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LET THE SPLASHING BEGIN

Eight year-old Paige, the daughter of Jen and Chad Beaupre, of Waterloo, helped Mayor of Bluewater, Bill Dowson, officially cut the ribbon for the new Splash Pad in Clan Gregor Square on the afternoon of June 30.

VETTEFEST

If everywhere you look this weekend you think you see a Corvette, don't worry you're not experiencing delusions – it's Bayfield Vettefest and Corvette enthusiasts from far and near will be descending on the village starting on July 5th for a Summer Night Cruise.

Participants in the Summer Night Cruise are asked to gather at Clan Gregor Square at 7 p.m. to head out on a little road trip.

Registration for the car show to be held in Clan Gregor Square on July 6th will begin at 8 a.m. in the park. Those who take part are invited to park their cars for display in the square. There will be goodie bags for the first 200 corvettes to register!

FIREMEN'S BREAKFAST

The firefighters in our village will be up bright and early on July 6th to prepare for their annual Firemen's Breakfast that will have people lining up for

Joining them was Ella Dowson, 10 month-old great granddaughter of the mayor. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder) **For more coverage of the opening scroll down to the Photostory section.**

GENERATIONS OF ONE FAMILY DENOTED ON SPLASH PAD BRICKS

A few members of the McLean family gathered to join in the celebrations at the Splash Pad on Sunday - they posed for a photo at the bench donated in honor of their grandparents and great grandparents, Frank and Betty (Mustard) Burch. Seated on the bench are: Ian McLean and his sons, Jeffrey and Joshua. Behind is Ian's brother, Ken, as well as his wife Hilary. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

A lot of people shared in the vision for the Clan Gregor Square Splash Pad and the community came together like never before to realize it. The children as they play will run and dance around on the names now immortalized in stone on the ring around the pad. The names are of people who shared in this vision as well as those that live on in the hearts of their family and friends – for growth continues to be a part of Bayfield's past, present and future.

A few bricks and a couple of benches are engraved with the names of five generations of one family that have been captivated by Bayfield since the property for their family cottage was purchased in 1907.

the 7 a.m. start of food service at the Bayfield Fire Hall.

And who wouldn't line up for pancakes with real maple syrup, eggs, bacon, sausage, potatoes, toast and juice, plus let's not forget the Tim Horton's coffee, generously donated by the Tim Horton's of Exeter.

The cost for the breakfast is adults, $7; and children, $4. The event will conclude at 11 a.m.

BAYFIELD LIBRARY

The new Bayfield Library has been open for a few months now but it will be officially opened in grand style on July 13.

The ribbon cutting is set for 11 a.m. and the Friends of the Bayfield Library (FOBL) will be serving hotdogs and refreshments. The FOBL will also introduce their plans for the new reading garden to be located next door to the library behind the Archives' Building.

CENTRAL HURON MAYOR'S MINGLE

The possibility of Central Huron hosting an underground storage facility for the country's high-level nuclear waste will be one of the topics of discussion at the upcoming Mayor's Mingle.

The evening will be held on July 19 starting at 6 p.m. at the Township Hall in Holmesville. On that date, Central Huron will know when one additional open house hosted by the Nuclear Waste Management Organization (NWMO) will be held. NWMO is legislated to find a place to store the country's nuclear waste from spent fuel cells used to produce electricity.

About 45 people were present at the first open house that was held in March. Ontario Power Generation, NB Power, Hydro-Québec and Atomic Energy of Canada Limited fund NWMO.

ST. JAMES', MIDDLETON

St. James' Church, Middleton will host a Summer Barbeque on the evening of July 13 and the menu sounds perfect for what is sure to be a sunny Saturday!

Participants will dine on bratwurst on a bun, hamburgers or hotdogs, baked beans, coleslaw and potato salad. Beverages and dessert will also be supplied.

