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MANY "VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH" WORKED ON MAVIS' TRAIL BRIDGE PROJECT

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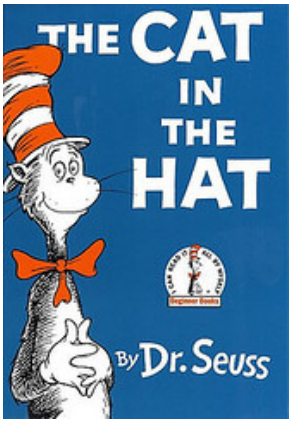

The Bayfield River Valley Trail Association held the Grand Opening of the Varna Nature Trails mid-day on Jan. 7. Thirty-five people stood on Scott Robeson's Bridge as many others gathered on the steps leading up to it to witness the official naming of the bridge. The engineers behind its construction were all extremely pleased with the bridge's debut. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER (PHOTOS SUBMITTED)

Dick Peever, of Goderich, his team of four and about a dozen volunteers installed eight piers, some of which went down about 30 feet, using the Ram Jack System.

The volunteers with the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) have established three walking trails within the village proper since the group was first envisioned in 2006. The Woodland, Heritage and Sawmill Trails have become an integral part of village society. In fact it is hard to remember a time when they weren't apart of the landscape. So beneficial have these trails proved to local folks that the BRVTA were encouraged to increase trail access within Bluewater by revitalizing two neighboring trails.

The BRVTA Development Team knew that several years ago the Turner and Taylor families were instrumental in building two walking trails at the Stanley Township Recreation Complex in Varna but they had to be abandoned because of maintenance and erosion problems.

In 2008, during the time while they were actively constructing the Woodland and Sawmill Trails, a group of the BRVTA volunteers went to Varna, explored the old trails and scouted out possible future, lower maintenance trail opportunities.

The Taylor Trail required only a bit of work to return it to a useable state but the Turner Trail, later renamed Mavis' Trail in honor of the late Mavis Govier (Turner), would require more effort. What to do with one problematic 65-foot ravine (on the 2.5 KM Turner Trail) that had to be somehow bridged was a conundrum for the Trail Development Team. (To learn how these projects began please visit the Bayfield Breeze Vol. 3 Week 2 Issue 131.)

Volunteers, Peter Westwood (left) and Peter Darbishire both have backgrounds in technical engineering which was used to great advantage when constructing the bridge. And as evidenced from this photograph, they didn't shy away from the heavy lifting either.

The bridge project alone would take over three years to complete and over 30 community volunteers – almost all of them grandfathers and some of them over 70 years of age - would step in at precisely the right time to help make it happen. When last we left this true tale of daring bridge construction the volunteers were busy carrying

Dr. Seuss is reportedly on the loose! All preschoolers are invited to help find Dr. Seuss as part of Family Literacy Day at the Bayfield Library on Main Street.

Moms, Dads, grandparents or caregivers can bring their preschoolers to the library on the afternoon of Jan. 26 and help them find the good doctor. Friends of the Bayfield Library (FOBL) will be on hand from 3-4 p.m. to help the librarian with readings and activities involving Dr Seuss. Children are encouraged to wear something red and bring a red marker or crayon. Cupcakes will be served and there is no need to register.

The FOBL has been created to promote the library as essential to the community's quality of life. As enthusiastic supporters, FOBL intends to enhance the profile of the Bayfield Library and to advocate for library services and programs. To become a member of the FOBL, please send an email to friendsofbayfieldlibrary@hotmail.ca or call Clair at 519-565-2135.

FESTIVAL OF SONG

Gail Grant, of Bayfield, would like to inform subscribers that the Aldeburgh Connection's 30th Anniversary Gala is to be held on Feb.19 at 2:30 p.m. at Koerner Hall, Royal Conservatory of Music, in Toronto. She shares that there are still a few tickets left for what looks to be a marvelous concert!

She would also like to remind everyone that if you can't make it to Toronto, brochures for this year's Festival of Song to be held from June 2 to 10 are to be available at Soup's On in February.

