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BOOK CLUB INVESTIGATION FINDS BAYFIELD READS

Editor's Note: For some time now I have heard swirling rumors regarding an inordinate number of Book Clubs per capita being established in our little village. I decided that this phenomena needed further investigating…

BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

LIBRARY FRIENDS

The Friends of the Bayfield Library (FOBL) will host "Harps in the Library" on Jan. 25, the next installment of their "Show Me" Series.

Sharon Johnson and her adult students from the Huron Harp School will perform starting at noon followed by a demonstration and hands-on time with harps.

EMPTIES FOR ALZHEIMERS

Two Bayfield women would like to remind everyone preparing for holiday gatherings that their tradition of collecting empties for Alzheimer's Disease is continuing this year.

Dianne Brandon and Carrie Sabourin will be participating in the 2014 Walk for Memories on Jan. 19 in Bayfield and are now collecting donations for the cause.

A few of the members of the 'VHS' Book Club established in-house for employees of The Virtual Highschool in Bayfield as an opportunity for staff to connect outside of work. (Submitted photo)

According to Librarian Anny Johnston, “The first book club in Bayfield started over 30 years ago, with such notables as Elva Metcalfe, Flo Scott, Maggie Gammage, Audrey Graham, Peg Willock, Gwen Pemberton and the dynamic Kay Reid. Their only stipulation for membership was No Men Allowed. Lucky for me, I am of the female persuasion and was allowed to join. This was a long time ago, and today I thank those women, as they were so inspirational.”

Bayfield’s first book club still meets today. The ten members gather the fourth Monday of each month at the library.

The reasons for joining a book club are as varied as the club’s themselves but one excellent reason would be to meet new people especially after moving into a new community. This was a strong reason for Judy Keightley when she sought out a club when she first came to the village.

“When we moved to the village one of the first things that I did was to enquire at the library if there was a book club that I could join. It soon became obvious that there were already at least half a dozen clubs but none were taking new members. Anny (Librarian Johnston) suggested that we start a new club especially for newcomers looking to join and ‘Nothing Binding’, was formed.

The ‘Nothing Binding’ Book Club was created with the help of Gayle Dunn. It meets the third Thursday of the month at the ten members’ homes. Soon after it was established another group also started. They became known as ‘WOW’ or ‘Women of Words’. They meet at various homes once a month “with refreshments”.

A book club loosely known as the ‘Harbour Court Ladies’ takes turns hosting once a month at different members’ homes, with dinner included. Yet another group meets the first Wednesday of the month and has of yet to give themselves a name. They are however, quite organized. They divvy up their dinner menu between the nine members. The hostess chooses the book and supplies the main course with dessert provided by the next host.
One of the first book clubs, the ‘Book Women’, was started by Gail Grant in 2002 and includes many long-standing residents. ‘Book Women’ meet on the third Friday of every month at members’ homes, with everyone submitting three titles that they would like to read. The members then vote on their selection and the person whose title was selected hosts the gathering.

Johnston noted that the ‘Bayfield Literary Guild’ Book Club became famous when they were featured on the CBC discussion on the topic of “Book Clubs”.

“They were even invited back for a second, prophetic airing, a session, on the novels written by Alice Munro,” said Johnston.

The trend would seem to limit the clubs to a membership of around ten people so joining established clubs is often by invitation. A year or two after ‘Nothing Binding’ was formed Keightley received such an invite.

It is, of course, hoped that everyone will celebrate responsibly this festive season and when doing so plan to donate the empty beer bottles and cans; wine and liquor bottles to their team, “For the Love of Elane and Doris”. The ladies being honored are currently living with Alzheimers, Elane Brandon, Sabourin’s grandmother, and Doris Schilbe, Dianne’s mother.

Empties of all sorts may be dropped off at Brandon's Hardware in Bayfield, or picked up anytime, just call Brandon’s Hardware at 519 565-2677 or 519 565-2545. Empties may also be dropped off at Bayfield Convenience in their names.

TOWN HALL

The Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society will once again host the popular “Soup's On” event on Feb. 16.

The Society is looking for churches, organizations and restaurants to register to take part and compete for the coveted "Soup's On" ladles!

The afternoon event will run from 2-4 p.m.

