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BAYFIELD READS

It's time for the annual Bayfield battle of the books!

Bayfield Reads will be held at the Bayfield Town Hall on Feb. 6 starting at 2 p.m.

Five avid readers will defend the 2011 Canada Reads finalists. Who will get your vote?

The featured books are: Unless, by Carol Shields; Best Laid Plans, by Terry Fallis; The Birth House, by Ami McKay; The Bone Cage, by Angie Abdou; and Essex County, by Jeff Lemire.

Tickets are available now for $5 per person. For more information please call The Village Bookshop at 519 565-5600 or email mbrown@thevillagebookshop.com.

FILM SOCIETY

Bob Merrimen, of Bayfield, was one of the original dog handlers for the London Police Canine section which began as a trial experiment in 1970. It was the first Canine Section for a municipal police force in Ontario and still exists today. Merrimen shared his experiences with this section when he spoke in front of a full house at the Bayfield Town Hall on the afternoon of Jan. 31 as part of the Take Time 2011 series. Merrimen also invited current members of the Canine Section to share their knowledge of the program. A highlight of the lecture occurred when a dog handler and his canine partner gave a demonstration on how they work together when conducting a search. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

SOUPS ON EVENT JUST ONE WAY TO CELEBRATE FAMILY DAY

STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

"Soups On, Bayfield" is guaranteed to provide participants with some comfort food on a cold winter's day. Set for Feb. 20, this fundraising event for The Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society will allow participants to sample favorite soups prepared by local restaurants, church and community groups.

The tasting, to coincide with the Family Day long weekend, will be held from 2-4 p.m. (please note time change) at the Bayfield Town Hall. Tickets for this event will be available at the door; participants can sample four soups for $5. Those who attend can vote for their favorite soup as part of the People's Choice Award, in addition, the soups will be judged by Bayfield Chef Richard Fitoussi.

There are more ways to cure cabin fever on this day. Free Public Skating will be offered at the Bayfield Arena from 1-3 p.m. and at the same time out at the Sawmill Trail people can try their hand at snowshoeing. Snowshoes can be rented from Outside Projects at the trailhead off Old River Road and Sawmill Road for

The Bayfield Film Society is taking a break for the month of February but will be starting a brand new film series on March 10 with the film, "Get Low".

This film will be followed by the documentary "Force of Nature", April 14; and movies, "The Trotsky", May 12; and "Incendies", June 16.

For just $35 you can purchase a series of tickets for all four films. Series tickets are now on sale and can be purchased from Jane Rowat 519 565-5838 or Lynne Gillians 519 565-5884.

The Bayfield Film Society wants to continue to bring the latest and greatest films to Bayfield, and with your series purchase this goal can be achieved. The films are shown at the Bayfield Town Hall starting at 7:30 p.m.

ARCHIVES ROOM

The Bayfield Historical Society is planning to keep the Bayfield Archives Room open at least five afternoons per week this coming summer by enlisting volunteers.

In previous summers, the Archives Room has only been open Wednesday and Saturday afternoons. The expanded hours will accommodate the increasing interest by both residents and visitors in the displays, programs and publications at the Archives. The historic building itself has become a central tourist attraction during the summer months.

To carry out this expanded summer service, the Historical Society will create a roster of volunteers to staff the Archives from early June to Labour Day. Volunteers would be expected to do the following: respond to questions from drop-ins, sell publications, plus complete some modest archival activities.

Interested individuals, who can commit to one afternoon per week for the summer, are asked to contact Bill Rowat at 519 565-5838 or wjrowat@tcc.on.ca.

FITNESS FUN

Folks can keep the winter doldrums at bay by staying active, opportunities abound to do just that here in the village.

Bayfield residents can join the Zumba craze as classes have now started in the village. Zumba is a dance fitness class that combines Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves, creating a calorie burning dance party suitable for all ages.

The classes will be held on Mondays from 7-8 p.m. at the Bayfield Community Centre. The class is currently on a two week break. The second session of Zumba classes will move to Thursday evenings starting Feb. 24. Cost per class is $10.

$5 per pair. All are encouraged to try out this great Canadian sport on one of Bayfield's terrific scenic trails and celebrate Family Day in the process.

