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# BAYBERRY SHOPPE TRADITION WILL CONTINUE UNDER NEW OWNERS

On Dec. 22, George and Lynda Payne will retire as village merchants and hand over the keys to the Bayberry

## BRVTA

The Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) is sponsoring a St. John's Ambulance First Aid and CPR Course to be held over two days, Jan. 12 and Feb. 2.

The course will be held from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the above dates at St. Andrew's United Church in Bayfield.

The cost is $110 per person for the two-day course. It should be noted that this is a group rate and is significantly less than when signing up individually; space will be limited.

Those who wish to participate are required to pre-register before Jan. 2 by contacting Pam Bowers by email at cjbowers@rogers.com or call 519 565-4605 or Helen Varekamp via email at hvarekamp@tcc.on.ca or call 519 565-5442.

## DOWSON RECOGNIZED

Bill Dowson has been the mayor of the Municipality of Bluewater since its inception 13 years ago. He has

Shoppe on Main Street to new owners David R. Smith and Sharon Kelly. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

The Bayberry Shoppe has graced Main Street for over 20 years under the ownership of George and Lynda Payne.

The business began in a storefront at Butternut Corner starting in 1992 (Shared Time's location today). The couple did leave for one year to set up shop in Stratford but determined quickly Bayfield was where they preferred to be and came back to set up shop in the current location in the plaza at the corner of Main and Charles Street.

And now Dec. 21 will be the Payne's final day as shopkeepers – the next day they will be handing the keys to David R. Smith and his wife Sharon Kelly.

"I had no connection to Bayfield or retail," said George. "I was a banker previously."

"But we were drawn to the village," commented his wife Lynda.

The pair is looking forward to relaxing and doing more traveling in their retirement.

As for the new owners it will be business as usual at the Bayberry Shoppe.

"Everything will remain the same," said Sharon. "Same name, same lines…"

"Same great customer service," added David.

The new owners do have a connection to Bayfield having had a boat in the marina for a number of years. And even prior to that David worked on Main Street as a youth.

"Years ago, I worked in a burger joint that used to be in about this same geographical location," he said.

The excitement of the new owners is palpable and they look forward to carrying on the Bayberry Shoppe tradition.

# LIBRO HELPS PROVIDE COMFORT AT CAMP KLAHANIE

On Dec. 8, the Goderich Lions Club officially received a cheque for $75,000 from Libro Credit Union for the Camp Klahanie Comfort Station at an award ceremony held in Clinton. A committee, including two youth representatives, was created in June to complete the necessary requirements to successfully secure a grant for the project as part of Libro's Community Builder Fund. Eleven year-old Ashley Whelan accepted the cheque from Klahanie's Libro Grant Contacts, Ray Chowen and Ruth Haines while Mike Alcock, Genelle Reid, Melody Falconer-Pounder and Jerry Pelton (all Camp Klahanie Board members) look on. (Photo by Christy Alcock)

The Goderich Lions Club's Camp Klahanie Board of Directors (CKBD) is one step closer to realizing their vision for the eight-acre property in Central Huron after being awarded a Libro Community Builder grant for 2014.

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.

# 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 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.

# LIBRARY

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

"It is the ambition of the CKBD to make Klahanie a place for co-ed camping, for accessible camping and for longer term camping in all four seasons. To achieve these things potential and current users have told us they want to see two things – co-ed washrooms and showers as well as bunkhouses to sleep in," said Genelle Reid, secretary of the CKBD.

"The money required to complete these projects isn't something we could achieve on our own in a timely fashion," said Mike Alcock, co-chair of the CKBD. "So we decided to pursue grant funding."

Representatives from the camp attended a Libro Community Builder Grant information night in May and from there a committee of both board members and youth from the "Friends of Camp Klahanie" group worked together to fill out the applications and make presentations to the judging panels.

And just a few weeks ago the committee learned that they were successful in securing funding to put toward the creation of the Camp Klahanie Comfort Station that will feature co-ed washrooms and showers and a supporting septic system. The Goderich Lions Club was awarded a corporate grant of $75,000 to invest in the project.

According to the Libro website, the Community Builder Grant Program offers two funding levels. Larger grants range between $20,000 and $150,000 per year and are reviewed by the Community Investment Advisory Panel, made up of Owner Representatives, members of Libro's Board of Directors and staff. Branch grants range between $5,000 and $10,000 per year and are reviewed by Libro's 27 individual Branch Councils.

Members of the committee and the CKBD attended a Libro Community Builder 2014 Awards Ceremony on Dec. 8 in Clinton to accept the cheque.

"We couldn't be more thrilled that Libro shared in our vision for Camp Klahanie and are most appreciative of the grant. In fact work on the project has already begun with soil testing being conducted. If all goes according to plan we hope to have a ribbon cutting on the comfort station in July," said Reid.

