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CASH FOR AN EXTRA PURE SPLASH

The Clan Gregor Square Splash Pad opened on June 30th of last year. The successful capital funding campaign was lead by the Bayfield Optimist Club and raised the full cost of the Splash Pad through community donations. The Municipality of Bluewater applied for a "PowerPlay" grant through Hydro One to purchase an Ultra Violet (UV) water purification system to add an extra measure of safety to the chlorine system already in place at the Splash Pad and was successful in their application for the grant. On Jan. 14, a Hydro One representative was on hand at the Bayfield Library Complex to deliver the cheque. Taking part in the presentation were l-r: Bluewater Councillor Dave Roy, Bayfield Optimist President Joyce McIlwain, Optimist Director Wayne McKaig, Hydro One Representative Tony VandenBoomen, Bluewater Councillor Geordie Palmer, and Optimist Director Mike Dixon. (Submitted photo)

ELECTION 2014

As the New Year progresses so does the campaign for municipal councils – as an election will be held on Oct. 27.

On Jan. 12, Geordie Palmer announced his intentions to seek another term on the Municipality of Bluewater Council. He is currently serving as the Councilor for the Ward of Bayfield and feels that in the last four years many goals have been accomplished. He wishes to continue to represent the ward as it faces new and continuing challenges.

LOCAL GROUPS ORGANIZING FAMILY DAY WEEKEND EVENTS

Family Day is Monday, Feb. 17, and groups in Bayfield are joining together to make an entire weekend of family fun!

The Friends of the Bayfield Library (FOBL) will get things rolling on Saturday, Feb. 15 at the Bayfield Library Complex when they host “Winter Wonderland” for one hour starting at 1 p.m. Activities will include creating a family tree, making a paper snowman and listening to a story.

And then at 3 p.m. the Optimist Club of Bayfield will host an afternoon at the movies at the Bayfield Town Hall. “The Croods” will be the featured presentation. Those who attend are encouraged to bring blankets and pillows to get comfy on the floor.

The Optimists will be at it again on Sunday, Feb.16 hosting their annual Chili Cook-off at 1 p.m. Chili entries are welcome from individuals, organizations and area restaurants for a chance to win that coveted silver ladle. Participants are asked to drop off their entries at the Bayfield Community Centre at noon. In addition to the chili sampling people can enjoy pubic skating in the arena. There will be craft stations and clowns to entertain as well. Donations graciously accepted for “Friends of Youth” projects.

And because people can never get enough comfort food on a winter’s day the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society will be hosting their annual Soup’s On event over at the town hall that same Sunday afternoon.

Families are encouraged to come and taste the amazing array of soups presented by local churches and community organizations, as well as many of the community’s favorite local restaurants. The battle will be on to see which soup can win one of the coveted Soup Ladles. As in previous years, there will be a People's Choice Award and also a Celebrity Award, where judge Richard Fitoussi will give a "thumbs up" to his favorite soup in a "blind" tasting.

Soup’s On will run from 2-4 p.m. (voting will end at 3:30 p.m.). The cost to sample as many soups as desired is $5 (at the door); children under 12 years are free.

ABCA BOARD NAMES HORNER AS NEW GENERAL MANAGER

Geordie Palmer

"As a retired business professional, I have had the time to not only see opportunities to improve our lifestyles, but also experienced the changes and impact within our area. I have a strong understanding of the root values of our community, and how much the ward of Bayfield can contribute to the overall quality of our lives. I have listened to my fellow citizens, and have been able to express their observations and opinions in Council, in areas where constant contact is the only way for them to feel and understand the pulse of our unique community,” said Palmer at the time of the announcement.

FOBL

Wintery weather caused the postponement of the “Harps in the Library” on Jan. 25. So the Friends of the Bayfield Library (FOBL) have rescheduled it for Feb. 8. This is the next installment of their “Show Me” Series.

Sharon Johnson and her adult students from the Huron Harp School will perform starting at 11 a.m., followed by a demonstration and hands-on time with harps.

BAYFIELD ARENA COMMUNITY PARTNERS

As many are no doubt aware the future of the Bayfield Arena and Community Centre has come into question of late.

