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ABOUT FIFTY PEOPLE ENJOYED A WINTER WALK

PHOTOS BY GARY LLOYD-REES

The Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) hosted their annual Winter Walk on Jan. 17 along the Varna Nature Trails at the Stanley Complex in Varna.

Thirty people took part in the guided hike along Mavis' Trail, while 20 people enjoyed the shorter more easily accessed Taylor Trail. Six intrepid hikers did both!

As there was sufficient snow, Dwain Forrest, of Timber's Outfitters in Seaforth, gave a quick "lesson" on the trail on snowshoeing. And a number of people donned the rental snowshoes that were available, or brought their own, to test the trails.

Starting at noon at the Stanley Complex a hot dog lunch was served along with hot apple cider.

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) staff was also on hand to share information about the Bayfield Watershed Plan. And there were additional displays set up by the BRVTA and the Bayfield Blue Community Project.

LIBRARY FRIENDS

The Friends of Bayfield Library will be hosting a monthly series of events called "Saturdays at the Library" starting on Jan. 31.

The event to be held at the Bayfield Library will run from noon to 1:30 p.m. The first session will feature artist Joan Bailey demonstrating landscape painting in acrylic paint as well as local clay artist Tony Eyamie working magic on the potters wheel.

There is no charge to attend and all ages are welcome to watch and learn from these two talented individuals.

TOWN HALL

Dwain Forrest, of Timber's Outfitters in Seaforth, gave a quick "lesson" on the trail on snowshoeing.

Approximately 50 people took part in the Winter Walk sponsored by the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association. These hikers were photographed at the entrance to Mavis' Trail.

Cast a vote for your favorite soup at the Bayfield Town Hall's annual "Soup's On" event Feb. 15.

Once again local groups and organizations, as well as many of Bayfield's restaurants, will compete for the honor of winning one of the coveted Soup Ladles. Who will be the best of Bayfield's soup chefs in 2015?

As in previous years, there will be a People's Choice Award and also a Celebrity Award, where judge Richard Fitoussi will select 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. Or, sample all the delicious soups, served in your very own Bayfield Town Hall mug for just $10 and after the tasting is done, it's yours to take home!

EUCHRE CLUB

Cards and pizza – a surefire recipe for a fun evening!

On Jan. 21, the Bayfield Euchre Club will be holding their annual Pizza Night and participants are asked to arrive between 6:15-6:30 p.m.

The club meets on alternate Wednesday evenings for a fun evening of cards. The cost to play is only $2. For more information call Lee at 519 565-2765.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

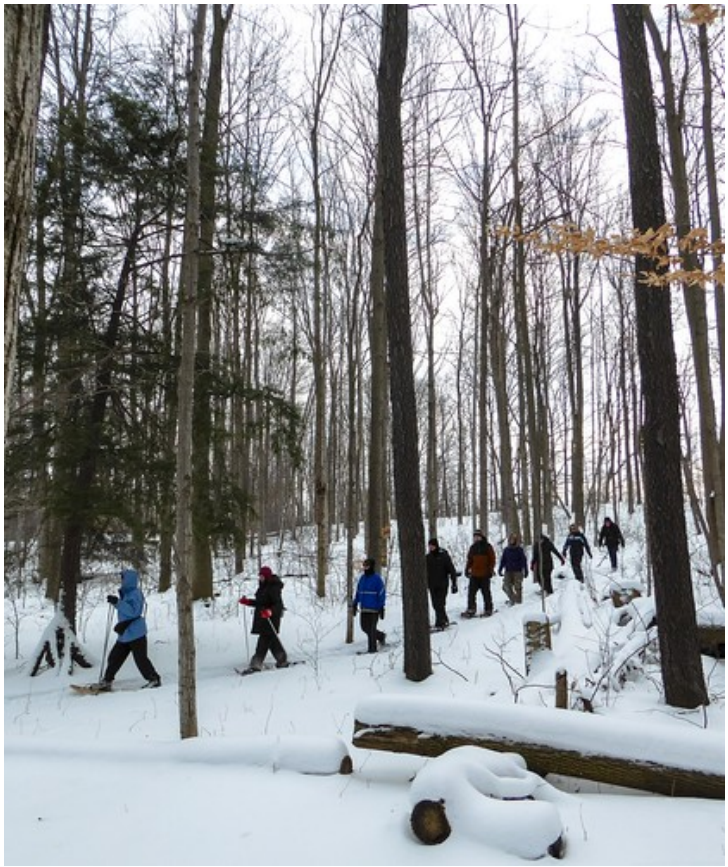
The Bayfield Historical Society's Annual General Meeting and Lunch will be held on Jan. 26 at St. Andrew's United Church at noon.

