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In May, this cluster of Osage Orange trees just south of the village on Hwy. 21 were given a stay by the MTO after local residents requested that they not be removed as part of the work currently being done on the highway between Bayfield and St. Joseph's. The review process has now been completed and the MTO has decided that the trees fall in the clear zone for the project and therefore will be removed after Aug. 1. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

PIONEER PARK

The 24th annual Pioneer Park 5 KM Race is set for Aug. 2.

“It's a really positive community event that has really taken hold. Having a family race with the different categories is also unique,” said Ann Laudenbach, race organizer. “On average I have well over 200 racers and about 100 fans and spectators. I have a lot of different volunteers and beneficiaries who help make it all happen.”

The race route hasn’t changed in over 20 years and participants are encouraged to walk, run, rollerblade or ride their bicycles. Please note that those on wheels under 18 years are required to wear a helmet.

The entry fee is $5 and all proceeds go to the upkeep and maintenance of Pioneer Park. Registration will take place from 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Walkers will begin the race at 9:30 a.m. with all participants departing at 10 a.m.

FATE OF OSAGE ORANGE TREES HAS NOW BEEN DETERMINED

STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

Just south of Bayfield on Hwy. 21, five Osage Orange trees have stood stoically watching over motorists as they go about their day-to-day, no one ever really seemed to take notice of these trees, until they were branded with a familiar orange X; the sign of impending progress.

It was then that villagers, members of the Bayfield Tree Inventory and Renewal Committee as well as the Bayfield Horticultural Society in particular, took notice. In early May, they called the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario (MTO) to find out what could be done to save these trees from being cut down to make way for the road improvements now being made between Bayfield and St. Joseph's.

And the MTO listened. The trees which fall within the clear zone for the road project were given a stay; the bright orange Xs were painted black and their future was reviewed.

Two months later the review is now complete and it has been determined that the trees must go.

The editor of the Bayfield Breeze was invited by the MTO to ask questions regarding this decision. The following are the questions asked with the answers provided by Monica Fleck, communications coordinator, Ministry of Transportation, West Region.

Q1: Will others in the community who requested the Osage Orange trees be saved be contacted personally with the final decision?

> **A:** *Anyone who contacted the ministry or the ministry's representative on site (LEA Consulting, who are the contract administrators for the construction project) will be contacted.*

Q 2: The reason given for the trees' removal is that they fall within the clear zone. Can you explain further what is considered to be a clear zone? What specific safety concerns were given? Are environmental issues, such as bird nesting, addressed in the decision process?

> **A:** *The clear zone width is the distance from the edge of the traveled portion of the roadway to the face of an unprotected hazard (such as a tree). The clear zone allows a buffer between errant vehicles and hazards, providing an opportunity to come to a safe stop. The clear zone for this section of highway is 7.0m (based on traffic volume and design speed). After construction, the trees will be 6.35m away from the traveled edge of pavement, which means they are in the clear zone.*
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> *Contract documents include strict stipulations as to when and how trees can be moved to ensure minimal disruption to the environment and nesting birds. For example, the contractor is not permitted to remove the trees when there may be young in the nests. For migratory birds the nesting period is between May 1 and Aug. 1. After Aug. 1 we are outside the traditional nesting period of the migratory birds found in the area, so the trees can be removed.*

Q 3: What work is being done to the Hwy. that would now impact the location of these trees which have co-existed by the road for several decades?

> **A:** *Independent of any changes to lane widths, current standards on roadside safety requires a review of hazards and their identification for removal. The work being done on Hwy. 21 includes increasing the lane widths from 3.35m to 3.5m.*

Q 4: When will the trees be removed? Is there anything more the community can do?

> **A:** *The removal of the trees will occur after Aug. 1 for the reasons stated. After Aug.1, the actual date of removal will be dependant on the contractor's schedule.*

People are invited to come and cheer on the participants as they cross the finish line!

ART EXHIBIT

JMR Art Gallery is asking the question, "Why do you Love Bayfield?"

