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LILACS GRACE LIBRARY LAWN

The Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) donated two trees that were planted in front of the new

LIONS' CLUB

A staple village event for Victoria Day Weekend is the Bayfield Lions' Club's Annual Community Breakfast. It will be held May 19 from 8 a.m. to noon at the Bayfield Arena.

Pancakes with local maple syrup, eggs, sausages, home fries, orange juice, toast and coffee are on the menu. Quite the bargain for the price: adults, $7; children, six to 10 years, $3; children five and under, free.

RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

Directors Ainslie Willock, Paul Hill and Carol Thornley-Hall invite village residents and property owners to the Bayfield Ratepayers' Association's Spring General Membership Meeting on May 18 at 10 a.m. at the Bayfield Lions' Community Building (Room #2). Those who attend will hear updates on

Bayfield Library location on May 8. Preparing to plant were l-r: Gary Kerslake, of Gold Coast Landscaping, Roger Lewington, president of the BACC, Steve Baker, BACC board member; and Whitney Dawe of Gold Coast Landscaping. (Photo by John Smallwood of the Virtual Highschool)

Two White Ivory Silk Lilac trees now grace the streetscape in front of the new Bayfield Library on Main Street due to the generosity of the Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC).

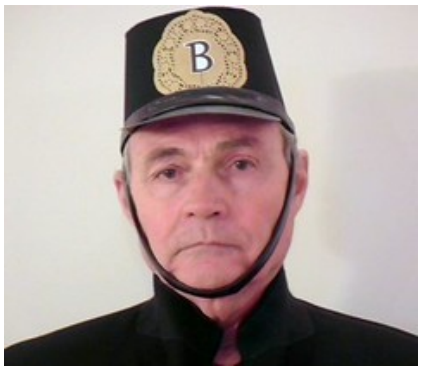
Gold Coast Landscaping, a BACC member business, planted the trees on the boulevard in front of the library on the afternoon of May 8. The trees are consistent with the overall redevelopment plan for Main Street that was completed for the Municipality of Bluewater in 2003 and updated in 2010.

Managing Director, Cultural Heritage, Wendy Shearer, of MHBC Planning, Urban Design and Landscape Architects, has been the principal designer for the project and she recommended the Lilacs because of their year round appearance, white blossoms, copper leaves and overall growing height of six meters. Height is a concern due to the overhead hydro lines.

"The Main Street improvement plan is an important project for the BACC, because of the importance of Main Street to the tourist industry in Bayfield, Bluewater and Huron County. Re-establishing the trees and boulevards are required to rebuild the cultural and heritage charm of the village that makes it appealing to visitors and residents" said Steve Baker, BACC board member as well as a Main Street business owner as principal of the Virtual Highschool.

"The BACC is pleased to provide two trees as some trees were lost during the library construction. They will be a nice addition to the street and library location, especially as so many trees have been lost on Main Street. The overall project was identified as of key importance to the economic vitality of the village in the BACC Business Retention and Expansion Study, " said Roger Lewington, president of the BACC.

HISTORICAL FIGURES AND COMMUNITY ICONS PORTRAYED



Dave McLaren will take on the role of community icon, William Wellington Connor.

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.

Local talents will take on the roles of some historical figures and community icons. Greg Stewart has been cast as John A. MacDonald. Dave McLaren will take on the role of William Wellington Connor.

The year 1866 wasn't the best for John A. MacDonald. His personal life was in shambles. He was drinking too much. His plans for a united Canada were falling apart. Worst of all, a bunch of rowdy American Irishmen were threatening to conquer Canada. Still he tried to remain positive despite all of the bad news.

He said, "When fortune empties her chamber pot on your head, smile and say, we are going to have a summer shower!"

William Wellington Connor was one of the first fifteen settlers to establish himself in Bayfield in 1835. He was 26 years old and spent the following 54 years of his life helping to shape and create the Village of Bayfield.

In 1836 Connor was appointed Clerk of Works for Stanley Twp. He founded the Orange Lodge #24 in Bayfield in 1845. Lodge 24 became the most influential Orange Lodge in Huron County. John A Macdonald was also a Lodge member and, indeed, the Orange Lodge was attributed to being an important influence on his government.

village issue as well as have the opportunity to ask questions.

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. A bake sale will be also be a highlight on the Saturday morning.

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 430 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, 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.

TOWN HALL

The First Annual Bayfield Town Hall Community Lunch on May 27 promises participants great food and good fun.

Community members are invited to attend, share a meal with their neighbors, and watch a presentation about what the Bayfield Town Hall contributes to the village lifestyle.