Bayfield's own, Dave MacLaren, will be the guest speaker. He is an experienced sailor and will tell attendees about his adventures and misadventures on the high seas. Rumor has it that a rescue at sea is there for the telling!

Other highlights of the afternoon event will include door prizes and an auction of two-one hour certificates for ice time at the Bayfield Arena.

The ladies of St. Andrew's United Church are again catering the dinner that is always delicious and features scrumptious desserts.

The Scott Robeson Bridge is always the perfect spot along Mavis' Trail for a photo op.



The Varna Nature Trails has two loops. Mavis' Trail goes to the river and is approximately 4 kms. It is relatively flat with one steep area at the Robeson Bridge, a 90-foot trestle bridge.

All are welcome to come and hear about the BHS' projects and initiatives of 2014 and plans for 2015.

Dinner tickets are $18 and are available by advanced sale. For tickets please contact Bud or Pat Langley at 34 Dow St. or by calling 519 565-2894.

ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY

Two Bayfield women would like to remind everyone cleaning up after their 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.

BACP

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

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.

All skill levels are welcome to enjoy a free one-hour skate at the arena every Wednesday 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. Please note that this free skate was originally on Monday mornings.

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

A number of people donned the rental snowshoes that were available, or brought their own, to test the trails

The markings of a fine day on the trails.

"HOW'S IT GOIN', EH?"

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

LIBRARY NEWS

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.

ONE CARE

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.

HEARING CLINIC

The New Year is a great time to check in with our hearing health. A monthly hearing clinic has been established in the village at Pharmasave Michael's Pharmacy. The next date for the clinic is Feb. 10.

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.

ZUMBA

Start the New Year off right by taking part in Zumba in Bayfield with instructor, Paulien Keys.

Bayfield's own Doug and Bob McKenzie, also know as (aka) Paul Hill and Dwight Nelson, are really excited to host the 2015 Bayfield Town Hall Cabaret entitled, "THE GREAT WHITE NORTH CABARET, EH?" This year there will be two performances: Feb. 6-7. Both shows begin at 7:30 p.m. All your favorite Canadian artists (aka Bayfield's local talent) will be performing some of their greatest hit songs. Tickets are $15 each and still available for both performances through ticketscene.ca or by calling either Pat at 519 565-2572 or Margo at 519 565-2827. Seating will be cabaret style and there will be a cash bar. Get your tickets now as these shows tend to sell out. (Submitted photo)

TREE PROJECT LOOKING FOR WAYS TO FILL THE VOID ON MAIN STREET

A total of 308 new trees have been planted in Bayfield and along the river bank since 2011 at a total cost of $46,200, the executive of The Bayfield River Valley Tail Association (BRVTA) was told last week.

Roma Harris, speaking on behalf of the Bayfield Tree Project told the trail executive another 200 trees are still needed to complete the new-tree project. Each tree costs an average of $150, depending on the variety.

There were 69 trees planted in 2014.

"Project volunteers work not only to initiate tree plantings by negotiating with property owners who live adjacent to planting areas along municipal streets, but also caring for trees by wrapping, pruning and in some cases watering them. We also do fund raising to support the project," Harris said.

Revenue for the trees are collected by the BRVTA that divides its revenue between tree planting and maintaining the trails.

