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TOYS FOR A TOT

Arya Doherty, of Toronto, will turn two on Boxing Day and she was the lucky winner of the Bayfield Optimist Club's Toy Chest Raffle. The chest made by Optimist Mike Dixon was filled to overflowing with toys for boys and girls of all ages. Santa Claus himself made the draw with Dixon's help at the conclusion of the Optimist Club's ninth annual Breakfast with Santa held at the Bayfield Village Inn on Dec. 7. The youngster's Bayfield based grandparents Michael Doherty and Marie Mc Cabe report that the wee lass will share her spoils with her seven cousins all under the age of eight. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Santa Claus himself made the draw on the Optimist Club's Toy Chest Raffle with the help of Optimist Mike Dixon at the conclusion of the Optimist Club's ninth annual Breakfast with Santa held at the Bayfield Village Inn on Dec. 7.

JANE'S SCARF DAY

Designer Jane McLaren is pleased to report that the local food bank will benefit from a most successful "Jane's Scarf Day" held on Dec. 6. Several kilos of food will be donated from those shoppers who brought their own household contributions for the cause as well as a percentage of the sales from McLaren's scarf and earring creations.

BRVTA AGM

BAKER APPOINTED TO COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Three new faces have joined the Huron County Economic Development Board (HCEDB). Steve Baker, founder and CEO of Virtual High School, Peter Smith, project director for Blyth Arts and Culture Initiative 1419 Inc., and John Grace, former Deputy Mayor of Goderich and owner of the Old Post and Village Lodge, were recently appointed to the HCEBD by Huron County Council.

The newly created HCEDB is working towards county wide economic development and has met three times to date. These early meetings have succeeded in developing a terms of reference, vision and mission statements and educated HCEDB members on the current economic development landscape in Huron County and Southwestern Ontario. As part of its intelligence gathering process, the HCEDB will be reaching out to other private and public sector led boards and organizations.

“Our intention is to collect as much information and insight as possible from all of the groups who currently have a vested interest in economic development in Huron County,” said Jim Lynn, HCEDB chair. “Right now, we are learning from our County Economic Development Services team and our next step will be to reach out to organizations like the Huron Tourism and Huron Manufacturing Associations. Our immediate goal is to listen deeply and we look forward to engaging with other groups.”

With the citizen spots on the HCEDB now occupied, members look forward to working with County Council Board members including outgoing Warden, Joe Steffler, the new Warden once elected, and one additional councilor to be nominated by council. Steven Sparling, HCEDB vice-chair, commended County Council for supporting the HCEDB and shared that all citizen members are tremendously excited to understand economic development from an elected official’s viewpoint.

"This learning process is crucial to the success of the HCEDB. We insist on having an understanding of economic development principles, best practice precedents, and the local landscape before we start making any decisions. We really appreciate other organizations and their willingness to step up and share their insights as we work towards success in Huron County."

TREE PLANTINGS EXPERIENCE THE BENEFITS OF PRUNING

Team members of the Bayfield Tree Project have been pruning the trees they've planted on municipal land. Residents are invited to take a look at one of these trees that is closest to their home and, unless it’s been recently planted, they'll likely see that it has been carefully pruned.

The benefits of tree pruning are: structural integrity (a balanced tree can better withstand storm damage from ice, snow and wind); promotes a strong healthy main leader branch (rather than having two leaders that can cause the tree to split where the leaders meet); removes any dead or injured branches that can host decay producing fungi; prevents branches crossing each other thus competing for the same space and sunlight and damaging each other; promotes good air circulation to prevent diseases like powdery mildew (fungal disease); allows room for safe passage of people and vehicles under trees. Tree pruning is a fine art. A tree can be damaged if it isn't done properly.

The Tree Project team would like to thank everyone who has been taking care of the trees adjacent to their properties by remembering to water them and avoiding damage caused by weed whacking and mowing. Remember that wounds caused by bumps from mowers, whackers, snow blowers and cars can cause irreparable harm to the trees and potentially compromise their ability to survive, as can errant pruning, such as ‘topping’ the trees or removing branches incorrectly.

