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BRENNAN'S WORKSHOPS GUIDE PEOPLE 'OFF BEATIN PATH'

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GARDEN CLUB

The Bayfield Garden Club members are gearing up to hold their annual Plant Sale on May 11.

Donations of plants, in pots and labeled will be accepted at the Kale residence, 55 Victoria Street on May 10 from 6:30-8 p.m.

The sale itself will be held on the South Side of Clan Gregor Square, across from the Bayfield Town Hall, on the Saturday from 9-11 a.m. Organizers note it is a good idea to come early for the best available selection.

AMGHF LECTURE SERIES

Maggie Brennan, of Bayfield, is now running workshops that will help people be their own advocate when making choices in their daily hygiene routine or when cleaning their households. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Maggie Brennan, of Bayfield, is now running workshops that will help people be their own advocate when making choices in their daily hygiene routine or when cleaning their households. The first session, NON-Toxic 101 will be held May 25 in Clinton.

Brennan will lead three Do-It-Yourself style workshops over the course of the summer. Plans are in the works for a Vegan 101 Workshop in June and a Green Cleaning 101 Workshop in August.

The first workshop NON-Toxic 101 will concentrate on deodorants, bug repellent, room and body sprays. Brennan feels that it is a timely topic considering bug season is almost here.

“I want to help people connect with the fact that what you put on your body goes into your body and must be filtered by your body,” said Brennan.

Use of deodorants and antiperspirants is something that Brennan feels very strongly about as these are applied directly to the underarms and as a result the lymph nodes can be affected.

“Sweating is the most important thing you can do to get rid of the toxins and antiperspirants prohibit that. There are natural approaches you can take to reduce perceived body odor – using deodorants made with natural ingredients and also what you eat or drink.”

Participants in the workshop will have the opportunity to make their own 100 per cent natural, organic and chemical free products, approximately $40-50 worth of product. They will also receive the recipes and can purchase the ingredients directly from Brennan to maintain their own supply of the products in the future.

Brennan has spent years researching what goes into everyday household cleaners and hygiene products and she will share that knowledge with the workshop participants. She will also teach people how to decipher the product labels and inform them about what they should be avoiding when making their selections.

“Some people put 20 to 30 different products on their body before they head out the door in the morning whether it be the laundry detergent they used on their clothes to the moisturizers on their body, sprays in their hair, make-up on their faces. This all adds up and it is just too much.

Pharmacist Michael Ibrahim, of Bayfield, will be one of the featured presenters at the next in the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Foundation’s (AMGHF) “Words of Wellness Lecture Series on May 23.

Ibrahim, along with Pharmacists Mark Aitken and Shelley Van Aaken will speak on the topic, “Rx for Your Health” – optimizing medication use in the community.

This evening will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Huron County Museum in Goderich. Tickets are available at Pharmasave Michael’s Pharmacy in Bayfield or from the AMGHF office, 519 524-8508. The cost is $20 per person.

CHURCH YARD SALES

Victoria Day Weekend has become synonymous with Yard Sales in Bayfield. Two such sales will benefit local churches.

Knox Presbyterian Church will hold a Yard Sale on May 18th from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to finding some gently used bargains visitors can also enjoy lunch. The barbecues will be fired up to cook hotdogs from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On May 17-18, the congregation of Trinity Anglican Church will also be holding a yard sale as well as a plant and garden sale.

GIRLS' GETAWAY WEEKEND

Calling all ladies! The Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring its first ever Girls' Getaway Weekend, May 31-June 2.

Ladies have the choice of accommodation/meal packages at The Red Pump Inn, The Little Inn of Bayfield and Deer Park Lodge Resort. The weekend includes a Friday evening "welcome" cocktail party. Shop, relax on the beach or take in one of the optional Saturday morning activities - hiking, cycling, yoga, historic walking tour and an art workshop.

Local businesses are looking forward to welcoming ladies to Bayfield for the weekend and many will be offering special discounts and perks.

Already have your own home or cottage, but would still like to get in on the fun? No problem! “Local” women are invited to register for the Friday night cocktail party, Saturday morning activities and Saturday evening dinners. Also, The Red Pump and The Little Inn are offering special Friday evening dinners anyone who wishes to attend a Friday evening dinners should contact them directly to make a reservation.