Harris also told the committee that, based on the advice of Martin Quinn, who undertook an inventory of the trees along Main Street, four large trees on Main Street are scheduled to be removed by Bluewater as they are in bad condition.

Quinn, parks supervisor with the Town of Goderich, was hired by the Municipality of Bluewater as a consultant to review the survivability of 27 trees that are within the two block area of the future Bayfield Main Street – Streetscape and Reconstruction Project. According to a report by the Bluewater Public Works Department, Quinn determined that four of these trees – two Sugar Maples, a Black Locust and a Horse Chestnut should be removed this winter due to age, vehicular damage and/or disease.

Harris noted to the BRVTA that their removal will leave a void appearance on the street. Because of the disruption to Main Street that will occur when the long-anticipated storm drainage project is underway (a project which, as yet, is still unfunded), no new trees are being planted in that area of Bayfield. One remedy to the increasingly tree-less appearance of the street would be to purchase large-diameter trees and plant them in boxes to be placed along Main Street until they can be permanently planted. If partners could be found, funding for the boxed trees could be sought through grants and donations.

The fitness activity is held on Mondays and Wednesdays for one hour starting at 7 p.m. at the Bayfield Community Centre. Classes are $10 per person or $90 for a 10-pass.

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

EXETER QUILT SHOW

On April 16-18, the Exeter Quilt Show will be held at Trivitt Church. The committee is now seeking the help of the surrounding communities to collect quilts made before 1960.

Organizers note that the older the quilts are the better and condition is not critical. They realize that heritage quilts are not usually in mint condition. They have been used and loved. If the quilts have a story to accompany them, that is even better.

Vintage hats will be displayed throughout the venue and they plan to have a few mirrors for those who want to try on a few for pictures.

The committee is hoping to have 85-90 quilts for the display. To learn more contact Bonnie Sitter by email at bonnie.sitter@gmail.com.

THE BUS

THE BUS comes to Bayfield every Tuesday as part of the Rural Response for Healthy Children (RRHC) programming.

The playgroup at the Bayfield Library occurs every Tuesday morning from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and includes an opportunity for toy lending.

THE BUS offers its lending services to community daycares and Full Day Early Learning classrooms throughout the county on a mutually agreed upon schedule.

IN MEMORIAM

The community will be saddened to learn of the death of Dorothy Mae Hardy (ne Walter) on Jan. 10. She died peacefully in her sleep at the Bluewater Rest Home in Zurich at the age of 101.

She was predeceased by her husband of 59 years, Norman E (Peter) Hardy. She was survived by her daughters and their spouses, Gayle and Patrick, of Bayfield; and Beverley and Michael as well as eight grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren.

She is described as being an honest, humorous, loving and adventurous lady whose mind, at 101 years, remained clear and interested in the world. She was a 'presence' among her family and friends who will be long remembered.

SILVER AT THE SILVER STICK

The BCH Pee Wee Local 2 team took silver in the First Annual International Silver Stick Local League Invitational Tournament in Pelham, ON on Jan. 11. Coached by Jeff Stoll, the Pee Wee's played three games against Collingwood, Lincoln and Petrolia before advancing to the semi final against Pelham and the final against Collingwood. Those who attended noted that the team played a great game losing by just one goal to a very strong team. The community would like to extend their congratulations to both coaches and players. (Photo by Dennis Pal)

In lieu of flowers a donation to Sleeping Children Around the World or the London Mission would be appreciated. A Celebration of Dorothy's life will take place in the spring.

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.

