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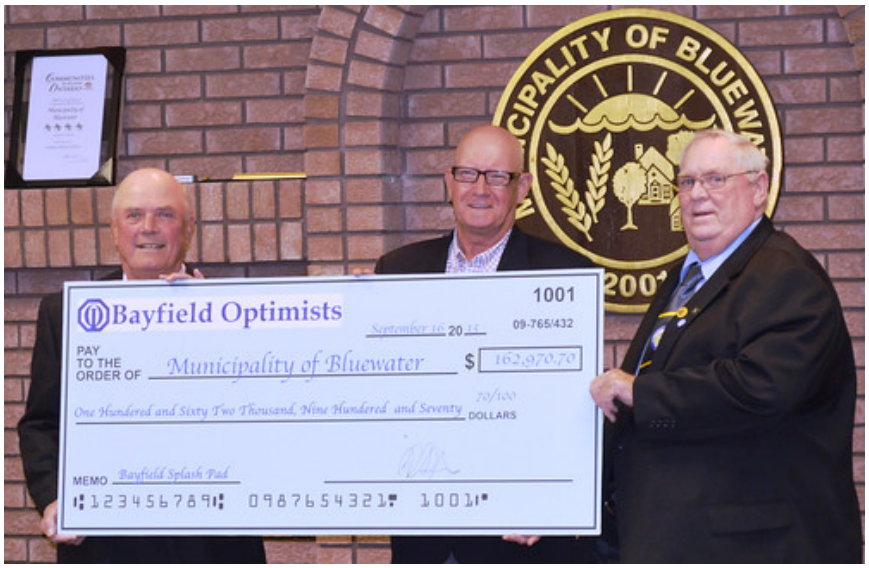
LOTS OF CASH FOR SPLASH



Optimist Club of Bayfield members Mike Dixon (left) and Wayne McKaig were delighted to present Mayor of the Municipality of Bluewater, Bill Dowson, with a cheque for $162,979.70 in the council chambers during the council meeting held Sept. 16. Due to the generosity of the community the 18 member club was able to realize their goal of raising the money needed to create the Clan Gregor Square Splash Pad in under a year.

UNITED CHURCH

Sunday, Sept. 22 was a very busy day at St Andrew's United Church. At the 11 a.m. service Rev. Richard Hall was the guest minister in a pulpit exchange with Wingham United Church. In turn, St. Andrew's Rev. Elise Feltrin presided over the service at the Wingham church.

Then in the afternoon, starting at 3 p.m., a Service of Covenanting between Huron-Perth Presbytery, Rev. Elise Feltrin and St. Andrew's United Church Bayfield was held.

Flo Keillor, chair of the Official Board, welcomed members of St. Andrew's, guests, visitors, representatives from Presbytery and ministers of area churches who were present for the event.

Rev. Dr. Peter Kugba-Nyande, chair of Huron-Perth Presbytery was in charge of the service. Rev. Sheryl Spencer was the guest minister and she gave the message "A Generous Presence". The choir sang

The Bayfield Optimist Club membership would like to invite people to become Optimists. The club is very active both through fundraising and hosting family friendly events, regularly contributing to the community $25,000 plus a year for the benefit of children, youth and their families. To learn more about joining please contact Optimist Brenda Kinnear at 519 565-4235. (Submitted photo)

ROSS NEW PRESIDENT OF HURON COUNTY ALZHEIMER SOCIETY

Quinn Ross

At its annual meeting held at Bailey's Peckerwood Estate on Sept. 17 the Alzheimer Society of Huron County said goodbye to their retiring President Philip J McMillan, and welcome to their new President Quinn Ross, a Bayfield area resident.

The meeting had special significance to its members and to its many volunteers because it was the 20th anniversary of the Alzheimer Society in Huron County. In addition to serving Huron County with its permanent staff of 10, supported by 120 active volunteers, the Society has also donated more than $109,000 over 20 years to support research into discovering a cure for Alzheimer's Disease.

At the meeting, Ross outlined his two priorities as President of the Society. The first is to ensure that innovative, high quality services continue to be developed and delivered to Huron County residents in need. His second goal is to ensure that the Alzheimer Society of Huron County continues to fund research so that within the next 20 years a cure would be found to conquer this debilitating disease.

