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Plowing Match taking shape

By Shawn Loughlin
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Planning for the 95th annual Huron County Plowing Match is well underway, with the stage being set just northeast of Brussels on the home farm of Peter and Leisa Albers.

The Huron County Plowmen's Association met at the Albers farm on Browntown Road for its monthly meeting last week, as the match - scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 17 and Friday, Aug. 18 - draws nearer.

The match will begin on Aug. 17 with Junior Day. The young plowers will practice from 9-11 a.m., followed by the competition from 12-3 p.m.

Also that day, the Princess competition will go ahead. As of right now, organizer Natalie Fear reports that three contestants have confirmed their interest, while she continues to hunt for more.

On Friday, Aug. 18, registration will open at 8 a.m. and the competition will begin at 9 a.m.

Speeches to help decide the Queen of the Furrow competition winner will begin that day at 1 p.m. and former Huron County Queen of the Furrow and current Ontario Queen Maranda Klaver said that, as of right now, there are 10 young women confirmed to be part of the festivities.

Later that day, the Huron County Soil and Crop Improvement Association, as well as several implement dealers, will be there and demonstrating as part of the match. The association will demonstrate between 2-4 p.m. that day.

The vendor market will go ahead this year again and the association is actively looking for more vendors. Reach out to Margaret Vincent at vincent9margaret@msn.com if you are interested.

There will also be antique displays, organized by Henry and

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Party at the market

These kids came to the Brussels Market on Friday to win some money and eat some watermelon and, in just a matter of minutes, it looked like they were almost out of watermelon. In addition to 14 vendors offering their wares on Friday, the Brussels Market also played host to a watermelon-eating contest and about 10 young people were more than happy to oblige in the hopes of

winning some money and eating some watermelon. The Nobles, six-year-old Kendry on the left and eight-year-old Jacoby on the right, were more than happy to join their brother, 10-year-old Beckett Noble, not pictured, in the competition. In the end, the Nobles did well, as Beckett placed second and Kendry placed third, both bested by 10-year-old Abe Ekert, who captured gold. *(John Stephenson photo)*

Citizen of the Year nominations wanted

By Shawn Loughlin
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North Huron Publishing is again seeking nominations for extraordinary volunteers in an effort to thank them for all they've accomplished over the course of the year.

This week, you'll find a nomination form for our annual Citizen of the Year Awards, handed out to outstanding volunteers from Blyth and the surrounding areas, Brussels and the surrounding areas and, new last year, the Huron County Citizen of the Year, who can be someone from anywhere in Huron County who has made a difference this year.

Last year's winners were Lissa Kolkman in Blyth, thanks to her

work with the Friends of the Village of Blyth gardening group, Margaret McInroy in Brussels, thanks to her years of volunteering through Walton community groups and Brussels churches, and Karen Webster of the Wingham area, who was the first Huron County Citizen of the Year thanks to her extensive work in local history and many other philanthropic endeavours.

Nominators can fill out the form found in this week's newspaper or e-mail submissions to Editor Shawn Loughlin at editor@northhuron.on.ca. Be sure to include your name, your nominee's name and all of the reasons why they should be considered as this year's Citizen of the Year.

The deadline for submissions this

year is Friday, Sept. 29, 2023.

Since *The Citizen* began publishing in 1985, the year the newspaper was founded, North Huron Publishing has been handing out Citizen of the Year Awards for outstanding volunteers from both the Blyth and Brussels communities. However, as the newspaper's coverage area has

continued to grow, the editorial department has received an increased number of nominations and inquiries about honouring volunteers who don't live in Blyth, Brussels or their immediate surrounding communities. To honour one of these individuals each year, North Huron Publishing

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Tigers Tournament this weekend

By Shawn Loughlin
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This weekend, the Brussels Tigers will be hosting their 51st annual tournament, hot on the heels of their successful anniversary tournament, held last year.

The action begins on Friday night, with the host Brussels Tigers playing the Harwood Corners in Brussels at 7 p.m. At the same time, the Dundalk Smoke will play the Kitchener Selects in Ethel.

The Brussels Bangers will then play the Elmira Expos at 8:45 p.m.

that night at the main diamond in Brussels, the second of three games there that night, while the Sebringville Sting and the Georgian Bay Giants will play at 8:45 p.m. in Ethel.

