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MUSIC AND FOOD CONNECT AT BLACK SOIL CSA

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PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB

The Photography Club of Bayfield (PCoB) will hold their next meeting a day earlier than normal and in a different location than usual so that they may take in a exhibit by some very talented young people.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5 at Central Huron Secondary School in Clinton starting at 7:30 p.m. Prior to the meeting club members are invited to tour the students' photography exhibition.

"Members may remember we did this last year and we were all amazed at the quality of the student photographs," said Jack Pal, of the PCoB.

Club members will also want to attend this meeting to learn who the winners were in the PCoB Photo Scavenger Hunt.

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"There are a growing number of people today who want to know where there food is coming from. They want to know it was picked this morning. "

Baird's greenhouse was built from recycled materials. He purchased the parts he needed on Kijiji. It is important to this farmer to be self-sustaining. He heats his greenhouse with wood and is able to grow enough food in the winter to feed the family.

Such is the philosophy of Jesse Baird. Members of his Black Soil CSA know where their food is coming from: Thorndale Farm, 39645 Roman Rd., near Brucefield.

CSA stands for Community Supported (Shared) Agriculture. CSA farmers receive a set fee from the consumer at the start of the growing season. In return the consumer shares in the produce. They also share in the risks due to weather and factors beyond the farmer's control. Last year, for example, the extreme heat of the summer caused Baird's pea crop to fail. However, without risk there is no reward – and the reward can be great for both the farmer and the consumer.

"The biggest compliment I get from people who have joined is that their kids are eating their vegetables," said Baird. "For example, they really like their carrots now – they say they are sweeter in flavor, more appetizing."

Baird, who is a professional drummer, having toured with such performers as Leslie Feist and Steven Page, has studied Organic and Biodynamic Farming, apprenticing at another CSA for three years.

"Then I got called to do a gig and ended up touring around the world for five years. But farming was always in the back of my mind. In 2009 I came off the road and started experimenting on the family farm," he said. "You eat what we call a lot of beige on the road, not a lot of veggies."

The PCoB is active! They are currently planning a Photo Walkabout on June 1, early evening, at the Falls Reserve in Benmiller. For more information visit: www.facebook.com/.

BETWEEN THE LINES...

There is more on the canvas than just art on the Sail & Canvas Festival weekend, there will be room for some reading and writing too. The Village Bookshop will host "An Evening with Cathy Marie Buchanan" on the evening of June 15.

Buchanan is the author of "The Painted Girls. Those who attend can do so for $10 or for $30 they can also receive a signed copy of the featured book.

The event will be held at the Bayfield Town Hall starting at 7:30 p.m.

The following weekend, June 22-23, the writers will descend on the village as part of the 2013 Bayfield Writers' Festival. Six authors from Crime Writers of Canada are to be featured on the Saturday. They will host a series of daytime small group workshops, sure to appeal to both readers and writers. All six authors will read from their works on Saturday evening at 7 p.m. at St. Andrew's United Church.

The authors scheduled to appear are Catherine Astolfo, Alison Bruce, Melodie Campbell, M. H. Callway, J. A. Menzies and Rene Natan.

Author Tanis Rideout will be the featured guest at "Books and Brunch" on Sunday at The Little Inn of Bayfield. The event shall begin at 12:30 p.m. Participants will enjoy a delectable three-course gourmet brunch and fascinating conversation with the author of "Above All Things", historical fiction based on George Mallory's final attempt to summit Mount Everest.

For detailed event and ticket information, contact The Village Bookshop at 519 565-5600 or visit www.bayfieldwritersfestival.com.

CPH AUXILIARY

For many Bayfield residents Clinton Public Hospital (CPH) is their choice for healthcare and therefore the work of the Auxiliary to the CPH should be of interest.

The next meeting of the CPH Auxiliary will be held on June 3 at St. Andrew's United Church in Bayfield starting at 9:30 a.m. to accommodate a potluck lunch that shall follow the meeting. Kim Van Wyk, administrative-lead with the Huron Perth Healthcare Alliance, will be the guest speaker. Those who attend are asked to bring food to share, dishes and cutlery. They are also asked to invite a friend to come and volunteer for CPH.