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 by photographer H. Foster of Clinton, Ont., is featured. Does anyone remember this gentleman? (Archives Code: PB 13 28a)

ISSUE 288

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

In Issue 288, we feature another in a series of studio portraits with this very old image. Does anyone recognize this couple? (Archives Code: PB 13 23a)

ISSUE 289

In Issue 289, we continue a series on studio portraits when having your picture taken was a big event, as evidenced by the serious expressions on this couple's faces. Does anyone remember them? (Archives Code: PB 13 26b)

SHARE PHOTO STORY

A RETROSPECTIVE OF VILLAGE HAPPENINGS FROM SEPT. 10 TO DEC. 24

THE BEST OF THE BAYFIELD BREEZE 2014

Sept. 10 - Issue 271 - STORM CLOUDS MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON VILLAGE: On Sept. 5, Bayfield and region experienced their first Heat Advisory of the summer of 2014 and from that a thunderstorm was forecast. About 5:45 p.m. as First Friday events were in full swing along Main Street the clouds began to roll in. Gary Lloyd-Rees and Jack Pal members of the Photography Club of Bayfield (PCoB) had a display set up at Patina Studios on Main Street to promote the club. As avid photographers their cameras are always within reach and when the storm shortened the event they turned into storm hunters capturing images of the storm along Main Street and the beach. (Photo by Jack Pal)

Sept. 24 - Issue 273 - FRIENDS OF THE BAYFIELD LIBRARY - READING GARDEN TO BE RESTFUL OASIS WITH WIFI: Roma Harris (green coat centre) addressed the crowd that gathered for the official opening of the Reading Garden on the morning of Sept. 13. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

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. 10 to Dec. 24.

And 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.

And we would also like to take this opportunity to thank the community and village organizations that donated to our “Website Upgrade Appeal” held in the late summer of 2014. Through your generosity we realized our fundraising goal of $5,000. This money is now being put to good use generating a new foundation for the Bayfield Breeze to operate from. Hopefully if funds allow there will also be some cosmetic changes coming too. So once again a heartfelt thank you. Here’s to a stellar 2015!

Oct. 1 - Issue 274 - VIRTUAL HIGHSCHOOL.COM - NINETY RUNNERS TOOK TO THE STREETS FOR CHILDCAN: Ninety participants took part in the 2nd annual Run4Kids co-hosted by Virtual Highschool.com and Childcan. Runners and walkers are shown here taking off from the starting line at 9 a.m. on Saturday morning.

Oct. 8 - Issue 275 - PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB OF BAYFIELD - WEEKEND SPARKS CREATIVITY IN OVER 100 PHOTOGRAPHERS: The "Creative Lighting" workshop was taught by Denis Rule from Ottawa, ON, and was held in the studio facilities of Virtual High School, one of the Fall Foto Fest sponsors. (Photo by Dennis Pal)

Oct. 22 - Issue 277 - BAYFIELD LIONS' CLUB - MIXED BAG OF WEATHER AND FISHING AT DERBY: Rain over the weekend didn't prevent some of those people entered in the 36th Annual Joe Brandon Memorial Rainbow Trout Fishing Derby from coming up with creative ways to stay dry and comfortable while waiting for the big one to bite.

Sept. 17 - Issue 272 - DOORS OPEN ONTARIO - VISITORS INVITED TO STEP INTO LOCAL STORIES: "Re-imagine Huron: Step into our Stories" was the theme for this year's Doors Open Huron County event held on Sept. 13-14. Dave Gillians became somewhat ghost like himself the farther into the walk he went as the leader of the "Ghosts, Murder, and Mayhem Hike on the Heritage Trail". (Photo by Jack Pal)

Thank you sincerely for all you do for the communities in Huron County. I appreciate your help in getting the word about our events. Such a big effort and so well done. – B.S. Exeter, ON

Oct. 15 - Issue 276 - RECORD BREAKING TURN OUT FOR HIKE AND SCAVENGER HUNT: All ages of hikers enjoyed exploring the Varna Nature Trails at a special event hosted by the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association on Oct. 12. (Photo by Jack Pal)

Nov. 12 - Issue 280 - LOVELY NIGHT FOR TREE LIGHTING: Once the lights were shining it was time for Santa Claus to make his grand entrance off a Bayfield Fire Truck. Santa was afforded rock star treatment when people of all ages lined up on either side of the walkway leading to the gazebo for an opportunity to greet the jolly old elf.