Ross is a partner at The Ross Firm, a law firm located in Goderich.

BANNOCKBURN FALL HIKE CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

Bannockburn is a delightful place to visit for all ages of explorer as evidenced from this photo taken on Sept. 30, 2012 during the 39th annual Fall Hike hosted by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority. This year the 40th anniversary of the hike will be held on Oct. 6 and will

The Bannockburn Fall Hike is celebrating 40 years of informative nature walks in 2013 and the people behind the autumn event say they will extend hours this year for the anniversary. Most years, visitors and local residents have a two-hour window to take part in the hike but this year the popular autumn tradition will run from 1-4 p.m.

"We think 40 years is pretty special and we want to make sure everyone gets a chance to attend this year and talk to staff members along the way," said Julie Stellingwerff, conservation education specialist with the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA). "That's why we are adding an extra hour so people can pick a time that works for them."

The fall hike will take place on Oct. 6 at Bannockburn Conservation Area, located between Bayfield and Brucefield, north of

"Praise God" by Besig/Price. Everyone was invited to join in the celebration and fellowship following the service.

BACK TO CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday, Sept. 29 is 'Back-to-Church' Sunday. This is an annual event in Canada and across the world - where friends, neighbors and community are invited to join in worship at their local church.

It was started in England in 2004 as a way of welcoming people back into local parishes.

"Quite often, people are affiliated with a church but slip out of the habit of attending and then may find it difficult to return. Back to Church Sunday is a way for them to feel comfortable returning or perhaps trying out a new church," said Rev. Elise Feltrin, minister at St. Andrew's United Church.

Bayfield has three active and historic churches that hold worship services each Sunday and welcome both new and returning worshippers. Church services are held at: St. Andrew's United Church, 11 a.m.; Knox Presbyterian Church, 11 a.m. and Trinity Anglican Church, 8 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. The Church On the Way is newer to the community and their membership meets on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. at the Bayfield Lions' Community Building.

AT THE PHARMACY...

The Goderich-Huron Support Group of the Parkinson Society Southwestern Ontario will meet on Oct. 1 at Pharmasave Michael's Pharmacy in Bayfield.

A presentation about Parkinsons will begin at 6:30 p.m. All in the community are invited to attend. Refreshments will follow the presentation.

BIG BAND DANCE

On Oct. 19, the Bayfield Town Hall will once again be presenting the Festival City Big Band Dance. This Stratford band, featuring two soloists, is well known in Bayfield as well as most of Southwestern Ontario.

With cabaret style seating, perfect acoustics and a wooden dance floor, the town hall takes on a nightclub ambience for the evening. Only 70 tickets are available for this event in order to maximize space on the dance floor, so be sure to book early.

There will be a cash bar and light lunch at the event to be held from 9 p.m. to midnight.

Tickets are $20 each and are available by contacting Charlie at 519 565-2244 or Pat at 519-565-2572. They can also be obtained at Ernie King Music in Goderich or www.ticketscene.ca.

feature the unveiling of the Main Bayfield Watershed Plan. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Varna, at 76249 Bannockburn Line.

The organizers of the event say they would love to see people share personal memories and photos of the hike over the years. Anyone who would like to share their photos or best hike memories can do so at the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Facebook page or by visiting http://www.abca.on.ca/page.php?page=bannockburn-memories.

For more information on 40 years of Bannockburn Fall Hikes, visit abca.on.ca and type 'Bannockburn Fall Hike' into the search box at the top of the home page.

The Bannockburn Fall Hike is free but donations are always appreciated. The hike will provide visitors with a chance to speak with conservation staff members and hike trails. Participants are encouraged to 'lug a mug,' to reduce waste, and enjoy local apple cider. Local apples will also be available for a snack.

The fall hike combines health, nature, and education about soil, water, and living things. ABCA staff members will be located at stops along the trail to talk about plants and animals (flora and fauna), new research, the first Main Bayfield Watershed Plan, the new Watershed Report Card, geocaching, and more.

