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IT IS COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM WEEK

The Bluewater Blooms Committee has selected the colors red, orange and royal purple with lime green as the accent. The municipality shows its support by using these colors in the Main Street flower planters such as this one in Bayfield. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

The Municipality of Bluewater, a two-time, Five Blooms winner, is set to defend its Communities in Bloom title on July 28-29 when professional judges will visit to evaluate local

BLUEWATER NEWS

The Municipality of Bluewater recently developed a Stormwater Servicing Master Plan for the Bayfield settlement area. The first project identified through the Master Plan was the reconstruction of historic Main Street, including upgraded stormwater drainage and streetscape.

The plan provided recommendations for a stormwater servicing strategy that will be implemented in phases within the established areas of Bayfield, as well as recommending best practices and strategies for addressing stormwater servicing within future development areas of the community.

A public information session is planned to present details on the Master Plan and the proposed Main Street design on June 10.

Representatives of the municipality and the Project Engineers will be in attendance at the session to be held at the Bayfield Community Centre from 7-8:30 p.m. The presentation will be made at 7:30 p.m.

initiatives. The judges will be shown the focus is always on the abundant achievements of the community.

Bluewater kicks off this year's event from now until June 14. It is currently Communities in Bloom Week as declared by Bluewater Council. The Bluewater Blooms team (municipal departments and the planning committee) has dubbed participation in the 2015 Communities in Bloom Ontario Edition as its "Five Golden Rings" program as the municipality has participated for the past five years and has twice been invited to join the National Communities in Bloom Program.

"Council recognizes the economic and social benefits derived from the municipality's participation in Communities in Bloom and celebrates the efforts of countless volunteers and municipal staff," said Bluewater Mayor Tyler Hessel.

A professional community profile has been published to show the judges why Bluewater is a great place to live, work and play. Heritage and tidiness are usually high on the list of accolades from the provincial organization however the committee never rests on its laurels. This profile has been used each summer to evaluate the community on eight criteria. The judges and the committee will stop in the rural areas and each village taking notes on local efforts to improve the natural environment, preserve built heritage and please passersby with clean and decorated streets and properties. Council also becomes involved in the tour. While a volunteer committee of Master Gardeners, merchants and citizens plans the judges' evaluation, residents may become involved in several ways including planting annuals, perennials, bulbs and ornamental grasses in special colors.

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The Communities in Bloom organization encourages participants to become involved in the community. Bluewater Blooms has developed a handful of programs that roll out over spring, summer and fall. Neighbors will soon begin to celebrate their neighbors' gardening efforts through the Neighborhood Garden Recognition Program!

In July, watch the daylilies bloom. Huron Ridge Acres greenhouses offered a flower bed to Bluewater Blooms to grow three varieties of blue daylilies with the goal to develop an official flower for the municipality. Last year, Bluewater Sunset was the name given by the citizens of the municipality to the winning lily.

And finally, in August and September, farmers can jump in and create a sculpture from hay bales. Be a part of the Bale Trail! Watch for information posters in local public places and on the website www.bluewaterblooms.ca as these programs roll out.

BAYFIELD BEACH STORMWATER MONITORING RESULTS IN REPORT

BRVTA

The Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) is hosting two hikes in the month of June.

The Sawmill Trail in Bayfield is the location of choice for a hike on June 14 starting at 1 p.m. This hike is for bird lovers! Special guest Roger Goddard will join the hikers; Goddard will point out numerous birds, their habitat and other points of interest along the trail. The Sawmill Trail features a range of historical and natural points of interest. Naturalists will enjoy the changing terrain, varied plant life and the telltale signs of abundant wildlife. The trail is 2 KM long, difficulty is level 2 although there is one large hill and the hike will take approx. two hours. To find the Sawmill Trail turn east on Old River Road, proceed .5 KM and turn right at Sawmill Road. Parking is available

On June 25 at 9 a.m. a hike will be held at Naftel's Creek Conservation Area. The Naftel's Creek trail leads through mixed conifer plantations, hardwood and wetland areas. Boardwalks allow visitors to enjoy the wetland. Hikers should watch for trout as they crossover Naftel's Creek. The trail is 3 KM long, difficulty is level 2 and the hike will take approx. 1.5 hours. Located 7 KM south of Goderich on 79152 Bluewater Hwy. between Union and Kitchigami Roads. Parking is available.

Hike leaders for both of these hikes will be Chris and Pam Bowers 519 565-4605 and Roberta Stemp 519 565-2777.

HURON COUNTY MUSEUM

Huron County Museum staff members are hoping that Bayfield residents may be able to fill in the gaps about the former owner of an artifact donated to the museum in the 1970s.

More information is being sought regarding John Mackenzie. In 1978, a Mrs. John Mackenzie donated the North West Mounted Police uniform he apparently wore to serve out west before WWI.

The only information the staff has to go on thus far is taken from the Village of Bayfield History (1876 - 1985) where there is a reference to them.

"Mr. and Mrs. John Mackenzie were one of the owners of the Reeve Burns home (built in 1898) on Clan Gregor Square now called "Clifton". They owned the home from 1949 until 1963."

Anyone with more history to share is invited to call Registrar Patti Lamb at 519 524-2686 Ext. 202 or email her at plamb@huroncounty.ca.

HURON COUNTY MAP GUIDE

Last summer, volunteers Sandy Scotchmer, Kate Lloyd-Rees and Erica Clark signed up to collect water samples from five stormwater drains along the beach at Bayfield. Volunteers are now being sought to participate in the program this year. (Submitted photo)

Last summer, volunteers Sandy Scotchmer, Kate Lloyd-Rees, Margaret McBride and Erica Clark signed up to collect water samples from five stormwater drains along the beach at Bayfield.