A group of concerned citizens known as the Bayfield Arena Community Partners (BACP) believe that there is still a future for an ice surface, as well as a facility that suits the needs of the community.

The BACP invited all user groups and community members to a friendly exchange of ideas about the future of the facility on Jan. 5. Approximately 50 people attended the meeting and it was taped by

Shown in photo (l-r) are, Tom Prout, who is retiring as General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA); Brian Horner, the newly-appointed General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer of ABCA, who took over as GM on Jan. 6; and Dave Frayne, Chairman of the ABCA Board of Directors. Prout worked in the conservation field for four decades and 32 of those years he spent as GM of ABCA Horner has worked at ABCA as Financial Services Supervisor since 2008 and he worked for about two decades in public accounting as a Chartered Accountant. (Submitted photo)

The Chairman of the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) Board of Directors, Dave Frayne, said he is pleased to announce the appointment of Brian Horner as the conservation authority's new General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer.

Horner received his Chartered Accountant designation in 1992. He spent about 20 years in public accounting before joining ABCA as Financial Services Supervisor in October of 2008. He started in his new role as General Manager on Jan. 6 taking over the job from Tom Prout, who is retiring after 32 years of service to ABCA.

Prout announced his pending retirement in September of 2013.The ABCA then interviewed people from both inside and outside the organization for consideration for the position. The search and interview process attracted applicants from across Canada. The Human Resources Committee then recommended the hiring of Horner and the board approved the recommendation at the Dec. 19 board meeting.

Horner was born and raised in Zurich and now lives in Exeter. He attended South Huron District High School and the University of Western Ontario before entering a career in public accounting. He and his wife Suzanne have three sons: Justin, Brock, and Drew.

The new general manager has been actively involved in his watershed community. He has been involved with minor baseball and hockey coaching for 15 years. He has been a member of the South Huron Minor Hockey Executive for about 10 years including serving a term as president of the executive. He has also served as a past member of the Exeter United Church Finance Committee and the Conservation Dinner Committee.

Horner combines strong credentials in financial management with knowledge of the area and experience in the work of the conservation authority, said Frayne.

"Brian combines financial expertise with a demonstrated ability to work well with municipalities and the watershed community," said Frayne. "He is the ideal person to lead the ABCA into a new era and to ensure the organization is both effective and well-managed financially."

According to Frayne, the new General Manager's financial background will be a major asset in helping ABCA to continue the successful leveraging of each local dollar to bring in additional support from other sources.

He also said Horner has the people skills for the job, "Brian's team approach fits perfectly with the positive, cooperative working culture that is in place at Ausable Bayfield Conservation."

TCC for their Channel 1. It can be viewed by visiting the BACP website at www.bacp.ca.

TOWN HALL

Patsy Cline, Kenny Rogers (with a special guest), The Carpenters, Bob Marley, Leonard Cohen, ABBA, the Beach Boys and others will be appearing for one night only at the Bayfield Town Hall on Feb. 22.

These legendary performers (or their talented contemporaries with local faces) will be featured in the town hall's third annual Cabaret Night this year titled, "Those were the Days".

The theme is based on the popular song sung by Mary Hopkins in the late 1960s.

The evening's entertainment will cover songs from 1950s up to the 90's and will begin at 7:30 p.m. A cash bar will be offered.

Tickets are available now for $15 each by calling 519 565-4515 or 519 565-4404. This event is always a sell out so don't hesitate to get tickets early.

STORMWATER STUDY PUBLIC MEETING

Area residents interested in the Stormwater Master Plan Servicing Study for the community of Bayfield should plan to attend a public information session set for Feb. 12 at the Stanley Complex in the Council Chambers.

The Municipality of Bluewater has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process to develop a Stormwater Servicing Master Plan for the Bayfield settlement area. The plan will recommend a stormwater servicing strategy that could be implemented in phases within the established areas of Bayfield, as well as recommending best practices and strategies addressing stormwater servicing within future development areas of the community.

This public information session is planned to receive input from interested persons. The main presentation will be held at 6:30 p.m. with representatives from the Municipality of Bluewater and project engineers from BM Ross available from 6-8 p.m.