The Main Bayfield Advisory Committee has just completed the Main Bayfield Watershed Plan, after almost two years of work by the community. The steering committee will release the plan at 1 p.m. at Bannockburn Conservation Area to kick off the Bannockburn Fall Hike.

The Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation, a U.S. foundation dedicated to nurturing environmentally healthy and culturally vibrant communities in metropolitan Detroit and supporting initiatives to restore the Great Lakes Basin, provided ABCA with $100,000 for its work with landowners to conduct community-based planning at the local watershed scale and other work to improve water quality, between 2011 and 2013. The project has involved the community of the Main Bayfield River Watershed that includes Trick's Creek Watershed.

The Bannockburn Fall Hike is a Healthy Hikes Challenge event. Anyone who attends the Bannockburn Fall Hike, or another Healthy Hike event in Ontario, can earn 200 bonus points at healthyhikes.ca. Those who would like to take part in the Healthy Hikes Challenge may visit healthyhikes.ca and log time spent hiking or walking at any conservation area in the province of Ontario that is owned and/or operated by one of Ontario's 36 conservation authorities.

Conservation authorities collectively own more than 2,500 KMs of trails, and the conservation areas they operate help protect ecologic features such as wetlands, forests, rivers, and streams, and great lakes shoreline, all of which contribute in invaluable ways to our overall health and well-being. The air we breathe, the food we eat, and the water we drink all depend upon the health of the natural environment.

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

BAYFIELD WATER, ART AND FITNESS FESTIVAL THIS SATURDAY

TOWN HALL

Celebrity writer Barbara Heartland is having a birthday party celebration. But all is not as it seems... With guests arriving from all corners of the world, one of them has murder on their mind!

"Murder at the Bollywood Bash" is the next installment of theatrical fundraisers for the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society written by Judy Keightley. With a stellar cast of many well-known Bayfield residents, including the return of the invincible Inspector Morsell and his trusty sidekick, Sergeant Day-Lewis, guests are invited to help them solve the murder.

The evening to be held on Oct. 26 at 7 p.m. in the Town Hall will include a three-course dinner and a special "birthday surprise" presentation display of "Bollywood" dancing.

Tickets at $35 each are limited so people are advised to book early. Tables for four or more can also be reserved.

For tickets please call 519 565- 2572 or 519 565-4404. They can also be obtained online at: www.ticketscene.ca.

JUST BETWEEN FRIENDS

People are warmly invited to spend an evening "Just Between Friends" on Sept. 29 when the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society (BTHHS) presents "two seasoned performers, both alike in musical tastes" on the stage of the Bayfield Town Hall.

Marlene Fagan, of London, ON, a pianist/accompanist and well-known Metropolitan Opera Bass-Baritone John Avey have collaborated in a new scintillating cabaret partnership. This duo, known as, "Just Between Friends", will showcase the timeless classics of Broadway and popular music.

Since their decision to form this partnership just this past April, they have performed concerts for their peers as well as for Laureen Harper, wife of Prime Minister Stephen Harper, and most recently at The Huron County Cultural Awards Ceremony. They were also featured in a concert at The Bach Music Festival of Canada in July.

Their program includes favorites, such as, 'Time After Time', 'Who Can I Turn To', 'Misty', 'Hey There', 'This is All I Ask', and 'Old Man River' to name a few.

From the light-hearted to the passionate, the program promises a memorable evening. The doors of the town hall will open at 7 p.m. with the performance starting at 8 p.m. A cash bar (wine and cheese) will be available.

Very few tickets are remaining for this evening. They are available for $20 each by calling 519 565-2572 or

Bethany Davidson created this acrylic on mdf entitled "Consider" and it will be auctioned off on Saturday as part of the Bayfield Water, Art and Fitness Festival in support of the hospital in Goderich. (Submitted photo)

Sept. 28 will be a very active day in the village when the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) host the Bayfield Water, Art and Fitness Festival in support of the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Foundation (AMGHF).

This celebration of local waters and trails will begin at 9 a.m. with a 5KM Run hosted by the Virtual High School (proceeds of which will go to Childcan). An Art Show and Silent Auction will run in the afternoon along with an Urban Pole Walking event scheduled for 2 p.m.