Samples were collected every two weeks beginning in June, and following rain events. Two drains were sampled at the beach directly south of the pier, one at the end of Colina Street (south end of Pioneer Park), one at the end of Delevan Street and one on Tuyll Street between Colina and Delevan Streets (see map in report). Water samples were analyzed in a lab for Escherichia coli (E. coli) and phosphorus to determine if these pollutants were present and if they could impact beach water quality.

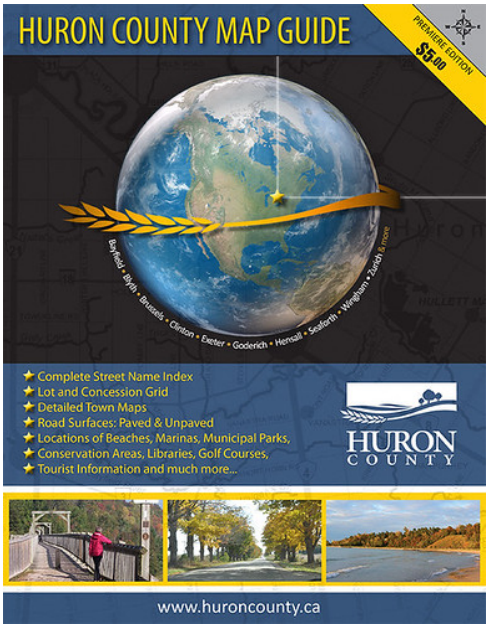
The Bluewater Beach Committee, which is comprised of the Pioneer Park Association, Huron County Health Unit, Municipality of Bluewater and the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA), commissioned the report entitled, “Bayfield Beach Stormwater Monitoring 2014”. Hope Brock and Mari Veliz, both from ABCA, authored the report.

Results show that E.coli (a type of fecal coliform bacteria) readings were above Ontario's recreational water standard at the Tuyll and Delevan Street sites. Bacterial contamination can originate from both human and animal sources, but the source of the E.coli was not determined in this study. People can help by picking up and properly disposing of their pet waste. The Municipality of Bluewater can help by checking for any cross connections or leaks between sanitary sewers or old septic systems and stormwater drainage facilities.

All but one sampling site tested over the total phosphorus Provincial Water Quality Objective (PWQO). In addition to total phosphorus, water samples were analyzed for soluble reactive phosphorus (SRP). SRP is also known as phosphate, and is the portion of phosphorus readily available to aquatic plants. SRP as a percentage of the total phosphorus ranged from 84 to 100 per cent following rain events. When other conditions are met, such as, temperature and light, high concentrations of SRP can stimulate algal growth and contribute to algal blooms. The report states that, "SRP has been cited as the main cause of the recent blooms in Lake Erie.” People are asked to please think twice before they fertilize their lawn, and know that what feeds the surface of their lawn can also feed algae growth in Lake Huron. Choose native plants and alternative ground covers. Not only does this eliminate the need to fertilize, it also increases the capacity of the lawn to hold and store more water.

To slow down stormwater from entering the drains and the lake it is suggested that people use rain barrels, rain gardens and other Low Impact Development (LID) techniques. They have a significant impact.

The report states that, "protecting and creating green space in existing and new urban development is therefore an essential component of ensuring good water quality at the beach." The sun and plants "work" to naturally "clean up" stormwater. It can be that simple!



The Huron County Map Guide is an initiative of the Planning & Development Department that provides a detailed paperback atlas of the county. (Submitted photo)

Huron County is proud to debut a new resource for the 2015 season designed to enhance the experience of visiting tourists. The Huron County Map Guide is an initiative of the Planning & Development Department that provides a detailed paperback atlas of the county and the premiere version will hit store shelves this month.

“Neighboring counties have them and have shown how popular these books are with tourists and residents alike,” said Karri Sonke, Huron County GIS coordinator. “We’ve been asked by a number of local tourism partners for a resource like this – it’s been highly anticipated!”

At 4,000 copies, the first edition features detailed town maps, a complete index of street names, as well as the location of popular municipal features like parks, beaches and other recreation areas. Operating on a cost recovery basis, copies are available for a $5 purchase in local retail stores.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

“Cheating in the Olympics” will be the topic of discussion at the next installment of the “Speaker’s Series” hosted by the Bayfield Historical Society at the Bayfield Lions’ Community Building.

On June 22, Dr. George Ebers will enlighten those in attendance about this fascinating topic based on his own research. This topic is not the usual focus of his research. Dr. Ebers is a professor emeritus in neurology at the University of Oxford. He was chair of the Department of Neurology after moving to Oxford in 1999 from the University of Western Ontario. He has done extensive research on multiple sclerosis and is one most cited author’s on the “Web of Science”.

Since 2008, the BRA has been commissioning the ABCA, through Municipality of Bluewater annual grants, to test water quality in their watershed (Bayfield River and tributaries) for E.coli. People can see many of those reports at www.BayfieldRatepayers.ca in the tab heading, "Archives".

The community now has a baseline of information on beach stormwater quality plus years of data on watershed water quality. Beach stormwater quality and the watershed will be tested again this summer.

All those involved in this project send out a big thank you to the volunteers who helped make the beach stormwater report possible as well as to the Huron County Health Unit for covering the cost of lab analyses for the report.

People are encouraged to view the report.

Anyone who is interested in volunteering to collect water samples this year should please contact Hope Brock, ABCA, at 519 235-2610 or hbrock@abca.on.ca.