The 2012 artists have international careers and the community is so fortunate that Stephen Ralls and Bruce Ubukata have invited them to Bayfield. To whet your appetite: Adrienne Pieczonka,"Canada's leading operatic soprano"; Laura Tucker, mezzo soprano; and Phillip Addis, baritone, of Stratford, who was recently lauded in Paris for his "debut to remember" in Pelleas and Melisande.

This year, for the Bayfield Festival tickets will be available at The Village Bookshop, thanks to owner, Mary Brown's cooperation.

BAYFIELD READS 2012

The very popular Bayfield Reads, held in conjunction with CBC's Canada Reads, is back for 2012. Those who never miss this event should mark their calendars for Feb. 5 and encourage others to join in the fun. The debate, hosted by The Village Bookshop, will be held at the Bayfield Town Hall starting at 2 p.m. The cost to attend is $5 and tickets can be reserved at the bookshop after Jan. 18.

TOWN HALL

and pulling the beams and decking for the 65 foot bridge to the project site beside the gully on Mavis' Trail.

“Then we were told that a bridge wasn't possible on this site!” Dave Gillians, past president of the BRVTA recalled. “The soil around the stream is nothing but thousands of years of vegetation, mulch in other words. It would not support bridge piers. Besides we knew that cement and creosoted logs were out of the question for environmental reasons. The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority also warned us that even if we could use it, heavy construction equipment was out and that we could not disturb the stream in any way. Looked like we were at a dead end.”

It was back to the drawing board for the Trail Development Crew. During a brain storming session, one of the crew, Scott Robeson suggested the Ram Jack System. He had been an executive with Ram Jack Systems in Michigan and he thought that maybe this particular system would work in this situation.

BRVTA President Barry Detenbeck (right) accepted a donation toward the Varna Nature Trails revitalization from Jim Kirton, a supervisor of the Stanley Millennium Fund.

The Ram Jack System incorporates specially coated helical steel piles that are driven into the ground as far as necessary. It had been used in the area before as it was used to repair the walls of the Bayfield Marina a couple of years ago after the spring ice damaged them. It is also used to support buildings in Florida and other areas where regular construction techniques don't work very well. It is very environmentally sound and is the best option when used in a wet environment.

Robeson approached the company and Ram Jack Systems generously donated all of the piers and fabricated brackets that were used to create the bridge piers.

“Now we had a pier system that could be drilled one hundred feet into the ground if necessary but the next obstacle was how to get the specialized equipment to the work site?” said Gillians.

The answer was just a few miles up the road to the north as Dick Peever, owner of Maitland Valley Marina, is the dealer for Ram Jack Systems in this region. Robeson and Dave MacLaren approached Peever about helping with the project.

Volunteer, Dave MacLaren got down to the

On a cold and rainy day in March, Peever brought a team of four men and his specialized equipment to the bridge site and with the help of about a dozen trail workers, installed eight piers, some of which went down almost 30 feet. His equipment has a special meter that shows when solid soil has been reached and sufficient resistance is recorded. Once the bridge piers were finally erected Bill Makins and Jim Beatty devised a hoist system to lift the 400 pound beams into place.

“Without the generous support of Ram Jack and Dick Peever, there would be no chance that a bridge could ever be built on this type of trail. They saved the day and because it wouldn't have happened without Scott, we have named the bridge after him. He was also

All those who attend the next most anticipated event at the Bayfield Town Hall will be transported back to the era of the big band when a 1940's style cabaret will be held Feb.11 at 8 p.m.

Tickets are $10. There will be live music and dancing and a cash bar.

For more information and for tickets please call Judy Keightley at 519 565-4515 or Kate LLoyd-Rees at 519 565-4404.

TAKE TIME 2012

January and February days often seem longer than they are short so once again 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 fourth year of the “Take Time in 2012” programs will run from now to Feb. 6. 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.

In the past a registration coffee has been held to get the program going but this year that has been dispensed with. The cost will be $3 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.

