



The Beledoon News



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A message from the Curator's corner

Kaelyn Gregory

A Call for Volunteers



Here at the museum we rely heavily on the volunteers we have. We have a solid group of dedicated, passionate, hardworking people who choose to work here because they enjoy it. We could never thank these people enough for the hours they have put into museum projects. However, more and more we keep coming to the same people to ask for more time and energy from them. We always have a need for more volunteers. We need help in the collection, in our event preparation, and more!

In the next couple of months we have an especially busy calendar with events we are excited to present to the public. This includes our annual Baldoon Days celebration, the annual Haunted Museum, and much more. We are still looking for more help with these events in multiple areas. If you are at all interested in coming out to give us a hand, please contact me at curator@kent.net or call the museum. We would love to have you join our museum family!

Quote from Jim Cole, volunteer: "I was raised in Wallaceburg until my completion of high school. I completed college and employment in Windsor over the next forty-five years and then moved back to Wallaceburg. I like the museum as it reminds me of my earlier days in Wallaceburg. The "Industry Room" exhibits plants I worked in during the summer as well as factories that many of my family members worked in up to their retirement. The James Street exhibits also remind me of my early days."

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An editorial by Jim Mulgrew

PGA Rule Changes for Seniors

The AARP has negotiated with the PGA to modify the Rules of Golf for seniors:

Rule 1.a.5 A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed on the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled into the rough with no penalty. The senior should not be penalized for tall grass which ground keepers failed to mow.

Rule 2.d.6 (B) A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. This is simply bad luck and luck has no place in a scientific game. The senior player must estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it had not hit the tree and play the ball from there.

Rule 3.B.3 (G) There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and will eventually be found and pocketed by someone else, making it a stolen ball. The player is not to compound the felony by charging himself or herself with a penalty.

Rule 4.c.7(h) If a putt passes over a hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The law of gravity supersedes the Rules of Golf.

Rule 5. Putts that stop close enough to the cup that they could be blown in, may be blown in. This does not apply to balls more than three inches from the hole. No one wants to make a travesty of the game.

Rule 6.a.9(k) There is no penalty for so-called "out of bounds." If penny-pinching golf course owners bought sufficient land, this would not occur. The senior golfer deserves an apology, not a penalty.

Rule 7.G.15(z) There is no penalty for a ball in a water hazard, as golf balls should float. Senior golfers should not be penalized for manufacturers' shortcomings.

Rule 8.k.9(S) Advertisements claim that golf scores can be improved by purchasing new golf equipment. Since this is financially impractical for many senior golfers, one-half stroke per hole may be subtracted for using old equipment. Please advise all your senior friends of these important rule changes.



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Wallaceburg History Trivia

1. What was the name of the first Theatre in Wallaceburg?
2. When was Wallaceburg's first firefighting crew established?
3. When was the first brick house build in Wallaceburg?
4. Who is recorded as Wallaceburg's 1st female librarian?
5. What ship did the 1st European settlers sail on?



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Yesterdays by Myrna Jewell Collecting



What is it about collecting something that gives us joy? Is it the chase? Or the actual pleasure of owning it. Maybe it is purely a financial decision – an investment for the future.

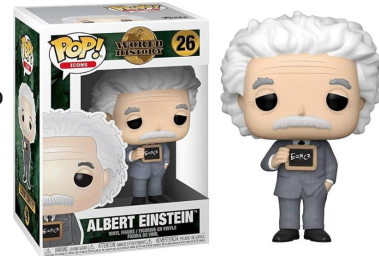
What inspires us to collect certain things? One person's prized collection could be another's junk. Lately, I have been watching YouTube channels where people go into abandoned homes. It is amazing what people leave behind. Brand new clothes, furniture, make-up, electrical items and more.

The most striking episode for me was one where they found a collection of Nike shoes. Thousands of dollars worth of running shoes just sitting there, all brand new; gathering dust.

Royal family memorabilia became desirable throughout the 20th century, peaking during the wedding of Charles and Diana. The Diana fever never waned as collectors bid on rare items such as her "Black Sheep" sweater which was sold for \$1.14 million at auction.

Not all collectables stand the test of time. Look at the international obsession with Beanie Babies. They eventually could be purchased in pretty much every gift shop. Created by Ty Warner in 1986, virtually every child had a preferred fuzzy friend. Currently, one of the most expensive one is Spike and can be worth around \$50,000 for the right collector. But that is the key – finding the right buyer! Nothing is worth anything if no one is willing to pay for it!

The latest craze I have noticed is the Funko Pops. These little vinyl caricature figurines sell for as low as \$10 up to thousands and seem to be what everyone wants to find in their Christmas stocking. They also sell other toys such as plushies and bobbleheads with their first bobblehead the Big Boy mascot (which I purchased...haha).



I had to research and find out the weirdest things that people collect, and I was not disappointed! Air sickness bag (yuck- but I am guessing they are unused), banana stickers (seriously), toothbrushes, celebrity hair, plastic ducks, monopoly games, and nail clippings – yuck again, although this was for science!