The meal will be served from 4-7 p.m. at the church located on the corner of
Bayfield Road and Tipperary Line. The cost to attend

The McLean Family as they looked in August of 2012 at a family gathering in Bayfield. The family roots run deep in the village going back to 1907 when the first cottage property was purchased by Thornton Mustard. (Submitted photo)

They recently shared their connection to the village with the Bayfield Breeze and also offered why they felt the need to support the Making-A-Splash Campaign. Excerpts from a letter by Janet McLean are as follows:

I thought that you might appreciate a little background on the McLean connection to Bayfield, and why I wanted the name Mustard included in some way.

The name "Mustard" shows the longevity of our family's connection to Bayfield. The Mustards and their cousins the McGregors (of Clan Gregor Square) came from Scotland in the second half of the nineteenth century and settled in Clinton and Brucefield. One of the Mustards ran a sawmill on the Bayfield River, as well as Mustard's Hot Dog Stand.

In 1907, my grandfather, Thornton Mustard, of Clinton, bought the property on the Old River Road from his brother shortly after he married his wife Pearl (MacDonald) also of Clinton, as a summer home. Since that time, there have been Mustards or Mustard descendants staying at the cottage every summer. (My mother and her youngest brother shared the place; his family was there every July; our family was there every August.)

In 1972, my parents, Frank and Betty (Mustard) Burch, retired to Bayfield and built a home on the eastern half of the property, now 34945 Old River Road. Frank was a member of the Bayfield council for several years.

My mother's youngest brother, Neil Mustard, and his wife, Beth, also retired to Bayfield, living in the cottage at what is now 34913 Old River Road after it underwent extensive renovations and winterizing.

Now all of that generation is gone.

However, the four McLean family units have together purchased both homes. Consequently, we are continuing the legacy that began over one hundred years ago. Our grandchildren are the fifth generation to know the magic of Bayfield!

The dream of establishing the Splash Pad will no doubt add to that magic.

CIB JUDGES TO VISIT BLUEWATER

The communities of Bluewater are set to welcome the provincial Communities in Blooms (CIB) judges July 10 and July 11.

Judges, Diane Czapla, of Toronto, and Ray Hurd, of Goderich, will be taken on a personal tour that will enable them to assess the community in eight categories and award Blooms ratings. Points of interest have been identified in each community that fit into these categories: Tidiness, Environmental Action, Heritage Conservation, Urban Forestry, Landscape Turf and

is $10, adults; $5 for children 10 years and under with preschoolers free.

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Love to sing? Come and join the choir at Trinity Anglican Church in Bayfield where music is much appreciated. The choir sings a mix of traditional, contemporary, gospel and praise accompanied by piano, organ and keyboard with full instrumental sound, sometimes with microphones. They sometimes enjoy singing in harmony, unaccompanied as well. It is never the same from week to week.

"I realize people are very busy these days but I'm hoping to find people who want to sing, such as former choir members or students wishing to improve their skills, who are willing to commit even on a part time – whenever possible basis," said Arlene Darnborough, choir director.

The choir practices once a week. These sessions usually includes five hymns and a treat of the week. Practice night is Wednesday at 7 p.m. but this is negotiable. Services are held on Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Summer people are welcome to join at anytime. Anyone who is interested should please contact Darnborough at 519 524-2035 or email: cactusjam@cabletv.on.ca.

PIONEER PARK AFTER DARK

Families will want to stick around Pioneer Park after the sun sets on several weekends this summer as the Pioneer Park Association has some fun stuff planned when darkness falls.

Four free movies are scheduled most with families in mind: Meatballs, July 20; Akeelah and the Bee, Aug. 3; Because of Winn-Dixie, Aug. 17; and The Sandlot, Aug. 21.

And on July 6 starting at 8:30 p.m. the association will host an Astronomy Night. The Royal Astronomical Society will make a presentation followed by stargazing at dark.

KNOX CHURCH

Camp Kintail is returning to Bayfield for the fourth consecutive summer.

Knox Presbyterian Church is partnering with Camp Kintail, the area Presbyterian Church camp, to offer a Christian based Day Camp every Wednesday at the church during July and August.

