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OPEN HOUSE A FORUM FOR DESIGN SUGGESTIONS AND PRAISE

The proposed look for the new Bayfield Public Library as designed by Skinner and Skinner Architects of London.

BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

BLUEWATER BLOOMS

For the second consecutive year, the Municipality of Bluewater is proud to be a part of the Provincial Communities in Bloom Program competition. There are new dates for the judges' visit. They will be coming to Bluewater July 20-22.

Last year, the Municipality of Bluewater printed a pamphlet that explains the program. This highly recognized program is not just about floral displays. It promotes environmental responsibility and beautification through community participation and friendly competition!

The judging criteria is based on eight categories: tidiness, environmental awareness, community involvement, natural and cultural heritage, tree/urban forest management, landscaped areas, floral displays, turf and groundcovers.

The color scheme for this year's "Bluewater Blooms" is red, purple, pink and blue. People will notice these colors in planters on the streets of Hensall, Zurich and Bayfield.

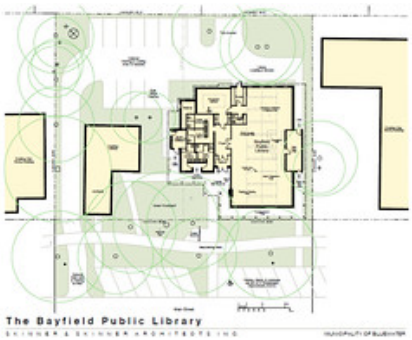
In conjunction with the judges' visit, the Municipality of Bluewater Communities in Bloom Committee, will be holding an open house at the Bayfield Community Centre on the evening of July 21 from 7-9 p.m.

When Bayfield resident, Lillian Martin, first saw the proposed plans for the Bayfield Public Library she could hardly believe “that this is going to be our library. It is such a beautiful concept.”

Martin was just one resident that commented on the plan presented by Skinner and Skinner Architects of London at an Open House organized by the Municipality of Bluewater on the morning of July 9 at the Bayfield Community Centre.

In addition to the presentation by the architect the Open House provided residents and community groups an opportunity to speak to the project, voice concerns and make suggestions.

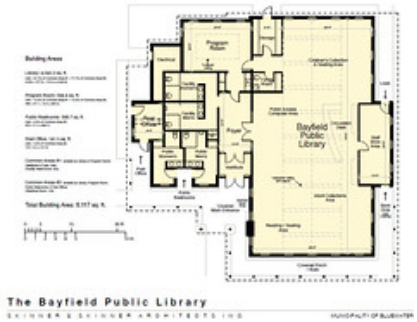
According to Bradley Skinner, principal architect with the firm, the historical character of the village that makes it a distinctive and unique community formed the design inspiration for the project.



The proposed look for the new Bayfield Public Library as designed by Skinner and Skinner Architects of London. Click image for larger view or view pdf file.

The L-shaped plan, arched windows and gentle roof slope pick up on characteristics found in the buildings nearest neighbor, the current library and archives building.

“The current post office building is really an anomaly on the street as it doesn’t really fit in, however, the social space that has been created at its front with benches and the village bulletin board is important. And we hope to enhance and further define this area,” said Skinner.



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The new construction at 5,117 square feet will be located on the site of the post office box building, on the north side of Main Street and east of the existing archives and library building. It will become home to the library that will see a dramatic increase in size at 4,042 square feet up from the existing 1,035 square feet. In addition a multi-purpose program room, public washrooms and post office boxes will be included in the build all of which can be entered from alternative entrances when the library is closed.

The interior of the library is designed with flow in mind and in keeping with the need that staff must be able to see all areas of the library from the centralized circulation desk. The library will contain an adult collections area, a reading and seating area, a public access computer area, a children’s collection and seating area and a multi purpose program room. The plans also include a family washroom as well as facilities for men and women, a storage area and a staff workroom.