Register online at bayfieldgetaway.ca. And be sure to check out the Girls Getaway Weekend in Bayfield

We need to take a step back and be conscious of what we are putting on our bodies and hopefully in the long run it will help," she said.

In Vegan 101 participants will make their own lip balm, body butter and hand crafted soap.

"The ingredients will be tailored to suit the needs of the individuals with regards to their skin types and their preferences of scent," she said.

In Green Cleaning 101, those who register will be able to make their own non-toxic cleaning products.

There will be a limit of six participants per workshop. The first one, NON-Toxic 101 will be held on May 25 at 19 Albert St. in Clinton from 1-5 p.m. Ten per cent of all proceeds from the workshops will be donated to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society of Canada in memory of Brennan's brother, Gerard and her father-in-law, Walter.

Gerard, a carpenter by trade, died three years ago from a rare form of Lymphoma at the age of 49 years and although Brennan has been advocating for healthier choices for herself for years her brother's journey was what really inspired her to pursue the path to educating others.

"He called me Margo. He encouraged me to start a cottage industry and said I should call it 'Off the Beatin Path', so he named the business, and I can still hear him saying, 'Just do it, Margo'. Part of what I can do for others is his legacy to me."

Another aspect of 'Off the Beatin Path' is Brennan's talent for drum making. Her brother, as a carpenter, guided her in the process when she first started creating them in the late 1990s.

"Medical research continues to find that drumming has a healing affect on our bodies, mind and spirit," she said. Thus the DIY Workshops lend themselves to her long-time passion for creating drums and instructing others in how to do so.

In July, Brennan will be hosting two drum workshops at the Grand Bend Art Centre where individuals will have an opportunity to make their own drums. Coffee Tin Drums for Kids will be held on July 26 and a two-day Drum Workshop for Adults will be held on July 27-28. The registration deadline for the adult workshop is May 28. Please call the Grand Bend Art Centre at 519 872-7824 to register.

For more information on both the DIY Workshops and/or the drum making sessions please call Brennan at 519 565-5075 or find her on Facebook at 'Off the Beatin Path'.

JEFFERSON TAKES FIRST PLACE AT GOLF TOURNEY HELD IN TORONTO

Facebook page.

MAYOR'S BREAKFAST

The Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) Executive is hosting the annual Mayor's Breakfast on May 17 at the Bayfield Town Hall.

Mayor Bill Dowson, Bluewater Council members, Ben Lobb MP and Lisa Thompson MPP will be attending and giving updates plus there will be an update on the current and future projects of the BACC.

The guest speaker this year is Cultural Development Officer, Rick Sickinger, from the Huron County Cultural Services Department. He will be speaking on the development of a cultural plan in Huron County, and the value of the many cultural assets in Bayfield and area that were revealed through the mapping process that was completed last year.

Huron Tourism Marketer, Jenna Ujiye, will also be giving an update on the current season.

DaVinci Ristorante will be providing breakfast this year, along with some special treats from the newest additions to Main Street - The Pink Flamingo Bakery and Charles Street Market.

There is no charge for tickets for BACC members and guests or interested business peope in the Bayfield area, however, all tickets must be reserved in advance of the event. Donations will be collected for the Bayfield Food Bank (Feed My Sheep). The BACC appreciates and recognizes OLG for sponsoring this event.

To reserve tickets please email Roger Lewington at rlewington@tcc.on.ca as soon as possible.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Bloodless Battle of Bayfield is the next theatrical undertaking of the village's merry band of thespians.

The production is a fundraiser for the Bayfield Historical Society and a new play written by Judy Keightley and Dave Gillians.

This next installment in the history of Bayfield will draw audiences in to a time when local men and women were preparing to rage battle against the dreaded Fenians.

Performances of The Bloodless Battle of Bayfield are set for May 24 and 25 at 7:30 p.m. and May 26 at 2 p.m. at the Bayfield Town Hall. Tickets cost $15 and are available from Sandy Scotchmer, at 519 565-2830 and Barbara Brown, at 519 565-5187. Refreshments will also be available at the performances.