This Day Camp will run from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The very capable and well-trained young adult staff of Camp Kintail will lead the program and activities. The

Groundcovers, Floral Displays and Community Involvement. The local planning committee will also be armed with lots of local information to add between tour stops.

Tour stops on Wednesday will include: growing bed for new signature daylily at Huron Ridge Acres, 74101 Bronson Line, Stanley; and the St. Peter's Lutheran Church pioneer cemetery at 11 Frederick Ave, Zurich, where the 1860 cairn was restored and tombstones held inside were laid for public viewing. And then at 4:30 p.m., they will attend a ceremony to name the new parkette at 120 King Street, Hensall. Members of the community are also welcome to attend this ceremony. At 9 p.m. that day people are also welcome to join the judges to watch the sunset at Pioneer Park in Bayfield. The committee is planning a special surprise that evening.

On July 11, tour stops will include Bayfield's Blue Flag Marina and Beach as well as the historic downtown area.

Organizers note that Bluewater is striving for Five Blooms and has put their best foot forward to achieve their goal.

The 2013 campaign brings new ways for all residents to get involved. See information regarding the "Garden Gallery", "Village Banner Program", "Bluewater Signature Flower", "Earth Day Tree Sale", "Great Canadian Shoreline Cleanup" and a "Hay Bale Sculpture Contest" on www.bluewaterblooms.ca.

The Communities in Bloom program is not just about flowers; it's about preserving the natural environment through recycling and tree planting programs; it's about community groups showing off their heritage and it's about municipal staff doing their part in the Blue Flag program, landfill and roadside maintenance. Many Bluewater citizens of all ages are achieving these goals in spades and some have won awards For example, the Bayfield Tree Project, Bayfield River Valley Trail Association, St. Joseph and Bayfield Historical Societies, Zurich and Bayfield Lions Clubs, Bayfield Garden Club and Hensall and Community Horticultural Society.

"SECRET" GARDENS PART OF TOWN HALL EVENT THIS WEEKEND

Garden Clue #1: A whimsical array of flowers, plants, structures and ponds make this garden a magical place to visit. (Photos by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

"Art in the Home" is the theme of the Bayfield Town Hall's Home and Garden Tour, July 6.

Eight unique Bayfield homes, and an additional two gardens will be open to ticket holders. Organizers are keeping both the houses and gardens a secret – try interpreting the clues found with the pictures included in this article to see if you can guess the two gardens.

Each home and garden will be displaying works of art from a different local Bayfield artist or gallery - all of which have been specially chosen to complement the properties. Three of the homes are the actual homes of the artists. The artists and galleries exhibiting their works are: Leda McAlister, Kevin Doty, Patina Studios, Main Street Gallery, Marten Arts, Krysten

camp will be for children who have completed JK up to Grade 6. The children are welcome to attend all eight sessions or just one or two.

The first camp will begin on July 3. The program will conclude on Aug. 21. Lunch and snacks are provided.

Registration for each session is held at 8:30 a.m. on the day but participants may also pre-register by calling Brenda McLean at 519 524-8645 or by calling the church 519 565-2913 and leaving a message.

ANTIQUE SHOW

Summer is nearly officially here and it will be August before anyone realizes. For that reason, the congregation of Trinity Anglican Church is turning their thoughts to their Bayfield Antique Show and Sale hosted each August by the congregation of Trinity Anglican Church.

Coordinators are hoping to get people thinking about it and maybe even considering volunteering at the event to be held Aug. 9-11 at the Bayfield Community Centre. Students are most welcome to volunteer as our people outside of the Anglican Church family – it truly is a community event.

The Antique Show and Sale now in its 28th season is a wonderful boon to the village and help from both residents and summer folk is needed to make it a continued success. There are a variety of tasks to choose from when volunteering, helping with set up, serving in the tearoom, security and front door admission sales are but a few examples, jobs are as varied as the people required to fill them, there is a position for all.

To learn more about this great community event please call Joan Cluff at 519 565-2974 or email her at cluffy@tcc.on.ca.

ELVISFEST

What could be more fun than an evening with Elvis? An evening with two Elvis' of course!

