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ATTENDEES AT MAYOR'S BREAKFAST HEAR ABOUT SUMMER EVENTS

BY ROGER LEWINGTON

Donations in support of the Bayfield Food Bank (Feed My Sheep) were collected at the breakfast. Rev. Wayne Malott, (fourth from left) and Terry Boa-Youmatoff (fourth from right) represented the Food Bank and

TOWN WIDE YARD SALE

Treasure seekers should mark June 4 on their calendars as the Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) is promoting their second Town Wide Yard Sale and Village Side Walk Sale on that date.

Residents in the community are encouraged to hold a yard sale at their home on that date and local merchants will be offering up some side walk sales that day as well.

Community groups are also joining in the fun for bargain hunters to help raise funds for important area causes. One such group is Bayfield Guiding and the Camp Klahanie Friends Association. They will be hosting a yard sale in support of Bayfield Guiding and Camp Klahanie that weekend in the yard at 10 Keith Crescent (Trinity Anglican Church). Step inside the parish hall and even more fun awaits with a Penny Sale and Silent Auction being held from June 2-4.

Are you hosting a yard sale on June 4? Share the location details and times with the Bayfield Breeze! We will publish a list of locations in our June 1st issue. Please submit by Sunday, May 29 at 4 p.m. to be included.

graciously accepted $350 and some food donations at the event. Joining them for a photograph were l-r: Bill Strong for MP Ben Lobb, MPP Lisa Thompson, President of the BACC, Leanne Kavanagh, Shelby VandenHuevel, OLG Customer Relations supervisor, Mayor of Bluewater Tyler Hessel, and Ian Matthew, treasurer of the BACC. (Photo by Jack Pal)

The Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) held their 2016 Mayor's Breakfast at the Town Hall on Friday, May 20. A wonderful Huron County breakfast was provided by The Ashwood Bourbon Bar, Charles Street Market, The Pink Flamingo Bakery and Shop Bike Coffee Roasters.

Approximately 90 attended the event including, Mayor Tyler Hessel, Deputy Mayor Jim Fergusson, Bluewater council members Bill Whetstone, George Irwin and Dave Roy. Also attending were: Bill Strong for MP Ben Lobb, MPP Lisa Thompson, Jim Ginn, mayor of Central Huron, Kyle Pratt CAO Bluewater and Bluewater staff.

The event is generously sponsored by OLG and a number of OLG guests were in attendance. Leanne Kavanagh, president of the BACC, thanked OLG for their continued support and noted, "This is a great event, as it allows the Chamber to bring chamber members and the business community together with area service club representatives, area council members, county and senior level politicians."

Dave Jewitt, with a number of OLG representatives, brought a welcome from OLG and talked about the investment in the community through support for community groups.
Bill Strong brought greetings from Ben Lobb MP who was detained in Ottawa and not able to attend. Lisa Thompson MPP said she is always impressed with the volunteer activity in Bayfield and that she was delighted to be able to attend.

Mayor Hessel brought greetings from the Municipality of Bluewater and talked about the progress that council has been able to make to date as well as the importance of community volunteers to make a vibrant community.

He said, "As a municipality, it is great to see the level of activity in the community by volunteers."

He added that cost pressures are always an issue, and that some of the cost sharing opportunities have been very worthwhile.

Kavanagh gave an update on the coming year's activities including the upcoming Girls Getaway Weekend, the Wind and Water Festival and a number of other events that are planned for this spring and summer. She also made particular mention of the work done by Erin Samuell to create new websites in the municipality as well as other marketing initiatives such as, Beyond the Shore.

Also in attendance were representatives of area service clubs and community groups. Joyce McIlwain, of the Bayfield Optimists, gave an outline of Optimist events, most notably the long weekend's Bayfield River Duck Race, to raise community funds. Jack Pal, of the Photography Club of Bayfield, gave an outline of the photography club and the fourth annual Fall Foto Fest to be held this October. Pal also gave an update on the Bayfield Lions' events and in particular the upcoming Lions Walk for Dog Guides to raise money for service dogs.

