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YATES AUTOGRAPHS COPIES OF NEW HISTORICAL SOCIETY BOOK

As part of Christmas in Bayfield, the Bayfield Historical Society (BHS) welcomed Huron County historian David Yates on Nov. 13-14 to autograph his new biography of Admiral Henry Wolsey Bayfield. The local author personalized copies for shoppers who were excited to find the perfect gift for history lovers. On Saturday afternoon, Yates, who is a retired high school teacher, had the opportunity to write a special inscription for his much-admired elementary school teacher, Bayfield resident Carol Simons. On Sunday, Bluewater Mayor Paul Klopp came in to say hello and pick up his book.

SANTA LETTERS

Bayfield residents will be pleased to know that Santa Claus will once again be receiving letters from area youngsters this holiday season, but just as was done in 2020, he won't be using his usual special mailbox at Bayfield Foodland. This year, in a continued effort to keep everyone safe Santa's going digital and he will be accepting wish lists via email. All letters should be emailed by Dec. 17 to ensure Santa has time to respond prior to Christmas – it is his busy season afterall!

Santa's elves delight in hearing from area youngsters and these children can inturn expect an emailed letter in return. All letters should be emailed by Dec. 17 to ensure Santa has time to respond prior to Christmas – it is his busy season afterall!

On Nov. 13, Yates, who is a retired high school teacher, had the opportunity to write a special inscription for his much-admired elementary school teacher, Bayfield resident Carol Simons. (Photo by Julia Armstrong)

On Nov. 14, Bluewater Mayor Paul Klopp came in to say hello to author David Yates (right) and pick up his book. (Photo by Deborah Curran)

Anyone looking to pick up a copy of the book can still do so as volunteers will be at the BHS Archives and Heritage Centre on 20 Main St. N., each Friday, Saturday and Sunday, from 1 to 4 p.m. until Dec. 19.

“Admiral Henry Wolsey Bayfield” written by Yates, and published by the BHS, explores the life and work of this remarkable navigator and chart maker of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence. It is available in limited-edition hardcover, numbered and signed, for $40. The softcover version is $15. The book is 48 pages and offers full-color images.

FOODLAND SUPPORTS FOOD BANK THROUGH HOLIDAY CAMPAIGN

The Bayfield Area Food Bank volunteers and clients are very grateful to have the assistance of Bayfield Foodland again this Christmas season.

Shoppers can purchase pre-packaged bags of needed non-perishable products, a terrific assortment of foods and home care items, for $5, $10, or $20 a bag. New this year, Bayfield Foodland can also accept monetary donations at the till in increments of $5 if people prefer to donate in that fashion.

“By donating dollars at the till, the food bank is able to purchase other much needed foods and personal care items, otherwise not readily available to us, such as fresh fruit, vegetables, and meats; dairy and baked goods for those with food allergies and sensitivities; liquid meal

Email the jolly old elf at SantasLittleWorkshopNP@gmail.com.

TURKEY RAFFLE

The Bayfield Lions are holding a turkey raffle once more! There are 35 turkeys to be won, with the proceeds going to the Huron County Women's Shelter and Second Stage Housing, Bayfield Area Food Bank, and the Tanner Steffler Foundation.

Tickets are $10 each or five for $40. Only 500 tickets have been printed! The draw date is Dec. 9, at noon.

There are four ways to purchase tickets: online at www.bayfieldlions.ca/turkeyraffle; by calling and leaving a message at 519 565-2944, by emailing bayfieldlions@gmail.com, or in-person at the Lions Booth set up in front of the Bayfield Historical Society Archives and Heritage Centre on Saturdays from noon to 2 p.m. until Dec. 4. Licence No.: 800566.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Just in time for the holiday season, Knox Presbyterian Church, Bayfield has a cookbook available for purchase.

The Knox Church Cookbook has over 150 wonderful recipes provided by the congregation and former Ministers. The books are selling for $15 each and they can be ordered through any member of the congregation or by leaving a message on the Church phone at 519 565-2913.

Knox Church, Bayfield continues to offer book studies on ZOOM and all are welcome to participate. "The Difficult Words of Jesus: A Beginner's Guide to his Most Perplexing Teachings" by Amy Jill Levine will begin on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. Those wishing to take part are asked to contact Rev. Lisa Dolson by calling 519 955-2158 or emailing revlisa.knoxbayfield@icloud.com to be added to the Book Club email list. The ZOOM link is sent each week.