Bayfield's Drake Jefferson started his season with a win in the Boys 14 and Under division at a Canadian Junior Golf Association (CJGA) tournament held in Toronto at Royal Woodbine Golf Course on Apr. 27-28. A CJGA official presented him with a trophy following the competition. (Submitted photo)

Bayfield's Drake Jefferson started his season on a positive note at a Canadian Junior Golf Association (CJGA) tournament held in Toronto at Royal Woodbine Golf Course on Apr. 27-28.

The tournament for the Boys 14 and Under division proved to be a tight race, as just three strokes separated the first place finisher and third. Jefferson managed to keep a clean scorecard on the final day, opening his round one under par on the front nine. On the back nine, shooting five over par for a round total of 75, Jefferson took home his first CJGA title of the year.

"It feels good to win," said Jefferson. "I played well coming into the event, and I knew if I kept the ball in play I would have a good chance of winning the tournament."

He shot a two-day total of 152 (+10) to win by one shot over Jason Chung of Thornhill, ON. Chung shot a final round of 73, which was the low round of the day for the field. Chung's two-day total of 153 (+11) earned him his first CJGA trophy of the year. In a tie for third was Damon Crane of Oakville, ON and Nathan Douglas, of Thornhill, ON both shooting a two-day total of 155 (+13).

FLEA MARKET RETURN SURE SIGN THAT SUMMER IS NEAR

Summer must be just around the corner. A sign that it is near is the opening of the Flea and Farmers' Market in Agricultural Park. Word has it that vendors will be setting up on Sunday, May 12. New vendors are always welcome.

The Bayfield Agricultural Society (BAS) Executive has set up an opportunity to tour the Suntastic greenhouses in Exeter on May 9 at 2:30 p.m. Members are invited as well as friends of the BAS. Anyone who is interested should contact a BAS Director so that Suntastic can have sufficient staff available for the tour.

The next meeting for the BAS will be May 13 at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church. Everyone is welcome to hear how the plans for the 157th Bayfield Fall Fair are unfolding.

UNITED CHURCH

The St. Andrew's United Church Women (UCW) will be hosting their annual May Pole Luncheon at the church on May 15. Continuous seating will be offered starting at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are $12 per person.

The Stewards of St. Andrew's would like to remind people of their upcoming Yard Sale on June 15 and to ask them to consider donating items to the sale as they empty closets and cupboards as part of the spring-cleaning ritual.

GLEE SISTERS

The Glee Sisters have almost wrapped up singing for the season but there is one more opportunity left to see and hear them.

Their last performance of the season will be May 24, at 2:30 p.m. at the Bluewater Rest Home in Zurich. There will be space for visitors and a social time will follow.

BRVTA

The executive of the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association would like to remind everyone that in accordance with their agreement with their trail landowner partners, the Woodland Trail will be closed from now until May 31 as a precaution during the spring Wild Turkey Hunt.

Other local trails such as the Sawmill Trail, the Varna Nature Trails, Bannockburn and Naftel's Creek Conservation Areas will remain open; all offer wonderful opportunities for walking.

CHURCH ON THE WAY

The Church on the Way will be hosting a Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) retreat at The Bayfield Lions' Community Building on the weekend of May 17-18.

VMTC is an international ministry serving in nine countries. According to the retreat brochure, they are a scripture based, Holy Spirit led ministry of healing and deliverance, bringing people into wholeness.

The retreat is for anyone looking to be refreshed and renewed spiritually.

The weekend will begin on the Friday evening from 6-9 p.m. and continue on Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. The retreat will be an interactive workshop with teaching and prayer, times of fellowship and reflection. A qualified team of lay people and ordained leaders will facilitate the weekend.

There is no charge for the retreat but offerings will be accepted to cover expenses. Gifts of $20 or more will

"One change that will be announced is that Craig Douglas, who has been part of the entertainment for many years, cannot attend but a magician will be taking his place," said Doug Yeo, BAS president. "Saturday night entertainment is quite different this year with ribs being available at the beginning of the evening and then music being the focus for the remainder of the night. The highlighted band for the evening will be announced shortly."

FUNDING EXTENDED FOR DRINKING WATER PROTECTION PROJECTS

Grant funding has been extended into 2013 to help local property owners near municipal wells to complete projects to protect drinking water in the Ausable Bayfield Maitland Valley Drinking Water Source Protection Region (ABMVDWSPR). Conservation authorities for the Maitland Valley and Ausable Bayfield watersheds have announced that grants are available in 2013 through a date extension of the Ontario Drinking Water Stewardship Program (ODWSP) delivery in the region.