# THEY'RE BUSY CHECKING THEIR LISTS FOR "PUTTIN' ON THE GLITZ"

Pat and Bud Langley wore the New Year's accessories quite well during the 2014 New Year's Eve Party at the Bayfield Town Hall. This year guests are encouraged to put on the glitz for the second annual event. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

The Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society (BTHHS) will be "Puttin' on the Glitz" for their second annual New Years Eve Party.

They've been busy making a list: Party favors - check! Balloons - check! Beer, wine and spirits - check! Party snacks – check! DJ - Check! Yes, they appear to be on track for the best party in town.

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.

# 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.

# BACP

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

All skill levels are welcome to enjoy a free one hour skate at the arena every Monday starting at 9:30 a.m. All are encouraged to come and enjoy this free time on the ice thanks to the sponsorship of Absolute Automation.

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

# ONE CARE

Seating will be limited. People are encouraged to purchase their tickets as soon as possible. Please contact Margo Robeson at 519 565-2827 or Sandy Scotchmer at 519 565-2830 for tickets. Tickets are selling for $25 a person and include party favors, appetizers and snacks. There will be a cash bar.

“We listened to suggestions from partygoers last year and made sure we ordered liquor, as well as wine and beer,” said Sandy Scotchmer, BTHHS president. “We also listened to the folks that had to sit near the DJ's speakers last year and the society completed an upgrade to the sound system, so we are thrilled to announce there is no need for huge speakers this year.”

According to Scotchmer, the committee is fortunate to have Helen Varekamp working with them this year.

“The committee talked about how lovely a black fabric back-drop would look on the stage, to accentuate the glitz planned for it,” said Scotchmer. “It didn't take Helen long to suggest she would be willing to design and sew the fabulous newly installed fabric backdrop. We don't know how she managed to keep lifting 56 metres of fabric, as well as measuring, cutting and sewing this amount of fabric, but she did and we are so grateful to her for all the time she devoted to the project.”

The BTHHS is also extremely grateful to the volunteer team who assembled with strong fingers, ready to insert curtain hooks, which was no easy task, so the back drop could be hung.

“Of course, the team needed someone who was not fearful to climb a ladder, so what better person than an avid sailor, Rob McGuffin, who is no stranger to climbing a mast or two,” said Scotchmer. “Thanks to everyone who helped, what a transformation!”

Want to see the stellar results that Varekamp and the volunteers achieved? Well, you’ll just have to come to the party! The Town Hall is ready to rock and roll on New Years Eve, are you? Come on out and enjoy “Puttin' on the Glitz”!

# RELICS HOST TOURNEY TO RAISE FUNDS FOR ARENA PARTNERS

Kim Loebach, treasurer of Bayfield Arena Community Partners (BACP) recently accepted a $650 donation from Ron Keys, representing the Bayfield Relics hockey team. (Submitted photo)

On Nov. 8th, the Bayfield Relics hockey team hosted a 50+ Hockey Tournament at the Bayfield Arena raising $650 for the Bayfield Arena Community Partners (BACP).

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

# BAYFIELD GUIDING

In need of last minute stocking stuffers or hostess gift?

Chocolatey Mint Girl Guide Cookies are just the thing. 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.

# ABCA

Ausable Bayfield Conservation invites individuals to nominate a person, business, farm, or organization for the Conservationist of the Year Award to be presented in March of 2015. The nomination deadline is Jan. 31.

“This award is a way for us to make special mention of an exceptional person, business, or group that has been doing good work for several years for the benefit of soil, water, and living things in the watershed,” said Brian Horner, general manager and secretary treasurer of Ausable Bayfield Conservation.

Examples of this kind of work include conservation-related education or projects that protect or improve water quality and habitat for species.

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) presents the award each year at the annual conservation awards evening in March. The local conservation authority has presented the award since 1984.

Past winners of the Conservationist of the Year Award include individuals, farms, service clubs, community organizations, companies, nature groups, and municipalities. Each award winner is a business, organization, or person residing in the watershed or having done conservation work there.

The Conservationist of the Year receives a framed limited-edition conservation print as a prize and the conservation authority also makes a donation towards a tree and plaque at a Commemorative Woods site maintained by the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation.

The nomination form and award guidelines are available on the Ausable Bayfield Conservation

Rona Goderich, McGee Motors and The Dock's Restaurant sponsored the event by donating prizes. Rona Goderich donated London Knights tickets that were won by Bernie Bergsma of Port Albert, ON. McGee Motors of Goderich donated car care products and The Docks a gift certificate.

The Relics team members are indebted to Bob Mommersteeg, Kyle and Steve Schroeder for donating their time to referee the games. Mommersteeg is also credited with finding the referees and organizing their schedule. The team players would also like to extend thanks to the local youth who acted as timekeepers during the tournament.

website at abca.on.ca. Simply type in 'award' in the search box at the top of the home page and then press 'Search' to find the page.

A winner of the award is a person, group, or organization that puts positive conservation principles into action. Current Ausable Bayfield Conservation staff and directors are not eligible for the award.

Anyone who would like more information about the award should call 519 235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610 or email communications@abca.on.ca.