WINTERLICIOUS

According to their website, "Taste of Huron is an award-winning member-based program of the Huron Tourism Association with a mission to celebrate Huron County's Harvest by promoting locally produced, sustainable foods and culinary excellence on Ontario's West Coast."

Horner, himself, said the organization is in strong financial shape. ABCA is one of Ontario's leading conservation authorities in its ability to make every local dollar work like four by attracting additional funding support from other sources in order to realize conservation initiatives. Almost three quarters of revenue, for ABCA-delivered programs, comes from sources other than the local municipal levy.

"I take on the role of General Manager with the knowledge that Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority has been able to minimize levy increases, and introduce five-year budget planning," Horner said.

The organization has been able to keep costs down, he said, while also finding ways to "accomplish important work to protect life and property and improve the environment, in partnership with municipalities and the community."

Horner said he is confident there will be a smooth transition from the previous administration and he complimented Prout for the previous GM's leadership role in building a strong organization.

"Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority has a highly skilled staff that works very well together and with the community," Horner said. "It will be an honor to serve as General Manager and Secretary-Treasurer and to continue the job Tom has started, working in partnership with the community, to protect, improve, conserve, and restore local watersheds."

The local conservation organization has a clear direction moving forward, said Horner, as people in the watershed community created the Conservation Strategy that was released in 2012. A new Watershed Management Strategy is being developed in 2014 to help staff to implement the community's plan.

"I look forward to working cooperatively with the Board of Directors and staff members to make watershed improvements combined with effective financial management," said Horner. "I also look forward to working with rural landowners and community groups to support their projects that protect soil, water, and living things in the watershed."

Prout worked for forty years in the conservation field and he spent 32 of those years as General Manager at ABCA. The retiring general manager said the agency is in good hands.

"I have been privileged to work closely with Brian over the past five years," Prout said.

He added Horner has been instrumental in leading the five-year budget planning process and the accessibility initiative, among other projects, "I know he will continue the partnership philosophy that is central to the success of projects in Ausable Bayfield watershed communities and he will ensure the conservation authority is on a strong policy and financial foundation."

The ABCA is an independent, corporate body established under Ontario's Conservation Authorities Act. Local municipalities identified the need for such an organization in 1946 to deal with serious problems of flooding, soil erosion, water supply, and water quality. Twelve member municipalities name the members of the local board of directors that governs ABCA.

This local conservation agency is the first of 36 conservation authorities formed across Ontario. Ausable Bayfield Conservation's area encompasses the drainage basins of the Ausable River, Bayfield River, Parkhill Creek, and the gullies that drain directly to Lake Huron, from an area north of Bayfield to an area south of Grand Bend. The 2,440-square-kilometre area of jurisdiction is largely rural with a population of about 45,000. A group of 34 community members met, over the course of a year, to create a Conservation Strategy to guide the organization and carved out a mission and vision for the agency.

They determined that the mission and vision for the watershed community should be:

Mission - Protect, improve, conserve, and restore the watershed in partnership with the community.

Vision - Healthy watersheds where our needs and the needs of the natural environment are in balance.

The program has enjoyed much success in the summer and autumn and is now expanding into a third season with "Winterlicious".

Nine restaurants located in Benmiller, Blyth, Exeter, Wingham, Goderich and Bayfield are participating by offering special menus at a special price. The Black Dog Village Pub and Bistro and The Little Inn of Bayfield are taking part locally.

"Winterlicious" will run from Feb. 1 to March 9. To view the menus visit http://www.tasteofhuron.ca.

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Snow squalls and wind chills don't exactly conjure up images of the Bayfield Antique Show and Sale hosted each August by the congregation of Trinity Anglican Church. However, the event coordinators are hoping to get people thinking about it and maybe even considering volunteering at the event to be held Aug. 8-10 at the Bayfield Community Centre.

The Antique Show and Sale now in its 29th 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.

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

BAYFIELD READS

Bayfield Reads 2014 will take on a "Battle of the Book Clubs" theme.

The event will be held on March 2 starting at 2 p.m. at the Bayfield Town Hall.