All in the community are invited to attend the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) Annual General Meeting on Dec. 13 at the Bayfield Lions’ Community Building.

The AGM shall commence at 10 a.m.

On the agenda will be the reading of last year’s minutes, a president’s report, financial report and annual legal and accounting protocols. There will also be an election of the Board of Directors for 2015.

A number of the directors will present brief reports on some of the BRVTA successes over the last year and hopes for next year.

The BRVTA Board values the input of its membership, questions, comments and suggestions to assist the BRVTA in setting its agenda for the coming year are welcome. It encourages people to become members, join the Board of Directors and/or take on some of the many volunteer activities that are the backbone of the organization. Please contact Russ Powadiuk, president, to discuss any or all of these opportunities. He can be reached at powadiuk@rogers.com or by calling 519 565-4120.

TOWN HALL

Once again the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society would like to invite people to ring in the New Year at the town hall.

“Puttin’ on the Glitz” is the theme of the party set to begin at 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 31. For $25 per person, participants will enjoy the music of DJ Alpha Productions, hor’s d’oeurves, party favors and champagne at midnight. There will also be a cash bar.

Tickets are available now at www.ticketscene.ca or by calling Margo Robeson at 519 565-2827 or Sandy Scotchmer at 519-565-2830.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Knox Presbyterian Church will once again hold a Longest Night Service on Dec. 21.

Starting at 7 p.m., the service is designed "for all who seek a quiet reflective time of Christmas worship in the season of advent waiting" whether they are feeling down, are struggling, have experienced the death of a loved one, or just wish to share in a time of music, prayer amid the candlelight.

A Christmas Eve service of Carols and Lessons will also be held at Knox, Church on Dec. 24 starting at 7 p.m. and all in the community are welcome to attend.

EMPTIES FOR ALZHEIMERS

For more information about the Bayfield Tree Project, please contact Roma Harris, Sondra Buchner or Ainslie Willock at www.bayfieldtreeproject.com.

BAYFIELD LIBRARY TO OFFER FREE COMPUTER INSTRUCTION

The Bayfield Public Library will be providing free computer and technology instruction on Wednesdays and Saturdays under the direction of Grant Richard, the new Internet Access Assistant for the Goderich and Bayfield branches of the Huron County Library system.

Sessions are to be booked by appointment. Four hour-long sessions are available Wednesdays and may booked on the hour between 1-4 p.m and on Saturdays on the hour between 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

According to Richard, "The Government of Canada provides funding for this initiative. We are aiming to hopefully hold some group sessions in the future. The program is aimed at patrons of all ages, and is held within the library. We ask that interested patrons provide their own devices."

Please call the library at 519 565-2886 to book an appointment.

CHILDREN INVITED TO CELEBRATE THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Twins, Jailyn and Jacob Aubin decorated Christmas trees, using foam stickers, with a little help from their Nana, Joanne Thatcher at the 2013 Christmas event hosted by the Friends of the Bayfield Library. The 2014 function is just three sleeps away. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

"O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
Your branches green delight us."

And they also delight the Friends of Bayfield Library (FOBL) as they are holding A Children's Christmas Tree Hour at the Bayfield Library on Dec. 13.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. children of all ages can join in listening to the story, "Mr. Willowby's Christmas Tree", create their own Christmas tree, make a tree puzzle and participate in a scavenger hunt.

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 Huron County 2015 Walk for Memories on Jan. 31. The duo are now collecting donations for the cause.

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". One of the ladies being honored is currently living with Alzheimers, Elane Brandon, Sabourin's grandmother. Unfortunately, Doris Schilbe, Dianne's mother died on Aug. 4 at the age of 80.

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.

LETTERS TO SANTA

Bayfield residents will be pleased to know that Santa Claus will once again be receiving mail in his special mailbox but at a new location – Bayfield Foodland.

