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MOVIE NIGHT

"Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs" is the title of the film to be shown at the Movie Night at the Bayfield Town Hall on Jan. 15.

Popcorn and juice will be provided to the youngsters who attend the show which will begin at 7 p.m. It is suggested that those who participate bring blankets and pillows to get comfortable.

The evening is sponsored by the Bayfield Optimist Club.

AUSABLE BAYFIELD AND MAITLAND VALLEY WATERSHED PUBLIC MEETINGS

Bayfield is the location for the first in a series of public meetings related to the unveiling of draft proposed assessment reports for Ausable Bayfield and Maitland Valley watersheds.

A sunfilled weekend prompted, Naomi Pal, Liam Pal and Henry Dobson to spend their days playing on their unique snow fort. This large stump facing the Village Guild Building, on Main Street, is all that remains of a grand silver maple which dated back to the birth of Bayfield. It was severely damaged in the harsh winter weather of 1998 and cut to its present form. (Dennis Pal photo)

JUDITH KEIGHTLEY GUEST SPEAKER AT HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S ANNUAL MEETING

BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

The first discovery of oil in North America and its impact on Southwestern Ontario will be the topic presented at the Bayfield Historical Society's Annual General Meeting on Jan. 25.

The day will begin with a lunch served at noon at St. Andrew's United Church. Tickets for the luncheon cost $15 per person.

As part of the Society's Speakers Series, the guest presenter will be Judy Keightley. She once lived in a house in Petrolia that was built by Jake Engelhart, a president of Imperial Oil. Keightley has done extensive research on the impact that oil has had; her presentation should prove to be both entertaining and informative.

Tickets for the lunch are available in advance only. Both tickets and society membership renewals for 2010 can be obtained by contacting Bud or Pat Langley at 519 565-2894.

There will be three public meetings in each watershed for public review of the documents and to ask questions and provide input between Jan. 5 and March 12.

The first of the six public meetings will be held at the Bayfield Town Hall on Jan. 21.

This open-house format public meeting is open for the public to drop in and talk to staff between 3-5 p.m. and between 6-8 p.m.

Public delegations are welcome at a public meeting in Blyth on Feb. 18 from 7-9 p.m. To reserve a time to present at this more formal public meeting call the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Drinking Water Source Protection Project (see numbers below).

For more information on the Bayfield open house or the delegation-format public meeting in Blyth visit sourcewaterinfo.on.ca or phone 519-235-2610 or 1-888-286-2610.

TOWN HALL

It has been 20 years since a committee was formed to save the Bayfield Town Hall from demolition. Since that time a number of fundraising efforts have been held in an effort to preserve it and make it a vital part of the community social scene.

Now The Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society is looking to improve the entrance to the building to make it more visibly appealing for weddings, festivals, concerts and business meetings.

The latest fundraiser will be the sale of commemorative bricks to be installed in the front walk, at the hall entrance and a new walk leading to the property's "great lawn".

The paving stones can be engraved to showcase a family name, honor loved ones or celebrate a special occasion such as a wedding or an anniversary. They could even make a unique family Christmas gift.

According to the fundraising brochure, "These stones will be placed along the walkway so that generations to come will enjoy this wonderful legacy left in honor of the revitalization of the town hall."

There are three stone styles to purchase: a large stone, 8X12, with two lines of engraving up to 12 characters per line, $250; a medium stone, 8X8, with one line of engraving up to 12 characters, $100; and a place holder, 4X8, no engraving, $50. Tax receipts will be provided. Cheques can be made payable to The Bayfield Town Hall and mailed to PO Box 2078, Bayfield ON, N0M 1G0. Further information can be obtained by contacting Margo Robeson at 519 565-2827.

Organizations, school classes, businesses and corporations are encouraged to be part of this worthwhile community project.

FIRST SESSION IN "TAKE TIME IN 2010" SERIES TO BE HELD AT KNOX ON JAN. 18

The congregations of the village's four local churches have joined together to offer an interesting series of programs designed to combat the winter blahs. The "Take Time in 2010" programs will run from Jan. 18 to Feb. 15. 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.

A Registration Coffee was held on Jan. 11 at Trinity Anglican Church but if you were unable to attend it is not too late to participate in any or all of the series. Participants may simply call the church coordinator of the session they wish to be a part of. The cost will be $2 per session. Participants are strongly encouraged to register in advance as some speakers may wish to provide handouts and an accurate attendance number would prove helpful in doing so. However, registration at the door is also permissible.

According to Joyce Lambert, a representative of Trinity Church, "Our registration Monday was an overwhelming success with more than 45 people signed up for each session, despite the cold and the continuous snow...so the community is off to another good start to this year's social and learning Monday afternoons. And the Bayfield Historical Society sold lots of their annual meeting luncheon tickets as well."