The final game of the night will **Continued on page 20**



The start of something

Earlier this month, the Blyth Festival Art Gallery hosted its first-ever poetry night, featuring the thought-provoking words of Nathanya Field. The event coincided with "Home Grown", the photography exhibition by Hannah Dickie, which closed last weekend. Now, Smoke and Fire, an exhibition of wood-fired and Shino ceramics curated by renowned potter Rob Tetu will open this Friday night. The poetry reading coinciding with this exhibition will be on July 28, courtesy of Blair Trewartha. *(Courtesy photo)*

Village mourns loss of Papple

From Marilyn's Desk



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Hallahan on July 25. Belinda and Dave Marshall will both celebrate their birthdays on July 26. Hope everyone has a good day.

Happy anniversary to Allan and Karen Webster, Deb and Fred Hakkers and Fred and Ruth Armstrong, who will all celebrate their anniversaries on July 24.

The weather on Tuesday was beautiful. The sun was shining and temperatures were in the mid-20s. After the rain that we received last weekend, about four inches in some places, the sun was a welcome sight.

If you are looking for some good conversation and laughter, come out to the Blyth United Church on Wednesday mornings from 10 to 11:30 a.m. in the garden to the south of the church. Bring along your lawn chair and join in.

The village was saddened this past week to hear that a long-time resident of Blyth had passed away. Gwen Papple passed away on Wednesday, July 12 at the age of 82.

Sympathy is extended to Bruce and their combined families. Gwen will be missed by the many people her life touched.

Happy birthday to Haydan



NEWS
FROM BLYTH

Exhibit now open

The Huron County Museum is pleased to host a quilt display in honour of Residential School Survivors.

The temporary exhibit features 10 quilts made with the same Journey Home fabric panels that were then individually quilted to provide hope and comfort to the survivors who will receive the quilts at the end of the exhibit.

This project was initiated by Miss Kettle and Stony Point Junior, Jaylynn Wolfe, and her mother Laura. After finding 10 Journey Home panels, they approached the Kincardine Sunset Quilters Guild to see if they would be interested in making one quilt for them. The group quickly offered to make all 10 quilts that each tell a different story. These stories are shared with each quilt in the exhibit. The guild gifted the quilts back to Jaylynn, who will then gift them to residential school survivors of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation after the exhibit closes on Sept. 3.

For more information on the exhibit, visit the museum's website online at huroncountymuseum.ca.



Splash!

The Blyth Lions Pool is now open for the season, carrying hours from Monday to Friday and by special arrangement on weekends. Three-year-old Tallulah Loughlin of Blyth is one of many children who has been enjoying the cool water on hot days. *(Photo submitted)*

Citizen of the Year nominations wanted

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has created a third Citizen of the Year Award to honour Huron County's Citizen of the Year.

On the Citizen of the Year nomination form, which can be found in this issue of the newspaper, there will now be three boxes available to tick. If you'd like to put forward the name of an outstanding volunteer who lives outside of the Blyth or Brussels areas, this year it's now a possibility.

Last year's plaques were handed out over the last month or so and there are plans to host an event to host this year's winners, as well as the winners from 2020, 2021 and 2022, at a special event this fall, though a date has yet to be chosen.

The Citizen encourages residents and readers to nominate someone who has made a difference in the community and with this year going as it has, there are plenty of people who have stepped up and helped their neighbours and friends.

The annual Citizen of the Year Award winners are chosen from among reader nominations. Readers nominate residents who make a difference in their communities. Those nominations are then considered by a panel of past Citizen of the Year Award winners, who then choose the year's winners.

North Huron Publishing Inc. and *The Citizen* are proud to present this award annually, celebrating volunteerism and community commitment in the Blyth and Brussels communities.