The Church building is now open for in-person worship Sundays at 11 a.m.! These worship services are also live streamed and recorded. For those who would prefer to participate from home the livestream can be found on YouTube at Knox Bayfield Sunday Service. The worship services are also recorded for later viewing on YouTube. Visit pccweb.ca/knoxbayfieldpc/ for a link to Knox’s YouTube page or follow them on Facebook at www.facebook.com/KnoxBayfield.

replacements for those recovering from illness or dental surgery; baby diapers and formula; and more," said President of the BAFB Board of Directors, Terry Henderson. "Monetary donations allow the food bank versatility to purchase what is specifically needed by our clients. BAFB sincerely thanks Bayfield Foodland and the neighboring community, for their extremely generous support of our program."

Alternatively, 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.

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.

Collection bins for non-perishable items can now be found at Crichet Handmade Designs, 20 Catherine St, Unit C, (the little barn across from Virtual High School); the foyer at the Bayfield Public Library and on the north porch by the Parish Hall at Trinity St. James Anglican Church.

GINGERBREAD COOKIE EVENT HAPPENING EARLY DECEMBER

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Bayfield! And the Friends of Bayfield Library (FOBL) elves are busy getting ready for their biggest children's event of the year – Gingerbread Cookie Decorating.

This year's event will be a "Take & Make" format. The gingerbread cookie decorating kits will be ready for pickup outside the Bayfield Public Library on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., while quantities last. There is no need to register for this event.

Each cookie kit will contain a gingerbread cookie with all the decorations needed to create a delicious masterpiece at home. A gluten-free cookie option will be available. Also included in the kit will be a fun craft and a draw ticket to be filled out at the event for a chance to win one of two $25 gift certificates to The Village Bookshop. A jar will be available at the pickup table for the completed draw tickets. The draw will take place on Dec. 4 just after 2 p.m.

"Take & Make" Gingerbread Cookie Decorating Kits will be ready for pickup outside the Bayfield Public Library on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., while quantities last. (Submitted photo)

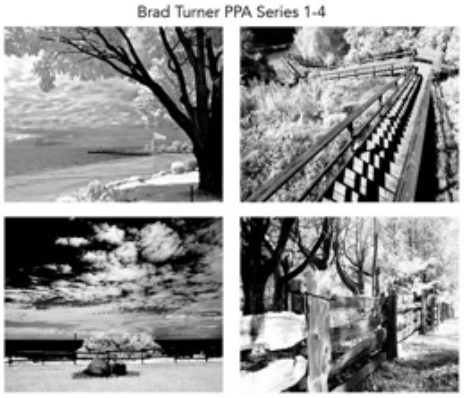
In keeping with current public health requirements, anyone picking up a kit must wear a mask. FOBL members will be on hand to make sure that social distancing protocols are followed.

After the event, parents (and grandparents too!) are invited to send photos of the completed cookie masterpieces to contact@fobl.ca. The photos will be posted on the FOBL Facebook page over the following week. For privacy reasons, no photos of children will be posted.

PIONEER PARK

Bring Pioneer Park home for Christmas!

For the Pioneer Park Association (PPA) Brad Turner, internationally acclaimed filmmaker and director, and Bayfield resident, has donated a limited edition of four images of Pioneer Park that capture a lifetime of memories. They are Turner's homage to the stretching lawns, sheltering trees and majestic vistas. It is a part of his own dedication to the community's healthy and vital future.



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)

Any, or all, of these images could make a wonderful gift this Christmas for those who hold a special place in their hearts for Pioneer Park with all proceeds going to the PPA. 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.

They are available for purchase at The Gallery House, 16 The Square in Bayfield. Inquiries may be sent to Sandra via email sandra@skwirl.ca or by calling 548-388-1101.

SPEAKER SERIES

OPTIMISTS HOSTING MEET AND GREET THIS SATURDAY

A community organization that has provided opportunities for young people and their families is in dire need of new members.

The Bayfield Optimist Club currently has 12 members but to really benefit the community in the way they have been accustomed they need some new recruits. They are hoping that interested people will attend a “meet and greet” to be held at the Bayfield Community Centre on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. to learn how they can become a part of the club over a cup of coffee. COVID-19 protocols will be followed.