On Jan. 16, the second session will take place at the Bayfield Town Hall, a change of location from the Bayfield Lions’ Community Building as was originally reported. The beauty of exotic flowers will be explored at this session hosted by the Church on Way. “Exotic Orchids made Easy” will be the topic shared by Master Gardeners, Leigh Selk and Sue Beatty. They will share their knowledge of types of Orchids, care, potting techniques and use in flower arrangements. These Master Gardeners emphasize that it is not difficult to learn to encourage repeated long-lasting blooms. The delights of growing Orchids will be further visualized by a 15-minute slide show. The coordinator for this session is Anne Laviolette, she can be contacted by calling 519 565-2454.

The following week, Jan. 23, the Take Time in 2012 programs will take a break to encourage everyone to go to the Bayfield Historical Society Dinner and Annual General Meeting to be held at St. Andrew’s United Church at noon. Tickets are $17 each and can be obtained by calling Pat or Bud Langley at 519 565-2894. Memberships for 2012 may also be obtained though the Langleys for $20.

The guest speaker will be well-known Goderich Optometrist Dr. Dean Nisbett who happens to be an avid and skilled sailor. He will tell those who attend

nuts and bolts of bridge construction.

named Trail Development Volunteer of the Month for that one!" said Gillians.

While the volunteers were anxiously waiting to learn if the idea to use the Ram Jack System was going to come to fruition they came upon another obstacle. They were told that they'd have to have proper engineering plans drawn up.

The answer to this roadblock was yet again found among the BRVTA volunteers. Peter Westwood, of Bayfield, has an extensive background in drafting and is an automotive structural engineer. He volunteered to do the bridge design and plans.

"He was the volunteer of the month for that one!" added Gillians.

The skills of yet a third BRVTA volunteer came into play to overcome the crew's next challenge.

"We were told that we would require a Civil Engineering firm's approval of our plans and sign off on all bridge work," said Gillians. "Philip Keightley, vice president and co-owner of BKL Engineering in Sarnia lives in Bayfield. He sometimes helps us out on an off day and he offered to take care of that obstacle."

Philip Keightley came out to the project site with Andrew Bicknell from the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority to reassure him that the plans were sound and that this bridge would work. In the attached photo, note the logs and planks that are ready to be incorporated into the construction process.

Keightley came out to the project site with Andrew Bicknell from the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority to reassure him that the plans were sound and that this bridge would work.

And he too was named volunteer of the month.

"Every time a seemingly insurmountable obstacle was thrown our way, some unanticipated solution came to the rescue. In a way it was magical and unlike anything I've ever experienced in the business world.

"But just as we started winning our technical and bureaucratic battles, we were concerned about money," said Gillians.

The BRVTA was erecting expensive signage, smaller bridges and boardwalks on the trails and their limited budget was being stretched. The phone couldn't have rung at a better time.

At the other end of the line was Sandra Turner, who along with Jim Kirton, were the supervisors of the Stanley Millennium Fund. The residents of Varna had raised the money for the ball diamonds and lights at the Stanley Complex and there was still a balance in the account. Turner and Kirton wondered if the BRVTA could use the money for the Varna trails.

"This boosted our morale in two ways. First of all, it reduced our anxiety about having sufficient funds to complete the job and secondly, and perhaps most importantly, it answered a niggling concern that we had since we started this project. Were we perceived as Bayfield people barging into Varna or did we have the support of the community?"

With all the pieces of the puzzle now fitting together it was time to get down to the nuts and bolts of it all – actual construction. It was at that time that another volunteer came along just at the right moment – yet another volunteer of the month recipient.

Peter Darbishire showed up on the scene with the apparatus needed to pull a trailer full of equipment and materials to the job site each work party. Darbishire is a retired engineer who sits on the Board of Directors of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority Foundation. He had expressed interest in helping the crew two years ago but circumstances had prevented his participation until this critical point in the project.