The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the town hall. Tickets are $10 a person and are available by calling Pat McDougall at 519 565-2572.

Connor was married to Jane Rutledge. For many years he was not only a leader of the community but also was the Justice of the Peace for Bayfield. Connor became the owner of The Exchange Hotel on the corner of Main and Catherine Street. The Exchange was torn down in 1878 and The Queens Hotel was built. This later became The Ritz on the site of the present day Virtual Highschool.

One of Connor's most significant contributions came in 1865 when he was 56 years old. Since he had previous military experience in the British army before coming to Bayfield, Connor was made the commander of the Bayfield Militia as they prepared for the Fenian invasion of Canada.

Greg Stewart will portray John A. MacDonald in the upcoming production of The Bloodless Battle of Bayfield. (Submitted photos)

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.

VARNA COMPLEX SITE FOR BLYTH FESTIVAL SINGERS CABARET

The Blyth Festival Singers will once again be hosting their annual Dinner Cabaret and Silent Auction at the Varna Complex on June 1. (Submitted photos)

The Blyth Festival Singers have sung their way round the world this year and are returning home in their latest performance to be held June 1.

The singers' popular Dinner Cabaret and Silent Auction will once again be held at the Varna Complex. The choir will explore their "Canadian Connections" during the evening.

The doors of the complex will open at 6 p.m. with an open bar and a chance for attendees to get their auction bids in early. The renowned meal will be served by 6:30 p.m. followed by music, fun and merriment in a lively cabaret concert, ably emceed by veteran Duncan McGregor.

All the music will be Canadian and what a wonderful line-up of music is scheduled, everything from traditional ballads to rollicking and humorous songs from Ontario and across the country.

The singers swell with Canadian pride as they welcome David Archibald to their lineup. Archibald is a singer, songwriter, music producer and playwright in addition to being the cabaret's guest performer this year.

Archibald produced the very first recording of pop star Avril Lavigne. His pop music recordings on the RCA label are just one aspect of his versatile repertoire. He has also written a full length multi-media astronomical symphonic piece entitled "Symphonia Galactica" for the Kingston Symphony and was commissioned to write and perform "Schubert: The Man and His Music" for the Genessee Symphony Orchestra in New York.

On May 20, just prior to the date of the luncheon, members of the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society will have the opportunity to hear all the happenings of the past year as their Annual General Meeting will be held at the hall at 3 p.m.

LIBRARY FRIENDS

The Friends of the Bayfield Library (FOBL) has been created to promote the library as essential to the community's quality of life.

Anyone wishing to learn more about what the FOBL is doing should plan to attend their Annual General Meeting on June 8 in the Library Community Room. The meeting shall begin at 10 a.m.

The membership fee for the FOBL is $10, to join please email friendsofbayfieldlibrary@hotmail.com.

AMGHF LECTURE SERIES

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.

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.

His music is regularly featured on CBC radio programs such as The Vinyl Café, Morningside, Fresh Air, Ontario Morning, and Radio Noon. An avid composer and children's performer, he has also performed on CBC television and Sesame Street.

Archibald has also co-written several plays. "The Perilous Pirate's Daughter", in collaboration with Anne Chislett, premiered at Blyth Festival and moved to the Thousand Islands Playhouse. "Love & Larceny", co-written with Douglas Bowie, premiered at Thousand Islands where Archibald had been musical director and composer for the Young Company for several years.

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Closer to home, he recently completed one of his award winning song-writing workshops with students from Clinton Public School. And now he is back for a second year of "Dear Johnny Deere" on the Blyth Festival stage.

But Archibald's greatest body of work embraces Canadian history and culture and the natural landscape. National Parks have commissioned him to write and record collections on their natural and cultural history. Resulting recordings include "Pukaskwa: Songs of Superior", for the National Park on Lake Superior, as well as "Savannah, Sand and Butterflies" for the Pinery in Grand Bend, and "Legends and Lore of the Charleston Shore" for Charleston Lake Provincial Park. "Spirit of the Inland Sea" reflects on the marine heritage of the Great Lakes. "St. Nora's Tower" and "Titanic: Pride of the White Star Line" are other memorable recordings which embrace history and marine culture. His interactive live performances in parks across Ontario have become camper favorites. This is the kind of music he will be sharing at the cabaret and the singers couldn't be more thrilled to perform with him!

Tickets are available at the Blyth Festival Box Office at 519 523-9300, The Dutch Store in Clinton, Finchers in Goderich and the Brussels' Citizen Office or from any member of the Blyth Festival Singers. A limited number of tickets may even be available at the door, tickets for the evening are $25 for adults; $12, for children under 12.