The books in the battle 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.

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 Feb. 11.

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

BAYFIELD WOMAN A HEALTHY HIKES CONTEST WINNER

Conservation Ontario recently announced the winners in their Healthy Hikes 2013 competition and a Bayfield area resident was one of the lucky winners.

Ann VanBeets was their Nature Champ in the 1,000-2,000 point category earning her a $500 Mountain Co-op Equipment Gift Card.

"Hiking gets us away from the daily busy lives, lets us explore, and gives us appreciation for what nature gives to us. I (we, as I usually walk with the kids) have also very much appreciated the events organized by the Conservation Authorities, which let us be involved in the Healthy Hikes campaign. Thanks for organizing these events and the campaign, it is a great idea to get more people active, out and about in a simple walking way!" commented VanBeets in the announcement sent out by Conservation Ontario.

Other winners were Connie Rusynyk of Waterdown, ON; and Angela Boudreau, of Sutton, ON.

According to the Healthy Hikes website, Conservation Ontario and the provinces 36 Conservation Authorities challenge you to spend time hiking in our province's over 270 Conservation Areas and track your progress for a chance to win great prizes! Healthy Hikes will teach you about the ways our environment boosts your health and how you can energize your body and mind by Stepping into Nature.

The next Healthy Hikes contest will run from May 1 to Oct. 31 – visit, healthyhikes.ca for details.

TEST DAY FOR SKATERS

Six junior and senior members of the Bayfield Skating Club participated in Test Day in Goderich on Jan. 25. Skaters are judged on their dances, skills, free skate and interpretive. The Bayfield skaters performed their dances and were judged on their performance to move on to the next level. Kassie Jefferson, Marlese Coombs, Julie Chun and Sierra Whetstone posed for a photo before they hit the ice – nervous excitement was in the air! (Submitted photo)

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 Shannon Gould at The Kincardine Hearing Clinic: 1-855-396-6026 to book an appointment.

FITNESS FUN

The weather is making it difficult to go for a stroll but it is still possible to walk in the sunshine and enjoy some warmth even in a good old-fashioned Huron County winter if people stop by Huron Ridge Acres.

Once again the greenhouse located at 74101 Bronson Line near Zurich is offering "Walkin' in the Sunshine" every Tuesday and Friday from now until the end of February from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

People are invited to come out and walk the sidewalks in the greenhouse for exercise, soak up the sun, and absorb the smells of plants growing. There is no charge – it is the owners' way of thanking the community for their loyal support.

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.

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.

TAI CHI

Fung Loy Kok Taoist Tai Chi TM is offering practice sessions for graduates of the beginner classes. Practice of the Taoist arts can improve strength, flexibility, balance, and circulation and can help calm the mind and cultivate the heart, transforming one into a healthier and more harmonious person.

The practice sessions are being held on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. in the Bayfield Town Hall. These sessions will focus on practicing the foundations, various Taoist Tai Chi moves within the set and doing sets.

Anyone with questions, please call Doug Brown at 519-565-5187.

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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, an image from the Lucy Woods Diehl collection of photos from the Bayfield Archives. Does anyone remember these folks? (Archives Code: PB13 18a)

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

ISSUE 237

In Issue 237, 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? (PB13 34b)

ISSUE 238

In Issue 238, a photo of the members of the Trinity W.A. is featured. Records provide some names but not all. A couple of people wrote in to try and identify the people, special thanks to Doug Darnbrough. Listed to be in the photo but not yet identified are

Thanks to Dianna Deseck-Piazzon for sharing some information about this photo:

"This is my grandfather Abraham Charles Brandon (circa 1935)! He is delivering mail in this vehicle. He bought it from the local garage but before he bought it, this high-tech vehicle belonged to the doctor. Abe was married to Phoebe, and their children were Charles Brandon and Betty Brandon-Deseck, both still living in the area."

Clara Featherstone and Mrs. Jack Stewart. Can anyone help fill in the blanks?