CYCLISTS INVITED TO RAISE AWARENESS OF HUNGER IN HURON

Cyclists will ride from Wingham to Exeter on June 13 to raise awareness of the work of the region's community food banks and gather financial donations for the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Huron County cyclists of all expertise are invited to ride with Janet Boot, chair of the board of directors of the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre (HCFBDC), on June 13 and raise awareness of the work of the region's community food banks and gather financial donations for the Distribution Centre's focus on filling the shelves of these food banks.

Boot will be riding a tandem bike with her daughter, Natalie, and together they will be riding a route that will link some of the County's food banks, sharing information about the challenges that families and individuals face on a daily basis.

"There has been a noticeable increase in younger people, families with young children and elderly individuals having to use the services of our community-based food banks," said Boot. "We have gone through economic challenges in these last few years and although we live in a highly-productive agricultural county, there are ongoing employment problems that create social crises. Our food bank organizations and their volunteers recognize how important their work and services are, but together we can create an even stronger network, offering support and expanded services to help our neighbors who are having hard times."

Starting in Wingham at 8:15 a.m. at the North Huron Food Share at 405 Josephine Street, the cycling group will be heading to Blyth and will be stopping at the Blyth Centre for the Arts on Main Street to share information about the important sharing organizations in Huron County who are available to assist residents with problems accessing good food regularly. From here the Wingham riders who have joined Boot can turn back to Wingham or continue on to Clinton. The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. and all are welcome to attend.

BAYFIELD WRITERS' FESTIVAL

The 14th Annual Bayfield Writers' Festival is always a highly anticipated village event that brings top Canadian authors to town and enhances Huron County's flourishing cultural landscape.

The festival, hosted by The Village Bookshop, and sponsored by The Little Inn of Bayfield and Shop Bike Coffee, is set for June 27 starting at 1 p.m. at the Bayfield Town Hall.

Authors will discuss and read excerpts from his/her work during the Writers' Festival, and will be on hand to sign books. Their books will be available for sale at the festival and are in stock now at The Village Bookshop.

This year the festival welcomes the following authors:
• Carrie Snyder, author of "Girl Runner"
• Peter Kavanagh, author of "The Man Who Learned to Walk Three Times"
• Marina Endicott, author of "Close to Hugh"
• Peter Edwards, author of "Business of Blood"
• Elizabeth Abbott, author of "Dogs and Underdogs"

Tickets for the Bayfield Writers' Festival are $15 each. They can be purchased at The Village Bookshop, 20 Catherine St. or by calling 519 565-5600.

KNITTING 1-2-3

"World Wide Knit in Public Day" is the largest knitting event in the world, and Bayfield's Knitting 1-2-3 has registered to be part in the event.

On June 13 from 10 a.m. to noon some members will be showing off their stitches and answering any question passersby may have outside the library on Bayfield Main Street North and all are invited to come and meet the group and say "Hello". They are bound to spin a good yarn!

PIONEER PARK

Friday, July 10th is the date for the 68th Annual Pioneer Park Rummage Sale.

The funds collected from the Rummage Sale will be used for the ongoing needs and upgrades to the many park projects. Once again this event will be held at the Bayfield Arena from 7-9 p.m. with the "outside" sale beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Donations are now being accepted. Large and small items will be accepted. But please note that clothing, shoes, magazines, textbooks, televisions, large

The next stop where riders can join the group, bringing their financial donations will be at the Clinton Salvation Army building, on Albert Street. At each community stop riders are invited to ride along as far as they wish. The next location for a riding break will be in Hensall at the corner of Hwy. 4 and County Rd. 84. The riding group will then continue along to the Exeter Food Bank, located on Main Street, right behind Noah's Ark Store.

Finally there will be a celebration barbeque hosted for all riders and friends at the HCFBDC location at the corner of Hwy. 4 and County Road 10 on the grounds of Premium Transportation for a barbeque .

This unique riding event will take place, rain or shine and the hardy cyclists are encouraged to gather financial donations from family and friends to add to the financial donations collected along the route. The pace of the ride will be about 15 KMs an hour and the volunteers of the HCFBDC express their appreciation for the support and guidance of the Huron County Ontario Provincial Police as well as friends who will be manning the follow vehicles and volunteers along the route. Riders are reminded to bring their own water as well as be appropriately dressed for the weather conditions.

With the support of the many volunteers and service organizations, the food banks of Huron County, including the Bayfield Food Bank (Feed My Sheep), will continue to provide special services to those in need and to continue to address the challenges faced by too many of Huron County's residents in times of economic change, in partnership with the HCFBDC.

"If more people are aware of the daily struggles of too many of our neighbors, sometimes hidden along rural routes, we could unite to put ourselves out of business, working together to end hunger in Huron sooner," said Boot.

The HCFBDC distributed 545,000 pounds of foods and products throughout Huron County in 2014 included in this shipping were a huge variety of fresh fruits and produce and packaged goods.

For complete route and rider registration as well as financial donation information please visit:www.huroncountyfoodbank.org and call 519 913-2362. The HCFBDC is a registered charity and can offer charitable receipts for monetary gifts, gifts of service and gifts-in-kind.

All financial donations will go directly to the cause of eliminating hunger in Huron County's communities.

MAYHEW FAMILY FIRST LANDOWNERS TO DONATE TO TRUST

The Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy (HTLTC) has announced it will hold a dedication ceremony for the Mayhew Tract, an important forested property in the Holmesville area. Donated in memory of Jack and Iris Mayhew by the Mayhew family.

"This generous donation will provide much-needed forest cover, groundwater recharge and wildlife habitat for generations to come," said Roger Lewington, chairman of the HTLTC.