Santa's elves delight in hearing from area youngsters and learning what is on their wish lists every year. Be sure to include a return address so that the children can be sure of a note in return from the jolly old elf himself.

BACP

The ice is now in the Bayfield Arena and some new skating opportunities are being combined with some old favorites.

An one-hour "Public Skating for Seniors" has started and will be held on Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Absolute Automation, of Bayfield, is generously sponsoring these sessions.

Also on Mondays, "Moms & Tots Skating" will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The Municipality of Bluewater is sponsoring this ice time for the youngest in the community.

And on Fridays and Mondays at 8 p.m. Men's Pickup Hockey games are being enjoyed – very little skill is required. Also on Fridays, Women's Pickup Hockey is held. Participants take to the ice at 7p.m. Fun, exercise and laughs all for $15 per game.

For additional information please contact the Bayfield Arena at 519 565-2121.
Stay tuned to the Bayfield Breeze and www.bacp.ca for more information and announcements on ice

MAYOR BILL TO BE RECOGNIZED AT AFTERNOON RECEPTION

Bill Dowson

Bill Dowson has been the mayor of the Municipality of Bluewater since its inception 13 years ago. He has also offered dedicated service in the field of local and Huron County politics for 30 years. During the Oct. 27th election Dowson lost his mayoral seat to Tyler Hessel but members of the community feel that Dowson's long tenure is something to be celebrated and they will do so on the afternoon of Dec. 17.

Everyone in the community is invited to a time of celebration and stories in honor of Dowson to be held at the Varna Complex from 1-4 p.m. A light lunch will be offered at the event that will feature several guest speakers starting at 2 p.m.

Anyone who cannot attend but would like to send best wishes via email should forward them to Mike Dixon at mikedixon@tcc.on.ca. It should be noted that these missives will be read at the function and then presented to Dowson following.

For more information please contact Dixon at 519 565-2583 or 519 955-5254.

VOICES UNITE TO SING SONGS OF THE SEASON

On the evening of Dec. 14, St. Andrew's United Church will host their annual Christmas Candlelight Service featuring a choir comprised of church members as well as others in the community. Back in 2009 some of the choir members were (Altos): Marg Clydesdale, Lynne Price, Liz Tolchard and Kathleen Siertsema. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

This coming Sunday is the date for the St. Andrew's United Church Annual Christmas Candlelight Service.

The 25-member choir has been practicing since the end of October for the concert to be held on Dec. 14 at St. Andrew's Church starting at 7:30 p.m.

In addition to the choir comprised of St. Andrew's members and others in the community, there will be performances by The Glee Sisters and Flutist Jan Searle. BJ Talbot and Rosemary Crosthwaite will provide accompaniment on piano and organ.

availability and events this winter at the Bayfield Arena and Community Centre.

ONE CARE

One Care offers many fun exercise and socializing opportunities in Bayfield. There is something happening almost every day! There is a schedule on the bulletin board by the library and more information available inside the library. Or call 519 565-2202 or 519 565-5638 for more information or to receive monthly information via the Wave to Wellness email.

BAYFIELD GUIDING

Anyone in need of a last minute stocking stuffer for someone with a sweet tooth? Chocolatey Mint Girl Guide Cookies are the perfect gift. They are selling for $5 a box. Profits from the cookies go to support weekly programming and excursions for members of Bayfield Guiding. Please call Melody at 519 565-2443 (Bayfield Village Inn) to reserve a box or two.

ZUMBA

Zumba in Bayfield is back with a new instructor, Paulien Keys.

The fitness activity will be held on Mondays and Wednesdays for one hour starting at 7 p.m. at the Bayfield Community Centre. Classes are $10 per person with the second class free for any newcomers.

To learn more contact Keys at 519 440-9723 or visit her Facebook page: www.facebook.com/zumbainbayfield.

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 Dec. 16.

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

All in the community are invited to this evening of special music. Please note a free will offering will be collected.