Knox Presbyterian Church will kick off the Take Time in 2010 series on Jan. 18 with a program entitled, "Writing Your Story."

This topic will be presented by Sheila Macgregor, of London. Macgregor has been listening to people's life stories for over twenty-five years. Having trained with one of the pioneers in the Oral History field, her subjects have included everyone from family members, business people, teachers, missionaries, farmers and even a recipient of the prestigious Order of Canada Award.

"My talk is about why people should write their life story, hopefully encouraging others to try and write their own," said MacGregor, in a recent email.

Barb Harkins is the coordinator for this session and interested people are welcome to contact her at 519 565-2098 for more information.

The following week, Jan. 25, the Take Time in 2010 programs will take a break to encourage everyone to go to the Bayfield Historical Society Dinner meeting to be held at St. Andrew's United Church at noon.

The Church on the Way will host the Feb. 1 session at the Bluewater Community Centre. Maggie Brennan with the Alzheimer Society of Huron will offer "An Overview on Dementia". Pat Lewington will also be on hand to lighten the topic a bit with some Fitness Fun. Those wishing to learn more about this session should contact coordinator Mary Schultz at 519 565-2735.

Participants at the Feb. 8 session can learn more about "Travel within Canada" as guest Heather Moffat, of Ellison Travel, focuses on Newfoundland as a destination.
St. Andrew's United Church will play host to this session and Shirley McAllister is the person to get a hold of for more information. She can be reached at 519 565-5620.

The final session in the series will be held at Trinity Anglican Church on Feb. 15. Participants will learn about "Adventures in Southern Sudan and Beyond" with Janet Tufts. She is currently the Executive Director of The Canadian Medical Hall of Fame and is also a very active volunteer. Last year, she traveled to the Sudan with a team representing Canadian Aid for Southern Sudan (CASS) and will share some of those experiences through this presentation. Elaine Scrimgeour is the coordinator of this session and she can be reached by calling 519 565-5544.

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.

The society hopes to have the brickwork installed in the spring of 2010.

FITNESS FUN

The exercise classes held at the Bayfield Community Centre have begun for 2010.

The scheduled classes are: Dancefit and Toning, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m.; and Sit and Get Fit, Mondays and Wednesdays, 10:15 a.m.

Badminton is played on Tuesdays at Huron Centennial School near Brucefield. Organizers state that it is basically backyard badminton, played inside and is great exercise and lots of fun. The games are played from 7-9 p.m.

For those looking for something to exercise the mind – Mah Jongg will begin again on Thursday, Jan. 14 at the Bayfield Lions' Community Building from 1-3 p.m. If Mah Jongg isn't your game bring one that is – Scrabble or Crib anyone?

BRIDGE CLUB

John Kuntz and Terri Allen were the high scorers when the Wednesday Evening Bridge Club held their first card games of 2010 on Jan. 6 at the Bayfield Lions' Community Building.

The club will meet next on Jan. 20 at 7 p.m. All are welcome to join in the fun.

GIRL GUIDES

Look forward to a wonderful 2010 using the pages of a limited edition calendar as your guide.

The Centenary Celebration Calendar 1910-2010, created by members of Bayfield and Clinton Guiding, and for sale in Mid-western Ontario, is still available. The calendars are selling for $10 each.

Locally, calendars are available for sale from members of Bayfield and Clinton Guiding as well as The Village Book Shop, Bayfield Village Inn, Interior Trends and Drs. Haney and Van Maanen's Dental Office in Clinton.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Winter storms - as Canadians we may love to hate them but we live with them. Jan. 20 marks the 38th anniversary of the Great Snowstorm of 1971 but there have been other signifcant storms over the years. Subscribers are invited to share there memories of the storm of 1971 and others as well. Were you stranded, stuck or snowed in?

"STONE ANGEL" FIRST OFFERING AT NEW SEASON OF BAYFIELD FILM SOCIETY

The curtain will go up on the next series of movies offered by the Bayfield Film Society at the Bayfield Town Hall on Feb. 11.

The movies scheduled for the new season are Stone Angel, Feb. 11; Happy Go Lucky, March 11; The Secret Life of Bees, Apr. 8; and Cairo Time, May 13.

A season's subscription is just $35 to view these four intriguing films. People are also able to attend individual movies for $10 by purchasing at the door.

For subscription tickets please contact Lynne Gillians at 519 565-5884 or by email at lynnegillians@hotmail.com

Tell us your tales and send your pictures too. A selection will be featured in the Jan. 20 edition of the Bayfield Breeze.