The Optimists have been responsible for youth-oriented projects in the village since September 1984. Currently, they are active supporters of Seeds Rooted in Youth, The Tanner Steffler Foundation and the Bayfield Community Centre.

Major projects they have undertaken within the village include the playground, splash pad and washroom in Clan Gregor Squre as well as the Skateboard and Basketball Court in Agricultural Park. They are also responsible for such fun family activities as the annual Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with Santa.

To allow for sponsorship, major projects and fun events, they host fundraisers such as the Rubber Duck Race as well as a Golf Tournament. The men and women of the Bayfield Club are always looking for new ideas to keep the organization relevant to today’s youth and look forward to meeting some like-minded individuals on Nov. 20.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT COMMUNITY CENTRE

The ice is in for the season and the Bayfield Community Centre is open the enjoyment of the public.

“We are pleased to announce that despite the COVID-19 challenges, all our past season hockey teams, events and skating clubs have signed up and booked their days and times for the 2020-2021 season,” said Jeff Kish, director of Marketing. “Thanks again to all our community sponsors for supporting our free community skating programs. Check out their new signs under the new LED lighting adorning the walls of the Arena.”

The Community Skating Program includes: Moms and Tots and Seniors on Mondays from 10:30-11:30 a.m.; Kids Shinny also on Mondays, 7-8 p.m.; and Public and Family Skate on Sundays, 1-3 p.m.

The Bayfield Community Centre’s management team continues to work hard to ensure COVID-

Colleen Maguire (Submitted photo)

Friends of Bayfield Library (FOBL) and Huron County Library are pleased to co-sponsor another speaker in the Virtual Saturdays at the Library speaker series.

All are welcome to join the ZOOM meeting on Saturday, Nov. 27th at 10:30 a.m. The guest speaker will be local historian and genealogist Colleen Maguire, whose topic will be “Moments in Time: The Life and Times of Reuben R. Sallows.” Maguire will speak about the photography of Huron County native Reuben R. Sallows, who came to be known as a “Canadian Photographic Genius”. Sallows travelled across Canada with his camera on his back, preserving a bygone era. His photographs provide a valuable depiction of life in Canada from 1881 to 1937.

Maguire has spent many years researching the life of Reuben R. Sallows. She was instrumental in establishing the Reuben R. Sallows Gallery at the Goderich Public Library in 2001. Maguire is a recipient of both the Governor General’s History Award for Community Programming and the Huron Arts and Heritage Network’s Heritage Award.

Anyone wishing to participate in the ZOOM meeting is asked to pre-register using the link provided on the FOBL website: www.fobl.ca.

BRVTA

The Bayfield River Valley Trail Association’s (BRVTA)

19 safety procedures and protocols are maintained. Community safety is priority one.

The Bayfield Community Centre is also actively recruiting new Volunteers.

“Get involved Bayfield, all the hard work has been done to get the Arena ready for your enjoyment - your help as a Volunteer would be greatly appreciated by everyone in our community,” said Kish.

Check out “Volunteers” on the website, www.bayfieldcommunitycentre.ca for more information, get involved and sign up today. Also, be sure to visit the website to book an event or tournament, or just to reserve some ice time.

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE BUSINESSES UNTIL NOV. 22

It’s time to show some love to favorite local businesses and services in the “Best Of” Contest as part of the “We Love What’s Local” campaign, made possible by a $45,000 grant through the Ontario Chamber of Commerce (OCC) to the Grand Bend & Area Chamber of Commerce (GBACC). The OCC’s “Ontario Shop Local Program” is supporting shop local initiatives throughout the province.

Nominations for businesses and services in Lambton Shores, Bluewater and South Huron concluded on Nov. 12. People can see the nominated businesses and services online by visiting welovewhatslocal.ca.

The top five businesses in each category will be highlighted on the GBACC social media and website. Public voting is happening now until Nov. 22. Winners will be announced on Wednesday, Nov. 24. Category winners will be showcased in a short video telling their unique stories, created and produced by FauxPop Media.

Campaign Coordinator, Nicci Podolinsky, said, “Supporting local businesses and services has been essential in the past year and a half. We want to keep that focus, help residents realize the full scope of goods and services available locally and celebrate those entrepreneurs doing a great job.”