TREWHITT TO SHARE KNOWLEDGE OF PALLIATIVE CARE AT TAKE TIME

Snow and cold are four-letter words to a lot of people but the congregations of the village's four local churches have joined together to ward off the negativity that winter can bring by offering a series of stimulating programs plus some fun social interaction.

The third year of the "Take Time in 2011" programs will run from now until Feb. 14. They are a perfect opportunity for friends and neighbors to learn and share with one another.

The programs will be held on Mondays from 1:30-3 p.m. Each participating church will host one event.

Even if people didn't preregister they can still attend any or all of the remaining sessions that they would like. They can register at the door or call the church coordinator of the session they wish to be a part of. The cost will be $2 per session.

Want to attend but don't have the transportation needed to get to the location of the presentation? Rides can be provided, just call the coordinator of that session.

Participants at the Feb. 7 session can learn more about "Hospice and Palliative Care in Huron" with guest speaker Gail Trewhitt. St. Andrew's United Church will play host to this session and Flo Keillor is the person to get a hold of for more information. She can be reached at 519 565-2640.

Trewhitt has been a nurse for more than 40 years and worked for more than half of those years as an Emergency Room nurse in Toronto. She moved to Huron County in 1999 and joined Saint Elizabeth Healthcare as a visiting nurse working in the community for 11 years. She joined the Healthy Hearts Cardiac Rehab nursing team in 2000, supervising classes and teaching whenever the opportunity arose.

In 2004 Trewhitt became a facilitator of The Fundamentals of Hospice Palliative Care. As a facilitator she teaches this eight-week course twice a year to nurses, personal support workers, volunteers in hospice, social workers, pastoral care workers (including clergy) and other healthcare providers of hospice palliative care.

The location for the final session in the series has been changed to the Bayfield Town Hall and will be hosted by The Church on the Way. Participants will learn about "Birds and Wildlife in your Backyard" with Tom Dunbar. Anne Laviolette is the coordinator of this session and she can be reached by calling 519 565-2454.

Dunbar, a retired Wildlife Biologist, syndicated columnist and published writer will speak to those gathered at the session to be held on Feb. 14.

"He will talk about how our very complex environment impacts each of us - humans, other mammals, and birds; and ways that we can respond positively" said Laviolette. "Come out and learn how our neighborhood and community can benefit from Tom's many years experience in these fields."

NOMINATIONS OPEN FOR ABCA CONSERVATIONIST OF THE YEAR

Do you know a person or organization that is improving the natural health of Ausable Bayfield watersheds? If so, the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) invites you to nominate them as Conservationist of the Year.

The ABCA has presented this award to a deserving recipient every year for more than 25 years. The award recognizes people or organizations from your watershed community who have demonstrated outstanding conservation achievements. Their positive actions might be improving forest conditions, bettering local water quality and quantity, supporting environmental

Licensed Zumba instructors, Alison De Groot and Lorraine Dietz, will teach the class. For more information email De Groot at bayfieldzumba@gmail.com

The following activities are scheduled to run from now until Apr. 21.

Indoor Walking sessions will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bayfield Community Centre on Mondays and Wednesdays.

For the more adventurous among us, there is Pole Walking. Walks for women will start at 9 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, while the men can venture out on Mondays and Fridays at 8:30 p.m. All walks begin from 6 Main Street and poles are provided for those who require them.

Dancefit and Toning classes continue on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. The Sit and Get Fit Classes take place on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. On Fridays at 10 a.m., April Hulley will teach a Stretching Class, participants are asked to bring a yoga mat. These three classes are held at the Bayfield Community Centre.

A Yoga Class will be held at the Bayfield Town Hall starting at 7 p.m. on Mondays.

Badminton is also being played at Huron Centennial School in Brucefield starting at 7 p.m. on Tuesdays.

BRIDGE CLUB

The Wednesday Evening Bridge Club will meet next on Feb. 2 at the Bayfield Lions' Community Building. The decks will be shuffled at 7 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

TRINITY CHURCH

Looking out the window at all the snow on the ground doesn't exactly conjure up images of the Bayfield Antique Show and Sale hosted each August by the congregation of Trinity Anglican Church. However, the event coordinators are hoping to get people thinking about it and maybe even considering volunteering at the event to be held Aug. 5-7 at the Bayfield Community Centre.