In conjunction with Vettefest, Trinity Anglican Church will be sponsoring "Elvis Fest...A Tribute to the King". On July 6, two Windsor natives, who also happen to be internationally known and award winning Elvis tribute artists will take to the stage of the Bayfield Town Hall.

Elvis' early years will be covered by Norm Ackland Jr. He has been paying tribute to Elvis through his performances since 2008 and is following in his father's footsteps. In a short period of time Ackland Jr. has been racking up the Elvis titles earning the People's Choice Award in Windsor 2009, a second place finish in Tweed in 2011and a third place finish in Collingwood in 2012.

Watterworth, JMR Gallery, Anne Laviolette, Paula Letheren, Doug Marr and Carlos Murguia.

Several works from participating galleries and artists in the Bayfield Town Hall Home and Garden Tour will be up for bidding during a silent auction including this decorative hand-made pottery bowl with leaf imprint by Bayfield artist Paula Letheren.

The tour will run from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Garden Clue #2: Organic gardening on a small scale. Learn how it's done in this tasty garden!

Tickets will include refreshments in the Bayfield Town Hall - where there will also be a Silent Auction of works donated by the exhibiting artists and galleries. This should be an excellent chance to own a unique piece of Bayfield art. Even those people who don't purchase a tour ticket can visit the hall and get in on the bidding action. Bidding will open at 10:30 a.m. and will close at 3:30 p.m.

In addition to the tour of homes and gardens, organizers have now added another exhibition to the schedule of events, Brad Turner, Emmy award winning director and photographer, who has recently returned to Bayfield and opened up a new business on Catherine Street, has offered to put on an exhibition of some of his vintage photographs, as well as paintings by other artists. This exhibition will be on show at the town hall during the tour and will be open to all.

Tickets are $20 each and are available from: Hive of Bayfield, JMR Gallery, Patina Studios, The Village Bookshop, online through www.ticketscene.ca or by calling 519 565-4404 or 519 565 4280. Tickets will also be available at the town hall starting at 10:30 a.m. on the day of the tour. There are a limited number available, so plan to purchase early.

"Waiting for Godot" an original bronze sculpture by Bayfield artist Leda McAlister will also be available at the Silent Auction to be held on July 6.

THE BICYCLE OPERA PROJECT PEDALING ITS WAY TO VILLAGE

An evening of opera is coming to the Bayfield Town Hall on July 21 but it will not be an ordinary opera as the cast of The Bicycle Opera Project "work to demythologize the idea" of what an opera singer is, break operatic tradition and provide a car-free alternative to touring.

The Bicycle Opera Project brings contemporary Canadian opera music to communities across Ontario, by bicycle. The evening is composed of six scenes sung in English (with one in French), so the material is easy to relate to. This year, the Bicycle Opera Project focuses on women's stories.

These include: Rosa, by James Rolfe and Camyar Chai; Little Miss All Canadian, by Lemit Beecher and Liza Balkan; Cake, by Monica Pearce; Alternate Take on the Enslavement and Liberation of Oksana G, by Aaron Gervais and Colleen Murphy; Trahisons Liquides, excerpt by Stacey Brown and Sébastien Harrisson;
Slip excerpt by Juliet Palmer and Anna Chatterton.

The program will feature: Larissa Koniuk, Soprano; Michelle Simmons, Mezzo; Will Reid, Tenor; Geoffrey Sirett, Baritone; Wesley Shen, Music Director and Piano; Katherine Watson, Frank Cross will transport audiences to Elvis' Vegas years. He too has been performing for five years and has placed in the top three in many contests including: second place at the Brantford Rock of Ages, 2009; first place in a Key West, Florida competition in 2010; second in the Tweed Elvis Fest and third in the May Elvis Fest, both in 2012. He takes his show all over the United States and Canada. His goal is to keep Elvis' memory alive and ensure his audience is satisfied, leaving them wanting more. To learn more about this artist visit his website: www.frankecross.com.