"We are very pleased that the Province of Ontario has extended the date that property owners in our area can benefit from this program," said Kate Monk, Stewardship and Conservation Lands Supervisor at Ausable Bayfield Conservation. "Landowners are improving their properties and protecting their community's drinking water and the extension of Ontario funding in this region will continue to help them do that."

Property owners in vulnerable areas around municipal wells have been protecting local drinking water sources, since 2007, through voluntary projects such as well and septic upgrades and improved storage of chemicals, nutrients, and fuel. The drinking water stewardship program has supported them with grants covering the majority of that work. The newly-announced funding is only available for projects completed this year, or before drinking water source protection plans take effect (as early as autumn of 2013), so landowners are encouraged to talk to staff members soon about projects to be done in the spring or summer seasons this year. There is a limited amount of funding available, and it will be awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

The 2013 extension of funding includes more than $250,000 in grants for landowner projects to reduce risk to drinking water where significant drinking water threats have been assessed. These threats could include land use activities near municipal wells, such as septic systems, storage of chemicals, storage or application of nutrients, or storage of home heating oil or other fuels. Grants are provided to landowners who undertake projects to address activities on their property that may pose a significant threat to a municipal source of drinking water.

Property owners can find out if they are eligible by looking online at assessment report maps for their community at sourcewaterinfo.on.ca or they can phone 519 335-3557 and ask for Donna.

Local homeowners, farmers, business people, and other property owners in the region have received nearly $800,000 in grants so far for their work that protects municipal drinking water sources. Eligible projects include wells (upgrades or decommissioning), septic systems (upgrades or decommissioning), fuel storage (such as better containment for home heating oil), storage and containment of harmful chemicals (dense non-aqueous phase liquids), manure storage, runoff and erosion control projects, and other best management practices.

Many local people get their drinking water from municipal wells drawing water underground, from aquifers. Those communities have wellhead protection areas around their municipal wells. Communities with wellhead protection areas in the ABMVSPR include Atwood, Auburn, Belgrave, Benmiller, Blyth, Brucefield, Brussels, Clifford, Clinton, Dungannon, Gowanstown, Harriston, Listowel, Lucknow, Molesworth, Palmerston, Seaforth, Whitechurch, Wingham, and Zurich. Other wellhead protection areas include the Harbour Lights, Carriage Lane, Sam, and Vandewetering well supplies near Bayfield; the McClinchey and Kelly well supplies south of Goderich; Century Heights wells, near Saltford; and the Huron Sands well, north of Port Albert.

The ODWSP is one of the ways the Province of Ontario is protecting municipal drinking water sources. The program is part of the Clean Water Act, 2006. The drinking water source protection program, including planning and stewardship streams, is implementing key recommendations of the O'Connor Inquiry. Source protection, combined with effective testing, receive a tax-deductible receipt.

For more information or to register please contact Helen Harvey, administrator for VMTC Canada, at 519 236-7871.

LIONS' CLUB

To some people, their Dog Guides are their eyes, to others, their means to live independently.

On Sunday, June 2, the Bayfield Lions' Club will once again be hosting the annual local "Purina Walk for Dog Guides" to raise funds so that more Canadians with disabilities may have a Dog Guide. Although Dog Guides cost approximately $25,000 each to raise and train they are provided at no cost to eligible program participants. This walk takes place in 250 communities across Canada.

Canines and their humans are invited to dedicate one hour to take part in the walk.

Dogs are now being trained to offer six different kinds of support: Canine Vision, for people who are blind or visually impaired; Hearing Ear, for people who are deaf or hard of hearing; Special Skills, for people with a medical or physical disability; Seizure Response, for people with Epilepsy; Autism Assistance, for children with Autism Spectrum Disorder; and Diabetic Alert, a new Dog Guide offering as of this year.

The walk will start from behind the Bayfield Arena at 9 a.m. Registration and check-in starts at 8:30 a.m. Participants can also register and obtain pledge forms on-line at www.purinawalkfordogguides.com or by calling Lion Jerry Stirling at 519 482-7625 or Pal at 519 565-5340.