This painting of Main Street Bayfield buildings will be featured in the upcoming Loving Bayfield exhibit at the JMR Gallery. It is by Ontario artist, Amelia Husnik. (Submitted photo)

The gallery is hosting a new exhibit celebrating Bayfield with a preview reception being held on July 30 from 5-9 p.m.

The exhibit is entitled, "Loving Bayfield" and the gallery is inviting visitors to share their feelings too. Special canvases will be on display for those who attend the preview to share why they love Bayfield. The filled canvases will be auctioned at a later date with all proceeds going to the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society.

The evening will also provide the perfect opportunity for those who attend to meet the artists, as well as enjoy live music and some light refreshments.

The exhibit will be open until Sept. 6 at the gallery located in the Shops on Charles just off Main Street in Bayfield.

TOWN HALL

The Goderich Celtic Roots Festival is spreading its branches throughout the county this summer by offering "Rural Roots – Concerts in the County". Included in these concerts is an evening of fine musical performances at The Bayfield Town Hall on Aug. 1.

Sisters, Dawn and Margie Beaton; and Newfoundland band, The Once, will be the premier performers at the concert along with opening act, Bayfield's own, Josh Geddis.

The Beatons hail from Mabou, Cape Breton where they were nurtured and inspired by Celtic Scottish

Q 5: Does the department have a policy with regards to the planting of new trees in the communities where mature trees are removed?

> **A**: *When there are a significant number of tree removals, the ministry will consult with local conservation authorities to develop mitigation plans.*

Q 6: What is the name of the department within the Ministry of Transportation for Ontario that makes the final decisions on the status of trees to be removed along roadways?

> **A:** *The Contracts and Operations Office is responsible for the reconstruction, maintenance and safety of the highway.*

For a more in-depth look at the history of the Osage Orange trees please visit the Bayfield Breeze Archives – Week 20 Issue 45. It can be found at the Bayfield Chamber of Commerce Website under Promote Your Business – Bayfield Breeze.

TASTE OF HURON RECEIVES PROVINCIAL FUNDING

On July 22, the Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs, and local Huron-Bruce MPP, Carol Mitchell (left), announced $28,000 from the Ontario Market Investment Fund (OMIF) to Taste of Huron committee members from l to r: Wayne Black, Huron County Federation of Agriculture; Brittany Fry, Taste of Huron event coordinator; Jenna Ujiye, Tourism Marketer for the County of Huron and Huron Tourism Association board member; Rick Sickinger, Heritage and Culture Partnership; and Denise Carnochan, County of Huron. (Submitted photo)

The Taste of Huron culinary event has received $28,000 of provincial funding through the Ontario Market Investment Fund (OMIF), a four year funding program that supports the promotion of Ontario foods and "buy local" initiatives.

The Minister of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs and Member of Parliament for Huron-Bruce, Carol Mitchell, made the announcement on July 22 at the Regional Equine and Agricultural Centre of Huron Inc. (REACH) in Clinton, ON.

"When we buy Ontario, everyone wins. It's good for farmers and processors, good for families, good for the environment and good for the rural economies. With this fund, we are expanding local food networks and helping communities and industries showcase the abundance of food that is produced and made in Ontario," said Mitchell.

The first annual Taste of Huron event was hugely successful and was named the "Best Event of 2009" by the Economic Development Council of Ontario (EDCO), and was a regional winner of the Premier's Award for Agri-Food Innovation Excellence.

"Last year Taste of Huron, through the help of OMIF, was able to show both tourists and the community what Huron has to offer by way of local food," said Jenna Ujiye, tourism marketer for the County of Huron and Huron Tourism Association board member. "Thanks to the support

fiddle music. They traveled to England, Brazil and China as part of The Clipper 09-10 Round the World Yacht Race entertaining the crews as well as the locals. The sisters won an East Coast Music Award in the roots/traditional group recording category for their album Taste of Gaelic.