All the hip-wiggling action will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are only $20 and are available now at The Little Inn of Bayfield and Brandons Hardware. Only 110 tickets will be sold so don't delay in purchasing. For more information call 519 565-4009.

RUMMAGE SALE

The Pioneer Park Association's Annual Rummage Sale and Silent Auction is fast approaching.

The doors of the Bayfield Arena will be opened on July 12 from 7-9 p.m. The outside area on the cement pad will open at 6:30 p.m.

Items can be dropped 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.

The pick up of large items has now started. Please contact sale conveners, Sandy Scotchmer at 519 565-2830 or Claire Trepanier at 519 565-2745 for information regarding pick up.

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.

Last year the silent auction table was a big hit. If anyone would like to donate an item to the silent auction they should contact Bill Rowat by e-mail at wjrowat@tcc.on.ca or by phone 519 565-5838. Check out the association's Facebook page for updates on silent auction items and other interesting items donated to the Rummage sale: Pioneer Park Rummage Sale.

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, can contact Trepanier by email at clairetrepanier@msn.com or Scotchmer at sscotchmer@rogers.com.

FITNESS FUN

Flute; and Leslie Ting, Violin. Michael Mori of Tapestry New Opera Works is the stage director.

The tour will see the performers cycling to Toronto, Hamilton, Guelph, Fergus, Elora, Kitchener, Waterloo, Bayfield, London and Stratford.

The Bicycle Opera Project will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the Bayfield Town Hall. There will be a cash bar. Tickets are available now for $20 by calling 519 565-2572 or online at www.ticketscene.ca.

MORE THAN 20 VOLUNTEERS HELP TO PLANT SHRUBS AT HALL

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Twenty-one volunteers turned up at the Bayfield Town Hall on the morning of June 22, despite a drizzly start to the day, to plant 115 cedar shrubs.

Thanks to the efforts of Terry Lazaravitch and Doug Vanderhaar, both of whom volunteered their time and equipment, a trench had already been laid ready for the shrubs that were planted to complete the perimeter fence around the property, and the job was completed in a little over an hour.

Union Gas, who had supported this project with a $1,000 grant, sent six volunteers to assist on the day. These were: Alan Gordon, Brendan Gordon, Claire Gordon, John McIntosh, Gail McIntosh and Brent Lemmon. The Bayfield Town Hall Board was represented by Jerry Selk, Doug Brown, Sandy Scotchmer, Margo Robeson, Pat McDougall and Kate Lloyd-Rees, ably assisted by additional volunteers Blair Langley, Nick Thomson, Barry Detenbeck, Justyna Chojnacka, Mike and Sue van Baardwyk, Scott Robeson, Gary Lloyd-Rees and Master Gardener, Leigh Selk.

The completion of this extra perimeter hedge not only enhances the overall look of the town hall property, it now complies with LCBO regulations that allow liquor to be taken outside the building.

“Once again, the town hall is grateful to all those who volunteered to help us, and to the many people in Bayfield who continue to support us. This project was also supported by proceeds from last year's play "Confessions of a Fairy's Daughter" by Alison Waring, which was brought

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.

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.

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.

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.

For those who would like to “find their center” in nature a free Outdoor Yoga Class will be held at Pioneer Park on Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. starting July 4 through to the end of August. This class is open to all skill levels and participants are asked to bring a beach towel or yoga mat. Participants are asked to arrive a
few minutes early to sign a waiver required to participate; a parent or guardian will need to accompany any minor, expressly for consent.
For more information on the above exercise opportunities call 519 565-2202 or 519 565-5638

to the town hall by Jane Rowat. We are also grateful to the Municipality of Bluewater for their participation in this project," concluded Kate Lloyd-Rees, president of the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society.

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 home that no longer graces Colina Street, but did so in 1967. According to notes with the photo, it was razed by Rev. George Youmatoff; but prior to that it was known as the Elliott House, Wellington Inn, and Berthena Sturgeon-Hammond's house. Anyone have any other information they'd like to share, such as, the home's location?

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

ISSUE 207

In Issue 207, the snapshot of this home was taken in 1967. The only note provided with this is "J. Stirling's house, across from Hunters". Anyone remember this house's story?