"Without Darbishire's support this project would have taken months longer to complete and many, many more chiropractic bills," said Gillians. "The two Peters - Darbishire and Westwood- with their technical engineering background, made our work so much easier!"

about his wonderful adventures sailing the Atlantic and the Mediterranean and beyond.

On Jan. 30, thoughts will turn to spring rejuvenation when Helen Varkamp of Huron, Hearth and Home, presents the topic, "Spruce Up for Spring" – a new look for your home. This session will be held at St. Andrew's United Church and Flo Keillor is the contact. For more information she can be reached at 519 565-2640.

The final session will be held on Feb. 6 at Trinity Anglican Church with Kate Lloyd-Rees and Judy Keightley. The duo will share their knowledge on the creation of quick and tasty appetizers. "Small Plates for Sharing" is the topic of this presentation. To learn more contact the session coordinator, Helen Latimer, at 519 565-2792.

FITNESS FUN

Time to start realizing some of those New Year's resolutions! One Care is sponsoring several programs for both men and women to keep up with their desire to stay fit.

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.

Starting on Jan. 20, a new Friday Stretching Class will be offered at 10:15 a.m. for approx. 45 minutes. This class is suitable for everyone and will cost $1. All of these fitness opportunities are held at the Bayfield Community Centre.

For the more adventurous among us, there is Pole Walking. Walks for women are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays while walks for men are held on Monday and Friday mornings All walks begin from 6 Main Street and begin at 8:30 a.m. 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. The cost for is $3 per class and participants are asked to bring a yoga mat. A time of quiet reflection and meditation follows the yoga class starting at 11:15 a.m. All in the community are invited to take part.

Indoor badminton is played on Monday evenings at 7 p.m. at the Varna Complex The cost is $3 each and no experience or equipment is required to play.

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.

From there the volunteers got down to the actual construction of the bridge - the nuts and bolts of the matter as it were. Each week, the Trail Development Crew never knew how many volunteers would show up but consistently 12-15 workers would be in the Stanley Complex, ready to go, whatever the weather.

“A project of this magnitude completed by professionals would have cost more than the municipality could ever afford and we were proud to be able to pull it off for only a few thousand dollars thanks to the thousands of hours of volunteer time,” said Gillians.

These volunteers understand what the BRVTA is trying to achieve. They want a healthier place to live, they want to be able to enjoy the natural beauty of this area throughout the year and most importantly they want this to be a legacy gift to future generations.

RETURN TO SENDER: CANADA POST "QUESTION & ANSWER"

The Bayfield Breeze has received some inquiries as to the new postal procedures that began in the village mid-December. So the Editor sent those questions and some of her own to Canada Post and received the following responses from Tom Creech, from Delivery Operations Communications based in London.

Approx. 325 Bayfield addresses were moved to the new outdoor boxes on John and Elizabeth Streets in mid-December. This has prompted some questions from residents. The Bayfield Breeze went to Canada Post for the answers. (Photo by John Pounder)

Q. How many Bayfield addresses were moved to the new outdoor boxes on John and Elizabeth Streets?
A. Approx. 325 – this is a mixture of customers who were at the postal box centre and some who were on General Delivery at our retail outlet. Customers who were on General Delivery were moved to either Community Mailbox service or to a box at the postal box centre. Some customers who had a box at the postal box centre are now receiving their mail from a Community Mailbox.

Q. How were the locations determined for these boxes?
A. The sites were selected with the assistance of the Town of Bluewater.

Q. It is my understanding that some people have been waiting a considerable amount of time to obtain a post box in the village. Will these people now be given a box in the Main Street office as some space has been created? Or are there plans for more outdoor boxes?
A. We now have enough boxes (either at the Community Mailbox sites or at the postal box centre) in place for our customers and to handle additional growth within a four or five block radius of the village’s centre. Delivery for any new major developments will be handled through Community Mailboxes located near the new growth areas.

Q. Is the creation of the two new locations part of the process of having the Main Street Post Office removed and the new one created within the confines of the planned Library construction?

Mah Jongg games are also offered on the first and third Thursdays 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.