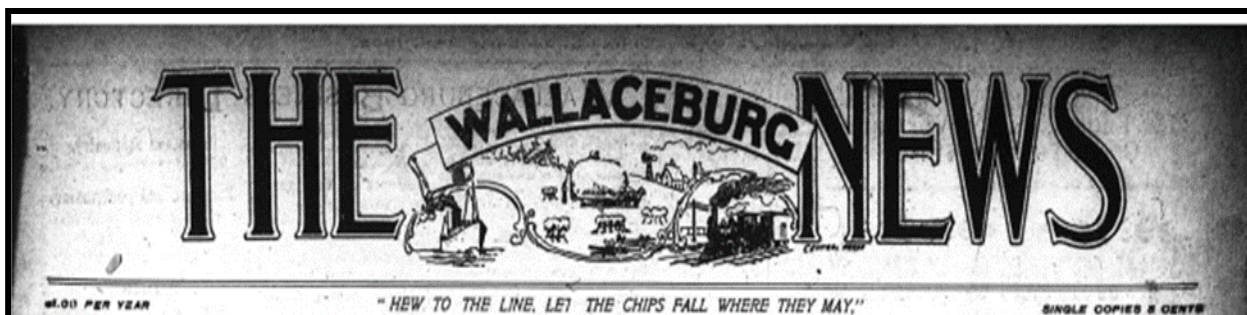
A friend loaned me a large bag of baseball cards to see if I could find out if they had any value. It must have taken a long time to collect all those cards. There's at least a few hundred and they are all from around the 50s.

I looked around the museum to see what collections there were. In the glass gallery, there was a Mickey Mouse glass set and a Coke one. We do have a large collection of paperweights too!

If you are looking to start a collection that *might* increase in value, it is recommended you go for comic books, baseball cards, coins, vintage toys, stamps, and antique furniture. I have a little collection of stamps I started collecting when I was about seven years old which bring back fond memories when I look through them.

So, what is the secret to what keeps their value and what becomes worthless over time? It's a bit of a gamble as no one really can predict what people will want in the future. One should be reminded that things are only worth what someone is willing to pay.

Apparently, what you collect can reveal interesting facts about your personality – so, tell me, what do you like to collect?



Newsletter – Part 3

2004 - 2024

The Wallaceburg & District Museum started its next 20 years with Delina Bogaert in the office, Don Hunter as President, Elaine Gatt as Treasurer and Louise Benn as Secretary. Work on the new Glass Gallery was completed and opening day was June 9th, 2007. During this time the back substation area was being cleared out in preparation for renovations. This area became storage space and an office for accessioning artifacts.

During this year period, most of the exhibits you see today were created. New customer amenities such as a wheelchair lift, audio devices and the Baldoon Mystery display was upgraded. The Pole barn to the south of the museum was built in 2009 and was used to house the glass collection and other artifacts that are not on display.

The Self-Propelled Howitzer was acquired and installed at the Cenotaph Park in Jan. 2012 and was under the care of the Historical Society. Most of this work was either done by our dedicated volunteers and paid for through their efforts with fundraising and seeking donations from the local community.

At the museum, many hours are spent, designing and building exhibits, collecting and documenting artifacts, cleaning and maintaining the property and greeting the visiting public. The rolls of the volunteers also included the task of forming the board of directors and executives who made decisions on projects and management of the museum and Jeanne Gordon Hall (JGH). This itself was not an easy task as many of the people that accepted this duty as board members were not always familiar with what was involved and needed to learn as they went on.

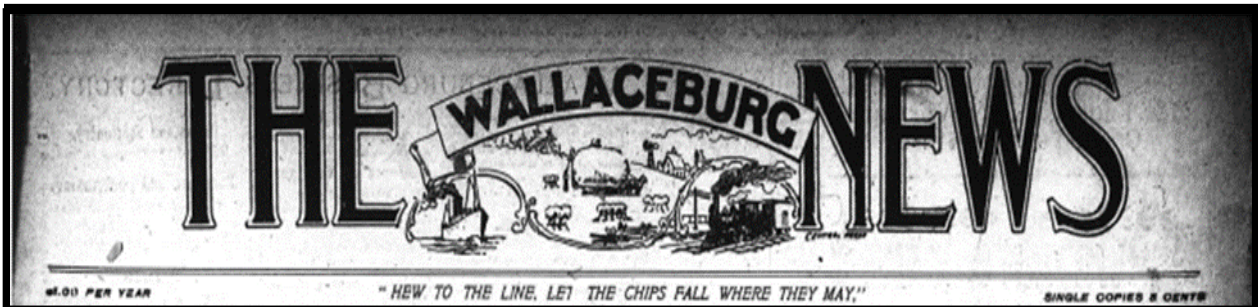
While looking to improve things in the JGH, we were told by CK that due to fire code regulations and lack of funds to correct the issues, the stage in the theatre could no longer be used to show theatrical performances. These restrictions persist to this day, limiting the events that can take place on stage and in the hall.

A major challenge took place in early 2020 as the COVID – 19 epidemics hit the area. The museum would be forced to close for several periods over the next 2 years until the spread was slowly brought under control.