ISSUE 208

In Issue 208, another photo of a home taken in 1967, notes with the image state, "Siertsema house; was Nora Ferguson's house".

Ian Siertsema wrote in to say, "This house at 30 Colina Street is currently owned by Larry and Carol Fisher. Previous owners were John and Kathleen Siertsema, Glen Brandon, Joe Mayman and the Fergusons."

He also noted that the bricks used to build the house were made on site.

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OPTIMIST CLUB OF BAYFIELD

CLAN GREGOR SQUARE SPLASH PAD OPENING A GRAND COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

Music with Brian, comprised of Alan the Lion, Melody the Hippo and Brian Morcombe, gave a very high energy, interactive hour of entertainment leading up to the opening ceremonies for the Splash Pad. Morcombe noted that this was the largest first time crowd he has had the pleasure of performing for - the numbers that were in the park generally are seen at his second visits to a community.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

At the peak of excitement on June 30 it was “guestimated” that over 400 people were in the park to celebrate our nation’s 146th birthday as well as the grand opening of the Clan Gregor Square Splash Pad.

The Optimist Club of Bayfield hosted the day that began with several activities and a children’s concert all leading up to, what all those who came dressed in their bathing suits were waiting for, the turning on of the water. Before that though the crowd consumed 600 hotdogs and devoured 200 cupcakes, countless gallons of Slushies and lots of popcorn. Snippety the Clown worked her magic on a lot of faces and 200 balloons were given out as well.

Ava Dawe got right into the performance by Music with Brian and "froze" on cue.

It was a day for the entire community to realize the culmination of an amazing community effort.

At the peak of excitement on Sunday it was "guestimated" that over 400 people were in the park, perhaps the largest crowd ever seen in Clan Gregor.

Jackie Hivert, of Waterloo, introduced her son, Jackson, almost 3, to his first taste of a Slushie. Both Slushies and popcorn were generously donated to the event by Steve Shroeder of West Coast Distributing, Zurich.

The club's 18 members raised over $150,000 in under a year during the village's quiet time with no government money or grant support.

"By March 30 we had reached approximately $75,000 or half our goal," Mike Dixon, chair of the Making A Splash Campaign, said in his opening remarks to the crowd at the opening ceremony. "It was at that point in time that we were contacted by The Baker Family Foundation who offered to match all donations for the month of April thru to May 15. This prompted many people and companies to dig deep and by the end of May we had slightly exceeded our goal. Since then we have raised several more thousand dollars that will be used for the upkeep of the pad and ongoing Optimist projects."

In addition, Dixon expressed his thanks to Bluewater's CAO, Steve McAuley for guiding the project and keeping it on time. He also extended thanks to all the donors and the contractors who gave of their time to get the job done.

Steve Baker, representing the Baker Family Foundation was also invited to address the crowd and he compared the Splash Pad to the village.

Life couldn't get much better for Kyle Spielman, 2.5 years, of Ottawa. - balloons, good music and cupcakes with red icing!

He noted that to look at the pad it appears to be quite simple in design but underneath it is very complex with many hoses and pipes; behind it there were many volunteers, electricians, contractors, plumbers etc. The community came together to realize its completion, he said, making this project very representative of Bayfield and how the village works.

"We are very glad that we were able to help and are happy to celebrate Canada Day in this way," Baker concluded.

Mayor Bill Dowson had the last word acknowledging the large number of children that came to take part in the day.

Alexander Curtis, of Bayfield, was appropriately attired to celebrate Canada Day.

Audience participation is a big part of the Music with Brian show. Here, Brian Morcombe encourages the youngsters to follow him through his rendition of "The Ants Go Marching".

Four year-old twins, Matthew and Kyle Lamble, 4, of Binbrook, ON enjoyed every moment of the concert held on Sunday morning at Clan Gregor Square.

"This Splash Pad is for you to enjoy. You are the future of not only our country but this village and the municipality as a whole. Without young people we have no purpose, so it is great to see so many of you here today," said Dowson.