Please contact Kate Lloyd-Rees at 519 565-4404 or email bayfieldth@gmail.com to learn more.

BAYFIELD CALENDAR

Following the great success of the 2014 calendar plans are moving ahead for the 2015 version and more copies will be made available. Building on this success, the project will once again be a partnership between the Photography Club of Bayfield (PCoB) and the Bayfield Lions’ Club.

People are encouraged to sort through all the wonderful Bayfield photos that they have taken over the last several years. Photos do not need to have been taken in the last 12 months. People may also submit as many photos as they would like to.

Participants do not need to be a member of the PCoB in order to submit. Photographers whose photos are selected for inclusion in the 2015 calendar will receive a free membership to the PCoB.

A new Flickr site has been opened specifically dedicated to the 2015 calendar, http://www.flickr.com/groups/bayfieldcalendar2015. Please visit this site and explore the criteria for posting.

HEARING CLINIC

Have you heard the news? A monthly hearing clinic has been established in the village at Pharmasave Michael’s Pharmacy. The next date for the clinic is Jan. 21.

“I met up with some ladies who belonged to one of the older, established, book clubs in the village, 'The Bayfield Ladies Literary Guild', and one of their members had left, would I like to join?” she recalled. “That was then book club number two, very different from our fledgling 'Nothing Binding', but very dynamic and made up of wonderful women, the movers and shakers of the village.”

Another group, ‘Special Edition’ evolved from the ‘Bayfield Literary Guild’ and they meet at Judith Gooding’s home the first Monday of the month.

Although it would appear that the local appeal for Book Clubs is more toward the female persuasion there are at least two couple’s clubs and one males only group.

“We have an unnamed, couples’ book club which meets the third Friday of the month with dinner – hosts doing the main course, everyone else filling in the rest of the meal. We’ve been at it for about five years,” said Mary Beth Larone, of Bayfield. “It was originally organized and started by Gail Grant I think. We read a mix of fiction and non-fiction, but I would say the books are almost secondary to the friendship we share.”

Just one year ago another couples’ book club was formed. It is known as 'Book Ends'; Judy Keightley and her husband, Philip, are members.

“Dinner is served at this club and it is an evening venue. Having men participate in the book discussion is very different and interesting. Indeed, all three of my book clubs are wonderfully different but amazing how we all get on so very well with each other and respect what each and everyone has to say even though we don't always agree,” said Keightley.

Men wishing to engage in conversation over a good book with their fellows now have an opportunity to do so as the village’s first men’s only book club is in the process of being established. Any men wish to join are invited to call David Smith, at 519 565-2804. This club meets on the second Monday of the month.

“The book clubs have added a rich and meaningful dimension to our living in Bayfield, that, coupled with The Village Bookshop and all the wonderful authors and workshops Mary (Brown – owner) manages to bring to the village, makes me feel truly blessed to be part of this 'bookish' community,” said Keightley.

And not to be outdone The Village Bookshop also has a book club, the ‘Bookshop Book Club’, at one time it was known as the ‘Page Turners’.

The club has approximately 12 members and has been meeting for five plus years. The ‘Bookshop Book Club’ meets monthly on Saturday mornings at The Village Bookshop. New members always welcome.

“We tend to read mostly current fiction. Some highlights from 2013: The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry, Ragged Company, No Great Mischief, and Cloud Atlas,” said Brown. “For January, we're reading The Book Thief and hoping to see the movie as a group.”

The Virtual Highschool also recently started a book club for their employees. Started by John Smallwood and Stacy Schultz it is an opportunity for staff to connect outside of work. The ‘VHS’ Book Club has 14 members and is brand new having only met twice.

The Kincardine Hearing Clinic will be offering their services on the third Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The clinic will offer: hearing aid adjustments and repairs to all makes and models, no cost hearing tests, new prescription of hearing aids, wax removal, hearing aid battery sales as well as hard of hearing assistive devices.

Please call The Kincardine Hearing Clinic at 1-855-396-6026 to book an appointment.

FITNESS FUN

One of the most popular winter pastimes in Canada is skating and Bayfield is fortunate to have ice in its arena this year to take advantage of. People are invited to attend public skating at the Bayfield Arena on Sundays from 1-3 p.m. as well as Mondays from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The ice can also be rented for private use just call 519 565-2121 to learn more or to book a time.