Jen Pate, of Windmill Lake Wake and Eco Park, gave a presentation on eXXpedition Great Lakes 2016. On Aug. 20, a group of women - scientists, artists, writers, and concerned citizens - will leave from Bayfield as part of a Great Lakes wide initiative to identify and research the volume of plastics in the Great Lakes. Other boats are part of this project as well and will be represented on each of the Great Lakes. She encouraged the community to become involved in a number of activities, such as beach cleanup and water sampling for micro plastics on the day. Read more at: www.eXXpedition.com/greatlakes2016 to see how you can be involved. Napier Simpson and Emily Chandler (Bayfield project leader) from Regional Tourism Office 4 gave a project update on the work that they are doing with the BACC to continue to develop tourism in the area.

BACC Treasurer Ian Matthew gave an update on the BACC, its growth in membership, and encouraged any new businesses to consider joining the Chamber.

Guy Spence gave an update on a new App to help fuel Bayfield's economy. experienceLocal is a map based mobile App created for locals and tourists to help them discover current things that are going on around them. It has been designed for ease of use, fast results and minimal effort or knowledge. It is free for consumers and needs no registration or password.

ALDEBURGH CONNECTION

The Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society (BTHHS) presents a return of the Aldeburgh Connection for one performance only on June 11. And as predicted tickets for this event are all gone!

This special concert highlights Bayfield's own piano-duo, Stephen Ralls and Bruce Ubukata, with their special guest, Stratford-based baritone James Westman.

The BTHHS wants to extend thanks to OLG for its sponsorship to this performance, as well as other sponsors, Friends of the Bayfield Town Hall and D & S Pianos, from London.

CROQUET CLUB

The Bayfield International Croquet Club (BICC) will host its second prestigious world class croquet tournament, June 3-5. Many of the top players in North America will travel to Bayfield for the "BICC Open."

The event will be played on courts at the historic Seaforth Lawn Bowling Club and at the BICC.

"The tournament results affect every players' Canadian and world ranking. You can be sure everyone will be playing at the top of their game," said Bill Rowat, tournament organizer.

The public is welcome to come out and watch the games. In Bayfield the Courts are located at 1 David St. and in Seaforth at 127 Main Street South. The games begin at 8 a.m. at both locations.

"Croquet is a sport that appeals to competitive people who love a challenge. In some countries croquet is a university scholarship level sport," said Toni Kemp, president of the Bayfield Club. "I would like to thank our event sponsors Lake Huron Real Estate Ltd. and Steam Whistle Brewing."

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The members of the Bayfield Optimist Club, together with sponsor Nahuel Painting, are pleased to announce our 11th annual golf tournament. They will once again be using the eighteen-hole course at the Bayview Golf and Country Club in St. Joseph.

The Optimists are also proud to announce that we will have three hole in one prizes - two for ten thousand dollars and one for five thousand dollars. Bayfield Foodland, The Albion Hotel and Platinum Sports are sponsoring these holes. This should be a fun day for all and there are prizes galore that have been donated by many Bayfield area businesses as well as businesses in our surrounding area.

Councillor Bill Whetstone gave a Bayfield Arena Community Partners Association events update as well as a call to Bayfield citizens to help out with the Fort McMurray fundraising drive.

Sandy Scotchmer, president of the Bayfield Town Hall also gave an update.

She said, We are so pleased to let you know that the Town Hall will be getting its long awaited roof! The cost of the new roof will be taken from our reserve fund which will now be badly depleted, but we did it thanks to community support. Please support our Sunset on Summer BBQ in September by sponsoring it for $100 to help build our reserves for ongoing maintenance of the beautiful Town Hall."

The Mayor's Breakfast was generously sponsored by OLG with donations in support of the Bayfield Food Bank (Feed My Sheep).