The Antique Show and Sale now in its 26th season is a wonderful boon to the village and help from both residents and summer folk is needed to make it a continued success. There are a variety of tasks to choose from when volunteering, helping with set up, serving in the tearoom, security and front door admission sales are but a few examples.

To learn more about this great community event please call Joan Cluff at 519 565-2974 or email her at cluffy@tcc.on.ca

education, implementing best management practices, restoring wetlands, or protecting fish and wildlife habitat.

“This award is our way to thank those people who build environmental conscience and take positive action in their community to benefit land and water,” said Tom Prout, general manager and secretary-treasurer of the ABCA.

Nominations will be accepted until Feb. 17. Information and nomination forms are available at the ABCA online at abca.on.ca or by phone at 519 235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610.

The Conservationist of the Year will be named at an annual early-evening awards ceremony hosted by the ABCA Board of Directors on March 17 at Ironwood Golf Club on Morrison Line, just east of Exeter.

This year’s early-evening event celebrates the International Year of Forests and features keynote speaker Terry Schwan. He is a Registered Professional Forester and District Forester with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR). He will speak on “Sustainable Forestry: Is It Happening in the Ausable Bayfield Watershed?”

Landowners and organizations help keep your natural environment healthy. Now you can honor that individual, business, family or organization by nominating them as the Conservationist of the Year. Last year’s Conservationist of the Year winners were Patricia Down (posthumously) and Robert Down.

To be eligible for the award, recipients must be located within the jurisdiction of the ABCA. Current ABCA staff and directors are not eligible.

Vendors that specialize in antiques are also currently being sought for the August show and sale. Anyone with an interest can use the above contact information to find out more.

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REMEMBER ME?

There are countless photographs of people in the Bayfield Historical Society’s Archives collection, but sadly their names were never recorded. In this section we will showcase an image with the hopes that one of our subscribers might be able to identify the individual(s) in the photo. Please email your information to the Editor’s attention at the address listed near the bottom of the page in “Submissions” or you can email the archivist directly at bayarchives@tcc.on.ca.

This week, these two individuals shared a laugh during a Bayfield Lion’s Club meeting held in 1968. Does anyone remember them?

ISSUE 81

In Issue 81, Jack Parker was the man pictured with his team of horses in the image taken in 1955.

ISSUE 82

In Issue 82, we featured an image taken in 1900 at a place called White City. Today it is known as Jowett's Grove. The people in the photo are members of the Jackson and Van Egmond families.

Make your comments...click on any image and it will take you to Flickr.

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BAYFIELD RIVER VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION

SUNNY WINTER'S DAY BRINGS PEOPLE OUT FOR SNOWSHOE HIKE ON VARNA NATURE TRAILS

PHOTOS BY DENNIS PAL

More than 40 Bayfield and area residents took advantage of a sunny, Sunday, Jan. 30 to enjoy a brisk snowshoe hike through the woods and meadows on the new trails that are being constructed at the Stanley Complex on County Road 3, just west of Varna. Afterwards, they shared a potluck lunch at the Stanley Complex's pavilion.

The members of the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) hosted the mid-day excursion, which was extremely well received by participants.

Dave MacLaren, acted as a Trail Sweep, during the hike. His job was to ensure that all participants were doing fine as they progressed along.

The Varna Nature Trails are considered by the BRVTA membership as the most ambitious of their projects to date.

"This is the second time that I've walked these new trails," said Pam Bowers. "They are lovely. I'm delighted that we have so much choice close to Bayfield if we want to enjoy a walk in the woods. There is really no excuse for us to sit at home and complain that there's nothing to do on a winter's day and the exercise is good for us."

Bayfield River Valley Trail Association president Dave Gillians, labeled this event, "The first annual Bayfield/Varna Snowshoe Walk and Potluck".

This event gave the trail volunteers an opportunity to show participants the results of thousands of work party hours as they continue to improve the trails.