The dedication ceremony and sign unveiling are to take place on June 19 at 2:30 p.m. at the Mayhew Tract. The property is located about two KMs south of Holmesville, on the northeast corner of Tower Line Road and Parr Line. It is just north of the watershed divide between the Bayfield River and Maitland River.

The HTLTC offers a local and permanent way for people to leave a lasting land and nature legacy. It is a local land trust to help preserve natural land in the historic area of the Huron Tract. People's donations and bequests of land can help to protect and preserve the natural, recreational, scenic, historical, or agricultural importance of some of the properties of the historic Huron Tract area.
The donation from the Mayhew family is the first one received by the new land trust and the family's generosity may inspire other people to also consider this way of leaving a lasting local nature legacy, according to Lewington.

"The dedication ceremony is a way of recognizing the significance of this donation for our future," Lewington said. "I hope it will also encourage other people to consider donations as

appliances, building materials, mattresses or soiled or broken items will not be accepted. All baby items as well as electrical and sports equipment must be CSA approved.

This year there will not be a large item pick-up. Donations to the Pioneer Park Rummage Sale donations can be dropped off at the Quionset Huts just north of town (76614 Bluewater Hwy) on Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to noon. Alternate "drop-off" times can be arranged by calling Art at 519 565-2783. In addition, donations can be brought to the arena on July 9 starting at 11 a.m.

Another part of the sale will be the Silent Auction with an array of wonderful selections donated by community members and local business. Bidding will be held during the sale hours. This year, Carl Humphries is looking after the auction.

Please call Humphries at 519 671-4795 or 519 433-4794 or email him at carl.humphries@hotmail.com to arrange for the pick up of any items generously donated.

The Pioneer Park Committee appreciates the donations from the public and the assistance of the many volunteers who make this yearly event possible.

ANGLICAN CHURCH

She's a little bit country and he's a lot rock n' roll. No, it's not Donny and Marie Osmond, it is Carrie Underwood and Elvis Presley.

On July 4, Trinity Anglican Church is hosting "The Legends In Concert" at the Bayfield Town Hall. The evening will feature Elvis tribute artist, Zach Peddle and Underwood tribute artist, Julie Bezaire. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are $20 and are available from the Nip N Tuck and Brandon's Hardware.

BAYFIELD CALENDAR

The 2016 Bayfield Calendar will once again be a joint project of the Bayfield Lions' Club and the Photography Club of Bayfield (PCoB). This will be the third year of this successful partnership. All revenues from the sale of calendars go towards Lions community activities.

The calendar committee is still looking for more photos from both PCoB members and especially from members of the public. People do not need to be a member of any photography club in order to participate. Winning photographers get the choice of a free membership to the PCoB for 2016, or $50 and, of course, bragging rights as one or more of their photos will appear in the calendar.

well."

This ten-acre (four-hectare) property is entirely forested. Most of the trees are lowland hardwood (for example, Silver Maple and Aspen) and there are also some conifers near the west side of the property. There is also an intermittent drain on the property. The forest helps to store water through the year and recharge the groundwater table, just one of the environmental benefits of this land.

Land trusts or land conservancies are independent, charitable organizations that work with private landowners to preserve open space and nature. Land trusts accept donations and bequests of land and conservation agreements and, in some cases, may purchase land or conservation agreements. The land is then protected from that time on.

The conservancy can protect important nature areas for the long term, with the help of "an inspired community that values and protects natural lands and habitat."

The HTLTC gets its name and geographic boundaries from the days of early settlement in this part of Ontario. The Huron Tract was purchased by the Canada Company, an agent of the British government, to be distributed to colonial settlers of Upper Canada.

The land trust is a volunteer organization with a community board of directors. The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Foundation helped to create the land trust in 2011. The HTLTC gives people a safe, reliable, long-term way to leave financial contributions or bequests of real property for the protection of land, water, and habitat for generations to come. For more information visit htltc.ca.

TWO MUNICIPALITIES TO SHARE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

The municipalities of Bluewater and Central Huron are pleased to announce that Kim Leach has been hired as their new Economic Development Officer.

Bluewater and Central Huron Councils approved the creation of a joint Economic Development Officer position to be shared equally by the two municipalities.

Leach, who is scheduled to start next week, currently resides in Perth, ON and brings considerable economic development experience having worked recently for the Township of Leeds and 1000 Islands, the Town of Smiths Falls, as well as for non-profit agencies and the private sector.

"I look forward to creating a solid economic development strategy with the municipal stakeholders through collaboration and community engagement," said Leach. "I am a person who believes in listening to the people and have developed many on-going relationships with leading economic development stakeholders over the last several years."

"Economic development is a strategic priority for us and we're looking forward to having Kim build strong working relationships with key community stakeholders, manage current projects, and pursue new initiatives," said Bluewater Mayor Tyler Hessel. "We're also excited about our partnership with Central Huron and developing a regional approach to economic development and working collaboratively to strengthen key sectors of our economies."

"Central Huron is excited to have Kim as part of our team and in further developing this regional approach to economic development with the Municipality of Bluewater," stated Central Huron Mayor Jim Ginn. "Kim brings a wealth of information to the area in agriculture, tourism and not-for profit organizations. She brings a unique perspective to economic development."

CELEBRATION OF WATER WEEKEND FAST APPROACHING

The official launch will take place on Bayfield Main Street North on Aug. 15, coinciding with the Bayfield Community Fair. In addition, successful calendar photos will be framed and offered at silent auction during the "Sunset on Summer" event hosted by the Bayfield Town Hall on Sept. 5.

Photos should be recognizably Bayfield, and surroundings, through the four seasons and special consideration will be given to those photos that have a heritage aspect to them. Photos should be in 8 x 12 landscape format and a minimum of six Mega Pixels in size to assure quality reproduction.