One Care classes are free from now until March 31. Everyone that comes to a class must have completed a client intake form. Anyone who isn’t sure if they have completed one is asked to consult an instructor.

Total Body fit classes are held at 8:45 a.m. on Mondays and 9 a.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. Those who attend are asked to bring a mat. Stronger Senior Classes are held at 10:20 a.m. Mondays and Wednesdays. Both classes are held at the Bayfield Community Centre.

Tuesday Yoga at the Bayfield Town Hall begins at 10 a.m. The cost is $4 a class.

Mah Jongg will be played Jan. 23. New players and beginners always welcome. Players meet at the Bayfield Lions’ Community Building at 1 p.m. This game is becoming quite popular in Bayfield. It is an easy game to learn and great brain exercise.

Bridge is played at the Bayfield Lions Community Building every Wednesday at 1 p.m.

One Care sponsored Pole Walking is a popular fitness opportunity in Bayfield. Here’s the Pole Walking scoop. It is a fun, low impact exercise that can burn 50 per cent more calories over just walking. It uses 90 per cent of your muscles and builds better endurance and more flexibility. It helps eliminate back, shoulder and neck pain. Pole Walking develops upright body postures and helps decrease high blood pressure. It improves balance and is low impact on hips, knees and foot joints. Pole Walking has even been proven to regulate blood sugar for diabetics.

Walks for women are held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. They begin at 8:30 a.m. and end with a cool down stretch in Clan Gregor Square. On Tuesdays there is a gentle pace session that starts at

The Bayfield Library has been the catalyst behind the creation of several book clubs in town. The latest is a club for men only that is now accepting members. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

“In November, we read and discussed The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry by Rachel Joyce and in December, we chose to go with a Christmas theme and discuss A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens,” said Schultz. “We choose the next book to be read at the end of each meeting and encourage members to propose themes, books and/or authors they think would work well for our group.

In January the ‘VHS’ Book Club will be exploring Half Asleep in Frog Pajamas by Tom Robbins.

Two clubs, ‘Book Women’ and ‘The Bayfield Ladies Literary Guild’ choose their books for the entire year and send the lists to The Village Bookshop so Brown can have them in stock. The Bookshop offers a 10 per cent discount on all book club picks.

“I've been told that Bayfield's library has the highest rate of circulation per person of any library in Huron County,” said Brown. “And isn't it amazing that a village with a relatively small population would have so many book clubs? This is just one more reason that Bayfield is such a dynamic community.”

So in case anyone has been counting, that is 14 book clubs, in a village of just over 1,000 people (13 are featured here – a fourteenth apparently meets out in the country but couldn’t be confirmed prior to deadline).

In keeping with the apparent popularity of book clubs, Brown has decided that this year’s Bayfield Reads 2014 will take on a “Battle of the Book Clubs” theme. To that end Brown is looking for one representative from five of the local book clubs to champion the finalists. The event will be held on March 2 starting at 2 p.m. at the Bayfield Town Hall.

“What's in it for you? A free copy of your book, a souvenir event poster, bragging rights for the entire year and my undying gratitude,” said Brown. “Email, Facebook, call or drop in! And feel free to pass the challenge on to your fellow book clubbers!”

First come – first serve with regards to book selection. The titles are: Annabel by Kathleen Winter; Cockroach, by Rawi Hage; Half Blood Blues, by Esi Edugyan; Orenda, by Joseph Boyden; and Year of the Flood, by Margaret Atwood.

Tickets for Bayfield Reads 2014 are $5 each and are available at The Village Bookshop by calling 519 565-5600 or mbrown@thevillagebookshop.com.

9 a.m. 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. All Pole Walking groups leave from 6 Main Street.

Please call 519 565-2202 or 519 565-5638 for more information.

The Bayfield Euchre Club started 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.

Zumba, the Latin-inspired dance-fitness program has returned to Bayfield thanks to two enthusiastic 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.

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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.

Editor's Note: We are now adding the archive's code to the information supplied with the photographs so that if anyone would like to learn more from the Bayfield Archives about certain pictures they can use the code to make the process easier.