The library plan features a cathedral ceiling running along the centre with a porthole style window in the roofline at the front. Attractive wood beams on the ceiling will support the lighting. The ceilings in the space are 10 feet high with the exception of the centre of the library and the multi-purpose program room.

The public washrooms designed with the plan have been long desired by visitors, residents and merchants in Bayfield. Skinner wanted to make them prominent and a beautiful feature of the plan.

“I didn’t want to put them around the back where people would worry about their safety when using them,” he said.

The doors are tucked around an alcove for privacy and can be kept open for hygienic reasons during summer hours. The alcove features arched windows that could be fitted with sandblasted glass to allow light but maintain privacy. The plan allows for two sinks in both the men’s and women’s washrooms with one toilet in each and an added urinal for the men.

PIONEER PARK

Pioneer Park is going to be a very active place over the remaining summer months with both fundraising activities and family fun in the works.

For one more Saturday in July as dusk settles over this lakeside park a film will be shown under the stars. Families are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets to cuddle up and watch Despicable Me on July 30. Movies-in-the-Park will return in August with the movie Enchanted on Aug. 13 and something for the older crowd set for Aug. 27 when the classic Rocky Horror Picture Show will be presented.

The ever popular 5 KM Fun Run, Walk and Roll is scheduled for Aug. 1st. Please contact Ann Laudenbach for more info at 519 565-2733.

A new event for families, entitled Art in the Park, will be held on Aug. 6th followed by the Annual General Meeting of the Pioneer Park Association at 10 a.m. on Aug. 13.

PRESBYTERIAN

The fish will be frying on July 30th when the congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church holds their first annual Fish Fry at the Bayfield Community Centre.

The meal will be served from 4:30-7 p.m. Two salads, tomatoes, rolls, and a baked potato are sure to compliment the Lake Huron white fish. Delectable homemade desserts will finish things off nicely.

Tickets are $17 for adults; and $10 for children 11 years and under. Take-out will also be available. For tickets please call 519 565-2435, or email ggrant@tcc.on.ca, or consult any member of the Knox Church congregation.

TOWN HALL

The Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society in conjunction with the Goderich Celtic Roots Festival will be hosting an evening of musical entertainment as part of the Rural Roots Concert Series on Aug. 1.

Comas, with opening act Ashley Anderson, will take to the Bayfield Town Hall stage at 7:30 p.m.

Comas are a band firmly rooted in Irish music, but with enough space to allow in original compositions. Formed in 2003 the four members have performed together all across Europe and following their week at the Celtic Festival will be touring in the Eastern United States.

Translated from the Irish/Gaelic their name means power, Comas is said to be at the forefront of what traditional music is about today.

The number of toilets allotted for the women's washroom was a concern raised by members present at the Open House representing the Bayfield Lions' Club. The club has been operating public washrooms for the village at the Bayfield Lions' Community Building for a number of years and it is their experience that one stall would not be adequate at peak times.

Bill Rowat, president of the Bayfield Historical Society, wondered if space were found for the post office boxes in the current library building (that may be one day in the future home to an expanded archives) if more room could be provided for the public washroom area.

Skinner concurred that this could be possible if the post office boxes were moved elsewhere.

The exterior design of the building is reminiscent of many other buildings on the street with the entrances and windows sheltered by a large covered roof overhang and colonnade. The materials considered for use would be durable local finishes in keeping with the unique historical sense of place.

"The design shows stone but we are flexible to exploring different materials such as reclaimed brick," said Skinner, when asked about the finish choices.

Community groups such as the Bayfield Historical Society and Archives, the newly formed Friends of the Bayfield Library (FOBL) and the Bayfield Lions' Club all shared a common desire to reconfigure the plan for the area surrounding the building by keeping the "green space courtyard" planned for the front of the building and continuing it around to the back. The current plan calls for a paved parking and loading area at the rear of the building and a roadway to be established to the west of the current archives and library building to access this.