People do not have to have a dog to take part in the walk. Anyone who would like to make a pledge toward the overall Bayfield total can do so. Donations over $20 will receive a receipt for tax purposes.

After the walk, the human participants will be treated to free hot dogs, cookies and coffee while the canines have an opportunity to compete for prizes that have been donated by Purina.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

Following the positive feedback on the quality of photographs included in the 2013 Bayfield Calendar, the Photography Club of Bayfield (PCoB) will again be coordinating the photographic submissions for the 2014 Bayfield Calendar.

This year the PCoB are looking for photos that, in addition to being recognizably of Bayfield, also reflect the many different aspects of the village. Some suggested topics are: beach or marina scenes, the artistic side of village life and views of historic buildings and sites.

training, treatment, monitoring, and distribution, reduces risk to municipal drinking water sources by providing multiple barriers of protection. The Province of Ontario committed $28 million over four years through the voluntary stewardship program to assist owners of homes, farms, businesses, and municipalities, to protect municipal drinking water. Stewardship funding under ODWSP has included Education and Outreach; Early Actions; and Early Response phases. Early Response funding is available in the ABMVSPR and has now been extended for 2013. Projects completed this year, and before the implementation date for source protection plans, will be considered.

For more information on this funding opportunity, to help protect the local water supply, visit sourceprotectionstewardship.on.ca and sourcewaterinfo.on.ca or phone 519-335-3557 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610 or e-mail stewardship@sourcewaterinfo.on.ca.

BANNOCKBURN FALL HIKE INCLUDED IN CHALLENGE

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) is one of Ontario's conservation authorities offering events as part of the Healthy Hikes Challenge.

"Ausable Bayfield Conservation is excited about Healthy Hikes as a way for people to have fun, get active, and improve their physical health and their state of mind," said Supervisor of Stewardship and Conservation Lands, Kate Monk.

Conservation authorities and their partners have taken the first steps in a brand new effort to get Ontarians to improve their health – in both body and mind – by taking a hike as part of the Healthy Hikes Challenge. The Healthy Hikes initiative runs until October 31. The project will highlight the many ways our environment boosts human health and how Ontarians can energize their body and mind simply by spending more time in nature. Ontarians are encouraged to take the Healthy Hikes Challenge by registering online and then recording their time spent hiking in the more than 270 conservation areas owned and operated by conservation authorities across Ontario for a chance to win prizes.

One of ABCA's Healthy Hikes is the Bannockburn Fall Hike. This popular autumn hike is celebrating its 40th year in 2013. The fall hike at Bannockburn Conservation Area takes place on Sunday, Oct. 6 from 1-3 p.m. Bannockburn Conservation Area is located between Bayfield and Brucefield, north of Varna, at 76249 Bannockburn Line. A number of generous community partners are supporting the Bannockburn Fall Hike in the 40th anniversary year.

Participants in the Healthy Hikes Challenge may take part in the contest by visiting healthyhikes.ca and logging time spent hiking or walking at any conservation area in the province of Ontario that is owned and/or operated by one of Ontario's 36 conservation authorities. Anyone who attends the Bannockburn Fall Hike, or another Healthy Hike event in Ontario, can also earn 200 bonus points.

The Bannockburn Fall Hike is free but donations are always appreciated. The hike will provide you with a chance to speak with conservation staff members and hike trails. You are encouraged to 'lug a mug,' to reduce waste, and enjoy local apple cider. Local apples will also be available for a snack. For information on the Bannockburn Fall Hike and other hiking and walking opportunities, visit abca.on.ca or healthyhikes.ca

There are already close to 60 events in the province-wide calendar, and many more are anticipated throughout the Healthy Hikes project. From 'brain boost' hikes, healthy lifestyle days, geocaching events, various guided hikes, and a Mother's Day yoga event, there is something suitable for every age and fitness level, according to Conservation Ontario.

There are $2,500 worth of prizes up for grabs for Challenge participants, and the grand prize, a $1,200 Merrell gift card, that was donated by Merrell, the world-renowned producer of trail gear including hiking footwear.

"Evidence suggests that spending time outdoors can provide many health benefits including increased energy and immunity, increased weight loss and fitness, increased Vitamin D production, reduction in symptoms of anxiety and depression, and a reduced risk of diabetes, heart attacks and cancer," said Kim Gavine, general manager of Conservation Ontario, the organization that represents Ontario's 36 conservation authorities.