Baird grows flowers but only ones that can be eaten.

Baird still works with Page, who he says is “really supportive” allowing him to take summers off to farm.

“The first time I met Steven we talked about canning and preserving, not music. He wanted to start a CSA where he lives,” he added.

Baird noted that “art, music and food all sort of have a connection.” He enjoys making it work, blending it all together.

“It is important for me to be here. I used to go to bed at 5 a.m. when I got home from a gig. Now I get up at 5 a.m. You can’t live out of a suitcase for your whole life.”

Varieties of lettuce are moved from the greenhouse to cold frames so that they can grow hearty out-of-doors before they are planted in the garden.

As a third generation drummer, this is a lesson that he shares with his father, Orrin, who himself left the family farm in 1967 to travel and play music returning 35 years later. The pair now resides together and father helps son with his eight acres of vegetable gardens while the remaining acreage is rented out to the “big guys” for cash crop.

The Baird family came from Scotland in the mid-1800s settling at first in the Galt-Guelph area. They arrived in Stanley Twp around 1850. Jesse’s great-great grandmother is buried in Baird Cemetery. Orrin took title of the property in 1968. The family has always had a garden and Baird enjoyed working with his father in it as a child.

DIY WORKSHOPS

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 second session, Vegan 101 will be held June 22 in Clinton.

This workshop will concentrate on lip balm, body butter and home crafted soap.

Participants in the workshop will have the opportunity to make their own 100 per cent natural, organic, Paraben and Sodium Laureth Sulfate free products. 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. The ingredients will be tailored to suit the needs of the individuals with regards to their skin types and their preferences of scent.

Brennan has spent years researching what goes into 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.

There will be a limit of six participants per workshop. Vegan 101 will be held 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.

For more information on both the DIY Workshop please call Brennan at 519 565-5075 or find her on Facebook at ‘Off the Beatin Path’.

BAFHT

The Bluewater Area Family Health Team (BAFHT) is community sponsored and currently has openings on their board to serve a three-year term.

To be a board member candidates must reside in or work in the Municipality of Bluewater. This volunteer board meets once a month. As the BAFHT grows to meet the Ministry of Health requirements, the board will play an important role in strategic planning.

Interested individuals should have a background in health care, business, finance, human resources or law. Anyone with an interest in giving back to the community in this capacity should submit a letter of interest to Geoff Douglas, chair of the BAFHT, PO Box 98, 43 Main Street, Zurich, ON N0M 2T0 by June 7.

LIBRARY FRIENDS

"I didn't go to school here but I spent practically every weekend here. Wherever I have been in the world when I come back this is where I feel most at home," he said.

It is also important to Baird to be self-sustaining. He heats his greenhouse with wood and is able to grow enough food in the winter to feed the family.

"I don't grocery shop anymore – I only need to buy things like toilet paper and laundry detergent."

The greenhouse was built from recycled materials. He purchased the parts he needed on Kijiji.

This will be the fourth summer for Black Soil CSA and Baird hopes to grow his clientele. Local restaurants like, The Black Dog Pub and Bistro, The Little Inn of Bayfield and Eddingtons of Exeter have already signed up.

"The demand is growing around here, sometimes it takes a little time to convince people to try something new. You can grow the most amazing food but it does you no good if no one knows about it."

And Baird seems to be growing some pretty amazing things including a tremendous variety of tomatoes – but you won't find any red ones on the vines at Black Soil.

He walks down the rows of plantings in the greenhouse and rhymes off all the names, "Amish Paste" "Aunt Ruby's German Green", "Yellow Pear"…all heirloom and heritage tomatoes in orange, yellow, green and purple. Some, like the Vietnamese variety will grow 12 feet high and produce 1-2 lb fruit. Why no red? The supermarket carries them. They have a long shelf life. Where is the challenge in that?