The group representatives noted that for 10 months of the year parking on Main Street is adequate and they suggested that spaces at the front of the building could be posted for both handicapped access, as well as limited time parking for both library and post office visits.

"If as a community it is felt that street parking is enough this would solve some of the loading issues and a green space park at the rear of the building is a wonderful idea and it would save money and trees too," said Skinner.

Roma Harris, chair of the FOBL, stated that the group is keen to work with others in the community to make a library community garden at the rear of the building. She also reiterated the importance of the multi-purpose programming room as it will be used for activities that will greatly enhance the contemporary library experience for the nine book clubs already operational in the village as well as for children's and family programming.

Ainslie Willock, of Bayfield, commented that a park at the rear of the building could be quite stunning and also a hotspot for internet access as this would fit in nicely with a modern day historic village.

The comments and feedback collected at the Open House will be discussed at a Municipality of Bluewater Council meeting in early August.

The custom design by Skinner and Skinner Architects has been developed under the direction and insight from the Huron County Library and the Municipality of Bluewater and in consultation with the Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce, The Bayfield Historical Society and The Bayfield Community Heritage Committee.

CYCLING TOWARD FULL-FIELD DIGITAL MAMMOGRAPHY

Bayfield will be the place to run, walk, cycle or purchase art in support of a full-field digital mammography unit for Huron County on Oct. 1.

Although most people aren't thinking of things to do in the fall with summer in full swing but now is the time to mark calendars for what is sure to be an amazing day of events held in an effort to raise a minimum of $10,000 toward the cause.

In fact the event is so big this article is the second of a series describing what will be happening at the Festival of Fitness and Art in Bayfield. This week we learn about what cycling opportunities will be offered for participants.

Tickets are available now for $15 adult; $10 youth; (or $18 at the door) by calling the Goderich Celtic Roots Festival Box Office at 519 524-8221 or emailing festival@celticfestival.ca or in Bayfield by calling 519 565- 2202 or 519 565-2894.

ANGLICAN

The Bayfield Antique Fair is set to open its doors for the 26th season at the Bayfield Arena, Aug. 5-7. The congregation of Trinity Anglican Church organizes this annual event with proceeds going toward church needs and outreach.

Professional antique dealers from across Ontario bring an impressive array of quality antiques and collectibles including: Canadiana, furniture, books, porcelain, ironstone, silver, estate and costume jewelery and antique toys - in short, something for everyone and every pocketbook.

The Gala Evening Opening Celebration is set for Friday, 7-9 p.m. This year the gala will feature nautical theme and will be hosted by the venerable Admiral Bayfield himself. Fine wine and assorted cheeses will be served along with appetizers from the village's stellar local restaurants. The talented members of Elliott's Liquidation Band will provide the musical entertainment for the evening.
Always a highlight of the weekend, those who attend the gala can mingle with the knowledgeable vendors, chat, browse and even purchase a unique item for their collection.

Gala tickets are available now for $10 in until Aug. 4 at 5 p.m. and then the price increases to $12. Tickets are $5 per day on Saturday and Sunday with the show hours being 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. respectively.

During the show refreshments and light fare can be purchased at the café; in addition to delicious home made sweets, sandwiches made from recipes past down by former tea room hostesses are offered.

According to organizers, the dealers love the show and bring beautiful antiques and collectibles, big and small, to suit every taste. For more information please call 519 565-2974 or visit their website at www.trinitychurch.bayfield.on.ca/antiquefair.html.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Photography is a passion best enjoyed when work can be shared with others and a talent best improved when surrounded by like-minded individuals. For these reasons some local photographers are exploring the idea of establishing a photography club in Bayfield.

"There are obviously a large number of good, and even great, photographers here and we could all benefit from each other's skills and talents, share

There will be two courses open to people depending on their fitness level. The event will begin at noon with registration check-in being held from 9-11:30 a.m.