For full posting details go to Flickr or call Jack Pal at 519 565-5340. Deadline for submissions is June 20.

SAFE HARBOUR RUN

Hundreds of people will descend on Bayfield on the morning of June 21 for the annual Safe Harbour Run that raises funds for the Huron Women's Shelter.

Registration and awards: Bayfield Community Centre and Arena - 5 Jane St. Race day registration and race number pickup is held at the Bayfield Arena starting at 7:30 a.m. Awards are also handed out at the arena following the run.

There are four runs held all starting and finishing at Clan Gregor Square. The Kiddy Trot kicks off the day at 8:50 a.m. followed by a 2 KM at 9 a.m., a 10 KM at 9:30 a.m. and a 5 KM at 9:40 a.m.

ART CLASS

Bayfield area summer resident and art instructor, Devon McCallum, will be facilitating adult art classes this July in Goderich.

This Adult Watercolor and Drawing Course will be held at the Goderich Learning & Employment Centre in three parts on, July 10, 17 and 24 from 1-3 p.m. For more information about the course people are invited to call the centre at 519 524-2515.

HURON COUNTY HEALTH UNIT

People can expect less second-hand smoke at local playgrounds, special events and publicly owned sports fields this summer thanks to the Smoke Free Ontario Act.

Changes to the Act came into effect on Jan. 1. Among other Act changes, it is now illegal: to smoke on or within 20 metres of children's playgrounds; to smoke on or within 20 metres of publicly owned sport fields and surfaces. This includes areas for basketball, baseball, soccer or beach volleyball, ice rinks, tennis courts, splash pads and swimming pools; to smoke in any area where food or drinks are

Bayfield's Blue Community Group will host a Celebration of Water Weekend on June 19 and 20. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

On the weekend of June 19 and 20, Canada's celebrated authority on world water issues, Maude Barlow, will make a return visit to Bayfield. She will be here to honor this village that recently attained Blue Community status.

A Blue Community acknowledges water as a human right and denounces the privatization of this resource. Thirty community organizations committed to eliminate the use of bottled water from meetings and sponsored events. These groups represent children from 5 years of age, service organizations, health focused groups, bridge clubs, choirs and virtually every facet of village life.

Bayfield joins many communities around the world to be so honored.

Barlow is a frequent visitor to Bayfield. She is the chair of the Council of Canadians. She also chairs the board of Washington-based Food & Water Watch, is a founding member of the San Francisco–based International Forum on Globalization, and a Councilor with the Hamburg-based World Future Council. In 2008-09, she served as Senior Advisor on Water to the 63rd President of the United Nations General Assembly. She has authored and co-authored 16 books.

Everyone is invited to join in the many events planned for the weekend. The schedule begins on Friday with "Cycling for Water", a 35 km return trip from Clan Gregor Square that departs at 1:30 p.m.

Holmesville will be the destination of cyclists to not just celebrate water but also the donation of a parcel of woodlot on Parr Line to the Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy. The Mayhew family has made this donation in memory of Jack and Iris Mayhew. The couple's youngest son, Greg, and his wife, Nancy, are planning to cycle with the group.

Those wishing to take part should be in Clan Gregor Square at 1:15 p.m. The cost to participate is $10 each. The proceeds will be split between the Bayfield Blue Community Project and The Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy.

And then Friday evening the documentary "eXXpedition: Making the Unseen Seen" by Jenn Pate will be shown at Pioneer Park at sunset. Those who attend are asked to bring their own chair.

Pate, a Bayfield area resident, was one of fourteen women that set off in a sailboat to cross the Atlantic from the Canary Islands to Martinique late in 2014. The group consisted of scientists of every stripe and Pate, a respected environmental filmmaker and adventurist. They were studying ocean pollution, particularly micro plastics. The 45-minute film will be shown at Pioneer Park at sunset, weather permitting. Pate will be in attendance to address questions.

The events continue on Saturday with a "Walk for Water" to be held along the Varna Nature Trails starting at 2 p.m. Participants are asked to check in at 1:30 p.m. Two trails are available for participants to enjoy. The Taylor Trail is 1 KM long and is one of a very few barrier free hard

served or sold or offered for consumption.

"Non-smoking signs have been provided to the municipalities," said Patrick Landry, public health inspector. "These signs should be posted at your local public sports field or playground letting you know that these are now non-smoking spaces."

Anyone who has questions, about the signs or about these changes to the Act, is asked to contact the Huron County Health Unit.

Second-hand smoke contains more than 4,000 chemicals, about 50 of which are known to cause cancer. There is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke.

SUMMER READING CLUB

The TD Summer Reading Club is a program for youth between the ages of four and 12 years that encourages readers to have fun while learning through exciting crafts, activities, and games as well as reading. The reading club will meet once a week at all of the 12 Huron County Library branches starting on June 29 until Aug. 21.

This program hopes to engage children in reading throughout the summer months when students are out of school, as well as get them into the library to participate in weekly crafts, activities, games, the chance to win prizes, and of course to read.

"Fostering a love of reading through play, crafts, and games can create a positive attitude towards education and a desire to learn," said Beth Rumber, Huron County Library branch services librarian. "Through the TD Summer Reading Club, children develop good listening skills, share with others in a team environment, and stimulate their creative capacity through arts and crafts, active play, and reading. Programs such as this introduce children to the library as a source of pleasure and information which encourages them to use the library later on as our resources are tools for lifelong learning."