Among a variety of other veggies and herbs he grows four kinds of basil, six varieties of hot peppers, four of bell peppers, six types of lettuce and four different kinds of eggplant some rare and unique. He plans for succession planting – getting up to eight crops through the season.

This season he is experimenting with growing Stevia, the sugar substitute and Echinacea, used in herbal medicines.
He grows flowers but only ones that can be eaten.

Baird also grows Russian Mammoth Sunflowers to create a natural barrier around the gardens.

"I am not 'certified organic' but I follow all the processes to be certified. People who share in the produce are welcome to check the progress of the gardens and ask questions at anytime."

He uses seed from William Dam Seeds, of Flamborough, ON – a family-run business for generations. He feels it is "by far the best" to use as it has been untreated for 64 years.

Black Soil CSA's members receive 18-weeks or produce, starting on the third week of June and finishing up at Thanksgiving. Baird sends out an email newsletter to let participants know what they will be receiving. He "drops" his produce once a week in Bayfield for members to pick up in the rear yard of Shannon Gould's home on William Street. It is worth noting that there is usually more than enough to preserve some of the harvest for the winter – some members still have potatoes and frozen tomatillos left from last year.

He also does a farm gate pickup on Fridays and will be attending the Goderich Farmer's Market on the weekends. He would also like to establish a "drop" at a residence in Clinton.

"I am anticipating the first 'drop' to be on June 18 but that will be up to Mother Nature," said Baird.

For more information on how to become a member of the Black Soil CSA please contact Baird at 519 233-7551 or at blacksoilproduce@gmail.com. Baird noted that there are still full and half shares available for this year's harvest.

ARCHIVES ENLISTS CLUB TO RECORD HOMES FOR POSTERITY

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.

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Trinity Anglican Church is hosting a special performance by the St. Paul's Cathedral Choir from London, ON, June 9. 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," 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.

"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.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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

This is how 32 Main Street North looked on the morning of May 25. Members of the Photography Club of Bayfield were out on Saturday documenting the houses on many of the streets in the village for the Bayfield Historical Society. This project will continue in the coming weeks. (Photo by Jack Pal)

This picture of the home at 32 Main Street North is from the Bayfield Archives Collection. It was taken in the 1980s. The Photography Club of Bayfield and the Bayfield Historical Society are currently working together to bring the Archives' recorded inventory of homes up to present day. (Submitted photo)

Bayfield property-owners may have wondered what was happening on Saturday morning when several members of the Photography Club of Bayfield (PCoB) were seen wandering the streets taking photographs of their homes.

“This was all part of a project being undertaken by the Bayfield Historical Society (BHS) to record photos of Bayfield homes and cottages "then" and "now ", create an index of them and add to the record of history of each property, past residents, and so on,” explained BHS Archivist, Ralph Laviolette.

The photographs will also help prepare a ‘Walking Tour of Bayfield Homes’, along the lines of the self-guided walking tour booklet for Historic Main Street already published and selling well, in addition to one in the works for the Historic Bayfield Harbour.

Laviolette added, "We are deeply into expanding into the old library space and creating a front area more suited to displays of Bayfield memorabilia but we do not want to slow down our efforts in updating and archiving Bayfield history.
One of our archives projects for the next while is to update the data gathered in the early 80s about homes and cottages in Bayfield.

“The Bayfield Breeze has been showing pictures of homes from the archived records and we have been getting lots of attention from them for which we are truly grateful."

The photography project will initially cover the area between Cameron St. and the South shore of the river and as far East as the water tower.

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!

BLYTH FESTIVAL SINGERS

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.

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.

LIONS' CLUB

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

During the morning of May 25, five photographers recorded most properties North from Clan Gregor Square to the river, all of Main Street South and several streets east of Hwy 21 - all photographs being taken from public property. Over the coming weeks, more volunteer photographers will record the remaining properties.