The Once, a trio of musicians that hail from Newfoundland, are renowned for their mastery of harmony which can be heard on their award winning album, Rising Star.

In addition to performing with his six member band, Geddis is a school teacher. He reports that since releasing his CD, The Yellow Tent, in 2008, "Things have been pretty great."

Tickets are available by calling Pat Langley at 519 565-2894. Tickets are $20, for adults; $15, for seniors 65 plus and under 18; $5, for children 12 and under.

READING SERIES

Due to strong demand, The Village Bookshop has invited Alison Wearing, to present her award winning one woman show, Giving Into Light, in its entirety, instead of the Mid-summer Night's Reading which had been planned for Aug. 1.

Wearing will give the performance on the stage at The Bayfield Town Hall on July 31 at 7:30 p.m.

Giving Into Light takes audiences on a journey into the myth and magic of Mexico. It is a theatrical adaptation of her forthcoming book. The performance premiered to exuberant reviews at theatre festivals last summer and it recently was the winner of the Best of Fest Award at the 2010 Piggyback Festival in Wakefield, Quebec.

Wearing is the author of the bestselling travel memoir, Honeymoon in Purdah – an Iranian journey, as well as the recipient of multiple literary awards.

Tickets are available now for $10 each from The Village Bookshop, 519 565-5600. They will also be available at the door.

ANGLICAN CHURCH

The Bayfield Antique Show and Sale is now 25 years young!

In 1985, the event was first organized as the Bayfield Antique Fair and Sale. It was, and remains, a fundraiser for Trinity Anglican Church in Bayfield.

In 2010, the show will be held at the Bayfield Arena, Aug. 6-8.

The dealers, two of whom have come for all 25 years, love the show and bring beautiful antiques and collectibles, big and small, to suit every taste and

of OMIF again, Taste of Huron will be able to give even more opportunity to show the great mix of amazing food and culinary opportunities in the area."

The 2010 Taste of Huron culinary festival is coming to Ontario's West Coast Aug. 16-27. The festival will once again highlight the sustainable, locally produced food and culinary excellence found in Huron County.

Throughout the 12-day festival, event participants will join up-and-coming chefs, award-winning cookbook authors and food writers as they savor the best of Huron County's local harvest! They will enjoy hands-on culinary workshops, special restaurant and gala events, farm tours, and markets.

Complete festival information is available online at www.tasteofhuron.ca. For tickets, please call the Blyth Festival Box Office at 1-877-862-5984.

LOCAL TASTES

There is so much going on over the course of the Taste of Huron culinary event that we can't possibly fit it all into one issue of the Bayfield Breeze, so each week until the event begins we will share a taste of what is to come. This week we take a closer look at the Food for Thought dinners.

Six county restaurants will be taking part in the Food for Thought dinners and two are in Bayfield. Diners will enjoy presentations and lively discussions on various food-related topics. Special menus will be presented to complement the specific topics. Full menu details can be found at the Taste of Huron website.

The Little Inn of Bayfield will host "U R What U Eat" on Aug. 19 at 7 p.m. The topic for the evening will feature an unbiased discussion on modern methods of agricultural production, food distribution systems and more. The menu will highlight a variety of locally grown and produced products.

The cost per person is $40. This does not include beverages, taxes or service. To make a reservation for this dinner please call The Little Inn at 1-800-565-1832 or visit www.littleinn.com

Then on Aug. 23, The Black Dog Pub and Bistro will host "A Perfect Pairing: Niagara & Huron" starting at 7 p.m.

Those who attend will sample the best from two Ontario regions, Niagara and Huron. A locally-produced menu will be paired with the critically acclaimed wines from Niagara's Lailey Vineyard. The evening will feature special guest Derek Barnett, renowned winemaker of Lailey Vineyard. He will discuss his award-winning wines.

Participants will enjoy a four-course dinner drawn from the restaurant's co-owner Kathleen Sloan-McIntosh's award-winning book, A Year in Niagara. Each course will be paired with one of the exceptional wines from family-run Lailey Vineyard.