Nov. 12 - Issue 280 - LEST WE FORGET - CASUALTIES OF WAR RECOGNIZED AT BAYFIELD CENOTAPH: At 11 a.m. on Sunday, Nov. 9 members of the Bayfield community gathered in Clan Gregor Square to remember.

Nov. 19 - Issue 281 - UNIQUE FAMILY CHRISTMAS EVENT - LITTLE SANTA'S WORLD EXPLORED THROUGH STORY: Carmen Davies as Mr. Claus and Sandra Harmer as Little Santa share a moment of delight during the first showing of "Little Santa" at the Bayfield Town Hall on Nov. 8.

Dec. 3 - Issue 283 - BAYFIELD LIONS' CLUB - LARGEST CROWD IN RECENT YEARS ATTENDS TURKEY BINGO: The members of the Bayfield Lions' Club were kept on their toes as the largest crowd in recent years came out to the Bayfield Community Centre on the evening of Dec. 1.

The holiday issue was an incredible record of events, Melody! Congratulations! – A.M., Central Huron

Dec. 10 - Issue 284 - BAYFIELD OPTIMIST CLUB - SMILES FOR SANTA AT NINTH ANNUAL BREAKFAST: Olivia and Morgan Sonke, of Goderich, came to the Breakfast with Santa on Sunday morning prepared for "Elf Duty".

The Breeze is referred to by many when they say they read about our organization and it has generated volunteers for our events. Thanks, thanks, thanks. – D.Y., Bayfield

Dec. 17 - Issue 285 - FRIENDS OF THE BAYFIELD LIBRARY - "MR. WILLOWBY'S CHRISTMAS TREE" FOCUS OF HOUR: 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.

We recently moved to Bayfield in April of this year and we are truly loving the beauty of Huron County. Just wanted to thank you for all the great news and stories in the Bayfield Breeze. If it were not for this we would have no way of knowing what is going on in this wonderful little town. We have met some wonderful people while

Dec. 24 - Issue 286 - MUNICIPALITY OF BLUEWATER - DOWSON RECOGNIZED FOR 30 YEARS OF CIVIC SERVICE: Bluewater's new Mayor, Tyler Hessel, shook hands with his predecessor at the reception held on the afternoon of Dec. 17. (Photo by Dianne Brandon)

walking on the beach and are looking forward to meeting more.

Once again thank you for the Bayfield Breeze! I look forward to every Wednesday so I can keep up to date with the activities that are listed and all the interesting stories of the area. – B. & D. J., Bayfield

PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Reflections on Winter *by Bonnie Sitter*

Email your photo in Jpeg format to bayfield.breeze@villageofbayfield.com with the subject line Subscriber Photo of the Week. or...Upload your photo to Flickr.

I am looking for the Bayfield that is a delight to the eye – please share photos with a touch of whimsy, beauty, humor or a sense of fun. If you are to include people in your photos be sure to have their permission to publish their picture on-line and also send in their names and where they are from. And don't forget to tell me who took the photo for proper credit to be issued

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A house no longer feels like a home when the pictures come off the walls...

This is the conclusion I came to this week as the big move continues. I gently wrapped up the photo gallery in our apartment to store away for another day. I have a rule in my house – the "art" on the walls has to be taken by me or I had to be present when the image was taken – and with only a couple of special exemptions to the rule we have kept it thus. Our apartment above the Bayfield Village Inn was a very personal space away from the prying eyes of summer visitors, restaurant patrons and hotel

Melody Falconer-Pounder

guests. Except for those couple of occasions when guests ignored the Private sign on the door and came on up for a self-guided tour! But that in and of itself is a story for another day…

This week's issue will be the last one I pen in my upstairs office space – I have written it huddled over a five-drawer storage cabinet (my desk moved last week) pushed close to the West-facing window in the room. At this time of year you can see glimpses of the lake through the trees from this window. I found myself glancing out more often than usual taking mental pictures with my minds eye…a little piece of home in my heart no matter where my pictures hang next. - Melody

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

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