Huron Ridge Acres would like to invite all in the community to participate in their Winter Walking Program - a terrific way to escape those winter “blahs”. On Tuesdays and Fridays during January, February and March the owners open the greenhouse from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for people to come and walk on the ice-free, snow-free sidewalks. Those who take part can enjoy the smell of things growing, and the sunshine on days when it shines, along with some relaxing background music. There is no charge – it is the Steckle’s way of saying thanks to the community for their support of Huron Ridge.

Are you still curious about ZUMBA? It’s about the way you move, the way you shake, and the way you workout. It’s time to dance and smile 2012 style! Come out and join Jamie for this energized Latin based fitness class on Wednesdays starting at 7 p.m. at the Bayfield Community Centre. The cost is $10 per class. Join the Zumba Bayfield Facebook group page for updates. To learn more contact instructor, Jamie Thomas via email at zumba.bayfield@gmail.com.

HEARING CLINIC

Have you heard the news? A new monthly hearing clinic is being established in the village at Pharmasave Michael’s Pharmacy. The next date for the clinic is Jan. 17.

The Kincardine Hearing Clinic will be offering their services on the third Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The clinic will offer: hearing aid adjustments and repairs to all makes and models, no cost hearing tests, new prescription of hearing aids, wax removal, hearing aid battery sales as well as hard of hearing assistive devices.

To book an appointment please call The Kincardine Hearing Clinic at 1-855-396-6026.

A. The same number of postal boxes, 545, which are at our current location will remain when the new library/postal box centre complex is built.

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, an image taken in Sept. 1956 is highlighted. Records indicate that Billy Williams and Mrs. John Sturgeon are riding in the buggy.

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

ISSUE 130

In Issue 130, members of the Bayfield Lions' Club took part in a fun little contest at one of their meetings. A few of the contestants have been identified from this picture taken in March of 1960. They are l-r: Grant Sterling, Grant Turner, "Miss Bayfield" Alf Scotchmer, ?, ?, and Les Elliott. It is believed that during this time period the Lions' Club meetings were held at the Martha Ritz on Main Street. Thanks to Barbara Beecraft and others for their help.

ISSUE 131

In Issue 131, an image of the Baptist Church as it looked in June of 1955 was featured.

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BAYFIELD RIVER VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION

ALONG MAVIS' TRAIL NO ONE MINDED THE MUD

About 100 people enjoyed the hike along Mavis' Trail on Saturday. Mild conditions made the trail a little muddy in spots but no one seemed to mind.

Part of the Grand Opening of the Varna Nature Trails held on Saturday was the official naming of the 65 foot bridge. Named after Scott Robeson (left) the plaque was unveiled by Robeson and BRVTA President Barry Detenbeck. The plaque reads, "His knowledge and contribution of the Ram Jack System installed by Dick Peever, of Goderich, gave us the foundation on which this bridge was built.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

The BRVTA Development Team knew that several years ago the Turner and Taylor families were instrumental in building two walking trails at the Stanley Township Recreation Complex in Varna but they had to be abandoned because of maintenance and erosion problems. Since 2008 the BRVTA has been working to revitalize these two trails. The Grand Opening was held on Jan. 7.

On the morning of Jan. 7 the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association volunteers learned how much their efforts were appreciated by both the communities of Varna and Bayfield when over 100 people came out to the Grand Opening of the Varna Nature Trails.

Mavis' Trail was the place to be on Saturday when the celebration for the Grand Opening of the Varna Nature Trails was held.

The day was sunny and mild and so many feet trekking across Mavis' Trail made the snow covered trail a little mucky but no one minded the mud on their boots. Crossing the engineering

Sandra Turner was surrounded by grandchildren on the hike along Mavis' Trail, named in honor of her late daughter, Mavis Govier (Turner). Taking a moment to sit on a bench placed in memory of Mavis at the scenic river overlook are Chace Turner, of Varna; Jessie Simpson, of Blenheim; Quin Wardell, of Lambeth; Sandra Turner, of Varna and Jacob Govier, of Varna.