The 45 km Course begins at the Bayfield Arena and meanders through the Huron countryside. All roads are paved. The terrain, while basically flat, offers regular climbs over moraines. The course runs parallel to Lake Huron with the lake in view at many points. The event ends in the village centre.

The 3 km Course is designed for those people wishing to participate while avoiding a more strenuous ride. The course is within the village on flat paved roads.

Cyclists can opt for either the 45 km or 3 km course.

For the 45 km route, participants who register in advance will pay a fee of $40. This fee increases to $45 on the day of the event. Youth under the age of 16 can register anytime for $10. Adults who wish to do the 3 km route can register for $20. Registration forms are available online at www.amghfoundation.ca/festival.php

This portion of the festival is sponsored by CKNX AM 920 in Wingham and Outside Projects of Bayfield.

ARCHIVIST WONDERS FROM WHAT SCHOOL HOUSE BELL ONCE RANG

The Bayfield Archives recently received a donation of a number of artifacts from the collection of the late Stu Atkinson from his daughter Elizabeth. The bell is in good condition, however, the rocker-arm, to which a cord to ring the bell would be attached, is broken off. (Submitted photo)

Bayfield's volunteer archivist, Ralph Laviolette is looking for the assistance of the community in identifying a recent donation to the Bayfield Archives from the estate of Stu Atkinson.

This school bell was recently donated to the Bayfield Archives from the estate of Stu Atkinson. It is intact and clearly shows the number five marked on it. Does

"We received a donation of a number of artifacts from the collection of the late Stu Atkinson from his daughter Elizabeth. One of them was a school bell," said Laviolette. "We thought that it might have come from the old Public School dismantled in the 50s, but that bell hangs happily amidst bird and bat droppings in the belfry of the Bayfield Town Hall."

According to Laviolette, the bell in the town hall appears to be of the same manufacture as Atkinson's bell but bigger. It is not known

interesting photos, set up challenges and hold workshops; whatever such a group might want to do," said Jack Pal.
Anyone who might like to join a local photography club and/or anyone with insights on how one might be best established here are invited to contact Pal at jackandpat@tcc.on.ca or Gary Lloyd-Rees at g.lloydrees@gmail.com.

DINERS' CLUB

Anyone who is 55+ years of age is invited to join the members of the Bayfield Diners' Club for their weekly Thursday lunches. Newcomers and summer residents are most welcome to join in the meal.

The meals are served at noon at the Bayfield Community Centre. The cost for the lunch is $8 per person. Anyone who wishes to enjoy the meal but cannot make it to the community centre is invited to order a take-out lunch.

Participants should call Betty Brodhagan at 519 565-4123 on the Monday prior to the Thursday lunch to inform organizers of their intention to attend or not to attend the luncheon.

The Bayfield Diners' Club is also looking volunteers to assist in the kitchen for the summer months. Anyone who can donate two hours of their Thursday morning to help prepare or serve the lunch would be most welcome and should contact Brodhagen at the number listed above.

CHAP

Village residents may be surprised to learn that they don't have to drive to a larger centre for heart healthy care.

Blood pressure measurement and monitoring sessions are being held right here in Bayfield as part of the Cardiovascular Health Awareness Program (CHAP).

The goal of CHAP is to promote cardiovascular health in the local community and to raise awareness about the importance of blood pressure monitoring.

Trained volunteers will help participants measure their blood pressure and complete a heart and stroke risk profile. A copy of these results will be given to the participant and, with their permission, sent to their family physician and regular pharmacist.

The sessions are run from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the third Thursday of every month, at Pharmasave Michael's Pharmacy.

To learn more please call local CHAP Coordinator, Kelly Webster, at 519-236-4373 ex 632.

FITNESS FUN

anyone know from what school this bell originated? (Submitted photo)

where or when Atkinson acquired this one, but it is known that he had it in his possession for quite some time. It is intact, showing the number 5 on its rim. However, the rocker-arm, to which a cord to ring the bell would be attached, is broken off.