The Blyth Festival Singers is a non-auditioned, community choir under the professional direction of Robert Blackwell. Averaging between 40-50 singers, the choir began in 1980, under the umbrella of the Blyth Centre for the Arts. Since then the singers have performed in Huron County and beyond, striving to present a high standard of choral singing. The Blyth Festival Singers are proud to have 104.9 The Beach as their media sponsor.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL CHOIR TO PERFORM AT TRINITY CHURCH

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.

WALK FOR DOG GUIDES

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.

CHURCH ON THE WAY

The Church on the Way will be hosting a Victorious Ministry Through Christ (VMTC) retreat at The

Trinity Anglican Church is hosting a special performance by the St. Paul's Cathedral Choir from London, ON, June 9th. They will perform as part of a Book of Common Prayer Choir Evensong beginning at 5 p.m.

"We are delighted to have them so generously offer their time to us to perform this unique and elegant piece. I especially appreciate this rare opportunity, as I have myself never actually heard it performed," said Rev. Wayne Malott, Bishop's Vicar at Trinity Anglican. "A talented ensemble, they recently completed a Choral Festival with the choirs of St. Paul's Cathedrals of Detroit and Buffalo."

The choir shares its musical ministry outside the cathedral when it travels, on some ten or so Sunday afternoons each year. At those times, they sing evensong or present a concert in the parish churches of the Huron Diocese – parishes which may be celebrating significant milestones in their history or perhaps just enjoying the opportunity to attend choral evensong in the Book of Common Prayer tradition.

The Choir's membership is by audition. There are currently around 22 members.

"This evening is open to all who would enjoy this beautiful and spirit filled Anglican service," said Rev. Malott.

A good will offering will be taken during the evening.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY MEMBERS TOUR SUNTASTIC

BY DOUG YEO

About 16 people took the opportunity to tour Suntastic Produce in the greenhouses east of Exeter on May 9. The head grower led the tour and told the group that there were 55 acres covered in glass or plastic. That's when everyone realized it was going to be a long walk to see everything.

They hire up to 120 people at peak times. About 25 local people work there. The cucumbers filled five acres and take the greatest amount of labor. Every day they pick cucumbers, remove leaves, and clip new growth to the vertical lines. They put in two crops a year because of its shorter life span. Carbon Dioxide is piped in along each row of cucumbers to optimize their growth.

They grow red, yellow, and a few orange peppers. These areas were definitely warmer since they needed the heat for ideal growth. All of the retail companies buying from them demand a large pepper. These could be seen throughout the acres of peppers.

The tomatoes were the only ones needing bees for pollination. They grow clustered tomatoes, cocktail tomatoes, tiny tomatoes, and a few yellow tomatoes. As the vines grow the older vines are wound along the base. It was interesting to learn that the tomato plants were grafted onto native or heirloom rootstalk.

Pests were controlled through natural methods as much as possible with few sprays ever used. They do spray the greenhouses after the crop is totally removed. The plants are started on coconut hull material through which all the water and nutrients flow, thus all the plants are grown hydroponically. About 30 percent of the water is recycled and they attempt to reuse as much as possible. Different materials are used on the plastic or glass to control the type of light coming in depending on the time of year. Wood chips are used to produce the carbon dioxide and heat from boilers in the winter. Heat is provided from water piped in under the floor of the greenhouses.

The packing plant was the coolest part of the tour. The crops are graded and packed according to the orders being shipped out. All produce must be labeled to trace where it was grown.

It was impressive as to the size of the operation just a short distance from Bayfield. Now the group will be looking for Suntastic on the tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers in our local stores.

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 receive a tax-deductible receipt.

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

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 is looking for exciting, fresh talent to showcase their work.

Artists, artisans and digital artists who would like to participate should email a short bio and website address to milligan@cabletv.on.ca. If potential participants do not have a website they should email seven to 10 jpeg images of their work instead. Please put Sail and Canvas Committee/ Artist Participation in the subject line. The deadline to apply is May 31.

A committee will determine an artist's acceptance in the festival. Artists not affiliated with a Bayfield art gallery must pay a $50 registration fee. This fee confirms their participation in the festival, helps advertise the weekend, ensures artists have a volunteer to watch over their set-up during breaks, an artist reception and coffee from the Bayfield cafes. The fee is non-refundable.