Here is what we have so far: BR l-r: Rev. Harrison, ?,?, Annie Heard, ?, Margaret (Parker) Larsen, ?, and Gertrude Gardner. FR l-r: Mary Weston, Lucy Woods, ?, Mrs. Knuckey and Lillian Higgins. (Archives Code: PB12 31a)

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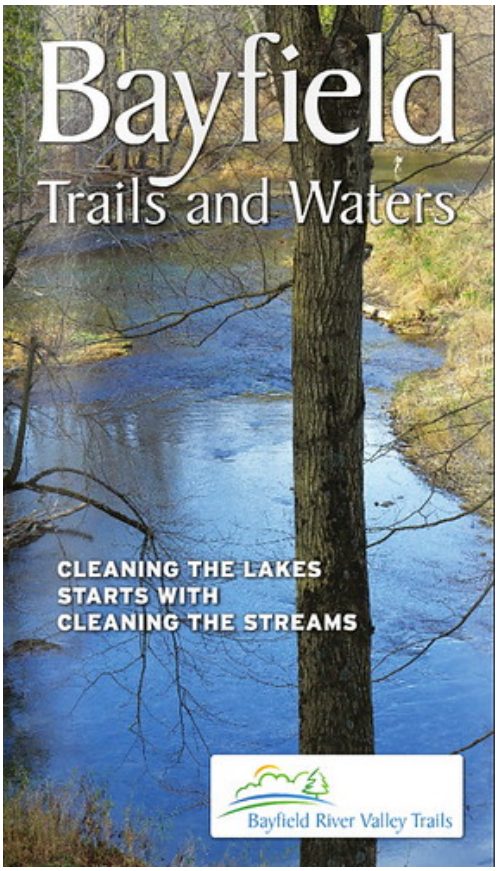
BAYFIELD RIVER VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION

GUIDE EMPHASIZES RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN TRAILS AND WATERS



PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

In 2012, the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) applied for a grant from the Ministry of the Environment's Great Lakes Community Fund (GLCF). The Association was successful in their request receiving some funding to help with a trio of projects including a website and comprehensive guidebook entitled, "Bayfield Trails and Waters".

"The BRVTA has been committed to raising awareness of the relationship between our protection of land, rivers and streams and the health of the Great Lakes. Over the years, lack of funding for the communication of this philosophy required that the BRVTA set this project on the 'wish list'," explained Ray Letheren, environmental chair for the BRVTA. "Then in early 2012, the MOE offered community groups the chance to apply for up to $25,000 from the Great Lakes Guardian Community Fund. We were awarded a grant of $24,750 and committed to heighten awareness of the threats to the Great Lakes by producing a guidebook and complementary web site."

The GLCF was established to engage community groups in the rehabilitation and protection of the

The BRVTA celebrated the culmination of their grant projects with the Bayfield Water, Art and Fitness Festival the last weekend in September 2013. The weather couldn't have been better for the hike on the Sawmill Trail on the Saturday afternoon. A group of about 20 joined special guest, Maude Barlow, (fourth from right), former senior advisor on Water to the 63rd President of the United Nations General Assembly, on an Urban Pole Walking trek alongside the Bayfield River.

A new addition to the Sawmill Trail are signposts – another educational project steered by the BRVTA as part of the grant. The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority's water and stewardship specialists chose the post locations. Each of the nine posts gives a brief description of an area along the trail providing a closer look at its relationship to water.

The BRVTA's Sawmill Trail allows hikers to experience varied terrain from flood plain to coniferous forest - look a little deeper and the trail tells a tale of floods, fires and failed romance.

Great Lakes and feeder waters.
In receiving the grant the BRVTA committed to plant a quantity of trees. This they did through a partnership with the Bayfield Tree Project.

"We committed to take high profile action to reduce runoff into watercourses. About 25 per cent of the grant went to the purchase of trees that were planted by the Bayfield Tree Project, an arm of the BRVTA."

The Association also turned the one-kilometer Taylor Trail, part of the Varna Trail system, into a fully accessible mobility trail.

"We had recognized that persons with limited physical ability and baby carriages were denied access to our trails. Volunteers and generous businesses such as Lavis Contracting Company and Gold Coast Landscaping laid a paved surface on a section of the Varna Trails affording all an opportunity to enjoy the trail system," Letheren said.