Volunteer ingenuity and skills came into play when creating this 65 foot bridge across a ravine along Mavis' Trail. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

marvel that is Scott Robeson's Bridge and arriving at Mavis' Bench situated at a most tranquil spot overlooking the river made it a magical day for one and all.

A young hiker pauses to reflect on the view at the scenic overlook of the Bayfield River - a highlight along Mavis' Trail.

Named after area community activist the late Mavis Govier (Turner), this 2.5 KM looped trail offers a slightly more challenging walk to the Bayfield River and back. Its terrain varies greatly at each turn.

Along Mavis' Trail participants hiked through a towering deciduous forest.

The Turner family was out in strength on Saturday for the walk along Mavis' Trail. Sandra Turner is seen with some of her grandchildren including (l-r) Phoebe and Jessie Simpson, of Blenheim; Chace Turner, of Varna; and Quin Wardell, of Lambeth. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

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A RETROSPECTIVE OF VILLAGE MOMENTS AUG. 31 TO DEC. 21

A LAST LOOK AT BAYFIELD 2011

AUG. 31 - ISSUE 113 - BAYFIELD GUIDING MEMBERS ATTEND BUSH CAMP: After a night of sleeping in tents lulled to sleep by the plaintive call of the lions the girls were treated to a visitor to camp in the morning. Camp Leader Saralyn introduced them to Lenny the Fox Snake. Ashley Whelan, Nicole Kelly and Julie Chun enjoyed meeting and learning about this Ontario native who is on the endangered species list.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

With the holidays now past and a return to routine we take one last look at the year that was. This week Part III: Aug. 31 to Dec. 21.

Once again we have included a few of the lovely and supportive comments sent in by our subscribers. Thanks to all those people who have taken the time to share their thoughts, they keep us striving to produce better and better issues!

This week we highlight a very generous couple who in addition to their kind words have also chosen to support the Bayfield Breeze financially by giving a monetary donation to help us keep the issues coming to you each week. It is not necessary to purchase an advertisement to support this publication - donations both large and small will be graciously accepted and are always greatly appreciated.

Thanks also to our advertisers. In the last few weeks we have had a few new people join and we encourage our Subscribers to visit their websites

SEPT. 7 - ISSUE 114 - BAYFIELD ANGLERS' ASSOCIATION: BAA members Jeff Miller and Bruce Johnston (right) work together to load a cooler with fry.

SEPT 21 - ISSUE 116 - BRVTA SPONSORS LOCAL RUN: The 3rd Annual Terry Fox Run was held in Bayfield on the morning of Sept. 18 with 85 enthusiastic individuals running, cycling and walking to raise funds for cancer research.

(click on their ad) and consider them first when in need of a product or service.

SEPT. 14 - ISSUE 115 - BREASTWORKS: This whimsical piece was created by Gilbert Vandenheuval of Central Huron.

I have been meaning to write to you for some time...I just want to thank you and your co-workers for the wonderful job you do in sharing with us through the "Bayfield Breeze". We look forward each Wednesday to reading the news and seeing the beautiful photos submitted, you are very professional and I feel extremely blessed to be living in beautiful Bayfield. V. S.-D., Bayfield (Aug. 31)

SEPT. 28 - ISSUE 117 - BIDS 4 KIDS: A golfer hand carved by Ed Hoekstra, of Bayfield, is sure to charm bidders who will be raising funds not only for local youth but the Make-A-Wish Foundation and Goderich Tornado Relief as well.

I would really like to take this opportunity to say how much I love The Bayfield Breeze and the positive, caring ethos of the paper. Your kindness shines through in all the articles which, in this cut throat world, is truly refreshing. Thank you. J.K., Bayfield (Sept. 1)

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OCT. 5 - ISSUE 118 - FESTIVAL OF FITNESS AND ART: Cyclists enjoyed a beautiful scenic ride through the village and the Municipality of Bluewater. (Photo by Dennis Pal)

OCT. 12 - ISSUE 119 - BAYFIELD LIFESTYLE+: Located just south of the village, the Bayfield Mews community broke ground in 2007. Currently there are 24 town homes constructed with plans to build 31 more units as well as an activity centre.