He added, "This event gives the trail volunteers an opportunity to show walkers the results of thousands of work party hours and to encourage new memberships to help ease our financial burden. On the Varna Nature Trails, four bridges have been completed this autumn and all of the materials are in place to build a 65-foot bridge across a wide gully. This is definitely our most ambitious trail development project yet. We have a long-term vision for the upper portion of this trail. Someday we'd like to make it wheelchair accessible so that everyone, no matter what their abilities, can share this beautiful experience."

Roger Lewington, president of the Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce, and one of the founders of the BRVTA said, "The trails that have been developed in and around Bayfield over the past four years are splendid in all seasons and we are very fortunate to have this incredible natural resource so close to home. We are hoping that the trails will bring visitors to the area all year round. What a win/win situation. We get a healthier community and create more business opportunities and jobs."

One of Sunday's walkers, Mike Roney, called the calming effect of a walk in the woods, "a nature bath".

He said, "Recently in the Globe and Mail, there was an article that discussed how the

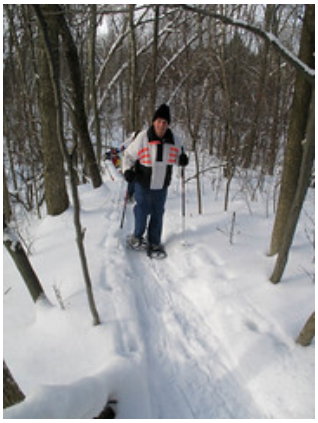
Weather conditions were perfect for the Snowshoe Hike organized by the BRVTA on Sunday. More than 40 folks enjoyed exploring the Varna Nature Trails.

The Varna Nature Trails offer meadowlands, woodlots and scenic views of the Bayfield River.

Japanese call frequent tranquil strolls in natural surroundings, away from civilization, "forest bathing". When you take your time and use all of your senses, stress seems to evaporate."

People are invited to support the trails financially by joining the BRVTA. Yearly memberships are $20 per individual and $25 per family. These memberships will be available at the event. Or cheques for memberships can be made payable to the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association and mailed to P.O. Box 531 Bayfield, ON. N0M 1G0. Memberships are also available from Outdoor Projects.

Glen Scheels enjoyed the mid-morning trek.

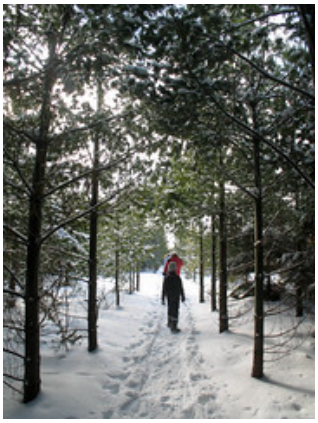


Lorne James made his way up the long hill.

Everywhere you looked Mother Nature had created a beautiful winter scene.

Lyn Girard found being out in the crisp air a great way to spend a winter's day.

Bill Rowat shared his knowledge of the natural wonders of the trail with participants.



A tranquil moment along the trail.

Everyone worked up an appetite for the potluck which followed the hike.

BRVTA President Dave Gillians hopes that this hike and potluck will become an annual event.

After the hike, participants were invited to share in a potluck lunch. Here, Barry and Gayle Detenbeck checked out the chili, a perfect food to warm up by.

The view from the scenic lookout at the Bayfield River.

Lorne James, of Bayfield, was all smiles when the group reached the Bayfield River scenic outlook, by a bench placed in memory of Mavis Govier.

The Mavis' Trail is a work in progress and participants cautiously crossed a temporary bridge along it.

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WINTER RESOLUTION by Alanna Scott

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SUBMISSIONS

So the excitement is building - only four more sleeps until my Guides and I try winter camping! We've got some fun plans, a snowshoe hike on the Sawmill Trail and if the snow is the right kind we might try to build a small quinzee. We're also going to do some cooking in a reflector oven the girls and leaders made at our last meeting. This is the first winter in a long time that conditions are perfect to get out and enjoy the snow and everyone is really looking forward to it.

Melody Falconer-Pounder

There will be some cozy and warm indoor activities too like sewing our own pajama bottoms, making scarves, playing games and learning about some different European cultures. And I know there will be plenty of hot chocolate and yummy food as well. Hope I'm not too excited to sleep as the day draws nearer! - 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 519-565-2443.
Hope to see you online soon at www.villageofbayfield.com

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