Rev. Wayne Malott, of the food bank, spoke of the needs in the community, and thanked all for the donations. Approximately $350 in cash and food donations were raised for the Food Bank.

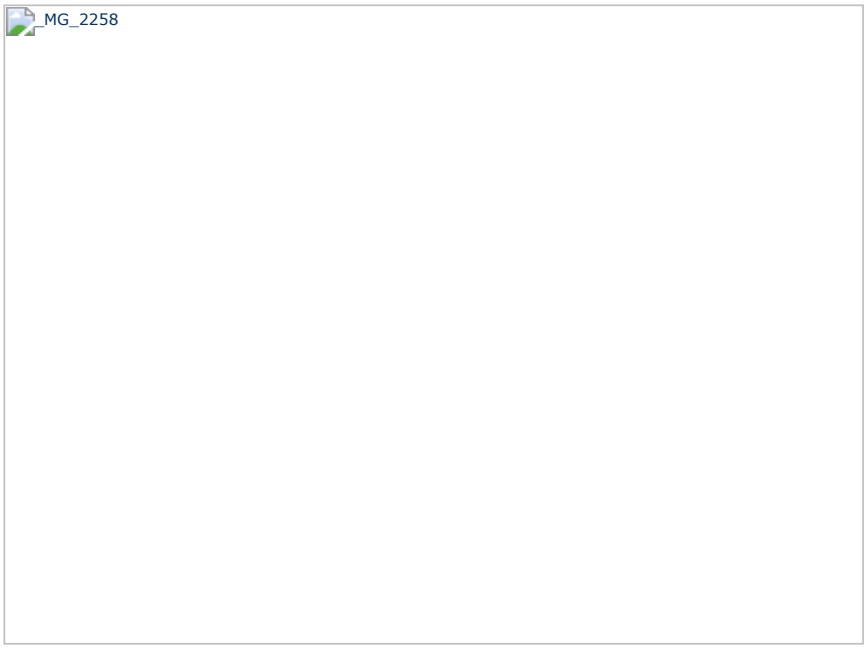
Said Rev. Malott, "Thank you so much for the support the Chamber has provided for the Food Bank these last few years."

BACC members and events are listed on the BACC website www.villageofbayfield.com and Facebook Bayfield Ontario.

WHEN HIKING IN HULLETT MARSH BRING ALONG A CAMERA

On May 22, the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) hosted its first hike in the Hullett Marsh, a 2,200-hectare site along the South Maitland River, just north east of Clinton. The idea for this hike was to observe the natural world through the eyes of a photographer and two local photographers from the Photography Club of Bayfield (PCoB), Jack Pal and Conrad Kuiper acted as guides.

The group hiked a number of the interconnected trails in the Sugar Bush area in the South West corner of the park. This is one of the more forested areas as contrasted with some other parts that provide wide-open water vistas. On this hike, trilliums and many other flowers were in full bloom. Some of the ponds offered great reflections providing for another visual perspective quite often missed by the casual hiker.



As part of the hiking group there were six ladies who were spending a girls' weekend away in Bayfield and were traveling under the name of the Six Sistas. Back row l-r: Krista Campbell, Andrea McLeary and Natasha Gordon. Front row l-r: Lori Valleau, Shelly O'Brien and Erin Burrows. (Photo by Jack Pal)

The tournament format will be a four-person scramble with a shotgun start. It will be held on June 11 with a tee off time of 11 a.m. Registration will begin at 10 a.m. The cost is $85 per player. This includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, prizes and contests as well as a chicken dinner with all the trimmings from Huron Shores Catering Services.

All proceeds from the tournament will support children and youth projects in the community. Call Wayne McKaig at 519 565- 5099 or Jay Fisher at 519 482-5557 to register.

TOWN HALL CABARET

Did you miss Bayfield at the Oscars, the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society's Fifth Annual Cabaret This sold-out red carpet event was held on two nights in February.