“We hope one of the Bayfield Breeze readers can identify where it came from,” said Laviolette.

Anyone with knowledge of this historical treasure can email the archivist directly at bayarchives@tcc.on.ca.

TOASTMASTERS CAN HELP WITH THAT DAUNTING WEDDING SPEECH

Scot Little, a local real estate broker from Goderich, joined Clinton Communicators Toastmasters (CCT) in the fall of 2010 to improve his public speaking. His daughter was getting married in June, and as father of the bride, he wanted to make her proud.

In the months that followed, Little prepared his speech and presented it to the club members, who offered helpful suggestions for improvement. To give him one last opportunity to present his speech before the big event, the club held a special meeting with a wedding theme the week preceding his daughter's wedding. That meeting featured a mock wedding reception, where members of the head table gave speeches, with Little acting as father of the bride and other members representing the primary characters from best man to maid of honor. Flowers and chocolates decorated the tables, adding to the ambience and fun.

According to Dorothy Griffith, of Bayfield, who is in charge of public relations for the CCT, at the next Toastmasters meeting following his daughter's wedding, Little announced that his speech had been very well received. He stated that he'd felt so comfortable; he could have spoken even longer.

Now Little is in popular demand. This coming August, he has been asked to be the Master of Ceremonies at another wedding. To give him support and the opportunity to practice, Clinton Communicators Toastmasters is holding another wedding themed meeting. It promises to be an evening of fun and all are invited to join in as a wedding guest.

The meeting will take place at the OMAFRA Building, 100 Don Street, Clinton, on July 26 at 7:30 pm. During the summer months the club meets bi-monthly with subsequent meetings to be held on Aug. 9 and 30.

Beginning Sept. 6, the CCT will resume their regular meeting schedule. Meetings will be held on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 p.m. in the library of the Clinton Public School, 27 Percival Street, in Clinton (rear entrance). All are welcome to attend.

Toastmasters International is a non-profit club that helps members to develop their public speaking and leadership skills in a mutually supportive learning environment. For more information, contact Griffith at 519 565-2879 or email griffraser@gmail.com. To learn more about Toastmasters visit www.toastmasters.org

THIRTY YEARS OF GROWTH

Summer is here and now that all those good fitness habits have been established it is time to get out and enjoy not only the weather but a variety of opportunities to keep fit as well.

One Care is sponsoring several programs for both men and women to stay fit over the summer months. The following activities are scheduled to run from now until August.

Dancefit and Toning classes are held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 9 a.m. The cost is $40 for four months or $3 per class. The Sit and Get Fit classes are offered on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. The cost is $1 per class.
Both of these fitness opportunities are held at the Bayfield Community Centre.

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

A Yoga Class will be held at the Bayfield Town Hall starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays. New for the months of July and August is a Yoga Class to be held in Pioneer Park on Thursday mornings at 8:30 a.m. weather permitting. The cost for either yoga experience is $3 per class and participants are asked to bring a yoga mat.

Call 519 565-2202 for more information on the above exercise opportunities.

For those people looking to exercise their minds, Women’s Bridge is played every Wednesday at 1 p.m. No partner needed to play the cost is $1.50 per game. For more information call Brenda Blair 519 565-2881.

Mah Jongg games and lessons are also offered on the first and third Mondays of the month starting at 1 p.m. Call 519 565-2468 for more information.

Both Bridge and Mah Jongg are played at the Bayfield Lions’ Community Building.

Bayfield residents can join the Zumba craze as classes are now being held 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.

ZUMBA classes continue in the village with Instructors, Alison de Groot and Lorraine Dietz. One-hour classes are held Monday mornings starting at 9:30 a.m. at the Bayfield Town Hall and evening classes are held at the Bayfield Community Centre on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. For more information contact de Groot at bayfieldzumba@gmail.com.