She went on to say that “many of our local establishments have been run by local business owners and families for multiple generations, and that deserves some recognition, and we hope to do that with the ‘We Love What’s Local’ campaign through the next four months and beyond. We’re not necessarily pushing ‘Shop Local’, more ‘we love what’s local’ and this is what we love about this campaign’s direction!”

ROUGH START FOR MAGNUM

Magnum is the Adopt-A-BFF cat of the week.

Magnum arrived at the Rescue on Saturday in very rough shape. He had a ruptured eye, bad limp, a belly full of worms, an upper respiratory infection, was malnourished and in overall distress. Volunteers rushed him to the weekend emergency clinic and he is now on medication, health-related food, pain meds and has a prescription for lots of love and snuggles.

Those currently caring for him describe him as a fighter. They note he has had to have a few

final hike of the year will be held on today (Nov. 17) – National Take a Hike Day which is observed each year in Canada and the United States.

There are over 90,000 km of non-motorized, managed trails in Canada. Try 3.5 km of them on Mavis’ Trail and Taylor Trail on this day starting at 2 p.m.

Mavis’ Trail is named after area community activist Mavis Govier and offers a walk to the Bayfield River and back. The Taylor Trail is an optional 1 km loop. The hike will last about 90 minutes. Meet at Varna Complex on the Mill Road (Rt 3) 5 km east of Bayfield. A map of the trails can be found at www.bayfieldtrails.com/mavis-taylor-trail. Dogs on leash welcome. The hike leaders will be Roger Lewington and Annerieke VanBeets.

For more information contact Ralph Blasting at 519 525-3205. People are asked not to participate if they have any COVID-19 symptoms, or if in the past 14 days they have been in contact with anyone who has tested positive.

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Trinity St. James Anglican Church, located at 10 Keith Cresent in the village, has reopened!

Regular in-person services are now being offered on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. and Sundays at 11 a.m.

Due to on-going pandemic restrictions, persons wishing to attend are asked to notify Church Warden Godfrey Heathcote in advance by e-mail at godfrey.heathcote@dal.ca or by phone at 519 565-5824.

COOKIE DAY SUCCESS

baths as in his current state with limited vision and balance going to the litter box properly is a challenge but he climbs in and makes the effort everytime.

Magnum has lost the vision in one eye and will likely lose this eye but nothing seems to be keeping this little guy down. Given his age and condition it has been decided to hold off on surgery until he is stronger but when he's ready he will need a forever loving home.

Please emaiil bayfieldsforgottenfelines@gmail.com for more information if you have room in your home for Magnum.

Magnum (Submitted photo)

The adoption fee is now $200. Adopted cats are vetted, shots are up-to-date and they are also spayed or neutered. Donations are also always appreciated. E-transfers can be sent to the Rescue's email 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.

Cookie Day in Bayfield held on Nov. 13 was an unequivicol success with members of Bayfield Guiding selling 229 boxes of cookies in five hours! The membership and their families would like to thank Jenny Wallace, owner of the Hive for allowing them to sell in front of her store. There are now a very limited number of the Chocolate and Vanilla Cream Cookies remaining for sale. Anyone who would like a box, or two, of these tasty treats can reach out to Melody Falconer-Pounder at 519 525-3830 or email melody.pounder@gmail.com. In this photo Guides Valerie King and Leora Greer-Armour pose with the sales display they organized. (Photo by Kathleen Greer-Armour)

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS KINCARDINE SERVES NORTH HURON

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

BAYFIELD ACTIVITIES

Now that the community is slowly moving toward

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kincardine & District (BBBSKD) were welcomed to the family of United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH) supported partners recently. From l-r: Executive Director, BBBSKD, Yolanda Ritsema; Angela Cowley, principal, Maitland River Elementary; and Lisa Harper, UWPH manager Community Development, North Huron & Area. (Submitted photo)

When one door closes, another one opens. It's an old phrase but one that applies as Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kincardine & District (BBBSKD) takes over supporting the youth of northern Huron after the dissolution of Big Brothers Big Sisters North Huron (BBBSNH) last summer.

"We are happy to welcome BBBSKD to the family of United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH) supported partners," said UWPH Executive Director Ryan Erb. "The work that BBBSNH did for so many years in the area was tremendous and we were sad to see them go. But UWPH also understands the need to pivot and ensure vulnerable people still get the support they need."