Images can be sent to the dedicated Flickr site at http://www.flickr.com/groups/bayfieldcalendar2014/. Anyone who is not a regular user of Flickr can email their digital photographs directly to the PCoB at bayfieldpc@gmail.com.

SAIL AND CANVAS FESTIVAL

The Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce's Sail and Canvas Festival will celebrate its 11th anniversary on the weekend of June 15-16. The Sail and Canvas Committee are excited to have exciting, fresh talent and veteran exhibitors lined up to showcase their work.

Some fun family friendly activities are also in the works for the festival and the Sail and Canvas Committee could use some help in preparing for one of these – a craft that will transform pop can tabs into jewelry!

But first they need the pop can tabs – lots of them. If our subscribers would be so kind as to start saving these, colored ones in addition to the regular silver tabs, it would be very appreciated. They can be dropped off at Inspirations on Main Street or South Shore Marina during regular business hours from now until festival weekend.

FILM SOCIETY

The Bayfield Film Society's new season is now underway and with the updated audio-visual equipment at the Town Hall the society film nights promise to be even better.

The spring schedule includes the films: Inch'Allah, May 9; and The Intouchables, June 13. Tickets are available now. They can be obtained by calling Lynne Gillians at 519 565-5884.

OPTIMIST CLUB

The Bayfield Optimist Club now has all their ducks in a row for the Making A Splash Campaign. Their next fundraiser for the cause is a Rubber Duck Race to be held on May 19.

The race can be best viewed at the South Pier of the Bayfield Harbor – the plastic waterfowl will be set free at 1 p.m.

Tickets are now available from club members and are selling for $5 each or five chances for $20. Only 750 ducks will be "sold" and to date over 225 have already been claimed – so don't wait to the last minute to purchase.

The grand prize at the duck race will be a Duras Rubber Dingy, along with two life jackets and a safety kit. Pat and Ron Reder, of Bayfield Marine Services,

Conservation authorities collectively own more than 2,500 KMs of trails and the conservation areas they operate help protect ecologic features such as wetlands, forests, rivers, streams and Great Lakes shoreline, all of which contribute in invaluable ways to our overall health and well-being.

Healthy Hikes Challenge partners include Conservation Ontario, Trees Ontario, Ontario Trails Council, Bruce Trail Conservancy, York Region, Ducks Unlimited Canada, David Suzuki Foundation, the Canadian Mental Health Association and local conservation authorities.

“We have had amazing partners come on board,” said Gavine. “They are hosting or partnering with conservation authorities on events, promoting activities, and providing some great online resources related to the health benefits of spending time in nature.”

For more information on Healthy Hikes, the available prizes, challenge rules and regulations, events, and how to participate, visit healthyhikes.ca.

NEW OWNERS LOOK TO RESTORE OESCH HOMESTEAD

The Oesch Homestead, 73407 Goshen Line, in the Ward of Hay East. (Submitted photo)

The mandate of the Bluewater Heritage Committee (BHC) is to promote the preservation and maintenance of architectural and/or historic buildings, cultural landscapes and natural heritage features. It is an advisory committee of the Municipality of Bluewater.

This issue the history of the Oesch Homestead, 73407 Goshen Line, in the Ward of Hay East, is provided.

Jason and Lisa Hayter have a plan to restore a log house on Goshen Line, north of Zurich, that no doubt could tell tales about the first German families to settle in Hay Township.

The great-great-grandfather of Gladys Bechler, of Goderich, was the owner of the log home. She recently provided information on the property to the heritage committee.

The original 100-acre parcel of uncleared land was purchased from the Canada Company in 1861. Three children of John and Barbara Oesch, who had emigrated from Bavaria, Germany were the purchasers. Their parents had been the first Germans to settle in Hay Township approximately 10 years earlier.

The 100 acres were split amongst them: 84 acres to Menno, eight acres to Rudolph and eight acres to sister Barbara. Menno’s acreage changed hands a couple of times, landing back in his grandfather John’s hands in 1911. He, and Anna Theiler, raised nine children there over the next 42 years.

are the generous donors of this $1,000 prize. Bayfield Garage has donated a remote control car for second place; and the Albion Hotel, a Nike golf bag, for third.