Gary Lloyd-Rees, co-president of the PCoB and also a member of the BHS Executive said, "This is a great opportunity for PCoB members and other photographers to get involved in an important project that will have a lasting and significant benefit to the community. As I walked the streets, I personally had many conversations with people who were both intrigued by the project and keen to add their own historical knowledge to the inventory of the village's history and I encourage them to contact the archives to do so."

Any residents wanting to assist in the project by providing old photos for scanning, property history or anecdotes are welcome to contact Laviolette at the Bayfield Archives 519 440-6206, or email bayarchives@tcc.on.ca. Similarly, any photographers who would like to be involved in the project should contact Lloyd-Rees at the PCoB at bayfieldpc@gmail.com.

PENNY SALE AND AUCTION TO ASSIST IN BRINGING CAMP "HOME"

At the end of Nov. 2009, the provincial entity of Girl Guides of Canada informed their membership in Bayfield and Goderich that they were ordering closed the local camp property known as Camp Klahanie. Girl Guides of Ontario also announced that the property would be sold with the money going to the provincial level.

Since that time local people have been working together to bring Camp Klahanie "home" but this time it would not only benefit members of local Girl Guides it would be available for all children and youth organizations in Huron County and beyond to use as a community camp!

Although a place for Guides to camp for a number of years prior, the property was officially offered by the late John Hindmarsh and his wife, Marion, to be used as a camp in 1973. Since the camp's inception, the Goderich Lions Club membership has been supportive of Camp Klahanie. The Lions made significant improvements to the land and contributed to the construction of the buildings on the property. In addition to their volunteer labor they have contributed over $80,000 toward these camp improvements over the years. The Lions Club, whose membership has always been, and continues to be, strong proponents of the camp, are also working to return Klahanie to the community.

Supporters are currently planning a Penny Sale and Silent Auction to be held in Bayfield on June 13-15 to raise funds for the cause. The Goderich Lions Club will establish a trust for the property if the negotiation proves successful and funds raised will go to support the operation of the camp. The event will be held at Trinity Anglican Church, 10 Keith Cres, in Bayfield. Times for the sale are Thursday, 3-7 p.m.; Friday, noon to 9 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. People may come out to Trinity's Parish Hall between 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Saturday to see what they've won, claim their prizes and pay for their Silent Auction items. Those who cannot return in person will be informed of their results via telephone.

Donations are now being sought for this fundraiser in the form of material goods, although new in box is preferred, unique items, collectibles and antiques would also be gratefully accepted. Gift certificates for the donation of goods and/or services are also most welcome. Items will be accepted from now until June 7.

Businesses and individuals in the community have been tremendously generous with their donations thus far. A Facebook event page has been established to showcase these donations and properly recognize the donors. Visit https://www.facebook.com/events/591300540895220/ to see the items. This site is updated regularly so plan to visit often.

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.

UNITED CHURCH

The Stewards of St. Andrew's United Church 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.

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.

SAIL AND CANVAS

Anyone who can't attend the Penny Sale and Silent Auction for Camp Klahanie but would still like to contribute to the cause is welcome to make a monetary donation.

Financial donations can be mailed to Mike Alcock, co-chair of the Goderich Lions Club's Camp Klahanie Committee, at 127 Suncoast Drive, Goderich, ON, N7A 4C4. Cheques should be made payable to the Goderich Lions Club with Camp Klahanie Fund written on the memo line.

For more information, or to make a donation, please contact Melody or Genelle at 519 565-2443.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY IN NEED OF A SECRETARY

Some points of interest arose at the most recent Bayfield Agricultural Society (BAS) meeting including the fact that the organization is in need of a Secretary.

The job itself requires about four to five hours a month; however, during the fair a Secretary needs to be on site. This year the Bayfield Fall Fair is scheduled for Aug. 16-18. In the past an honorarium was given for the secretary's work. A laptop is also provided. A full job description is available and if someone is interested they should contact Don Brodie at 519 263-2404.

Earlier in the month, several BAS members visited Suntastic near Exeter. They noted that it is now pleasing to see tomatoes in local stores which have come from this local business. Suntastic also grows peppers and cucumbers so greater notice will have to be paid to see if those stocked in stores bear their label.

