



Newsletter - November 2024

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Zoom Talk

November 20, 2024 at 7 p.m.

Ancient Signs Of Another Time Revealed In Lake Huron

The Alpena - Amberley Land Ridge

In the early 2000s, Dr. John O'Shea, an archeologist at the University of Michigan, first noticed this conspicuous ridge, running the width of Lake Huron, on a bathymetric map. Further investigation using side-scan sonar revealed structures along the ridge that appeared to be human-made.

Join the Huron County Historical Society as we welcome Dr. John O'Shea via ZOOM as he speaks to the



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Pre-Historic Archaeology on the Alpena-Amberley Ridge.

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Please join us

Email HCHS1965@gmail.com by
Nov. 15 for ZOOM link

Wingham and Area Historical Society

Celebrates First AGM November 15

One of our sister Historical Society is celebrating their first Annual General Meeting with a full evening starting with a Turkey Dinner and Silent Auction. Their guest speaker, Murray Hunter, will talk about the 100 year history of the Wingham Cenotaph. It is promising to be a packed evening at St. Andrews Persbyterian Church at 281 Josephine Street, Wingham.

Tickets are \$25 per person available from Board members or you can email WinghamAHS@gmail.com for tickets.

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Digging For Treasures At Van Egmond House

On a beautiful day in October, the grounds at Van Egmond House were looking like ground hogs had moved in. Volunteers led by the Ontario Archaeological Society, London Chapter, were assessing the archaeological sites on the property via Stage 2 test pit survey. There are actually two registered sites on the property, which were identified in 1977 and designated under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act. In order to assist the Van Egmond Foundation with proposed outdoor upgrades on the property, experienced archaeologists were guiding and teaching volunteer participants through the archaeological process, and helping to identify any artifacts found during the day.



Relatively small holes (about a shovel width) were excavated with the sod lifted to one side and soil removed and screened to reveal assorted nails, bits of machinery, pottery shards, coal and even a coin (late 1800). When the spot was finished, the soil and sod were returned. Any treasures were bagged and set by the spot with a flag to mark the location. A team came through with a gps marker, to note the site for mapping later. Volunteers were from TMHC, London Branch of the Ontario Archaeological Society, Western University, and local volunteers.

A handful of treasures, top photo - not all test holes were this plentiful.

Two tools needed were sifting trays with handles to shake the soil away and reveal items, and a shovel. Teams of two managed each test spot with one digging the soil and the second one sifting. Here Malcolm Iwanowski from Western University is looking for items. Photos by Seegers

Bayfield Historical Society Meeting November 6

“Jam For Britain” Campaign

Bayfield Historical Society (BHS) will host a Second World War story about Canadian women and this time about the ones who mobilized on the homefront.

The “**Jam for Britain**” Campaign was launched by a small group in Norfolk County who wondered what they could do to help. Britain relied on fruit imports; with access blocked, jam would need to be shipped! What started as a local campaign was featured in the press and spread across the province, with Women’s Institutes, the Red Cross, and even corporate kitchens joining in. Guest speaker Saman-

tha George has delved into newspapers and other sources to uncover this grassroots war effort. George is a museum specialist and culinary historian. Since 2000, she has been the curator of Parkwood Estate National Historic Site in Oshawa.

The free talk will be presented via ZOOM, on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 7 p.m. (there will not be a recording available). Both BHS members and non-members are welcome to attend. **To register and receive the ZOOM link, please email bhsmembers@gmail.com.**

Membership renewal....

If you received this newsletter by mail, the date shown above your name on the address label is the year to which your membership is paid up, according to our records. Call Elaine Snell if you are not sure or need clarification. If you are in arrears, consider this a reminder that the membership fees are \$20. To reserve your member's hard copy of Historical Notes, keep your dues up to date.

We are making it easy to renew membership or simply to make a donation by using e-transfer. Contact: www.HuronCountyHistoricalSociety.ca

Copies of recent past Historical Notes are available please call 519-440-6206 (past copies are \$8 to \$10 per copy).