This week, notes indicate that this is another image of "Abe Brandon's snowmobile built for Dr. Newton by Walter Westlake in 1927". Does anyone remember the people in the picture? (Archives Code: PB13 34b)

ISSUE 235

In Issue 235, ladies gathered in the parlor at Christmas time makes for an endearing portrait – records indicate that the women gathered were Dell Lewes, Lucy Woods, Alma McKay (Bassett) and Mrs. Woods. (Archives code: PB13 17b)

ISSUE 236

In Issue 236, Abe Brandon poses with the snowmobile made for Dr. Brady. (Archives code: Pb13 34b)

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

SHARE PHOTO STORY

A RETROSPECTIVE OF VILLAGE HAPPENINGS FROM SEPT. 4 - DEC. 18

THE BEST OF THE BAYFIELD BREEZE 2013

Sept. 4 - Issue 218 -"SHAKESPEARIAN" TWIST ON TRADITION: The decades old tradition of stacking the picnic tables in Clan Gregor Square to mark the end of summer holidays was continued on Monday night...this year's sculpture included an attempt at a little poetry - not an easy feat when dealing with a limited number of letters. (Photos by Olga Palmer)

Sept. 18 - Issue 220 - BAYFIELD RIVER VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION - AREA RESIDENTS JOIN TOGETHER TO OUTRUN CANCER: A young group of cyclists enjoyed supporting the 33rd annual Terry Fox Run (and Bayfield's 5th) on the morning of Sept. 15. A stop at the water station on Tuyll near Howard Street was a highlight for the boys.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

With the holidays now past and a return to routine we take one last look at the year that was. This week: Sept. 4 to Dec. 18.

Once again we have included a few of the lovely and supportive comments sent in by our subscribers. Thanks to all those people who have taken the time to share their thoughts, they are very much appreciated.

Thanks also to our advertisers - several have been with us from the beginning and we are so happy to acknowledge this. We do have some new advertisers on board as well and to you we say welcome and thanks for your vote of confidence in our publication. We invite our Subscribers to support our advertisers by visiting their websites (click on their ad) and consider them first when in need of a product or service.

A special thanks this week to Judy Taylor and Paul Metcalfe, of Winnipeg, MN and Bayfield. Once again they have chosen to support the Bayfield Breeze financially by giving a monetary donation to help us keep the issues coming to you each week. We so appreciate their ongoing support.

Nov. 6 - Issue 227 - BAYFIELD GUIDING - CAMPERS RETURN TO KLAHANIE: Camp Klahanie is 40 years old in 2013 and has been given a new lease on life thanks to the efforts of the Goderich Lions Club. It will, however, remain true to it's roots, acknowledging that it was first given to local Guiding for $1 by the Hindmarsh family.

As a seasonal resident of the Bayfield area, I would appreciate being added to your weekly e-

Sept. 25 - Issue 221 - BAYFIELD LIONS CLUB - GOLF TOURNAMENT RAISES BIG BUCKS FOR LIONS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY: Willy Simpson drives a shot down the green during the Bayfield Lions' Club and Albion Hotel First Annual Golf Tournament held at the Bluewater Golf Course in Bayfield on Sept. 1. (Photo by Jack Pal)

Oct. 2 - Issue 222 - VILLAGE CELEBRATES WATER, ART AND FITNESS ON WEEKEND: Maude Barlow, former senior advisor on Water to the 63rd President of the United Nations General Assembly and chair of the Council of Canadians, took part in the Urban Pole Walking event organized by the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) on Saturday afternoon.Roger Lewington, of the BRVTA, led Barlow and about 20 others on a hike on the Sawmill Trail as part of the festival activities.

list distribution. A friend who lives in Bayfield has been kind enough to forward issues which have been welcomed along with their excellent content and quality of production. Keep up the superb work. Thank you.

M.W.

Nov. 13 - Issue 228 - LEST WE FORGET - COLD, WIND, RAIN AND HAIL DID NOT DETER CROWD THAT GATHERED TO REMEMBER: Russ Berry (right), of The Royal Canadian Legion, Branch #140, acted as parade marshall for the service.