The cost for the dinner is $50 per person. This does not include taxes or service; but does include a surcharge for wine served. Couples will also receive an autographed copy of A Year in Niagara by Sloan-McIntosh.

For reservations call The Black Dog Pub and Bistro 519-565-2326 or visit www.blackdogpubbistro.ca.

Bayfield isn't the only place to celebrate a Taste of Huron, if you would like to learn more about the other dinners being hosted around the county please visit the Taste of Huron website at www.tasteofhuron.ca.

pocketbook. The arena will be filled with an impressive array of quality antiques and collectibles including: Canadiana furniture, books, porcelain, ironstone, silver, estate and costume jewelry and antique toys.

The Gala Evening Opening Celebration is set for Friday from 7-9 p.m. This silvery sparkling evening includes refreshments from the village's fine local restaurants and music by Cactus Jam. Guests can meet the vendors, chat, browse, and buy a unique item for their collection. Tickets are $8 in advance and $10 at the door.

The show will then run Saturday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. During these times the church runs a café offering sandwiches, tea, coffee and delicious homemade sweets – so visitors never have to worry about going hungry while shopping. Admission for Saturday and Sunday is $5 per person.

All are invited to come and add some sparkle to the show's silver anniversary. For more information contact Janet Snider at 519 565-5549.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

This Saturday, July 31st is the date for the annual Summer Yard Sale hosted by Knox Presbyterian Church in Bayfield.

Bargain hunters will need to be up early as the sale starts at 8 a.m. and there are many terrific treasures up for sale including: small appliances, books, games, dishes, toys and even fire place tools. Shoppers on a budget are sure to delight in the finds on the loonie and toonie tables.

And for those shoppers who work up an appetite, barbecued hot dogs and hamburgers, complete with fried onions if you so desire, as well as cold drinks will also be available for purchase.

DAY CAMP

Both local children and summer visitors can look forward to the Camp Kintail Day Camps held on Wednesdays until Aug. 25.

Knox Presbyterian Church has partnered with Camp Kintail, the area Presbyterian Church camp, to offer a Christian based Day Camp every Wednesday at the church this summer.

This Day Camp runs from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. It is led by the very capable and well trained young adult staff of Camp Kintail who provide the program and activities. The camp is for children who have completed JK up to Grade 6. Youngsters can come for one or two sessions or all remaining sessions.

It is completely sponsored by Knox, Bayfield and will include snacks and lunch.

VARNA AND BAYFIELD RESIDENTS WORK TOGETHER ON TRAILS

Trail workers from Varna included: **(BR l-r)** Angie Cooper, Marlene Holman, Stephanie Peck and Jeanette Hill. **FR**: Mitchell Cooper, Jenna Peck, Luke Hill, Blake Cooper and Rachel Hill.

Twenty-five residents from Varna and Bayfield worked together to continue the development of the two nature trails at the Stanley Complex in Varna on July 17.

"This was an especially wonderful work party because it brought members of the two communities together and many kids got to see some of the effort that goes into creating a nature trail. They spread groundcover, cleaned up the entrance gardens, blazed trails, cut meadow and helped trim branches. Now they can say that they participated in the trail's creation," said Bill Makins, trail development leader for the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA).

Becky Rathwell and Gayle VanAltena organized the Varna volunteers and the Trail Development Team from the trail association has promised to include them in all future trail building activities.

The redeveloped trails in Varna are named in honor of Bill and Mark Taylor, who helped start the nature trail program and for the late Mavis Govier, a very active community volunteer who was an enthusiastic supporter.

Outside games and nature activities plus Bible stories, songs and crafts will be part of the sessions.

For more information please call the church at 519 565-2913 and leave a message or call Rev. Susan Moore at 519 238-8272.

FITNESS FUN

First there was pole walking and now the latest fitness craze to come to town is Pickleball.