Rounding out the day's events will be a presentation by Maude Barlow, former senior advisor on Water to the 63rd President of the United Nations General Assembly and chair of the Council of Canadians. She will take the stage at 7 p.m. in the Bayfield Town Hall. Tickets are sold out for her presentation – a waiting list is being compiled at The Village Bookshop. Barlow's newest book will be released that day and will be available at the evening event as well as at the Bookshop.

Barlow, a leading figure worldwide on water issues, along with her husband, Andrew Davis, will be leading the Urban Pole Walking event scheduled to depart from Clan Gregor Square at 2 p.m. on the Saturday. People don't need poles to join in the walk all are welcome to don their sneakers and take part.

Before the walk and beginning at 11:30 a.m. people are invited to bid art on display at the Bayfield Town Hall. Fourteen artists, potters, painters, photographers etc. have taken the theme water and created some stunning pieces of work. After the walk participants will have time to check on their bids as the auction will end at 4 p.m.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Foundation to assist in the purchase of an anesthetic unit.

THE STORY BEHIND BLAKE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

from Ernie King Music in Goderich or www.ticketscene.ca.

AT THE GALLERIES...

JMR Art Gallery will host its final 2013 "Meet the Artist" Series reception on Sept. 28 from 6-10 p.m. David Haskell will be the visiting artist – his medium: photography.

Haskell is an internationally recognized photographer who was born and raised in Clinton. He has traveled the world and is known for his "edgy" celebrity images.

His exhibit of new photos from Bayfield and area will open on Sept. 25 and run until Oct. 15. Visit www.jmrgallery.com for more information.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This fall is the 100th anniversary of the Great Lakes Storm of November 1913. This storm was the deadliest and most destructive natural disaster ever to hit the lakes. The storm killed more than 250 people, destroyed 19 ships and stranded 19 others. Immense cargoes of coal, iron ore, and grain were lost. Pieces of the wrecks have surfaced along our coast for the past 100 years.

The Great Lakes Storm 1913 Remembrance Committee has organized a series of nine media presentations and talks about the storm to take place every Thursday from now until Nov. 7. The nine events will be held at the Huron County Museum in Goderich starting at 7:30 p.m. Refreshments and snacks will be served beforehand. The price is $5 at the door or $30 for the series.

The Bayfield Historical Society is sponsoring one of these presentations on Oct. 3, entitled, "The Weather Bomb of Early November 1913" presented by Jay Campbell, noted meteorologist.

Other titles in the series are: Discovery of the Regina & Price, Sept. 26; Lake Fury, Storms of the Century, Oct. 10; Images of Goderich Harbour, Oct. 17; Overview of the November Storm of 1913, Oct. 24; and finally, the Edmond Fitzgerald Investigations on Nov. 7.

Also in support of the 100th year Storm remembrance, Barb Durand, a BHS board member, is using her graphic arts skills to create an authentic shipwreck map of Lake Huron showing the vessels lost in the Great Storm. The map will be on display at the Bayfield Archives in late September.

RACE 4 KIDS

The Childhood Cancer Research Association (Childcan) and Virtual Highschool.com (VHS) are

Blake Presbyterian Church at its original location. (Photo supplied by Carolyn Van Sligtenhorst)

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

In this issue, the BHC shares the story of the Blake Presbyterian Church.

When the Township of Stanley was young, homes, industries and churches popped up in small pockets. A natural spring aided the development of a hamlet on the southern boundary of the township, named since the 1870s, as Blake. Monthly church services were held in the Blake school until 1870 when one-tenth of an acre of land just east of the village was purchased from Joseph Foster. A Gothic Revival frame church was built on a knoll and hosted its first service on March 12, 1871.

In those days, the United Presbyterian Church had congregations in Brucefield, Bayfield, Kippen, Varna, as well as Blake. Associations adjusted with the times, however, the congregation at Blake remained self-sufficient. Margaret Elliott wrote in the “Township of Stanley History Book” that the Blake congregation supported several “schemes” including, in the early days, Home Missions, French Evangelism and Widows and Orphans. The young women of the church took collections for these schemes and separately recorded donations from each township concession.