The production of the guidebook turned into a community project, under editors Ken Larone and Letheren, the publication took about a year to complete and involved more than 20 groups and organizations.

The guidebook features a variety of topics all relevant to protecting our water sources such as, the topography of the land along the trails, the future of freshwater and how Bayfield anglers actively engage in fish sustainability.

One section is devoted to the five trails that are maintained by the BRVTA providing guide users detailed maps and information about each trail highlighted by inviting photographs. Another section is devoted to the new Sawmill Trail signposts – another educational project steered by the BRVTA as part of the grant.

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority's water and stewardship specialists chose the post locations. Each of the nine posts gives a brief description of an area along the trail providing a closer look at its relationship to water. The post descriptions not only correspond with information in the guidebook but a QR code on each post allows Smart Phone users to connect with the website. As the website grows the plan is to have walkers be able to link to information about birds and their songs, as well as plant and tree identification.

"Our challenge now is to reach every citizen in the area and have them become partners in rehabilitating the lake, our source of fun, food and drinking water," concluded Letheren.

At the end of September 2013 the BRVTA celebrated the completion of the grant projects by hosting the Bayfield, Water, Art and Fitness Festival. The festival was made possible due to

The BRVTA Development Team knew that several years ago the Turner and Taylor families were instrumental in building two walking trails at the Stanley Township Recreation Complex in Varna but they had to be abandoned because of maintenance and erosion problems. Starting in 2008 the BRVTA has been working to revitalize these two trails. The Grand Opening was held on Jan. 7, 2012. Since the trails were reopened the BRVTA has worked to make the Taylor Trail a mobility trail accessible to wheelchairs and strollers.

The BRVTA's Heritage Trail is designed to expose walkers to a number of Bayfield's charming features. They also receive a history lesson as eight story boards are placed in areas of interest.

the generosity of the Ontario Clean Water Agency and the Little Inn of Bayfield, allowing the Association to donate 100 per cent of the proceeds to the Alexandra Marine and General Hospital Foundation.

Those people who attended the evening featuring guest speaker Maude Barlow, former senior advisor on Water to the 63rd President of the United Nations General Assembly, were presented with copies of the guidebook. The book is, however, available to all virtually on the website as an open publication by visiting: http://bayfieldtrailsandwaters.ca/the-guide/.

Named after community activist, Mavis Govier, this 2.5 KM looped trail offers a slightly more challenging walk to the Bayfield River and back. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

"Water quality is directly related to land uses. Thanks to this book for pointing out this relationship" - Jim Ginn, mayor Municipality of Central Huron

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PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Snowy Owl in Flight *by Genelle Reid*

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 Falconer-Pounder

SUBMISSIONS

Well, we're back and the Bayfield Breeze is live once more! I hope everyone enjoyed our three "hiatus" issues – a special thank you to everyone who contributed to my mad scramble over the Christmas holidays to get all the I's dotted and the T's crossed before I hopped on three planes to get me where I needed to go – this time around - Montezuma, Costa Rica.

We've only been home for a couple days so I haven't really had time to reflect on the trip – my pictures are still on the cards in the cameras I took with me – so hopefully for next week I can sort through the best ones to share with you.

Call me a crazy Canuck but I am a little disappointed that I missed the blizzard of early January – we got out just hours before, in fact the storm did wreak a bit of havoc on our air travel as domino delays worked their way across the United States, but it wasn't anything patience couldn't handle. Meanwhile, people back home were comparing it to the storm of 1977 and although

only nine years-old at the time I can recall that one with vivid detail. I remember how everyone came together to look after one another when the roads were closed and in some cases power was lost. These storms are what make us quintessentially Canadians.

So what will I be able to contribute years from now when people are talking about the storm of 2014?

“Sorry, I missed that one. I was in 40+ Celsius degree weather in Costa Rica while everyone else toughed it out in -40 degree weather.”

Yeah, that won’t sit too well with most folks…maybe I’ll use the subtle art of distraction if the topic ever rears its ugly head…so how about those Leafs, eh? - 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.

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