Molly Dawe, of Clinton, enjoyed a hot dog while listening to the concert.

And with that Paige, the daughter of Jen and Chad Beaupre, of Waterloo, helped the mayor officially cut the ribbon for the new Splash Pad. Joining them was Ella Dowson, 10 month-old great granddaughter of the mayor. Then it was Paige's turn to shine alone walking into the centre of the pad and pushing the button to start the water flowing – after a slight delay she was engulfed by water on all sides and the kids could no longer resist, a surge of delighted youngsters sprang forth to get good and soaked! The Clan Gregor Splash Pad was open.

The Splash Pad hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. seven days a week barring any unforeseen technical difficulties.

Andrew Davidson, of Ottawa, and his son Lucas Davidson-Wiens kept up with all the actions needed to help Brian, Alan and Melody with a song.

It wasn't just a party to open the Splash Pad it was a celebration of Canada's 146th birthday too.

Performer Brian Morcombe interacted with the crowd during his show and took a short break to watch Alan the Lion perform a solo number.

Parachute games, a Canada Flag craft, face painting, balloons, Slushies, popcorn, hotdogs and cupcakes were all activities organized by the Optimist Club in the hours leading up to the Splash Pad opening.

This young lady was one of many that came dressed for splashing!

Mike Dixon, of the Bayfield Optimist Club and chair of the Making A Splash Campaign, spoke to the crowd prior to the officlal opening of the Splash Pad.

Alan the Lion and Brian Morcombe get the crowd pumped to party.

Openspace Solutions Inc. oversaw the Splash Pad project This company used materials from Waterplay Solutions Corp. to create it. On opening day these two companies provided the crowd with free t-shirts and beach balls.

The Splash Pad grand opening was met with squeals of approval.

Eight year-old Paige, the daughter of Jen and Chad Beaupre, of Waterloo, was the lucky young lady who got to push the button to start the water flowing at the Splash Pad opening ceremony on Sunday afternoon. A coloring contest was held to determine who would receive the honor and her coloring was randomly selected from more than 25 entries.

Although it may appear simple in design, the Splash Pad offers lots to explore at every turn.

As soon as the sprinklers started the children surged forward to test the Splash Pad out.

Once the water was turned on dozens of children jumped into the spray.

PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Bayfield Marina...By Mel Diotte

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

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

Melody, grandson Graham & Alan the Lion (Photo by Jackie Hivert)

SUBMISSIONS

On Sunday afternoon the Clan Gregor Square Splash Pad opened. Since June of last year the Splash Pad has been seemingly at the forefront of almost every volunteer task I have completed – as another one of my current, volunteer hats is secretary of the Bayfield Optimist Club and I also happen to have the good fortune to be married to their longstanding treasurer. When the children rushed in to enjoy the spray for the first time – my initial thought as I looked at them bounding about was it looks just like the computer graphic used in our promotional material. But this of course was even better. You could feel the spray and hear the shrieks of delight and pure joy. It was no longer a concept it was real.

This is my 20th year as a Bayfield Optimist and I really couldn't be prouder to be a member of our tenacious, little club right now. We are a membership of 18 (there is room for more to join – shameless plug) and I must congratulate everyone for really pulling together and getting this job done. It was like a wave of enthusiasm swept across the entire community and we raised more than $150,000 without any government funding or grant support between October and June – the sleepy time of the year for the village. Thanks to everyone who opened their hearts, minds and pocketbooks to the Making A Splash Campaign – our membership is both grateful and humbled by it. - Melody

P.S. Another highlight of the weekend for me was meeting Melody the Hippo from Music with Brian in person. I have never heard my name said as many times as I did in one hour during this special concert held in conjunction with the Splash Pad opening. Melody, Alan and Brian were fantastic! At the end my grandson and I couldn't resist posing for a picture with her Lion friend, Alan – luckily Graham knows me as Gramel or he might have been a little confused! This was Graham's first big concert and he seemed a little thoughtful about it all as the picture shows but he did get to clapping toward the end.

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

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