The video of Bayfield's own Cabaret will be shown at the town hall on Thursday, May 26th at 7:30 p.m. This showing will be free to ticket-holders who were snowed out of the original performances and to cast members. All others will be asked for a $5 donation. No tickets needed. Just show up and enjoy.

TOWN HALL COMMUNITY LUNCH

The Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society will be hosting their Fourth Annual Community Lunch on May 30. This popular annual event is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come together and hear about what's been accomplished at the Town Hall after a busy 2015. Attendees will also find out about all of the events planned for 2016.

Enjoy delicious lasagna followed by coffee and dessert. The luncheon begins at 11:30 a.m. and space is limited so people shouldn't wait to get their tickets. The cost is $10 and tickets are available by calling Sandy Scotchmer at 519 565- 2830.

GIRLS GETAWAY

Canadian Comedian Elvira Kurt is returning to Bayfield as part of the Girls Getaway Weekend.

Those who have yet to see her perform live in the village may recognize her as host of the game show Spin Off. She also hosted the entertainment satire/talk show PopCultured with Elvira Kurt, which began on The Comedy Network in Canada in 2005.

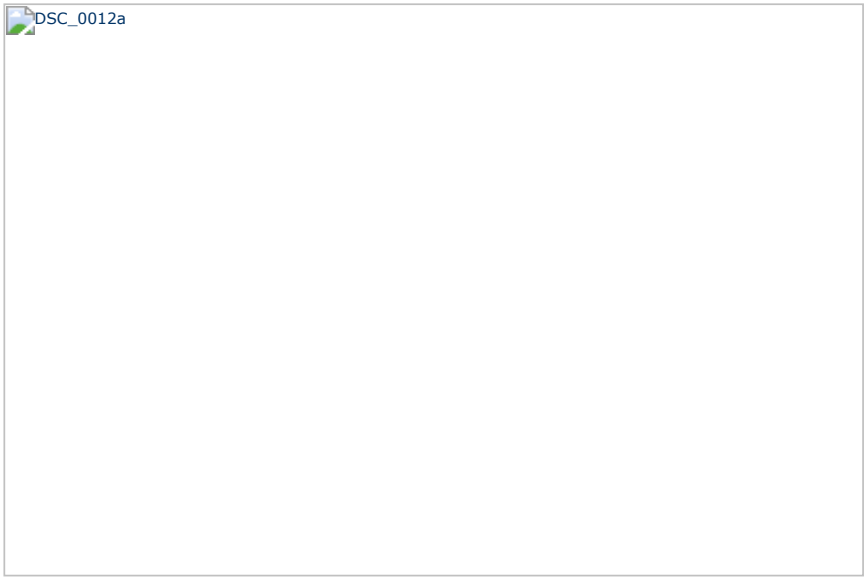
She will share her comedy with those who attend Elvira Kurt Live at Bayfield Town Hall on Saturday, May 28. The town hall doors open at 7 p.m. and the event should get underway around 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are available now from Ticketscene for $30 per person. For tickets go to

As part of the hiking group there were six ladies who were spending a girls' weekend away in Bayfield and were traveling under the name of the Six Sistas. By all reports they thoroughly enjoyed themselves and plan to return to Bayfield for future visits. It would also appear that the Fourth Annual Bayfield Fall Foto Fest should have six more participants.

Plans are underway for the BRVTA to explore other parts of this magnificent natural treasure right in our backyard. Stay tuned to the Bayfield Breeze for future announcements.

DOG GUIDES MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF MANY



Essex in uniform.

Be sure to meet Essex, Bayfield's own Dog Guide pup-in-training by coming to this year's Lions Dog Guide Walk taking place on Sunday, June 5.

This year's Lions Dog Guide Walk will start from Clan Gregor Square at 9 a.m. with registration opening at 8:30 a.m.

