the start of 2021, Central Huron and the Central Huron Business Improvement Area (BIA) put out the call for Huron County residents of all ages and artistic skill levels to participate in "The

Back Alley Art Extravaganza". The project idea was launched to brighten the community's back alleys where shoppers will be redirected as a major construction project in the community's downtown core will block access to the fronts of businesses in the coming weeks.

Huron and Perth County residents answered the call and a tremendous display has been installed in two alleys in the town. There are about 150 pieces of art installed with potentially more expected.

Community Improvement Coordinator for Central Huron, Angela Smith, couldn't be happier with how the project turned out and hopes it will become a destination for people to visit this summer and fall. Plans are in the works to add umbrellas, music and a portable toilet to the East alley. There is already a picnic area set up among the pieces of art.

Volunteers worked to install the boards along with municipal staff. One board is a "blank canvas" inviting people to add a postitive message.

For Smith the most exciting part of the project is that the ages of artists span nearly 100 years!

"Koen Smith, my grandson, was the youngest at 9 months, and a nursing home resident that participated was 97 and we had every age in between! And there are multigenerational pictures on display. It was a real community effort!" she said. She added that five nursing homes participated as did four schools.

Murals can be found behind the stores on the East side of Albert Street from Godfathers Pizza to Repurposed Artisan Designs. On the West side of Albert Street visitors will find murals from behind Cornerstone Schoolhouse to Dollar Haven.

Smith was also quite honored to share that she has been nominated for an Ontario Business Improvement Area Association (OBIAA) Award for the project with winners being announced at the end of September. The whole community will no doubt wish her well in that regard.

The Back Alley Art Extravaganza was funded by the Municipality of Centra Huron and a grant from Bruce Power. It will be on display until Thanksgiving. Albert Street will be closed to vehicle traffic at least through September.

Editor's Note: We visited the West side display on the morning of June 15 and again it was very difficult to choose what pieces to highlight in this

By Elly McRae

week's photo story. Many of the works are unsigned but every effort has been made to highlight the artists if they were identified.

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As seen from Centennial Road: Partial Eclipse - June 10, 2021...*By Gary Lloyd-Rees*

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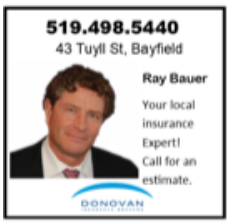

SUBMISSIONS

Geordie and Olga Palmer moved to the village 22 years ago. They moved in with Olga's aging parents, the late Flo and George Youmatoff - to help them out a bit. They maybe didn't plan on taking root but the village has its charms. Over those two decades, they didn't just help out at home, they helped out everywhere they could. They made a difference. They left their mark. Community became like extended family. Last week, as quietly as they arrived, they departed, moving to Ottawa to be closer to family – to help and be helped out a bit.

The pandemic made goodbyes difficult so I thought I'd say so long to this couple here in my space. I first met Geordie at a tree planting as he was part of a committee that started the project to reestablish the village tree canopy back around 2000. My first memories of Olga were at church. She never failed to offer a bright smile to those who met her gaze from her spot in the choir.

In more recent years, my husband, John and I had come to think of them as exended family and we both wish them well on their next adventure – may they be overwhelmed with love and laughter in their new home and may they remember Bayfield fondly when they are witness to a glorious sunset or hear a church bell chime. – Melody

Ideas and contributions to the Bayfield Breeze are always welcome.
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