Several restaurants have confirmed that they will participate in the first ribs cook-off during the Ribs Music Fest on the Saturday of the fair weekend. Martin and Teresa Van Raay, owners of The Whole Pig, will be providing the ribs. Local politicians are being asked to be judges.

"Apparently a couple of restaurants are already saying they have the best ribs in town so the judges will be given a major challenge," said Doug Yeo, president of the BAS. "The Beach 104.9 has agreed to be the media sponsor for the fair and the Ribs Music Fest this year. If there are folks who would like to help with the fest, they can contact any Agricultural Society member."

Also in the works for the fair is a photo opportunity with some very "special" clothing. A magician, Dick Joiner, will be part of the entertainment on the Saturday. A miniature horse show is also scheduled. A larger dog agility show will be presented on the Saturday and Sunday.

The BAS executive has decided to put up address signs at the entrances to the fairgrounds. Shortly the west entrance will be marked with the sign, "16 John Avenue". This is as a result of the adoption of the Emergency Plan. It was felt that signage was needed to assist emergency vehicles if they were ever called.

"If fair books are needed, do contact any member. A new section for the youth is vegetables. This would be a good time to encourage the young folks to start plantings for potential entries for the fair," said Yeo.

The fair book can also be accessed through the website www.bayfieldfallfair.ca.

TREE PLANTING STARTED ALONG HIGHWAY NEAR BRUCEFIELD

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 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 will conclude with the film, The Intouchables on June 13.

Tickets are available now. They can be obtained by calling Lynne Gillians at 519 565-5884.

FITNESS FUN

A challenging, yet accessible, Vinyasa Flow Yoga Class is now being offered at the Bayfield Community

Jeff Van Niekerk, a field staff member with the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, put in stakes to support a tree planted south of Vanastra as part of a recent Ontario Ministry of Transportation tree planting initiative. This tree is a maple. It is one of 205 trees planted on the east side of Hwy 4 between Brucefield and Clinton this May as part of the MTO project to replace some trees that had to be removed as part of a highway upgrade. (Submitted photo)

Staff members of Ausable Bayfield Conservation have finished planting more than 200 trees along the east side of Hwy 4, between Brucefield and Clinton, on behalf of the Ontario Ministry of Transportation (MTO). The tree planting work is part of a Ministry of Transportation project.

This project follows upgrades to roads and ditches along that section of the highway over the past two years. Some trees had to be removed at that time. The new trees were planted this May and more tree planting is planned for Hwy 4, between Kippen and Brucefield, in spring 2014.

“We chose species that could best stand up to salt spray,” said Forestry and Stewardship Specialist, Ian Jean, with Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA). “We planted red oak, bur oak, honey locust, Kentucky coffee tree, hackberry, and soft maple trees.”

About half of the trees are honey locust. That species is planted in more open spaces because it can tolerate a high amount of salt spray, Jean said. Staff members will monitor the trees over the coming months and stake them as needed. They will also install tree guards in the autumn to prevent rabbits and rodents from harming the trees.
“We spaced the trees between 50 and 65 feet apart to allow for proper growth and to keep the sight lines between the trees,” Jean said.

The tree planting that was finished this week was on the east side of the highway, on the Ministry right of way.

The Ministry of Transportation also provides 100 per cent funding for some windbreak tree planting along the west side of the highway that acts as a ‘living snow fence.’ The Ministry requires conifers planted as living snow fences to be at least 15 metres from highway shoulders. This guideline allows space for snow to build up. Along this stretch of highway the MTO right of way is not wide enough to accommodate snow accumulation, which means living snow fences will be established on a voluntary basis on private property where landowners choose to participate. This tree planting is funded by MTO for projects that are approved by the Ministry. Those landowners who would like to do this kind of windbreak planting are invited to call Jean at 519 235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610.

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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.