Money raised from the race will go toward the campaign to create a Splash Pad in Clan Gregor Square.

FITNESS FUN

One Care sponsored Pole Walking is a popular fitness opportunity in Bayfield. Walks for women are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays and walks for men Mondays and Fridays. The start time is 8:30 a.m. Co-ed Pole Walking is also held on Sundays at 9 a.m. Walks depart from 6 Main Street, after walking, 10 minutes of stretches are conducted in beautiful Clan Gregor Square. The women will continue to go off the beaten path on the first and third Thursday of each month. Please check on the previous Tuesday to see where the group will be going or call 519 565-2202.

Stronger Seniors co-ed classes are offered at the community centre on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m.

There will be an exciting new Zumba Gold Class taught by Jamie Thomas twice a month on Wednesdays - May 8 and 22, June 12 and 26. This will begin at 9 a.m.

A Gentle Yoga Class is held at the Bayfield Town Hall starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays. The cost is $4 per class and participants are asked to bring a yoga mat.

For more information on the above exercise opportunities call 519 565-2202 or 519 565-5638

Bechler's parents, Pat and Mary (nee Schwartzentruber), lived on the farm for 34 years and raised eight children. The children attended SS No. 9 Blake School. The family attended Zurich Mennonite Church. Bechler's father had all of the buildings – barn, shed, pump house, hen house and log house – severed from the farmland. He also had the log house covered with Insulbrick in the 1940s. Future owner, Alec Campbell, of the Toronto area, had this removed once again exposing the logs inside and out.

The property was sold to Bill Westman from Granton, ON, who sold it to Campbell, who in turn sold it to a Mrs. Dallas from the Brucefield area. The Hayters purchased the property in 2009.

** Information compiled by Jean Bennett, Bluewater Heritage Committee Member, with additional material provided by the Hay Township History Book.*

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 Colina Street residence identified to be "The Shack" once owned by Lucy MacLeod as it looked in 1969. Records indicate that it has also been known as the Churchwood Cottage.

ISSUE 199

In Issue 199, this house at 21 Louisa Street was featured. Notes on the photo state that John Falconer lived here for many years but in 1969 when the image was taken the Johnston family were the owners.

Geoff Fellows wrote in to share some more history about the property, "My parents bought this place from Mrs. Johnston (or her estate) in the late seventies, and used it as our family cottage for about ten years. It was a collection of additions on to the original piece in the front, which is quite old, with low ceilings and tiny little bedrooms upstairs. My grandfather, former Reeve George Fellows, lived next door, and my great grandparents, Winnie and Fred Fraser lived over the back fence. Rev. George Youmatoff built a new house on the lot to the South of this place in the early 1980s."

Another subscriber shared that in the 1980s the house was owned by Jan and Arlene (Rodgers) Koch. She also noted that the current owners are Terry and Carolyn Brophy.

ISSUE 200

In Issue 200, Neil Duffy was kind enough to send us this image of his home at 16 Bayfield Terrace. He, and his wife, Leslie, purchased this home in 2008.

This photo was taken in 1922, the year the home was built by Harold and Holley Prim. Robbie Webb's grandfather, among others, helped to build it. The home was known as Holley Lodge and the couple rented rooms in the summer. Doug and Winnie McDonald purchased the property in 1976. The McDonald's used it as their weekend home during the time that they lived in Etobicoke, Alliston and Clinton. They did eventually retire to Bayfield. If anyone has any other history to share it would be most appreciated.

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

This photo was taken in 1928 and three of the individuals are identified to be Vera Sprague (older lady), Mrs. "Tony" Trippe and Holley Prim.

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SHARE PHOTO STORY

SPRING IN THE VILLAGE

THE ART OF TREE REMOVAL ON MAIN STREET

Main Street Bayfield was alive with activity on the morning of May 6 when Taylor Tree Service, of Grand Bend, a division of Arbortech Professional Tree Care, worked with Cameron Crane, of London, to remove a dead English Walnut from the rear of The Red Pump Restaurant. The tree was taken out in sections. The removal of a large horizontal limb is pictured here.

Adam Beer and Trevor, the crane operator from Cameron Crane, of London, communicated by radio during the tree removal. The crane was capable of lifting 70 tonnes.