IN MEMORIAM

Ted and Emma VanderWouden, owners of TE-EM Farm celebrated 30 years in the nursery business on July 3 with a special open house. In 1981 the couple moved from London and took over the business from Jake and Elsie Reder (seated), who attended the open house to congratulate the VanderWoudens. According to the TE-EM Farm website, at first they carried on as the previous owners had with four greenhouses and a few acres of fruits and vegetables. Over time, they expanded and now boast one acre of connected greenhouses, plus fruits and vegetables. (Photo submitted)

The community will be saddened to learn of the passing of Michael Diamond, of London, who resided in Bayfield for nine years following his retirement. He died at his home on July 14. He was in his 83 year.

Born in Leeds, England, he completed medical school and served as a paratrooper in the British Army. In 1958, he immigrated to Canada and practiced anesthesia in hospitals in both Quebec and Ontario. He was also a very active Freemason for 48 years.

His wife, Eunice, his children and grandchildren, survives him.

A funeral service was held on July 15 with interment in Or Shalom Cemetery in London. Online condolences can be expressed at www.loganfh.ca. In lieu of flowers, donations to a charity of ones choice would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy.

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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 or click on the image and make a comment on Flickr. You can view the entire Collection of Remember Me Photos: Volume 2 on Flickr as well.

This week, a photo taken at the Bayfield Post Office Box Building Plaque Ceremony is shown from August 1973. Does anyone recognize any of the folks in the crowd?

ISSUE 105

In Issue 105, we traveled back a few decades to when swimming attire was the utmost in discreet. Yes, these young ladies are sitting in the water. Records indicate that Lucy Woods is second from left, while her sister, Jean, is on the far right. Does anyone remember any of the other girls pictured?

ISSUE 106

In Issue 106, we recognized that the Bayfield Fall Fair is just weeks away with a fun photo taken during the fair parade in 1972. Records indicate that one of these well-dressed ladies is Betty Burch (nee Mustard) but which one?

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

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SOUTHERN ONTARIO THUNDERBIRD CLUB

ATTENDANCE RECORDS BROKEN IN THE SHADE

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

The Southern Ontario Thunderbird Club (SOTC) broke records for attendance at their 14th annual car show held in Bayfield on July 17.

One hundred and four cars registered for the event and then parked under the shade of the trees in Clan Gregor Square. In addition, eight other Thunderbird vehicles stopped in but did not register.

“This is the first time we ever exceeded 86 cars, it was a fantastic show and we are extremely pleased,” said Gord Robinson, SOTC president. “The location, the weather and the surrounding

The Southern Ontario Thunderbird Club held their 14th annual car show in Clan Gregor Square on July 17. This miniature Thunderbird sat atop its Torch Red 1955 counterpart. The car is owned by Theresa Roelens of Comberg, ON and is lovingly cared for by her husband, Greg.

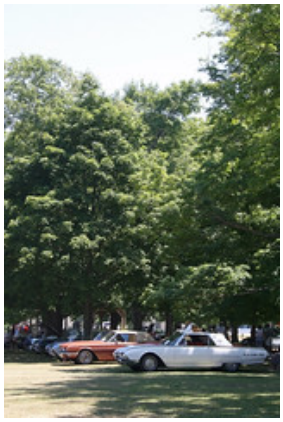
The SOTC saw record breaking attendance at their show on July 17 with over 100 cars registering. One of the more unique Thunderbirds on display was a 1975 Bricklin. It was made in Saint John, NB and is issue 1,732 of 2,850 made. The car has 2,900 miles on it.

shops, businesses and motels make it an attractive destination. Thank you Bayfield!"

All Thunderbird enthusiasts were welcome to this largest single gathering of the SOTC for the year. Participants didn't have to be SOTC members; anyone with a T-Bird could come into the park and join in the celebration of the club's 32nd anniversary.

There was music, door prizes, food and great fun for Thunderbird lovers both old and young. Once again the Bayfield Historical Society manned the food booth providing hotdogs and hamburgers to hungry Thunderbird fans.