Zumba, the Latin-inspired dance-fitness program has returned to Bayfield thanks to two enthusiastic new local instructors, Kelly Gerger and Alex Ladd. Classes will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays at the Bayfield Community Centre starting at 7 p.m. Everyone's first class is free. The regular drop in rate is $10 a class. For more information email bayfieldzumba@hotmail.com.

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.

Walk-ins are welcome at the 45-minute Stretching Class held every Friday at 9:45 a.m. in the Bayfield Community Centre. Participants are asked to bring a yoga mat.

Stronger Seniors co-ed classes are also offered at the community centre on Mondays and Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. Please note there will be no classes on July 1.

A Gentle Yoga Class is held at the Bayfield Town Hall starting at 10 a.m. on Tuesdays. Only 25 people are able to attend this class so participants are reminded to come early, as it will likely become quite busy during the summer months. The cost is $4 per class and participants are asked to bring a yoga mat. Please note that on June 25 and July 2, yoga will be held at the Bayfield Community Centre instead of the Town Hall.

For those who would like to “find their center” in nature an Outdoor Yoga Class will be held at Pioneer Park on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. starting July 4.

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

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 at 519 565-2881. Bridge is played at the Bayfield Lions’ Community Building.

PIONEER PARK

OPTIMIST CLUB COLORING CONTEST CONTINUES

The Bayfield Breeze is pleased to announce a coloring contest to determine the young person that will be given the honor of pushing the button to start the water flowing at the opening ceremonies for the Clan Gregor Square Splash Pad. Download PDF file and print it out! See full contest details in the article.

Ground is scheduled to break on the construction of the Clan Gregor Square Splash Pad on June 3 and the Bayfield Optimist Club is planning a Grand Opening Celebration on June 30.

A committee has been established to create a celebration reflective of the overwhelming support the project has received from the community and beyond. Juno Award nominated and Parent's Choice Award Winner, "Music with Brian" has been booked to perform in the park prior to all of the splashing.

A coloring contest to determine the young person that will be given the honor of pushing the button to start the water flowing at the opening ceremonies is happening now. Children aged eight years and under are invited to enter by printing off and coloring this page and handing it in at either JMR Art Gallery or Brandons Hardware, both in Bayfield, or scanning and emailing it to bayfield.breeze@villageofbayfield.com on or before June 16. A limited number of hard copies will also be available at the gallery and the hardware store. All colored entries will be placed in a random draw. The winner will be announced in the June 19 issue of the Bayfield Breeze. The opening ceremonies will take place on June 30 at 1 p.m.

Katerina Mertikas, of Ottawa, a regular contributor to the gallery walls at JMR Art Gallery, was the artist behind the coloring page. Favorite subjects for Mertikas are children at play so she was the perfect choice for the project.

The Municipality of Bluewater approved the Optimist Club's proposal for creating a Splash Pad in Clan Gregor Square in September of 2012. At their Apr. 15 meeting council gave the final go ahead for the Splash Pad. It was also announced at the council meeting that Openspace Solutions Inc., of Waterloo, ON had been selected to oversee the project.

Friday, July 12 is the date set for the Pioneer Park Association's Annual Rummage Sale and Silent Auction. But the event doesn't happen overnight; in fact it is only a success if people remember the event when they are Spring cleaning. Organizers are now asking people to set aside their unique, nearly new, antique and quality castoffs for the sale that provides funds for the ongoing maintenance of Pioneer Park in addition to the lake bank restoration project.

Donors should be aware that clothing, magazines, encyclopedias, shoes, large appliances, televisions, building materials, mattresses, soiled or broken items, and baby furniture cannot be accepted. Sports equipment and electrical appliances must be CSA approved.

Pick up of large items will start in June. Donors can also drop off their contributions at the Bayfield Arena on July 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. or July 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New volunteers are welcome to take part in this great community event. Organizers report that it is an excellent way to meet people!

Anyone wishing to volunteer, or for more information should contact the sale convenors: Claire Trepanier by email at clairetrepanier@msn.com or Sandy Scotchmer at sscotchmer@rogers.com.