For many years, garden parties followed anniversary services. After supper, hired bands or local talent provided musical entertainment. Parishioners made their own ice cream for the garden party, wrote Mrs. Elliott, as records showed in 1917 an expense of $6.35 to purchase eggs and cream.

The congregation funded guest speakers and creature comfort improvements. In 1875, they moved the woodstove to the rear of the building and purchased stovepipes to warm it. They hired a caretaker who provided wood and lit the fires for $3 per year. An organ was purchased and placed on a newly-built platform and chairs were purchased for the choir. A small room to the west of the platform was built to accommodate the Primary Sunday School class.

In 1946, the Blake church celebrated its 75th anniversary, however, it was only five years later when declining attendance caused its closure. By this time, the community’s industries and businesses were also declining. The building was sold to the Blake Mennonite congregation that used it for several years as a church hall. A few years ago, the abandoned building was moved northwest to private property at the intersection of Bluewater Highway and Staffa Road.

Since 1863, Blake’s commercial district contained Adam Edighoffer’s shoe shop, a leather tannery, a postal and telegraph office and a steam-powered mill that ground apples in fall (to make apple butter and cider) and grains in winter. The hamlet was home to one of three hotels in the township. A blacksmith operated from the late 1800s until the early 1950s. A general repair shop and a general store operated into the 1970s.

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pleased to announce their partnership to deliver a new program that provides Online Learning Bursaries for children coping with cancer.

Together they hope to offer a solution that enables children to continue their education and helps families to deal with the difficulties associated with cancer diagnosis, treatment, and recovery. With this partnership they hope to enhance the quality of life for children affected with childhood cancer – this means helping to provide education that is available at any time and in any place.

With this partnership, VHS and Childcan will be hosting the first annual Run4Kids 5 km run/walk in Bayfield on Sept. 28 to create awareness and lend support to children and families coping with childhood cancer. All funds raised will be donated directly to Childcan to help provide educational support and opportunities. VHS will be covering all costs associated with organizing the race and will donate all course and administrative fees free of charge to children in the Online Learning Bursary Program. The bursaries will cover all teacher fees associated with enrollments through the partnership.

There are opportunities for all of our supporters to be involved as participants, volunteers, or donors. Please visit www.vhsrun4kids.com or contact Childcan or VHS directly to learn more.

BAYFIELD CALENDAR

April by Janette Baillie

The 2014 Bayfield calendar was released recently. The Bayfield Lions’ Club sponsored the calendar this year working jointly with the Photography Club of Bayfield (PCoB).

Thirteen photographs selected for the 2014 Calendar – one for each month and one for the cover - are extraordinary images of various scenes and subjects around the village and are identifiably Bayfield.

The calendar is now on sale for $10 at the Bayfield Archives, The Village Book Shop and at various stores throughout the village. The proceeds from the sale of calendars are shared equally between Lions and the volunteer organizations and merchants who sell the calendar. The Bayfield Lions’ Club will use its share of the proceeds to fund its various projects in the community.

A SPLASH OF COLOR

Matthew McKaig was the successful bidder on the delightful painting of the Clan Gregor Square Splash Pad by artist Katerina Mertikas of Ottawa. His winning bid of $750 will go to support the Optimist Club of Bayfield's work in the community. The secret, silent auction was hosted by JMR Art Gallery on Main Street in the village. Mertikas was the artist behind the coloring page for the Optimist Club's Splash Pad grand opening contest held back in June. The painting was a colored version of the page. Joyce McIlwain, president of the Optimist Club of Bayfield, and Judy Roth (right) owner of JMR Gallery posed with Mertikas' work just after the winning bid was revealed on Sunday afternoon. Anyone who missed out on the painting but would still like a sample of it can purchase the note card version at the gallery with the proceeds going to the Optimist Club. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

EUCHRE CLUB

The Bayfield Euchre Club will start its fall session on Oct. 2. The group meets on alternate Wednesdays at the Bayfield Lions' Community Building at 7 p.m. The cost is $1.50 and everyone is welcome. For more information call Lee at 519 565-2765.