NOV. 9 - ISSUE 123 - REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICES: Paul Laverty, of The Royal Canadian Legion, Clinton Branch #140, carried a flag with a message that speaks volumes.

I look forward to reading the "happenings" around Bayfield. A superior piece of journalism. J. S., Stratford (Oct. 8)

NOV. 30 - ISSUE 126 - ADVENTURE ABOARD QUEEN OF THE LAKES: "Guess who they let steer the Paul R. Tregurtha in the middle of Lake Superior," said Phil Gemeinhardt during his presentation to the Bayfield Historical Society on the evening of Nov. 28. "Well, it was really on automatic pilot but it makes for a good picture."

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Breeze. I am so proud of our community and all the wonderful people in it, your contribution is a major part of what makes Bayfield so special. Keep up the great work! E.R., Bayfield (Dec. 21)

DEC. 14 - ISSUE 128 - BREAKFAST WITH SANTA: Niv Reid Lifshitz was fascinated by Santa's beard.

Just a quick note to say what a great job you do. As a newcomer to this community I have found it very informative and enjoyable. The photography

OCT. 19 - ISSUE 120 - LION'S TROUT DERBY: The weather did not really cooperate for the Bayfield Lions' Club's 33rd annual Joe Brandon Memorial Rainbow Trout Derby with 16 mm of rain, high winds and temperatures ranging from 7-15 degrees Celsius from Friday to Sunday noon.

OCT. 26 - ISSUE 121 - ARCHIVES' ROOM UNDERGOES FACELIFT: A number of new artifacts have been acquired at the Bayfield Archives, the most popular of which is an old homemade diving helmet donated from the late Stu Atkinson's estate. In this photo, Bayfield Historical Society President, Bill Rowat, tries on the helmet while Archivist Ralph Laviolette mans the bicycle pump which supplied air to the helmet wearer during underwater exploration.

is exceptional. Thanks again and best in 2012. L.R. Bayfield (Dec. 21)

DEC. 21 - ISSUE 129 - HOME FOR CHRISTMAS: The Optimist Club of Bayfield provided a free copy of the featured book to those families who attended with children. Tara Hessel and her son Hudson Hessel-Cairns followed the proceedings along using their book.

Paul and I enjoy our Bayfield Breeze very much. It makes us feel that Winnipeg isn't so far away from Bayfield. Thanks you again for all you do. Judith Taylor & Paul Metcalfe, Winnipeg, MN (Jan. 4)*

DEC. 7 - ISSUE 127 - BAYFIELD LIONS' TURKEY BINGO: Lion Tom Dawe sells Share the Wealth tickets to attendees at the Bingo.

** Individuals who have made donations to the Bayfield Breeze.*

NOV. 16 - ISSUE 124 - CHRISTMAS IN BAYFIELD: Santa's arrival caused quite the commotion with large numbers of children vying for a place on his lap and parents and grandparents ready to take a picture of their big moment on the old gent's knee.

Melody Falconer-Pounder

SUBMISSIONS

I must take a second look at the calendar – it is January right? Are we experiencing the January thaw without having really experienced the frozen part? I'm having trouble adjusting to March weather in January. I overdressed for the hike on the Varna Nature Trails on Saturday – three layers were about two too many and turned into three layers of perspiration by the end of the walk. I've barely worn my winter boots and have reverted back to my autumn jacket. I'm not complaining about this open weather mind you, I'm just finding it a bit curious.

And the 14-day trend isn't helping, with a range of daily highs from 4C to -5C and nightly lows from 1C to -7C with a few flurries scattered about, who knows what to reach for in the closet? Best to keep it all close at hand – scarves, mittens, shorts and sneakers – 'cause this winter even Wiarton Willie's going to have trouble making sense of it all. - Melody

Ideas and contributions to the Bayfield Breeze are always welcome.
Deadlines for submissions are Sundays at 4 p.m.

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