Youngsters can be registered today by dropping in or calling a local library branch. All participants will receive a reading club notebook, pack of twelve stickers, top summer reads list, as well as a web-access code that can be used on the http://tdsummerreadingclub.ca website to track reading progress and receive additional club benefits. This year's theme is about play and making reading fun. Interested people can find out more today by contacting their local Huron County Library branch or emailing summerreading@huroncounty.ca.

This local program is sponsored by the Toronto Dominion Financial Group and partially funded by a Canada Summer Jobs (2015) grant, a Government of Canada initiative.

surface trails in Ontario. The 2.5 KM Mavis Trail runs from the Varna Complex to the Bayfield River and is of medium difficulty.

Participants will receive a refillable water bottle as part of the Bayfield Blue Community Project plan to eliminate bottled water. Admission to both events is by donation. The proceeds will be used to install water refill stations throughout the village.

The day will conclude with Barlow speaking at the Bayfield Town Hall at 4 p.m. following her participation in the walk. Pate will also be in attendance at this event.

While the Bayfield Blue Community is a volunteer project, many organizations have recognized the importance of the message and offered their support. We are grateful to Tuckersmith Communications Cooperative, Bayfield Lions' Club, Bayfield Optimists Club, Nextera Energy, The Photography Club of Bayfield, The Bayfield Town Hall, Ontario Clean Water Agency and the Fred A. and Barbara M. Erb Family Foundation.

To learn more visit: www.bayfieldcommunityproject.com.

TWENTY PER CENT OF BLUEWATER PATIENTS AFFECTED BY DIABETES

The Bluewater Area Family Health Team (BAFHT) launched a Diabetic Clinic in the winter of 2011. With diabetes and its complications affecting about 20 per cent of BAFHT patients, the clinic has adopted a focused and intentional approach to treatment.

"We now do two days and one evening a month where all we do, all day long, is diabetes care," said Dr. Lori Teeple, who spearheaded this initiative. "We have a systematic and standardized program in diabetes care which has been held up as an example for countrywide adoption by one of Canada's national diabetes educators."

The goals of the program include: Helping all patients to meet the targets that the Canadian Diabetes Association sets out as 'ideal' for those with diabetes - including glucose targets, cholesterol, blood pressure, foot care, kidney function, weight/body mass, and eye care. Plus empowering those with diabetes to control their disease through education, personal goal setting and informed decision-making about their own care.
Meeting these targets has been shown to decrease complications, such as amputation, dialysis, heart attack and blindness.

BAFHT has completed two, quality statistical analyses of the program. The first in 2012 of how well they are doing as a clinic and as patients' revealed that those in the program improved their glucose and cholesterol, blood pressure and weight targets quite dramatically compared to those patients with diabetes who were not in the program.

The second analysis, two years later, compared BAFHT data with the most recent Canadian data in terms of meeting diabetes targets. BAFHT data showed that 56 per cent of its patients met glucose (A1c) targets for the previous year, whereas the Canada-wide success rate was only 50 per cent.

All other targets were on par or slightly better than the Canadian average. In terms of eye care, 84 per cent of those with diabetes in the practice had target eye care in comparison to 74 per cent in family health teams across Ontario.

"We want to be even better - so we have adapted the program to improve it," said Dr. Teeple. "Our patients did a satisfaction survey about the 'diabetes program' in 2012. And 90 per cent of patients surveyed felt the program helped them better understand their diabetes to prevent complications and do self-management through lifestyle."

"It has been a pleasure to be involved with the Zurich Clinic Diabetes program for the past two years," said Certified Diabetes Nurse Educator, Amanda Mikalachki. "The monthly diabetes clinic is so far ahead of the curve, embracing the concept of using the 'team' model to encourage and support patients in achieving their personal diabetes goals and targets.

"I was invited to be a resource for BAFHT to provide 'just in time' recommendations, strategies and support, which can be applied and incorporated easily in the primary care setting. I am so impressed by the team's interest and desire to embrace new ideas and learning. The group

TOUCH THE TRUCK

Kids will get a chance to get up close to trucks they often see but rarely get to touch at the seventh annual "Touch the Truck" event on June 20.

What child doesn't dream about getting behind the steering wheel of a fire truck, an ambulance, a road grader or a dump truck? Their wildest dreams will come true when they get up close to the real rigs at this popular event!

They will find the big vehicles, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. until noon at Lavis Park, located on Hwy. 8 in Holmesville.

Children, and the young at heart, will be able to see, touch and learn about the mighty machines, farm equipment and emergency vehicles at this family friendly event. Admission is free, but participants are asked to bring a non-perishable food item and help fill a loader bucket for the Salvation Army in Clinton.

There's nothing like a big hunk of metal to attract a little child like a magnet. Road graders, tractors, dump trucks and many more vehicles will be available for children to explore while parents learn how to incorporate more literacy activities into all of their child's interests.

A pedal tractor course, bale maze, a large gravel play area and a chance to build or paint a letter are just a few of the many activities organized by Huron County Children's Services staff for this special family literacy event.

Please find us on www.huroncounty.ca or the Huron Ontario Early Years Facebook page.

Lavis Contracting Co. Ltd., County of Huron, and the Municipality of Central Huron are the sponsors of this event.

For more information call Huron County Children's Services at 519 482-8505 or toll-free 1-888-371-5718.

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 arena door and the bulletin board by the library and more information available inside the library. Call 519 565-2202 for more information or to receive monthly information via the Wave to Wellness email. They can also be found on Facebook at Bayfield W2W; Fitness and Leisure. Urban pole walking is also a popular part of the One Care program in the village. They too now have a Facebook page and residents can learn more about their activities at Bayfield Urban Poling.