Following the dog walk there will be a number of activities and presentations all to do with dogs including: a Hearing Ear Dog Guide and owner, The London Police K9 unit, Therapy Dogs, Rescue Dogs, presentations on Dog Nutrition and Dog Health and a full scale Dog Agility demonstration presented by Paws Effectiveness Training…along with hot dogs and musical entertainment!

The mission of the Lions Foundation of Canada, which enjoys the participation of all local Lions Clubs, is to provide Dog Guides, at no cost, to Canadians with medical and physical disabilities. The annual Walk for Dog Guides is its single largest annual fundraiser to help breed, train and match Dog Guides with Canadians with disabilities, at no cost to them. It can cost upwards of $25,000 to raise and train a single dog. Thanks to sponsors like our generous donors in Bayfield, 100 per cent of all funds raised go directly toward raising, training and providing Dog Guides. More than 200 walks take place each year across Canada raising more than $1 million annually. Bayfield has been there from the inception of the walk 31 years ago.

The Foundation trains six distinct types of Dog Guides:
• Canine Vision Dog Guides for people who are blind or visually impaired.
• Hearing Ear Dog Guides for people who are deaf or hard of hearing.
• Service Dog Guides for people with physical disabilities.
• Seizure Response Dog Guides for people with epilepsy.
• Autism Assistance Dog Guides for children three to 12 years of age with autism spectrum disorder.
• Diabetic Alert Dog Guides for individuals with Type 1 Diabetes with hypoglycemic unawareness.

https://www.ticketscene.ca/events/14843/.

LOWEST OF THE LOW

LP Productions would like to announce that the Summer Concert Series at The Ashwood Inn will kick off with the Lowest of the Low live at the Ashwood Bourbon Bar on Thursday, May 26.

After a brief stint as Low UK, Ron Hawkins, and the rest of his Toronto alt-rock misfits, have fully returned as Lowest of the Low. To celebrate, they've announced a handful of tour dates, including Bayfield, as well as a pair of new tunes. "The Kids Are All Wrong" and "In The Blink of An Eye" are online now.

The band's lineup currently consists of Ron Hawkins, Dave Alexander, Lawrence Nichols, Dylan Parker and Brian MacMillan.

The doors open at 8 p.m. and the event should get underway around 8:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale now for $45.20 at https://www.ticketscene.ca/events/15230/.

FORT MCMURRAY

The Municipality of Bluewater's Bayfield Ward Councilor Bill Whetstone has proposed Bayfield do what Bayfield does best - pull together to help those in need. In today's case, that would be aiding Fort McMurray residents.

On May 22, the Bayfield Lions' Club held their annual breakfast at the Bayfield Arena with all proceeds being sent to the Fort McMurray Red Cross fund.

In addition, Renegades Diner, who held a grand reopening on May 20, after sustaining flood damage at the end of March, put out a "Donate to Fort Mac" jar at their restaurant for the day.

PM Justin Trudeau recently announced that in addition to the government of Canada providing future assistance the government will also be matching individual charitable donations made to the Canadian Red Cross in support of disaster relief. His announcement was drowned out by applause from MPs across party lines.

Donations collected at these two events will be submitted to the Canadian Red Cross so that Bayfield donations can qualify for the federal government dollar match.

After Bayfield's first donation of combined contributions, it is hoped to continue to fund raise through the summer ending with the Bayfield Town Hall's Sunset on Summer event held on Labour Day weekend.

Mark June 5 on your calendar and be sure to donate generously to this worthy cause and help maintain Bayfield's reputation as one of the most generous communities in Canada. Pledge forms are available from many merchants and restaurants in Bayfield and any Lion. You can also donate on line by going to: http://www.dogguides.com/donate.html or you can call Jack Pal at 519 565-5340 for more information.

LEARN ABOUT A HEALTHY LAKE HURON IN CURRENT NEWSLETTER

The Healthy Lake Huron: Clean Water, Clean Beaches Partnership has released the 2016 newsletter. Print and web copies let people know about work being done to protect water and beaches along the southeast shoreline of Lake Huron from Sarnia to Tobermory.