Another major blow, not only to the museum, but to the rest of the southside area was the temporary closing of the walking bridge due to deterioration. This caused a large drop in the visitor counts, especially during our major events over the last 4 years.

The board of directors, executives and staff also suffered during this last 4 years with high turnover and low numbers. We gradually recovered but continue to struggle while trying to plan projects to improve the museum. Please contact us if you are interested in volunteering.

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1. walking 2. bridge 3. museum 4. heritage 5. glass
6. Scotland 7. Baldoon 8. settlement 9. mystery 10. brass



Newsletter – Part 3

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Currently, artifacts are still accepted and arrive often. Some are rejected due to space and proper storage facilities to handle the more delicate items. We are looking at ways to improve our ability to preserve and care for these treasures and ask for the help of the public, the businesses and manufacturers with financial donations or sponsorships for our events and activities. Our small group of volunteers have given so much to help keep the memory of the past alive for this community. We now ask for your support either as a volunteer, or a donor or sponsor for our events and activities.

Written By; Henry Van Haren

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From the Backroom

As a volunteer, one of the many projects that we can be asked to assist in is the photographing and updating information about artifacts and objects that are held in the museum's holdings. On one such review of a box of items from the backroom, I came across a Canadian General Service Medal (CGSM) with Fenian Raid 1866 scramble bar named to "Pte. D. Petes. 2nd Chatham I. Co." amongst a number of other stored items. Having an interest in military medals and researching service/genealogy records, I decided to dig a little deeper into Pte Petes' connection to Wallaceburg.



In order for Private Petes to be awarded the CGSM, they would have had to be called out for active service in the field or serve as a guard at any point where an attack from the enemy was expected. A search of the Library and Archives Canada (LAC) Military medals, honours and awards, 1812–1969 database provides a copy of the medal roll for those who received the CGSM and lists members of the 24th Kent Battalion including Private David Petes, 2nd Chatham Light Infantry Company, as serving "from March to June 1866 at Windsor and Chatham. Attack expected." Their Post Office address listed was Wallaceburg, Ontario.

The medal was authorized in 1899, 29 years after the last event it commemorated, and in order to apply the recipient had to be alive at the time of the claim. This would mean that David Petes should appear in the Canada census up to 1899 and possibly beyond. A quick search of the LAC's Canada Census database found only one entry for David Petes in 1891. It lists him as originally from the United States and married to Anna/Annie, from Canada. A further search of the Ontario Cemetery Finding Aid, Find-a-Grave and the Chatham Kent Cemetery database found no additional information.

By chance, while filing the copies of images in my museum research folder on my computer, I noticed I had done a previous search for a World War 1, Canadian Expeditionary Force soldier, Arthur John Peats who listed his next of kin as his father, David Nelson Peats. Running his father's name (PEATS) through the same data bases gleaned a lot more details including census references listing Annie as his wife and their children's names as well as information that David Peats was born in Detroit, Wayne County, Michigan, USA; and Riverview Cemetery details outlining the several generations of the Peats family who are buried there.



While not unusual to encounter different spelling of names or even different birth year information over time when researching hand written documents over the years, it does add a challenge to the process. David Peats not only varies in spelling; his birth date also varies by year and month between the 1901 and 1911 censuses.

Now David Petes [Peats] medal can be linked to his son Arthur Peats medal in the museum files and back room.



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Scrambled Words
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1. ALNWGKI _____
2. BGRIDE _____
3. UMSMEU _____
4. TAEERGH _____
5. LSAGS _____
6. TSNCLDAO _____
7. AOLDBON _____
8. ENLMTTSETE _____
9. SYREMT _____
10. SBSRA _____

EASY History Trivia

Wallaceburg History Trivia Answers

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1. The Temple.
2. 1850.
3. 1850.
4. Miss. Della Gibb.
5. Oughton.

Peanut Butter Cookies

1/2 c. Butter 1 1/2 c. Flour
1/2 c. peanut butter 3/4 tsp. Soda
1/2 c. White Sugar 1/2 tsp. Baking Powder
1/2 c. Brown " 1/4 tsp. salt
1 egg.

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10:00am to 3:00pm

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what they were originally used for,
and meet the people who built
them!

- \$15 per seat.
- Tours leaves from the Museum at 11:00 and 1:00 sharp.
- Tour is 3km in length and will be tractor-driven.
- Call the Wallaceburg Museum at 519-627-8962 to book.
- This event is weather permitting. Rainchecks will be given to those who have booked.



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October at the Wallaceburg & District Haunted Museum

SHOWS

Friday, October 18, 2024, Saturday, October 19, 2024

Friday, October 25, 2024, Saturday, October 26, 2024

SHOW TIMES 7:00PM TO 9:00PM

Tiny Tots Trick or Treat will take place
Saturday, October 26, 2024 from
4:00pm to 5:00pm

Scarecrow Competition

Zombie and Witches Walk

Zombie Costume Making

The Witch's Lair Escape Room

Food Truck and Vendors