IN MEMORIAM

truly embodies the spirit of 'team'; and the patients' full engagement in attending appointments and outcomes is a testament to the program's success.'

PLAYERS IN TENTH TOURNEY ENJOY PERFECT WEATHER

The 10th annual Bayfield Optimist Golf Tournament winners were l-r: Brian Dupuis, Bob McMahon, Bill Aberhart and Andy Heard. They were presented the trophy by Vic Gillman. (Photos by Mike Dixon)

The best finish mixed team prize was presented to: Bill Wilkinson, Vic Gillman, Jane Gillman and Mary Wilkinson.

The most honest golfers were l-r: Teri Brintnell, Shirley Schilbe, Lynn Henderson and Gayle Beurermann.

Best finish ladies team prize went to l-r: Pat Dixon, Shirley Cox, Barb Pico and Jill Sterling.

June 6th proved to be the perfect day for the 10th annual Bayfield Optimist Club Golf Tournament, sponsored by Nahuel Painting, held at Bayview Golf Club in St. Joseph. Organizers reported that the weather cooperated and the participants seemed to have a very good time.

Unfortunately, the top prizes of a Hole-in-One for $10,000 provided by Bayfield Foodland and $5,000 from Clinton Power Sports was not claimed but organizers noted that everyone had a fun time trying for them.

The tournament was followed by a BBQ chicken dinner from Pineridge Barbeque Co. of Hensall.

“We would like to thank all who participated and the many hole sponsors and gift donors who contributed to making it a successful tournament,” said Mike Dixon, a member of the Bayfield Optimist Club Golf Committee.

The community will no doubt be saddened to learn that a village resident has died.

Mildred Edith (Wiltse) Merrill, of Bayfield, died at Bluewater Rest Home in Zurich on June 1. She was 86. She was the beloved wife of the late Ross Merrill (2005) and loving mother of Gordon and Jose Merrill and Brian and Bev Merrill, all of Vancouver, B.C. and Esther and Wayne Cantelon, of Homestead Heights, Bayfield. She was cherished by eight grandchildren and by 12 great grandchildren.

At Mildred’s request cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held at St. Andrews United Church, Bayfield on June 15 at 11 a.m. with visitation commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Donations to the Clinton Public Hospital Foundation, St. Andrews United Church or the charity of your choice would be appreciated as expressions of sympathy.

Condolences for the Merrill family may be placed through www.falconerfuneralhomes.com.

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, a gentleman, with two youngsters on his knee, is pictured. Does anyone remember them? (Archives Code: PB13 26b)

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

ISSUE 308

In Issue 308, people at a garden party are featured. Does anyone remember them? Notes with the photo state that the following women are in the image: Mrs. Oddleifson, Ethel Poth, Mrs. Seutamone, Mrs. Crosby, Joan Bell, Pearl Hutchings and Mrs. Paull. (Archives Code: PB13 33a)

ISSUE 309

In Issue 309, a doctor and his grandchildren are highlighted. Does anyone remember them? Records note that it is Dr. Shaw pictured with his grandchildren. (Archives Code: PB13 25b)

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BAYFIELD LIONS' CLUB

VILLAGE WALK RAISED $10,000 FOR DOG GUIDE PROGRAM

Andrew Stanley and Lee Currah, of the London Police K9 Unit, pose with Bosco. (Photo by Dawn Cummings)

Shannon Brennan, of Barks of Bayfield Pet Styling, demonstrated some grooming techniques on Charlie.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY JACK PAL

On June 7, anniversary Walk for Dog Guides hosted by the Bayfield Lions' Club, took place. The event was held in Clan Gregor Square and this year well over 25 dogs and their owners participated in the 5 KM walk and raised almost $10,000 for the Dog Guide program.

"This is a record and something Bayfield can be really proud of! I want to thank everyone who participated in this event to make it so successful," said Lion John Reeve, a member of the Dog Guide Walk Committee.

After the walk, participants and the general public, over 75 in all, were treated to a variety of dog related activities and presentations. There were tips on grooming by Shannon Brennan and dog health by Dr. Nancy Ridder. Lee Currah and Andrew Stanley of the London Police took everyone through their K9 program, and Brennan Mulhern and Kay Parker provided valuable information about the OSPCA mandate and St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dog program, respectively.

The Keynote presenter was Lion Larry Wainwright, someone well known to the Bayfield community. He explained in passionate detail the value of the Dog Guide program giving his personal perspectives. Wainwright is blind and his Canine Vision Dog Guide, Otis, has become a trusted companion helping him navigate his way through the world with confidence.

The last event was a full canine agility demonstration by Bonnie Hirst and her team from P.E.T.S., of Clinton. This demonstration was put on to the delight of all dog lovers. With music by Mike Graham and refreshments rounding out the morning, the event was both entertaining and educational.

"We will continue to run our annual program in Clan Gregor Square to increase its visibility and to engage the whole community in this important project. Next year the Dog Guide Walk and

The Keynote Speaker was Lion Larry Wainwright who shared his experiences with the Dog Guide program on a personal level. He is seen here with his Dog Guide Otis. He was accompanied to the stage as well by his wife Hilda.

Kay Parker, of St. John's Ambulance Therapy Dog Program, brought little Jessie up on the stage.

associated program will take place on June 4, the first Sunday of the month." said Lion Bob Merrimen, a committee member.