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, our third featured studio portrait was taken in Clinton. Does anyone recognize the young lady? (Archives Code: PB 13 23a)

ISSUE 282

In Issue 282, we begin a series on studio portraits when having your picture taken was a big event, as evidenced by this image of three very well dressed ladies. Anyone remember them? (Archives Code: PB 13 30a)

ISSUE 283

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

In Issue 283, another in our series of studio portraits, does anyone remember this lady? (Archives Code: PB 13 29b)

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BAYFIELD OPTIMIST CLUB

SMILES FOR SANTA AT NINTH ANNUAL BREAKFAST

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

A steady crowd came through the doors of the Bayfield Village Inn on Dec. 7 for the ninth annual Breakfast with Santa hosted by the Optimist Club of Bayfield.

And they brought along their appetites consuming 17 dozen eggs, as well as lots of bacon, sausage, French toast, pancakes, fried potatoes, toast, coffee, juice and milk!

The Sonke family of Goderich enjoyed some quality time with Santa at the Optimist sponsored breakfast. Daughters Morgan, Kaylin and Oliva were very festively attired for the meet and greet and invited Mom, Karri and Dad, Chris to join them in a photo opportunity

Hank Hessel-Heard was ready to devour some bacon and eggs after a visit with Santa. He attended the event with his Mom Tara Hessel, Dad Andy Heard and big brother Hudson.

The club greatly appreciates those businesses that sponsor the family friendly function including: Bayfield Foodland, Fairholme Dairy, Bayfield Village Inn, Dianne Brandon Photography, Brandon's Hardware and Albert Schilbe.

In addition to a hearty meal, several children took advantage of the opportunity to spend a little time with the jolly old elf, himself. Santa was delighted to greet them all and happy to hand out the bags of treats that the Optimist Club generously supplied.

Lots of people waited around to see whose name Santa would draw for a toy chest of toys with the winner being a nearly two year-old little girl from Toronto. (Scroll back up to the top of this issue to learn more.)

It is reported that once again with this year's mild weather Santa had no difficulty making it back to his workshop following the event.

Aidhan Kleuskens wanted to ensure that Santa clearly understands what is on his wish list this year. He brought a copy of the Sears Wish Book to use as a guide during his meet and greet.

Alexande Curtis, of Bayfield, could hardly contain his excitement at taking part in Santa's breakfast.

The Marier family of Bayfield enjoyed a quiet corner of the Bayfield Village Inn diningroom to partake of their breakfast. From l-r: Makena, Natasha, Richard, Memphis and Meredith.

Rikki Keys enjoyed a family breakfast with her Dad Darren and Mom Brandy.

Cohen Dykstra waited patiently in line for his turn at the breakfast buffet.

Weylin, son of Jenny Allan and Luke Shanahan, of Bayfield, had to bring his own special Santa with him to the event to share his morning repast.

Having your picture taken with Santa at the breakfast is a special part of this Optimist holiday tradition.

Emily Colclough kept busy with some coloring during the breakfast.

Olivia and Morgan Sonke, of Goderich, came to the Breakfast with Santa on Sunday morning prepared for "Elf Duty".

PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

A Snowy Stare *by Deborah Jepma*

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

Hello early morning Bayfield Breeze readers! Now that you've made it all the way down to the bottom of this issue I'm going to ask a favor. Voting in the AVIVA Community Fund competition ends today (Wednesday) at 4 p.m.

If you have been voting daily for the past 10 days: thank you. If you haven't I ask that you take one minute right now to register your email and cast one vote for Camp Klahanie. Help us stay in the top 15 to secure our place in the Final Round where results are determined by a panel of judges. After 12 p.m. EST no more votes are required. So please cast just one more vote and help us earn a guaranteed $5,000 and maybe as much as $50,000 if the judges deem it so.

The money will allow the Goderich Lions Club to provide more camping opportunities for youth for longer periods of time and in all four seasons. Here is the link: https://www.avivacommunityfund.org/ideas/acf19522 – 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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