The sport, which has been described as slower paced tennis, is played at the Middleton's Orchard tennis courts on Mondays and Tuesdays starting at 9 a.m. and on Wednesdays from 2-4 p.m.

And, of course, Pole Walking remains a popular part of many fitness regimes. If you are an early bird the Tuesday 8 a.m. sessions of Pole Walking may be perfect for you. There is also a Pole Walking session held on Thursdays at 3:30 p.m. All groups depart from 6 Main Street. The session incorporates an hour of walking with an ending cool down stretch.

Anyone interested in Pickleball or new to Pole Walking can contact Pat Livingston at 519 565-2202 for more information.

Plus, exercise classes will continue through the summer months.

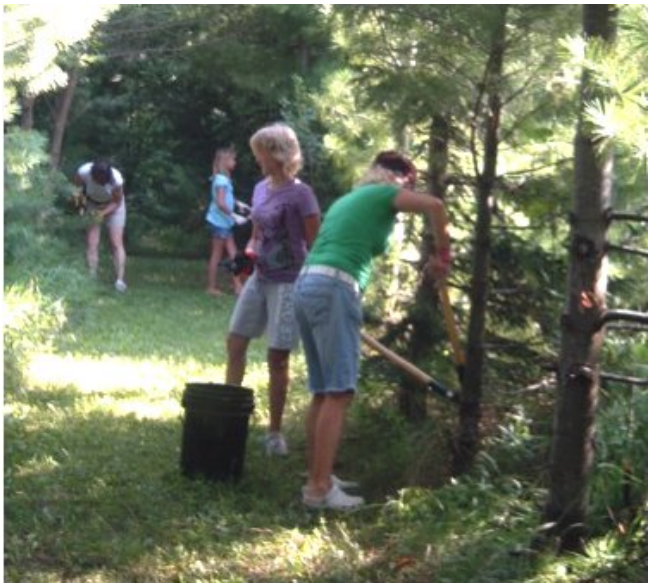
Dancefit and Toning classes are held Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. The Sit and Get Fit Classes take place on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Both classes are held in the Bayfield Community Centre.

ARCHIVES ROOM

The Bayfield Historic Walking Tour booklets are now available to guide both residents and visitors about our fair village.

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.



Deb Johnston, Sheridyn VanAltena, Jaci VanAltena and Gayle VanAltena trim branches to widen the Taylor Trail during a "workparty" that included residents from Varna and Bayfield at the Varna, Stanley Complex on July 17. (Submitted photo)

According to one of the BRVTA workers, Ray Letheren, "Although there is a great deal of work to be done before we officially open these trails, they are wonderful and will be a source of pride for this entire area for generations to come."

Did you know that some of these advertisements are actual links to the business' website? We encourage you to click on the advertisements and see what these entrepreneurs have to offer

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BRIDGE CLUB

Gordon Kurtz and Pat Lewington were the high scorers when the Wednesday Evening Bridge Club met at the Bayfield Lions' Community Building on July 21.

The club will meet next on Aug. 4. The decks will be shuffled starting at 7 p.m.

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, we are wondering if anyone recognizes the telephone operator in this photo. The image was taken in 1954.

ISSUE 54

In Issue 54, we discovered that it was Dr. and Mrs. Atkinson and their sons, who for years rented a

house on the corner of Louisa Street and Bayfield Terrace with nanny, Miss Carter.

ISSUE 55

For Issue 55, there were a few people who knew who the butcher from Zurich was and we appreciate all of the responses. Thanks to his niece, Darlene Wild, for writing to say he is Albert Deichert, who is now in his mid-nineties, and is a resident of the Bluewater Rest Home. In this photo he was making a call at one of the Jowett Cottages in 1958. The people who received his visit have been identified as Mrs. Spenser and Gary.

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

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ANGEL HAIR FOR KIDS

BAYFIELD GIRL DONATES HAIR IN HONOR OF A CLASSMATE

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

Four years ago, Fiona Brands, lost a classmate to cancer. It was then she determined she wanted to do something to honor her memory. She decided to grow her hair and when it got to the appropriate length she would donate it to have it made into a wig for a child fighting cancer.