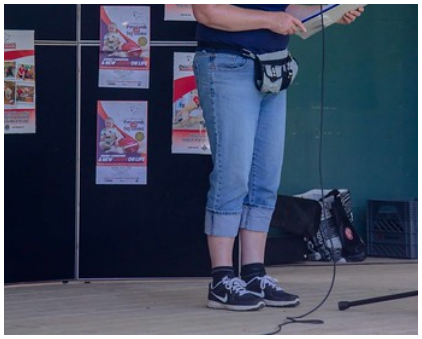
The Purina Walk for Dog Guides is a national fundraising walk held in more than 200 communities across Canada. It raises funds to help train Dog Guides for Canadians with visual, hearing, medical or physical disabilities. Each Walk is organized by local volunteers with support from Lions Foundation of Canada.

To date, the walk has raised more than $10 million. All Dog Guides and required training, including transportation and accommodation, are provided at no cost to qualified applicants. The Lions Foundation does not receive any government funding and relies on the support of fundraising events like the Purina Walk for Dog Guides

People still interested in contributing to the Bayfield Dog Walk can do so on-line by going to: purinawalkfordogguides.com/

Bear, owned by Carolyn Brophy, was one of more than 25 dogs to take part in the Walk for Dog Guides.

Mike Graham, of Bayfield, shared his musical talents with the audience.



Bonnie Hirst, of P.E.T.S. Boarding Kennel and Training Center near Clinton, shared some information with the crowd.

After the walk prizes are awarded to both canines and their owners. Lion Tom Grasby had the enjoyable task of handing them out while Lion Larry Simpson announced the winners.

It was a dog's day in the park on the morning of June 7 when the Bayfield Lions' Club hosted their 30th annual Walk for Dog Guides.

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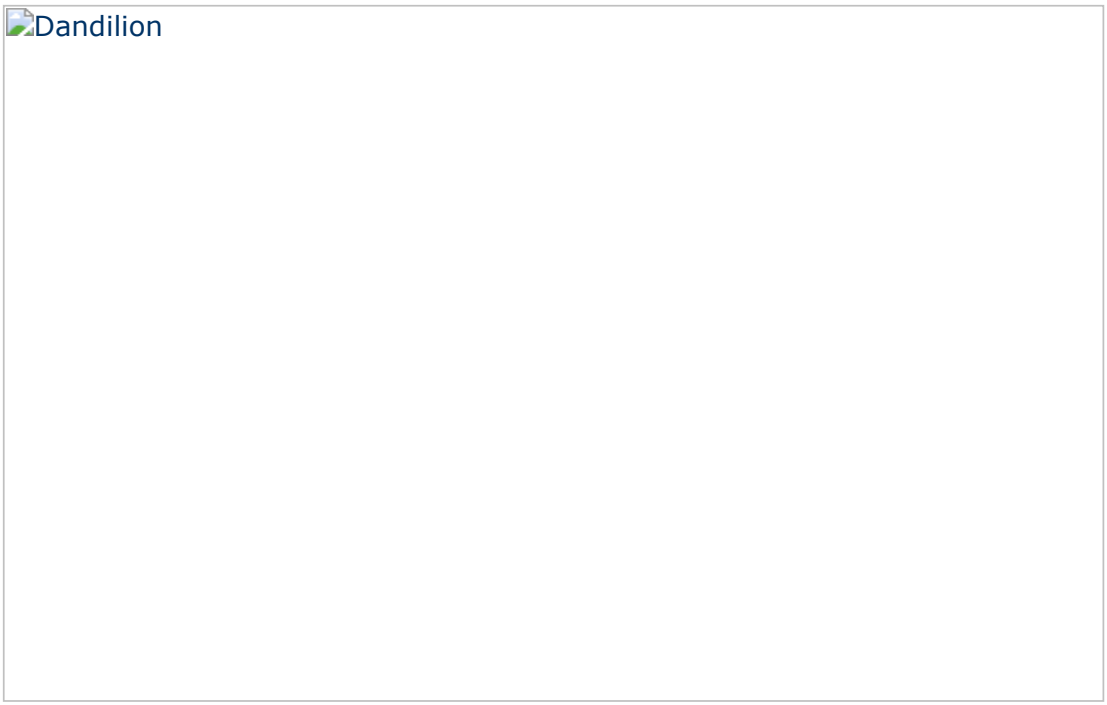

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they are from. And don't forget to tell me who took the photo for proper credit to be issued

Melody Falconer-Pounder

SUBMISSIONS

Well, I think it is safe to say that Bayfield's first ever town wide yard sale was a rip-roaring success. We hosted a multi-family yard sale in support of Bayfield Guiding and Camp Klahanie at our new address and as soon as we started to open the first boxes to set the items out on display it was bedlam. I swear people emerged out from behind the shade trees along the boulevard. The funny thing about it was this was Friday at 11 a.m. and we hadn't advertised our sale to start until 21 hours later!

And when it did finally officially start the people came in droves for about six hours straight. For the most part people were pleasant and when they discovered we were raising money for two great causes they often threw in that extra Loonie that they had bartered over just a moment before.

Thank goodness we had lots of enthusiastic helpers including four of my Pathfinders who racked up the volunteer hours – over 50 of them combined - and none of them are even in high school yet. They personify the true spirit of Guiding and I am so very proud of them. And what can I say about our Brownies and Sparks that came out to help by selling classic Girl Guide Cookies, smiling and singing as they did so, they charmed the $5 bills out of the wallets of a lot of folks who now have yummy cookies to remember their Saturday by in addition to their yard sale treasures.

I am also indebted to my fellow Guiding sisters, Guiding moms and dads and our Camp Klahanie friends who loaned tents, tables, helped with set up, helped with the bartering and selling and clean up afterwards. I was in bed by 8 p.m. on Saturday night…exhausted but pleased that we had raised a goodly sum for both Guiding and the camp and the added bonus is our storage space is neat and tidy for the first time in five months! – 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 519-525-3830.

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