SNOW BOOTS WERE MADE FOR WALKING

The Bayfield Historical Society and Bayfield Archives Room would like to invite everyone to leave their footprints in the snow about town. The Bayfield Historic Walking Tour booklets are now available to act as your guide.

If a winter's walk doesn't sound that appealing people are sure to enjoy taking this stroll come spring or summer. The booklet, is based on notes of a Guided Walking Tour composed by Elaine Sturgeon, volunteer archivist from 2001-08. These notes were revised and expanded by Dianne Smith and produced by the Bayfield Historical Society, Ralph Laviolette current volunteer archivist and Dave Gillians, historical society president. Its production was funded by memberships, donations and a grant from the Huron Heritage Fund.

The Historic Walking Tour booklets are now available for $5 each at the Bayfield Archives Room on Main Street or by calling 519 565-2454. The booklet is in a 5.5 X 8 inch format and includes a map at its centre. The booklet was created to compliment the Bayfield Historical Society guided walking tours that depart from the Bayfield Archives Room every Saturday morning at 10 a.m. during July and August.

The Bayfield Historical Society also has a limited number of the "Huron Historical Notes – Village of Bayfield" book available. These are selling for $8.00 to cover production and printing costs.

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".

In Issue 27's "REMEMBER ME?" we showed a photo of two ladies standing in front of the entrance to what is believed to be Orlagh. This home, at 41 Main St. S, was built by Dr. Ninian Woods. Does anyone remember these women?

This week, we feature a photo of three strapping young soldiers. It is labeled that one of them is S. Larriman. Does anyone know which gentleman this would be and also who the other two men are? Does anyone recognize to what regiment their uniform belongs?

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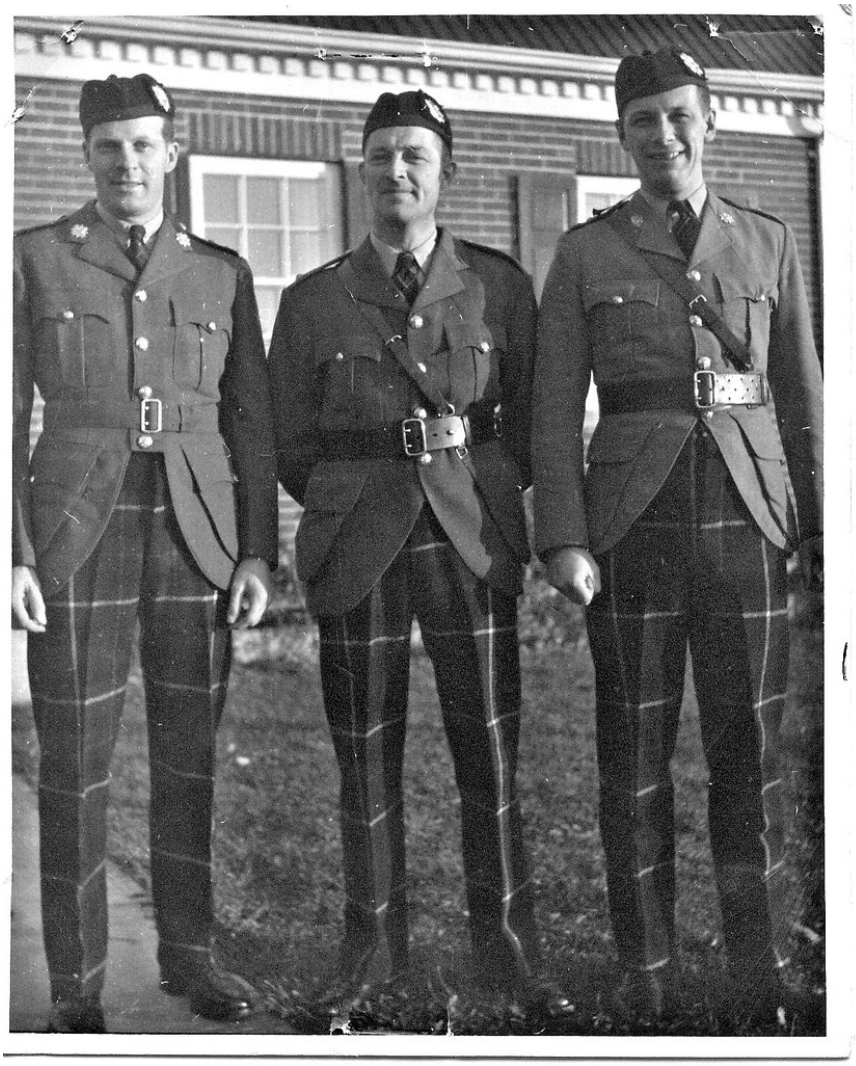

Anyone remember these soldiers?

Does anyone remember these two young bathing beauties?