The 2016 newsletter includes news items on community volunteers cleaning up the shoreline; changing lake levels; finding out about E. coli levels and beach conditions before swimming; septic system best practices; and ways to reduce erosion. The publication also shares how plant cover on fields and gardens can improve soil health and benefit water quality; why it's so important to keep cigarette butts off the beach; the benefits of rain gardens; the need for storm water management to keep microplastics out of Lake Huron; and work being done by Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation to control "Canada's worst invasive plant" Phragmites australis (European Common Reed).

The newsletter has facts about the Binational Nearshore Framework (at binational.net); the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement between the United States and Canada; targets to reduce phosphorus in Lake Erie; and the need to help reduce phosphorus loading in Lake Huron as well. The newsletter also provides community groups and landowners with information about federal, provincial, and county funding programs to support their work to protect and improve Lake Huron water quality.

Healthy Lake Huron is a partnership of landowners, communities, all levels of government, public health, and local conservation agencies.

"There is work along Lake Huron's Southeast shore that has been done, work that is being done, and work that needs to be done," said Tim Cumming, past chair of the Healthy Lake Huron communications committee. "The newsletter shows how First Nations and Métis communities, landowners, community groups, departments, ministries, and agencies are all working with a common goal of protecting Lake Huron. This year's issue includes some of the challenges facing Lake Huron, information about funding programs that are in place, and it offers ways each of us can help – at home and work – to keep this Great Lake great."

This year's newsletter features submissions from contributors from the Chippewas of Kettle and Stony Point First Nation and the Historic Saugeen Métis. There are articles on community projects protecting water and soil in five priority watershed areas along Lake Huron's southeast shore: Garvey Creek and Glenn Drain; watersheds north of Bayfield; Lambton Shores; Pine River; and Main Bayfield watershed. The newsletter features an article by Lambton Shores agricultural producer Doug Rogers on work he is doing on his farm to reduce erosion and nutrient loss and striving to maintain a 'living crop' on his fields year-round. There is an article about an increase in the amount of rented agricultural land and how that makes it important for landowners and farm renters to work together on long-term best management practices. There is an article about the benefits of composting toilets and one about a neat soil biology test you can do by placing cotton briefs in a field or garden to give you an idea about the health of your soil.

An article details the success of the Huron County Clean Water Project that has provided grants to support more than 2,000 water quality projects completed by landowners, residents, and community groups in Huron County. Another article shares how two Lake Huron sub-watersheds have been chosen for a Great Lakes Agricultural Stewardship Initiative (GLASI) project by the Ontario Soil and Crop Improvement Association (OSCIA) to reduce phosphorus loss and to measure improvements in soil health, water quality, and to evaluate effectiveness of focused stewardship efforts.

The first Lake Huron Southeast Shore Newsletter was released in 2008. The 2016 newsletter is the eighth edition.

All Bayfield organizations, businesses and individuals are encouraged to contribute - small or large donations as it all helps. The Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) is assisting with getting the word out, directing people who have questions and who they should speak to.

RUMMAGE SALE

Friday, July 8 is the date for the 69th Annual Pioneer Park Rummage Sale, perhaps one of the longest running sales of its kind in North America!

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 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.

Organizers are currently looking for volunteers, high school students encouraged as well, to sort donations, if interested contact Jennifer Allan at 519 565-2711.

Donations to the Pioneer Park Rummage Sale donations can be dropped off at the Quonset Huts just north of town (76614 Bluewater Hwy) after the first weekend in June. Weekend drop offs contact is Mike Graham at 519 955-2201 and for Wednesday drop offs please call John Graham at 519 955-6961.

The newsletter is available for free download online at healthylakehuron.ca. Printed copies of the newsletter are also available at a number of local locations including tourist information centres and county and conservation authority offices. For more information call the Ausable Bayfield Conservation office toll-free at 1-888-286-2610.