BBBSKD has been making a difference in the lives of youth in Kincardine and district since 1984, offering a number of services to youth ages six to 16, including the in-school mentoring program UWPH supports in northern Huron and area. BBBSKD fills the service gap in this area; ensuring local youth are still able to access important programs. For information on how to get involved, email info.kincardine@bigbrothersbigsisters.ca.

In addition to BBBSKD, UWPH supports 17 local programs and services in northern Huron and area, helping almost 6,000 people last year. UWPH has also been working through the new Northern Huron & Area Community Committee (NHACC) to determine the most pressing local needs and develop a project that best serves vulnerable people in the region. After community consultations, NHACC settled on the challenges faced locally in the areas of mental health and addictions, homelessness and food security. The committee is currently working on developing a project addressing these local issues.

"United Way has a history of helping the people of northern Huron and area," added Erb. "We're proud to continue this tradition through our support of BBBSKD and the work of NHACC. The people in this area have shown time and again how much they care for the place they live and we are eager to channel their passion and lend our own expertise to help build an even stronger local community."

GODERICH'S EMERGENCY SHELTER

group activities the creators of bayfieldactivities.info have completed a recent update and refresh on the website. People are once again invited to refer to this website to learn what activities, from Pickleball to Majong, are happening and when.

COMMUNITY UPDATE

Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance (HPHA) will hold a Virtual Community Update on Nov. 25 via ZOOM.

Please join HPHA leaders for this informative session where updates will be provided including: COVID-19 Pandemic; Patient & Caregiver Partner Program; reduced hours of operation at Clinton Public Hospital Emergency Department; financial status; and Ontario Health Teams

This virtual meeting will begin at 7 p.m.

Please RSVP by Nov. 22 by contacting Sue Davey at susan.davey@hpha.ca or 519 272-8205. A Zoom link/teleconference number will be provided in advance of the meeting. Attendees are welcome to submit questions prior to this event. Email questions to Sue Davey also by Nov. 22.

HURON COUNTY LIBRARY FINES

The Huron County Library (HCL) is very pleased to announce that starting Jan. 1, 2022, the library will no longer charge fines on overdue materials.

While the collection of overdue fines has been temporarily halted since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the HCL Board voted unanimously to permanently end this practice, further removing barriers for Huron County residents accessing library services.

During the pandemic, existing inequities in Huron became even more evident. Through these challenging times, access to library resources have increasingly become a priority as a way to engage and support the physical and mental well-being in local communities. The HCL values inclusive and equitable access to information for all, and eliminating fines will help close to 1,000 patrons regain access to Library services.

"There is growing evidence from libraries across the country and beyond that the revenue generated from collecting overdue fines is not worth the barrier it creates to accessing library resources," said Director of Cultural Services and County Librarian, Beth Rumble. Evidence from other library systems has

OPENED ON MONDAY

The County of Huron continues to address the complexities associated with homelessness, poverty and housing instability in Huron County, and is implementing both immediate and long-term solutions.

Opened on Nov. 15, the County of Huron's "Huron Out of the Cold: Heart to Home" emergency shelter offers wrap-around supports for homeless individuals in Huron County, including staff specially trained in trauma informed care, substance use, and mental health services. The emergency shelter will be located at Lakeshore United Church in Goderich and will be able to accommodate up to 15 individuals per evening, with meals provided, for the cold weather season.

Since the opening of the shelter in 2020, 16 individuals have been successfully, permanently homed with assistance from the Heart to Home Stability Team. This team will continue their efforts in the 2021/22 season.

“A variety of life circumstances can bring someone to be in crisis, without a place to call home. When this happens, people need support and they need shelter,” said Warden Glen McNeil.

Through a partnership with the County of Huron, Choices for Change and CMHA Thames Valley Addiction and Mental Health Services, Huron Out of the Cold: Heart to Home is staffed with trained professionals and aims to provide wrap-around supports and services, with a goal of transitioning guests into permanent housing solutions.