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Does anyone remember Viola and Nettie?

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PHOTO STORY

BAYFIELD IS A VILLAGE OF ICE AND SNOW

A wintery postcard from Bayfield Harbour.

Excellent snow person making conditions over the school holidays resulted in these two creations on the front lawn of a home on Keith Crescent in the village.

Slumbering Trees cast deep shadows in the snow at the entrance to Pioneer Park.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

Capturing winter through the lens of a camera is a delight for the senses especially if you have the ever changing waterways of the Bayfield Harbour and Lake Huron as your subject. Every day it tells a different story.

These images were captured in the morning hours of Jan. 9 when our frozen village was blessed with winter sunshine.

Pendent, tapering masses of ice formed by the freezing of dripping water, more commonly known as icicles, frame the side of a building on Keith Crescent.

For nearly 40 years, the stern of the steamboat Linda Hindman has weathered winter's harsh conditions in its resting place just off the village shore.

The Bayfield Harbour's north pier resembles a glacier reflecting in the frigid waters below.

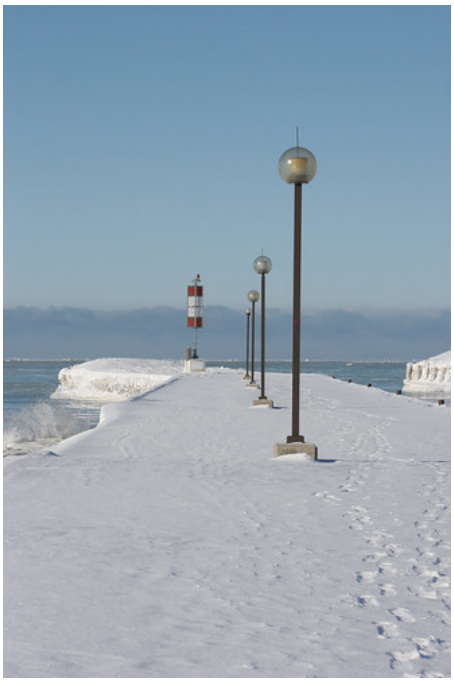
Undulating waves have frozen in the cold temperatures creating a fantastical shoreline of ice.

The Banyan, joins several boats, cradled for a winter's hibernation along the river's edge.

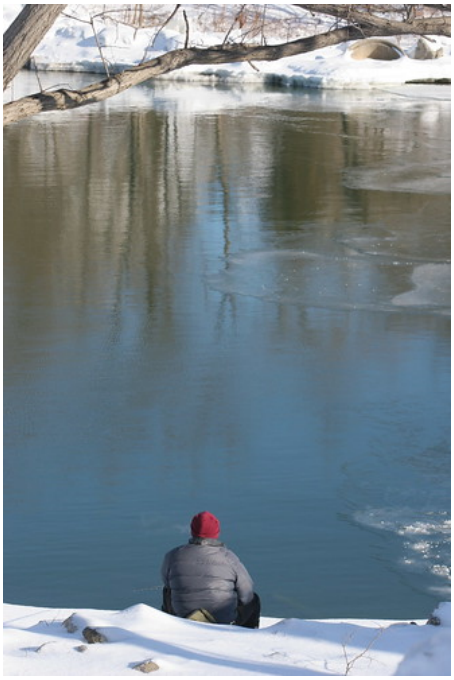
Several of the cottages at the Bayfield River Cottage Colony, on the Bayfield Harbour's north bank, appear almost camouflaged in the snow.

How the Bayfield shoreline looked on the morning of Jan. 9 - basking in the winter sunshine.

A fishing boat safely docked in port.



The solitary south pier.



The Bayfield River proves to be a tranquil setting for a morning fishing expedition.

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SUBMISSIONS

I can't imagine living in a country where you didn't experience the four seasons – spring is my overall favorite but I must admit to enjoying some aspect of all of them.

And although this might not be the popular opinion I am going to go on record as stating I like winter. (This is not to be confused with winter driving – totally separate subject.) I especially like the days when the sun shines and the snow has covered everything in a glistening blanket of white. Although it may be chilly, with the right accessories, a winter's walk can be a warm and calming experience.

Of course, this season sometimes causes us to take stock and prevents us from going outside at all when those Huron County snow squalls take centre stage. On those occasions an excuse is provided to do the things I can't seem to make time for the other months of the year – like reading a book, sorting sock drawers and scrap booking.

Here, in this summer driven community winter invites us all to slow down a little and maybe if we're lucky make angels in the snow.

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 - Melody

SIGN OF THE WEATHER

This empty sign on Bayfield's Main Beach makes the perfect frame for an every changing view of the lake. (Melody Falconer-Pounder photo)

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