# 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

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. on Flickr as well.

This week, we continue a series on studio portraits when having your picture taken was a big event, as evidenced by this image of a very distinguished looking gentleman. Does anyone remember him? (Archives Code: PB 13 27a)

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

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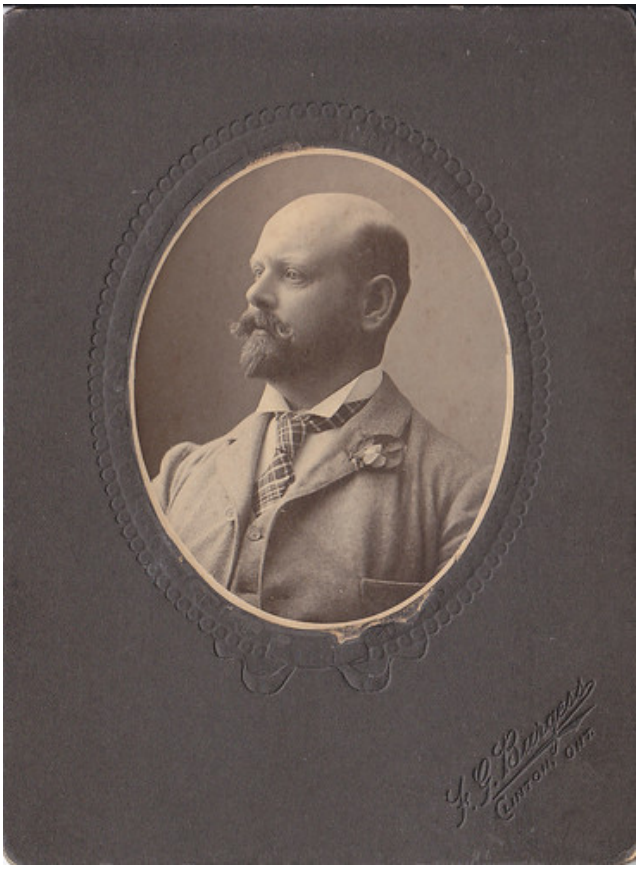

**In Issue 284,** our third featured studio portrait was taken in Clinton. Lettie Calwell is recorded to be the person in this photo. (Archives Code: PB 13 23a)

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

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# FRIENDS OF THE BAYFIELD LIBRARY

# "MR. WILLOWBY'S CHRISTMAS TREE" FOCUS OF HOUR

**PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER**

“O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
Your branches green delight us.”

About 20 youngsters and parents took advantage of the mild weather and attended A Children’s

Librarian Anny Johnston (right) read her favorite childhood Christmas story to a gathering of children and their parents during the Friends of the Bayfield Library, Christmas Tree Hour on Saturday. Volunteer Barbara Brown assisted by turning the pages.

Children and parents worked together to find puzzle pieces in the children's section of the Bayfield Library during a Christmas Tree Hour.

Christmas Tree Hour at the Bayfield Library on Dec. 13.

A highlight of the event organized by the Friends of Bayfield Library (FOBL) was the reading of the book “Mr. Willowby’s Christmas Tree”, a childhood favorite of Librarian Anny Johnston, who also had the honor of reading the story to the children gathered.

Following the story the youngsters were sent on a hunt for large puzzle pieces scattered in the children’s section of the library. Then it was time to make some puzzles with the found pieces. To conclude the hour the children were invited to make some crafts that included decorating a paper Christmas tree and designing their own puzzle.

Isaac Michaud drew a picture to create his own puzzle under the watchful eye of his father, Mike.

Travis Saunders and his mom, Tracy, of Bayfield, worked together to create a custom puzzle picture.

Storm Dynes, of Bayfield, put a puzzle together with the help of library volunteer Angela Berard.

Michael Curtis introduced his infant daughter, Charlie, to crayons during the Christmas Tree Hour held at the Bayfield Library on Saturday.

Library volunteers Judith Higgs (left) and Barbara Brown joined Alexis Stanbury, of Varna, in making puzzles from pieces collected during a scavenger hunt.

Ready, set, craft!

# PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Snowflakes *by Vreni Beeler*

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

# SUBMISSIONS

Dec. 10 proved to be a good day for Camp Klahanie supporters as their cause advanced to the Final Round of the AVIVA Community Fund Competition. And so now it is all up to the esteemed panel of AVIVA judges to determine how much each of the 40 causes (in two funding categories) will receive. The camp is guaranteed $5,000 with an opportunity to earn as much as $50,000. The results will be announced on Jan. 27 and I'll be sure to share the news with you!

Thanks to everyone who voted daily for the cause and withstood our barrage of social media campaigning to get the word out. It was a real nail biter and to add to the stress the power went out in the final hours on the final day. It was then my mind wandered back to that episode of Canadian Idol in 2006 when the power went out just as Katie Durst from Goderich was about

Melody Falconer-Pounder

to sing. No one could vote and the result was she got voted off the very next week. Thankfully history didn't repeat itself! – 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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