“CMHA Thames Valley Addiction & Mental Health Services is pleased to continue its partnership with Huron County and Choices for Change for the next season of the Out of the Cold shelter. We continue to do this important work of providing safety and supports during the cold weather season to some of the most vulnerable individuals in our area,” said Lori Cribley Clark, Regional manager of Rural Services Exeter and Goderich Sites, CMHA Thames Valley Addiction & Mental Health Services. “As a team, we work together to provide them a warm space and a meal while we work at building rapport and resources in hopes that their challenges may become fewer and successful housing a viable option for them in the future.”

“Choices for Change is pleased to work with our partners and the community to ensure the safety of the homeless population over the winter months,” said Catherine Hardman, Executive director, Choices for Change: Alcohol, Drug & Gambling Counselling Centre. “This is a temporary solution to a long term and complex problem. It’s the responsibility of all citizens of a community to work towards permanent housing solutions to support our most vulnerable population.”

The County of Huron and its partner agencies are dedicated to taking both immediate and long-term actions to improve the quality of life for all residents of Huron County. Other initiatives underway include:
• Agency Coordination: A Homelessness Task Force developed in 2020 to address concerns for individuals experiencing homelessness in Huron's community.
• Further Development of Wrap-Around Supports: Staff continue to provide wrap around supports in coordinated action with local agencies and volunteers.
• Exploring Supportive Housing: County of Huron staff are working to explore supportive housing requirements that align with the County's Long-Term Affordable Housing and Homelessness Plan.
• Homeless Enumeration Study: Occurring this fall, the study will provide an opportunity to gain a current snapshot of homelessness in the community.

The County extends its thanks to Lakeshore United Church, and to every other agency, community group, and volunteer, who has and continues to contribute time and resources for Huron’s Out of the Cold program and showing compassion to taking care of the community’s most vulnerable persons.

also shown little difference when items are returned after removing overdue fines. “Library users want to continue to use the library and we look forward to welcoming back our patrons to our branches.”

“Huron County’s libraries play an important role in supporting education and literacy in our communities,” said HCL Board Chair, Jim Dietrich, highlighting the importance of equal access to the library and its services regardless of one’s financial situation. “Going fine-free will support those in our communities who need it the most.”

All outstanding overdue fines will be forgiven effective Jan. 1. Fees will, however, continue to be charged for lost or damaged materials.
For those ready to reintroduce themselves to the library, visit any one of the12 branches located throughout the County or visit the Library online www.HuronCounty.ca/library.

FEDERAL NEWS

The Member of Parliament (MP) for Huron Bruce has a new role in Ottawa.

On Nov. 9, the Leader of the Official Opposition, Erin O’Toole announced that Huron-Bruce MP Ben Lobb has been appointed as the Shadow Minister for Digital Government.

“It's an honor to have been appointed as the Shadow Minister for Digital Government. I look forward to working to bring modern and emerging technologies to deliver better digital services for Canadians,” said MP Lobb regarding the announcement.

For more information on Huron Out of the Cold: Heart to Home, including emergency shelter contacts, please visit www.HuronCounty.ca/housing.

To learn more about homelessness in Huron, visit: www.huroncountyconnects.ca

SHARE

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. 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 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.

It's time to deck the halls and what better way to get started then to take a look at the Museum's vintage tree ornament collection.

SANTA CLAUS BULB

These milk glass tree lights were made in Japan during the 1920s, never to be wasted when the bulbs burned out the family simply tied a string to the light and they were repurposed as hanging ornaments for the tree. The museum has a number of the set in their collection with three being

BULL DOG BULB

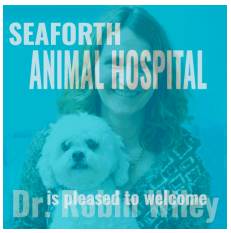
This is a whimsical bulb shaped like a Bulldog. The dog is wearing red pants, a yellow jacket and a green tie. The face is white and yellow-brown with a red mouth and large black eyes. The dog is shown with his paws tucked in his pants pockets.

CANARY BULB

featured here.

This is a Santa Claus bulb and the designs are the same on both sides. The bulb is white and Santa's jacket and hat are red. It is highlighted with green leaves accented with red dots.

This bulb is shaped like a yellow bird, possibly a canary, with black eyes and beak.



SHARE PHOTO STORY

CHRISTMAS IN BAYFIELD

THE TIME THE POWER WENT OUT FOR THE TREE LIGHTING

PHOTOS DIANNE BRANDON AND BAYFEILD AND AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

The 30th anniversary of Christmas in Bayfield weekend will be a memorable one for many. Not only for the fun and merriment but also for the power outage.