To access the members-only section for the Historical Notes or to do a search for names or places in the Historical Notes, go to www.HuronCountyHistoricalSociety.ca, open the dropdown menu for Publications, click HCHS Members Login. If you cannot get access using the password, then check if your web browser is up to date.

If the password is lost or not available readily, contact hchs1965@gmail.com or call 519-440-6206

Just an added note. The login password has been the same for a number of years and our web master suggested it was time for a change. So if you have not renewed and are having problems accessing the archives, please contact Elaine about renewing.

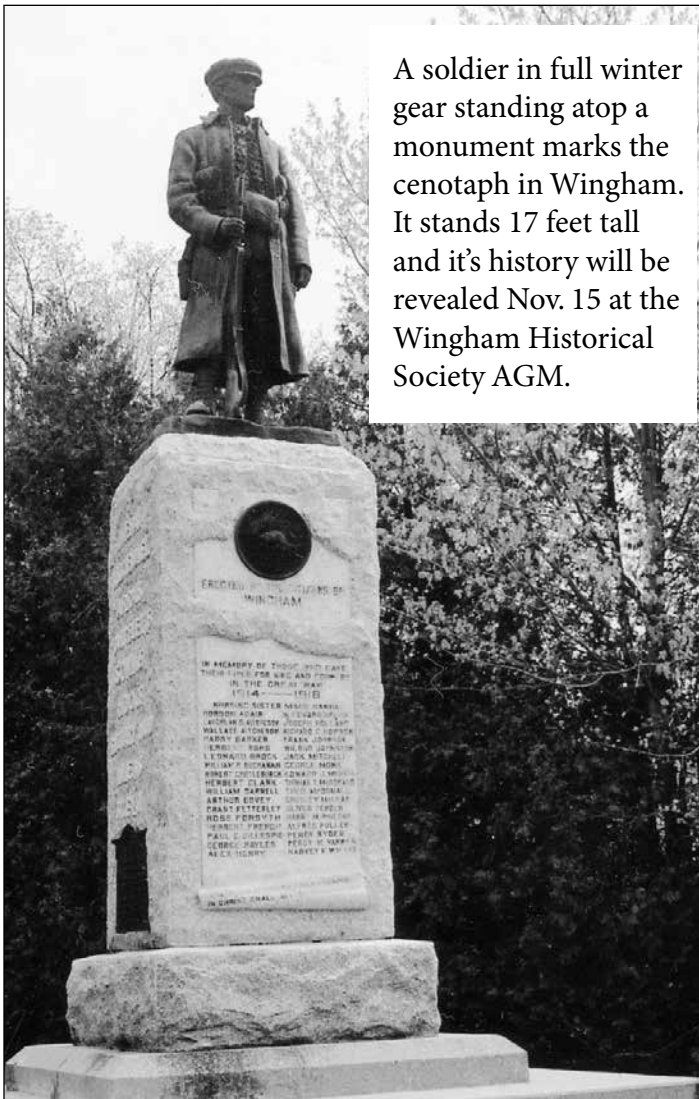
Historical Monument Repaired

The MacDonald Monument in Maitland Cemetary has been repaired! It was in two pieces for years until your Society sought a solution to have it repaired. John MacDonald was the surveyor for the Canada Company before becoming sheriff of the Huron District in 1845 and later of Huron County. MacDonald was elected in 1858 to the legislative Council seat of Tecumseth (the Counties of Huron and Perth) and later worked in the Constitutional Reform Association to make effective change to the federation. Michael Falconer of Stratford Memorials and Nathan Feagan, manager of the Maitland Cemetery and employee of the Town of Goderich worked together to erect and secure the top half of the monument. Both Stratford Memorials and the Town of Goderich waved their fees. Many thanks for this cooperative solution to repairing this significant monument.

————— Where to get your Local History Books —————

And back copies of the Historical Notes

Fincher's and The Book Peddler both of Goderich, North Huron Citizen in Blyth, The Book Barn off Hwy 86 between Wingham and Whitechurch, The Village Bookshop, Bayfield and Bayfield Archives.



A soldier in full winter gear standing atop a monument marks the cenotaph in Wingham. It stands 17 feet tall and it's history will be revealed Nov. 15 at the Wingham Historical Society AGM.