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The Village of Bayfield's Heritage Main Street is blessed with several Grand Dames offering shade to tourists and locals alike as they dine in fine eateries and shop in boutiques with cosmopolitan flare. But what is to be done when one of these nearly 100 year-old beauties dies? Well, in the case of the English Walnut tree that graced the back garden of The Red Pump Restaurant you gingerly lift it off the property with a crane and a crew of experts.

The removal of the English Walnut began around 10 a.m. on the morning of May 6. Taylor Tree Service, of Grand Bend, a division of Arbortech Professional Tree Care was given the task. They enlisted assistance from Cameron Cranes, of London, to provide the heavy lifting for the project.

The crane operator extended the boom of the crane over the building so that Will Guthrie could hook the block onto a section of tree for removal.

Ken Adams and Fred Tanton guide a large tree limb into the chipper.

Taylor Tree Services, a division of Arbortech Professional Tree Care, and Cameron Crane, set up shop along Main Street in Bayfield on Monday morning to remove a large tree from the backyard of The Red Pump Restaurant.

Fred Tanton operated the chipper during tree removal operations.

The crane's boom was fully extended to lift the first section of tree safely over the building and onto Main Street.

According to Adam Beer, from Taylor Tree Service and crew leader on the project, using the crane for removal was the “quickest, safest and most economical way to do it.”

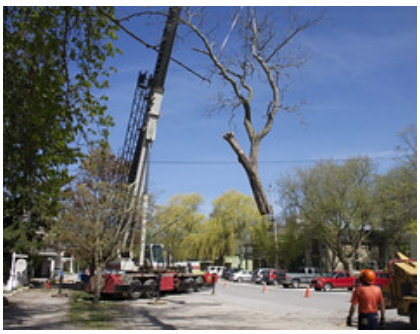
“There was a lack of space in the backyard to climb it and drop it as you usually would. It was up close to the back of the building and had a three-foot trunk. It also had a huge horizontal limb over the flat section of roof,” said Beer.

It was guessed that the tree was probably between 90-100 years old and as it had a completely dead section in it, it was also a concern as to how it might fall if felled the traditional way.

Beer said, “It was a fairly difficult removal due to the tree location. The crane operator couldn’t see the tree so we had to rely on radio communication while we were doing the cutting.”

The crane was capable of lifting up to 70 tonnes. The tree was removed in sections. The last piece removed was the trunk and it alone weighed 4,100 lbs.

Beer was very pleased with how the removal went. “It went off without a hitch,” he concluded.



The crane operator's job was made more difficult as he could not see the tree. So he therefore relied on radio communication to guide the sections safely over the roof. He then laid it gently down on Main Street for the crew to start disposal.

Will Guthrie was given the task to climb the dead tree to secure the limbs and trunk for removal and attach the sections to the crane.

A second section of English Walnut is lifted over the roof of The Red Pump Restaurant.

Nick Pawelec, Ken Adams and Fred Tanton worked from a Main Street location to dispose of a large tree

Adam Beer let the sawdust fly as he worked quickly to cut the English Walnut into more manageable sections.

Nick Pawelec, Adam Beer, Fred Tanton and Ken Adams work quickly to dispose of a tired old English Walnut removed by crane from the back yard of The Red Pump Restaurant on the morning of May 6.

Adam Beer and Fred Tanton use chainsaws to cut up larger portions of the tree before the wood is sent through the chipper.

Ken Adams guides a large limb through the chipper.

removed from the backyard of the Red Pump on Monday.

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SUBMISSIONS

I survived Screen Free Week! Television proved an easier habit to break than I thought it might be. Giving up the computer was harder to do. I did still check emails and Facebook once in a while because that is how a lot of people contact me for the Bayfield Breeze and the groups and charitable projects I always seem to find myself immersed in. But I did avoid any internet surfing to seek out the answers to those curious questions that sometimes pop up over the course of the day.

So what did I do with my week? Well, I got caught up on some reading and also finished my family scrapbook for 2012 – plus I even ate a few meals at the dining table instead of on the couch in front of the television – so all in all I completed the week with a sense of accomplishment. And now that this issue is complete instead of the usual chill time in front of the tube I think a magazine is calling – progress! - Melody

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

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