Reg Kutasinski, of New Hamburg, ON (centre), chats with Karen Leggett and Lloyd Elrick of Cambridge/Hespeler, ON, during the SOTC car show held in Bayfield on July 17.



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This 1957 Thunderbird owned by Dean and Jan Thompson, of Thedford, ON, has the added benefit of a Bird Nest - Rumble Seat. The rumble seat is a rare feature and in this case it is a reproduction of what the original would look like.

Earl Jacques, of St. Thomas, ON (left), and Jim Aiken, of Mitchell, ON, parked their Thunderbirds side by side in Clan Gregor Square on Sunday. The two had a common hobby to chat about.

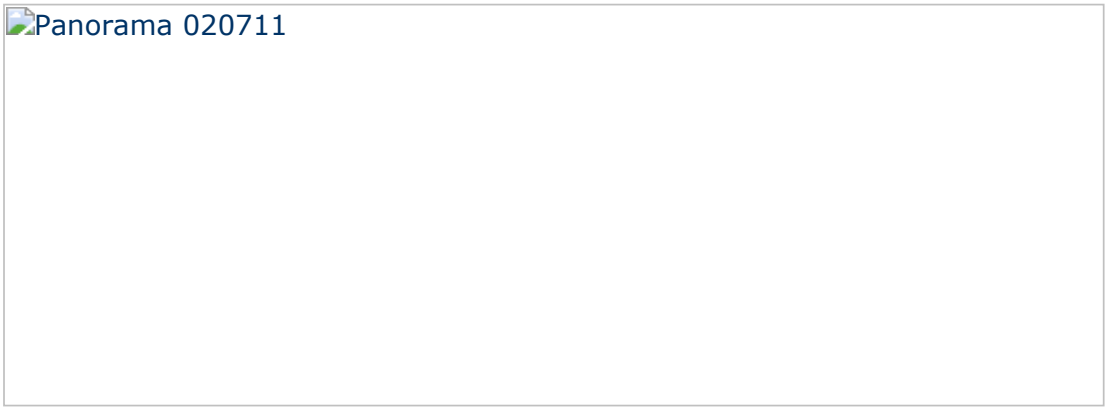
Thunderbirds come in a myriad of colors including this eye catching green. This 1956 Thunderbird is owned by Mary and Adrian Lavender of London, ON.

The 007 Ford Thunderbird was manufactured as a 2003 Limited Edition with 700 vehicles being made. Three of these Thunderbirds were in attendance at this year's show.

This 1956 Buckskin Tan Thunderbird is owned by Barry and Paula Carson, of Delaware, ON.

Clan Gregor was a busy place on Sunday afternoon as the Thunderbirds descent caused many curious people to come stroll through and look at the cars.

PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK



After the Rain (near Bayfield Harbour)...*by Dave Rooke*

Email your photo in Jpeg format to bayfield.breeze@villageofbayfield.com with the subject line Subscriber Photo of the Week. or...Upload your photo to Flickr.

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

Melody Falconer-Pounder

SUBMISSIONS

Canada is a country of extremes. We are a land of humidity and wind chills. Remember how we wished for a warm breeze when we trudged through the snow in -30C weather attempting to find our cars under piles of fresh snow? Did we complain about the cold? Of course, we did. And now? With humidity making it feel like 48C we're going to wish for a few snowflakes to cool us.

There is only one other time I can remember feeling heat like this and that was in the jungles of Belize touring Mayan Ruins. Our tour guide, a native of that country, even admitted it was hot for him. He carried a hand towel with him and blotted the sweat from his brow every few minutes. I who stood dripping in sweat trying to concentrate on his talk coveted that towel.

And now as this heat wave rocks Ontario where do I find myself headed? A simulated Serengeti, as my Guiding sisters and I head to the Toronto Zoo for Bush Camp at the end of this week. You can be sure I will have a hand towel at the ready. - 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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