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, this home was photographed in 1967. Details with it say it was the Herb MacGregor House, then the Haws. Anyone have anything else to add about this property or know of its location perhaps?

ISSUE 202

In Issue 202, a photo taken in 1969 was featured 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?

ISSUE 203

In Issue 203, records with this image taken in 1969 state, "Bunn house on Main Street, was Marks, Gairdner and Utter." Lewis Cook wrote in to share some more information about this property.

"This house used to be Corrie's Market . The shed section on the right used to be screened in and was a hang out for the local and summer kids. We as youngsters sometimes probably contributed to any grey hairs on his head."

Cook also noted that it was a market even prior to the Corries owning it.

SHARE PHOTO STORY

BAYFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY

VILLAGE HISTORY BROUGHT TO LIFE TO RAISE FUNDS TO REVIVE OLD LIBRARY BUILDING

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The stars of "The Bloodless Battle of Bayfield" were; Jim Fergusson, Tyler Hessel, Helen Latimer, Roz Westwood, Wayne Malott, Bob Merrimen, Dave McLaren, Janice Nelson, Ian Rutherford, Gerry Selk, Greg Stewart, Jamie Thomas, Carol Thornley-Hall and Peter Westwood.

PHOTOS BY GARY LLOYD-REES AND STORY BY DAVE GILLIANS

The reviews are in for the play, 'The Bloodless Battle of Bayfield' which was performed at the Bayfield Town Hall this past weekend. The village won again!

On Saturday, after seeing the play, Pat MacDougall said, "What a lot of fun!"

Roger Lewington exclaimed, "Thoroughly enjoyed the play....bravo! A great story, well crafted, and we liked the use of the hall...other than the stage to bring the story out."

Based on an actual incident that happened in the village in 1866, local amateur actors triumphantly brought history to life in a comedy written by Judy Keightley (who also directed) and Dave Gillians. Sandy Scotchmer and Barbara Brown produced the play for the Bayfield Historical Society.

According to Bill Rowat, Bayfield Historical Society president, "We win because all of the net proceeds from the play will be used to help us repair and restore the old library. The community wins because we've celebrated another part of our unique heritage. We are very grateful for the hundreds of hours that were invested by more than 27 supporters and for the community sponsors who made this production possible. "

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PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Bayfield harbour with storm... - *by Dennis Pal*

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

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

Melody Falconer-Pounder

SUBMISSIONS

When I was child on the farm we had three apple trees, a pear tree, a peach tree and a grape vine (the kind good for making jam). We had wild raspberries growing on a rail fence in a nearby field that would provide enough for a pie or two. And we had lots and lots of rhubarb.

We didn't have a cherry tree but our neighbors had a bunch and I was always sent down the road with a basket to pick them. I didn't like cherries so my mother knew that I would just set to the task and come home with a filled basket. She never sent me for strawberries cause I would have sat in the patch and ate as many as I picked.

The neighbors with the cherry tree kept us in fresh eggs. We did have a hen house but no chickens that I can remember. Dad took down the building when I was about six. I do remember being chased by a rather disgruntled rooster when I was really little.

As the farm was a mixed cattle and dairy operation, we always had beef in the freezer and fresh milk in the fridge. I heard countless stories from my older cousins of horses and pigs being kept before I was born. But as progress reared its "sometimes ugly" head, things began to change and we became less self-reliant and more dependent on the store and those ready-made pie crusts.

My recent meeting with Jesse Baird (see lead story) got me waxing nostalgic for that time in my life. Of course as a child I didn't have to make the pies or can the fruit. But I did appreciate what was brought to the table. And it is encouraging to know that the tides of progress are starting to ebb. That people wish to share in the kinds of food he and others produce, not necessarily becoming completely self-reliant as in the days of old but at least more aware as consumers. And that to me is the best kind of progress. - Melody

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

Please email me at bayfield.breeze@villageofbayfield.com or call 519-565-2443.
Hope to see you online soon at www.villageofbayfield.com

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