Artists are responsible for their own set-up. This involves a tent or umbrella structure, a way to hang work, a table, a chair and working materials. On Saturday, set-up would begin between 8-9 a.m. with artists working from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. An artist reception would follow at 5:30 p.m. On Sunday, artists are expected to work from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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

LEVEL 1 LOW WATER ADVISORY LIFTED AFTER SIX MONTHS

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) Water Response Team (WRT) has announced that the current Level 1 Low Water Advisory has been cancelled for the entire watershed area of the ABCA as of May 10. The Level 1 Low Water Advisory has been in effect since December of 2012 due to the dry conditions experienced last autumn as well as below-normal precipitation in March of 2013.

Stream flow had been improving due to snowmelt events through January and February but monthly rainfall totals for March ranged from only 15-35 millimetres (mm) across the ABCA watershed. Rainfall totals were, on average, 50 per cent of normal for the month of March and well below the Ontario Low Water Response Program's precipitation indicator of 80 per cent.

Monthly rainfall totals for April, however, ranged from 139 -170 mm across the ABCA watershed. Rainfall totals were, on average, approximately 200 per cent of normal for the month of April and this has resulted in stream flow levels that are close to normal for the first part of May.

Groundwater levels in the shallow aquifers have shown improvements since last autumn although they are still below normal for this time of year.

Water Response Team (WRT) Chair Mike Tam said that it was good to get the extra precipitation in April to bring stream flow back to normal levels for this time of year.

"Starting with normal stream flow at this time of year, we hope that near-normal precipitation will occur over the summer to avoid any potential water shortages," he said.

The WRT was formed in 2001 in response to the low-water conditions that year and the team has been active ever since. The WRT includes representatives of major water users, such as, aggregate industries, agriculture and vegetable growers, and golf and recreation. It also includes local municipal representatives and staff of provincial departments, such as, Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources; Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food; and the Ontario Ministry of the Environment.

ABCA staff members will continue to monitor rainfall and stream flow data and keep the public informed of any changes in watershed conditions. Visit www.ontario.ca/lowwater for further resources on the Ontario Low Water Response Program or ABCA website at abca.on.ca and view the dynamic low-water advisory tool which alerts people to low-water advisories in effect in the watershed.

A HUMBLE BEACH ABODE

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.

AT THE GALLERIES…

As Main Street dusts off its winter pallor the local galleries come to life with new artists and exhibits. We have details from both JMR Art Gallery and Patina Studios to share with subscribers this week.

Angela Lorenzen, a regular contributor to the walls at JMR Art Gallery will be in house on Sunday, May 19 for a special reception as part of the gallery's Featured Artist Series.

Lorenzen, of London, ON, is considered a high-realism artist and new work from her will adorn the gallery walls. Her work will be juxtaposed with the work of guest artist, Dawn Lavoie, whose delicate hummingbirds and nature artwork are sure to delight all who visit.

This latest installment in the Featured Artist Series previews on May 19 and closes June 9.

Patina Studios is pleased to share that they will be featuring the wood creations of Kitchener artist Julian Bratu at the gallery.

Bratu was born in Romania but has been a resident of Kitchener for three decades. His love affair with wood began very early. As a young man he was trained as a cabinet-maker and worked making hand crafted furniture for medieval castles in Europe. He also began to learn about carving wood and the ancient art of Marquetry.

Since escaping from Romania in 1980 and landing in Canada, he has continued to create in wood including, hand carved cabinets, five-foot high carved maple panels, lathe turned vessels of spalted maple, birch and walnut, candlesticks and lovely framed marquetry landscapes.

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

What do Dads do with their children on a summery spring day? They head down to the Bayfield Beach and construct a fort out of driftwood. On Apr. 27, these Dads posed with their creation, from l-r: Ryan Price, James Steadman and Dennis Roy. The children are testing out the fort - if you look closely you can see Ben Price peeking his head out the window. (Submitted photos)

Driftwood proved to be even better than Lego when constructing a fort on the beach.

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 Facebook page!

FITNESS FUN

A challenging, yet accessible, Vinyasa Flow Yoga Class is now being offered at the Bayfield Community Centre on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:45 p.m. Yoga teacher, Jennifer Reaburn recently moved the classes from the Bayfield Town Hall and would like the community to know that drop-ins are welcome. The drop-in rate is $12; there is also a flexible 10-class pass available for $100.

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ISSUE 200

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 in 1969 when construction was being done to join two houses together to make one. The only notes with the picture say, "Westlake near Turners"? Anyone have any information on this home to share?

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

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.

The 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.

ISSUE 201

In Issue 201, 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.

SHARE PHOTO STORY

NEW TO BAYFIELD BUSINESS

LOCATION CULMINATION OF A DREAM FOR BROTHERS

Brothers, Darcy and Dan Rathwell, and their families are very excited about their new digs. Gold Coast Landscaping and Garden Centre has recently taken root along Hwy. 21 just south of Bayfield.