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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, another accident involving a truck in front of St. Andrew's United Church but this one happened in 1974. Does anyone recall this incident?

ISSUE 219

In Issue 219, records indicate the people in this photo are Rev. and Mrs. Smith. Does anyone remember them?

ISSUE 220

In Issue 220, an image of an accident that took place in front of St. Andrew's United Church in 1968. Records note that a truck loaded with corn rolled over. Does anyone remember this event?

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

SHARE PHOTO STORY

BAYFIELD LIONS' CLUB

GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES BIG BUCKS FOR LIONS' SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

PHOTOS BY TONY VAN BAKEL AND JACK PAL

As reported in the Bayfield Breeze Issue 220 the jointly hosted Bayfield Lions' Club and Albion Hotel First Annual Golf Tournament and Raffle held on Sept. 6 raised over $10,000.

The Bayfield Lions' Club membership was thrilled by the result and wanted to share some photos of the day with our subscribers.

Willy Simpson drives a shot down the green during the Bayfield Lions' Club and the Albion Hotel First Annual Golf Tournament held at the Bluewater Golf Course in Bayfield on Sept. 6.

Lion President Larry Simpson (far left) presented the trophy to the winning foursome at Bayfield Lions' Club and Albion Hotel First Annual Golf Tournament held on Sept. 1. L-r: Curly McMann, Jim Fleming, John Graham and Dean Laurie comprised the winning team.

Nora West, Dawn Hillier, Tracey Johnston and John Musselman took second place honors at the tournament held on Sept. 1. They are shown here receiving congratulations from Lion President Larry Simpson.

Dressed to golf are l-r: Daryll Thompson, Lion President Larry Simpson, Willy Simpson and Don Simpson.

Kim Musynski, owner of the Albion Hotel in Bayfield, co-hosted this year's tournament with the Lions' Club he is shown here with his father, Jack.

Tory McDonald (in cart) posed with a fellow player during the golf tournament.

The Bayfield Lions' Club have been selling tickets on a Toronto Maple Leaf jersey for some months and the draw was held at their golf tournament held on Sept. 1. Don Neil was the lucky winner. He was presented the jersey by Kim Muszynski, (left) owner of the Albion Hotel and Bayfield Lions' Club President Larry Simpson (far right).

PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

All the (rainbow) Colors of Fall...*By Gary Lloyd-Rees*

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

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Melody Falconer-Pounder

SUBMISSIONS

Last year at this time I was introduced to the Aviva Community Fund as the local Optimist Club of which I am a member entered in hopes of winning some money for the Clan Gregor Square Splash Pad. Although we failed to make it to the final round the competition did a lot for getting the word out about the project. The 2013 version of the Aviva Community Fund begins on Sept. 30 and this time around I am inviting subscribers to vote for the "Goderich Lions Club – Camp Klahanie Revitalization".

If you are a regular reader of "Submissions" you will know that I helped in getting Camp Klahanie back to the community after its future was threatened. Thanks to the generosity of the Goderich Lions Club the camp will soon be available for children and youth groups across the county and beyond to use.

One of the goals of the Camp Klahanie Board of Directors and Lions members is to provide better facilities for co-ed camping opportunities. A second building with washrooms is needed to realize this goal. Winning upwards of $50,000 through the AVIVA Fund would be a great help.

The Aviva Community Fund is, according to their website, "an annual competition that is changing Canadian communities by bringing great ideas to life. The most popular ideas, as determined by passionate Canadians like you, will have a chance to win a share of the $1,000,000 Aviva Community Fund."

The competition has three qualifying rounds. Sept. 30 is the start date for the first round of voting. This will continue to Oct. 14. Starting Monday please take the time to vote once everyday. Here is the link: http://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf17084 By voting often you will help ensure the project moves on. If you are on Facebook and would like helpful voting reminders from yours truly please join our group: https://www.facebook.com/groups/653943981296568/.

The tide has changed for Camp Klahanie thanks to a lot of wonderful people who shared in the dream of saving it – let's keep making waves by voting together. - 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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