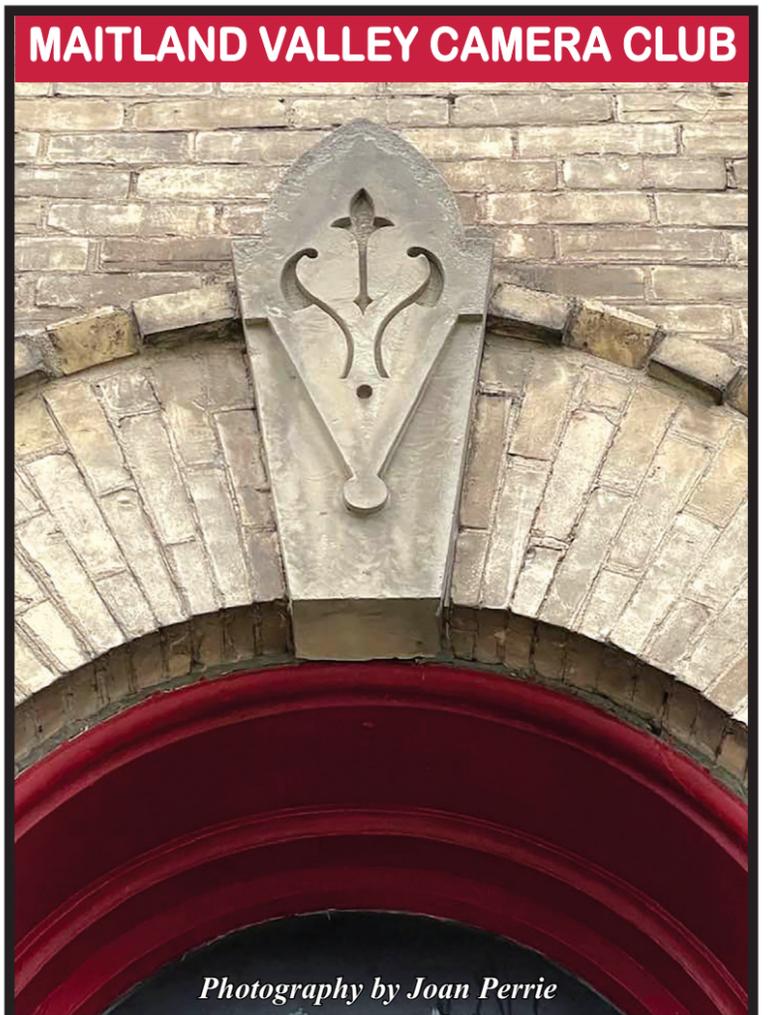
Past winners of the award in the Brussels area are: Cal Krauter, 1985; Wayne Lowe, 1986; Jack Bryans, 1987; Ida Evans, 1989; Bessie Johnston, 1990; Betty Graber, 1991; George Langlois, 1992; Howard Bernard, 1993; Joanne King, 1994; Frank Thompson, 1995; Audrey Cardiff, 1996; Leona Armstrong, 1997; Neil McGavin, 1998; Beth Earl, 1999; Lyle and Alice Brothers, 2000; Nelva and Spence Scott, 2001; Jo-Ann McDonald, 2002; Kathy Bridge, 2003; Jeff and Cathy

Cardiff, 2004; Clara Blake, 2005; Phyllis Mitchell, 2006; Doug McArter, 2007; Nora Stephenson and Fran Bremner, 2008; Rene Richmond, 2009; Jim Prior, 2010; Cathrine Campbell, 2011; Jim and Lois Lee, 2012; Yvonne Knight, 2013; Dave Stephenson, 2014; Sandra Cable, 2015; Jean Davidson, 2016; Elaine Armstrong, 2017; Doug Sholdice, 2018; Mary Douma, 2019; Bob Kellington (posthumous), 2020; Zoellyn Onn in 2021 and Margaret McInroy in 2022.

Past winners of the award in the Blyth area are: Evalena Webster, 1985; Frank and Cenetta Bainton, 1986; Winona McDougall, 1987; Margaret Whyte, 1989; Simon Hallahan, 1990; Dr. Richard Street, 1991; Bill and Maxine Seers, 1992; Margaret Caldwell, 1993; Helen Gowling, 1994; Don Scrimgeour, 1995; John Stewart, 1996; Janet Amos, 1997; Betty Battye, 1998; Robb Finch, Dave Cook, Brent Scrimgeour and Doug Walker, 1999; Murray Siertsema, 2000; Charlie Shaw, 2001; Lavern Clark, 2002; Bev Blair and Thelma Johnston, 2003; Steven Sparling, 2004; Don "Barney" Stewart, 2005; Lois van Vliet, 2006; Janice Henry, 2007; Joe Hallahan, 2008; Brock and Janis Voddan, 2009; Jean Nethery, 2010; Kay Hesselwood, 2011; Steve Howson, 2012; Barbara Bosman, 2013; Marian Hallahan, 2014; Nellie Mason, 2015; Ernie Phillips, 2016; Ric McBurney, 2017; Carl Nesbitt, 2018; Jane Smyth, 2019; Annie Sparling, 2020; David Cartwright (posthumous) in 2021 and Lissa Kolkman in 2022.

Karen Webster was the first Huron County Citizen of the Year Award winner, honoured last year.

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