Thanks Melody! Living without the Breeze - I don't want to. You are a wonderfully talented journalist and photographer. I have always appreciated your work. Now - from Calgary! All the best! - L.R., Calgary, Alberta

Nov. 20 - Issue 229 - UNIQUE FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT - GLEE SISTERS CAPTURE THEIR AUDIENCES ATTENTION: The attendance at "The Santa Trap" held at the Bayfield Town Hall on Nov. 9 was absolutely tremendous. The event featured a reading of the book written by Jonathan Emmett combined with music by The Glee Sisters. The lead characters in the story were performed by l-r: Janet Nelson, Sondra Buchner and Blanche Savage.

On behalf of the CPH Auxiliary, I would like to thank you for your support this year. We appreciate being included in the Bayfield Breeze each month. You write an excellent "paper" via e-mail. We extend our wishes to you and the staff for a Happy, Healthy Christmas and our Best Wishes for 2014.

Oct. 23 - Issue 225 - BAYFIELD LIONS CLUB - TROUT ELUSIVE AT 35TH ANNUAL DERBY: The Blue Flag was flying briskly at Bayfield's Main Beach near mid-day on Sunday. Fishermen and women braved the cold wind in anticipation of a bite during the 35th Annual Joe Brandon Memorial Rainbow Trout Derby.

Nov. 13 - Issue 228 - ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING DRAWS LARGEST CROWD EVER: Karen Sealy, Interior Designer and frequent guest on City TV's City Line, was given the delightful task of leading the crowd in a countdown to the switching on of the lights. She invited several really enthusiastic youngsters to help her count.

G.K. – Clinton, ON

Dec. 11 - Issue 232 - OPTIMIST CLUB OF BAYFIELD - SHARING THE MOST IMPORTANT MEAL OF THE DAY WITH THE JOLLY OLD ELF HIMSELF: The Optimist Club of Bayfield held their 8th annual Breakfast with Santa on Dec. 8. Jackson Hivert, of Waterloo, attended his fourth breakfast and this year was more than happy to show Santa the special hat he wore to the event in Mr. Claus' honour.

Hi. Just checked out the Breeze this morning, as I have every week for a couple of years. I often forward the link. It's a great publication — great content and easy to read. It's always a delight to see it pop up in my Inbox. Keep up the great work. We spend most of the summer at the cottage at Blue Haven Beach, just south of Bayfield. It's nice to keep the connection in the "off season." We head to Florida for the winter in a couple of weeks and will look forward to checking it out from there too.

Just wanted to let you know — I think you hit a home run with Bayfield Breeze.

B.B. – Waterloo, ON

Dec. 18 - Issue 233 - FRIENDS OF THE BAYFIELD LIBRARY - PAPER SNOWFLAKE AND GINGERBREAD COOKIES HIGHLIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS HOUR FOR CHILDREN: Christmas Hour for Children was hosted by the Friends of the Bayfield Library on the afternoon of Dec. 14 at the new library. A highlight for participants was making paper snowflakes. Travis Saunders was delighted by the finished snowflake that he and his Dad, Tim, worked so hard on together.

Dec. 4 - Issue 231 - BAYFIELD LIONS CLUB - MULTIPLE WINNERS CELEBRATE AT TURKEY BINGO: First time Turkey Bingo attendee, Justin Bryan, won two birds and the best cash prize of the night. The Lions' members joked that his turquoise toque brought him luck.

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Melody Falconer-Pounder

SUBMISSIONS

Back during Christmas holidays my stepson teased that I was experiencing quite a first world problem stressing over everything I needed to get done before I go on vacation for three weeks.

“You’re going to Costa Rica. Relax!” he would laugh.

And he’s right, of course, but still I can’t relax until every ‘T’ is crossed and every ‘I’ is dotted in my own mind – that everything is tied up nicely with a neat little bow – that I can excel at only packing 30 pounds worth of items when the suitcase is nine pounds to start with. It is just the way I roll.

And the world doesn’t stop just because I’m on vacation so I know the work and chores and volunteer projects will still be happily waiting for me when I return.

But here is hoping the world at least slows down a little so I can enjoy Costa Rica with my whole heart and mind. Pura Vida, my dear stepson, Pura Vida! – Melody

P.S. The Bayfield Breeze is currently on hiatus. Live issues will return Jan. 29. The deadline for that publication is Sunday, Jan. 26.

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

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