A large retail space is just one of the highlights at Gold Coast Landscaping's new location.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

Gold Coast Landscaping has a new home and the location is the culmination of a dream for brothers, Darcy and Dan Rathwell.

“They had their eye on this location for years so it is a dream come true for them,” said Darcy’s wife, Caroline.

“We’d drive by this location everyday and imagine what it could be so we’re very happy to be here,” said Darcy.

Here is 75526 Bluewater Hwy., just south of Bayfield, a nine acre property with lots of room for piles of mulch and soil, as well as nursery stock. It also had an existing building that proved perfect for the business to move into as well as the added bonus of a tired, old mini-golf course that the brothers already have plans to rejuvenate.

Gold Coast Landscaping began in 2001 when Darcy started a small lawn care business. He studied landscaping at Lambton College in Sarnia and as a result his business began to evolve. In 2007 his brother, Dan, joined him and they incorporated.

Until now, home base for the company had been at the family farm in Varna, ON.

“With our location there we didn’t feel we were satisfying our existing customers. There was a lot of traffic in and out but we were off on job sites working so we were missing people that stopped in and having to deal with returning messages at night. We weren’t growing like we felt we could,” said Dan. “Now with this new venture we are working hard, we’re earning our grey hair, but we’re enjoying it and it’s fun.”

Part of the new business plan is a large, attractive, retail space offering such items as lawn décor, birdhouses, planters and candles. There is also an offering of perennials, annuals and nursery stock as well as landscape supplies such as fertilizers and mulch.

The site will also showcase the designs that the brothers can create using the products that they carry. When customers walk up to the front entrance they will discover a large patio with stone and brick laid in a variety of patterns so they may easily visualize how it might look on their own property.

“They say a picture is worth a thousand words but I believe for our clients to be able to determine what they would like it is even better for them to actually touch it, feel it and see it,” said Darcy.

Along the old mini-putt there is a border of different fence design choices. Not only were these placed there for customers to select from but also for safety reasons as the brothers plan to reopen the mini-putt as the season progresses.

“The 18 hole mini-putt will evolve over time as of course our clients come first so you can’t do it all at once. We hope to dress it up in stages and have existing trades in the landscaping business sponsor holes to provide advertising for them,” said Dan.

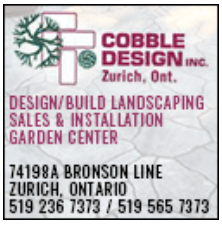
Darcy hopes that they can create a family atmosphere at their new location.

“While one parent has a consultation or shops the other parent can take the kids out on the mini-putt to keep them occupied,” he said.

The brothers consider their business family driven so it only makes sense that their business should be family friendly.

“We have a good team,” said Dan. “A good family who has given us lots of help to get us here. They are appreciated whether they know it or not.”

Gold Coast Landscaping currently employs 12-16 part-time and full-time employees. Since the move to the new location they have also hired Project Manager, Wayne Mason, and Landscape Designer, Jillian Burgsma-Good.



PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Wild and Wooly...*ByJack Pal*

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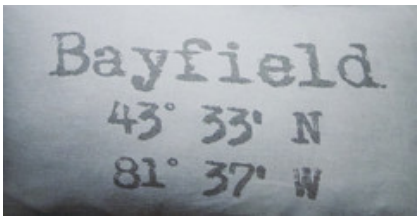
SUBMISSIONS

Just like any other publication we have deadlines to maintain here at the Bayfield Breeze. Ours is Sunday at 4 p.m. each week. I know life sometimes gets in the way of remembering to send things in on time and I always do my best to accommodate. So this week in place of my usual meandering thoughts a couple bits of news that came in too late to make it into what we affectionately call our “Main Section”.

Erin from The Pink Flamingo Bakery and Boutique on Main Street sent word that she will be hosting an official grand opening party at the bakery on Friday, May 17 from 6-8 p.m. with the celebration continuing all weekend long. I’m sure she will be offering up some yummy and eye-catching treats for all to enjoy!



And the Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce have come up with a fun souvenir gift that people can enjoy long after they’ve devoured their cupcakes and sweets – a Bayfield pillow! What do the numbers 43-33-81-47 have in common? Well, they are the figures for the village’s longitude and latitude. These coordinates are screen printed on a 100 per cent linen pillow with feather filler. The pillows measure 12” X 20” and have a zipper. They will be sold starting at the Mayor’s Breakfast on May 17th and are selling for $40 (cash only). Contact Deb Grasby at dgrasby@tcc.on.ca for more information. - Melody

Ideas and contributions to the Bayfield Breeze are always welcome.
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