On Friday, Nov. 12, just two hours prior to the annual Lighting of the Lights in Clan Gregor Square wintery weather plunged the village into darkness. Power was restored around 9 p.m. The event was postponed to Saturday evening, Nov. 13, when the weather proved more appealing. A generous crowd came out to the park to listen to the Bayfield Ukulele Society (BUS) perform and lead the countdown to the flipping of the switch.

Santa Claus drove by Clan Gregor Square on the fire truck and then held socially distanced visits on the porch of The Albion Hotel. (Photo by Dianne Brandon)

The Lighting of the Lights and Santa Visit was postponed to Saturday evening, Nov. 13, when the weather proved more appealing. (Photo by Dianne Brandon)

Youngsters clamoured for a closer look at the jolly old elf during a socially distanced visit to mark the start of the holiday season in Bayfield. (Photo by dianne Brandon)

Santa Claus did a drive by on the fire truck and then held socially distanced visits on the porch of The Albion Hotel.

On Saturday, the Outdoor Market on Main Street was bustling with shoppers and families in a festive mood – this despite the occasional onslaught of hail and a rain/snow mix later in the afternoon. The warming stations, along the section of street between Charles and Catherine Streets closed to vehicular traffic, were much appreciated. Children were invited to get creative making holiday ornaments out of natural materials due to the efforts of Seeds Rooted in Youth. Passersby were entertained again by members of the BUS as they set up to play at mid-day near the Bayfield Public Library.

People were busy snapping selfies and taking pictures at the charming photo booth Goldcoast Landscaping had set up near the Library. And for those who brought their skates to town there was an opportunity to take to the ice at the Bayfield Community Centre for free Family Skating on Saturday night. Skating remains free from 7-9 p.m. on Saturdays through to Dec.18.

Christmas in Bayfield continues on the Saturdays leading up to Dec. 25 with the Outdoor Market street closure happening until 5 p.m.

A socially distant visit with Santa, during the second pandemic Christmas season to be celebrated, was still magical for many. (Photo by Dianne Brandon)

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Passersby were entertained by members of the Bayfield Ukulele Society as they set up to play at mid-day Saturday near the Bayfield Public Library. (Photo courtesy Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce)

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First Frost - Nov. 10... *BBy Sally Leitch*

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

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SUBMISSIONS

"We Love What's Local" is a friendly little competition that has been happening in Lambton Shores, Bluewater and South Huron in the last few weeks. Nominations have closed and from now until Nov. 22 it is voting time. I visited their website yesterday to see what nominated Bayfield businesses made it

into the voting round.

There a lot of businesses to choose from, people may have favorites outside the village so I encourage you to visit the site and take a few minutes to cast your vote. I am just highlighting the local businesses that were nominated here because, well as the old saying goes, it is an honor just to be nominated!

According to the competition website, the top five nominated businesses are displayed under each category. In situations where two or several businesses are tied in the number of nominations received by each, they included them all, therefore some categories have more than five businesses listed.

The winners in each category will be spotlighted in a short video immortalizing their unique story, which will be shown on web and social media.

Here are the local nominees:

Food, Fun and Leisure Category - Bar/Pub/Patio: Copenhagens and The Albion Hotel. Place of Coffee: Bayfield Ukulele Society

Health & Fitness Category – Barber/Hairstylist/Esthetician: Bayfield Village Clipper and The Wave Bar. Massage Therapist: Bayfield Massage Therapy and Esthetics, Jamee Johnston; and Massage Therapy on the Square, Lorraine Hutt.

Service – Automotive Sales/Service: The Bayfield Garage. Hotel/Motel Accommodation – The Lake House of Bayfield

Shopping – Clothing/Shoe: Designers for Him & Her; and Leslie's Clothing. Garden Centre/Nursery: Huron Ridge Greenhouses. Grocery/Specialty Food Store: Bayfield Farmer's Market; Pink Flamingo Bakery; and Zehrs Country Market. Pharmacy/Drug Store: Michael's Pharmasave. Jewellery/Gift Store: The Gravy Boat.

People are allowed to vote once per email address – so be sure to visit welovewhatslocal.ca and vote for your favorites before Nov. 22! – Melody

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

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

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