Fiona was living in Tilsonburg, with her mother, Angela Brands when this idea was only a spark.

For about four years, Fiona Brands, of Bayfield, has been growing her hair. Her goal was to donate a length of hair to help make a wig for children fighting cancer.

The pair moved to Bayfield in 2007 and Fiona's mom became minister at Trinity Anglican Church. Fiona settled into life as a student at Huron Centennial School as well as becoming involved in local Girl Guides, figure skating and horseback riding but despite her busy schedule she never lost sight of her goal.

On July 20, hair stylist, Freida Kralj, owner of the Tilsonburg salon, Shear Pleasure, made a special trip to the village to cut Fiona's hair and give her a brand new look.

Fiona was excited, but not nervous, to finally realize her goal. Her beautiful light brown hair filled with sun-kissed streaks of gold had grown to about 14 inches in length. A minimum of 10 inches was required for the donation.

She, and her mom, had decided to donate the hair to Angel Hair for Kids a program of A Child's Voice Foundation.

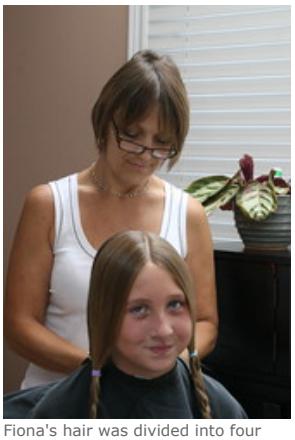
According to the foundation's website, Angel Hair for Kids provides wigs to financially disadvantaged children in Canada who have lost their hair due to a medical condition or treatment. Wigs are provided at no cost to the child's family.

It takes 10 to 12 donated ponytails to make one wig and the foundation budgets from $800 to $1,000 to cover manufacturing and related costs.

After the four braids were cut Kralj set to work to give Fiona a new shorter hair cut. Fiona was pleased with her new look but found the feeling of lightness she was experiencing a little weird.

She should also be pleased that her gift will go a long way in helping Angel Hair for Kids bring self-esteem to a child experiencing illness and hair loss.

To learn more about this program, the only one of its kind in Canada, visit www.acvf.ca and click on Angel Hair for Kids.



Fiona's hair was divided into four long braids about 14 inches in length before the cutting began.

Fiona and her mom, Angela Brands, moved to Bayfield in 2007 from Tilsonburg, ON. They invited hairdresser, Frieda Kralj, owner of Shear Pleasure, a hair salon in Tilsonburg, to come to Bayfield to give Fiona this extra special haircut

The first cut!

Fiona is shown the first braid of hair after it has been cut.

Fiona proudly displays her hair donation.

Her delayed reaction to the start of the process.

Ten year-old Fiona chose Angel Hair for Kids a program of A Child's Voice Foundation, a Canadian not-for-profit organization to donate her hair to.

Fiona keeps a watchful eye on Kralj as she creates her new look.

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Bayfield Beacon, by Jack Pal.

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I am looking for the Bayfield that is a delight to the eye – please share photos with a touch of whimsy, beauty, humor or a sense of fun. If you are to include people in your photos be sure to have their permission to publish their picture on-line and also send in their names and where they are from. And don't forget to tell me who took the photo for proper credit to be issued

SUBMISSIONS

There appears to be some summer hijinx afoot around the village of late.

Melody Falconer-Pounder

I received a call from Clair Soper the other day wondering if I could make mention of it on the Bayfield Breeze pages. She had just met with the police to report vandalism to the sign on her property that announces her bed and breakfast. The sign had been kicked down. She explained that the police had mentioned that it wasn't their first complaint. This caused Clair to wonder if there weren't more people experiencing similar issues but hadn't troubled the police with it thinking they were isolated cases.

If you have experienced vandalism to your property recently please give Clair a call at 519 565-2135 she would really like to hear from you. - 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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