There are so many positive projects taking place along Lake Huron's southeast shore there wasn't enough room in the eight-page newsletter to include all submissions, according to a partnership spokesperson. The Healthy Lake Huron Partnership plans to add some of these additional articles at healthylakehuron.ca in the coming weeks.

LARGE CROWD ATE, DRANK AND MADE MERRY AT FESTIVAL

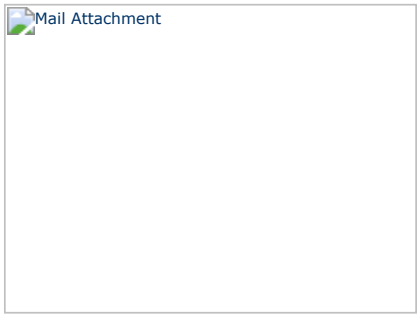
Participants at the festival got to sample their beverages in a commemorative glass. (Submitted photos)

The Bayfield Arena Community Partners Association (BACPA) hosted the Bayfield Beer, Wine and Food Festival on May 14.

"A special thank you to those who came out for our first festival. Your support for local youth health and recreation is very much appreciated," said Ron Keys, chair of the BACPA. "We were very excited to have 700 plus in attendance during the festival. In addition to the many local people, we also had visitors from such places as Kitchener, St. Mary's and Michigan in attendance."

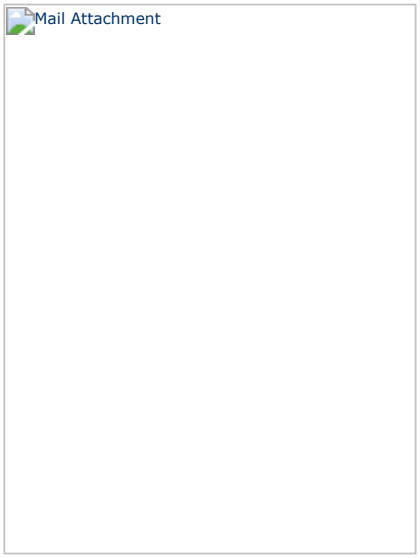
The festivities were held at the Bayfield Arena and Community Centre.

"It is our hope that because of the tremendous support we receive from our business partners throughout the year, that they too benefited from the economic development from the festival," Keys added.



Over 700 people got into the spirit of the event held in the Bayfield Arena on May 14.

Those who paid $40 for a ticket were provided 16 sample tickets for food and drink. Rumor has it that it was nearly impossible to use up all those tickets due to the sheer generosity and delectability of the food and drink served.



The Bayfield Arena was the place to be on Saturday, May 14!

Restaurant vendors scheduled who participated were The Albion Hotel, Bayfield Foodland, The Ashwood Bourbon Bar, The Black Dog Pub and Bistro, The Docks Restaurant & Bar, Drift Bayfield, as well as Goderich restaurants, Pat & Kevins on The Square and West Street Willys, Blyth's Part II Bistro and Grand Bend's Smackwater Jacks Restaurant and Hessenland, of St. Joseph.

Refreshment vendors were Alton Estate Winery, Beaus Brewing, Black Donnelly Brewing, Maelstrom Winery, MacLeans Ales, Forked River Brewing, Raillway City Brewing, Toboggan Brewing & Whitewater Brewing and Bad Apple Brewing.

The O'Deadleys, Adam Lang and Madison Galloway performed live music during the festival as well.

For all other inquiries people may call Jennifer Allan at 519 441-1649 or email her at jenniferrummagesale@yahoo.com.

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

HEALTH UNIT

A bat submitted for testing by the Huron County Health Unit (HCHU) was found to carry the rabies virus. The HCHU reminds residents to avoid bat exposures.

This is the first bat to have tested positive for rabies in Huron County since 2014. Overall, one to three per centof Ontario's bat population is infected with rabies (source: Public Health Agency of Canada: http://www.phac-aspc.gc.ca/publicat/ccdr-rmtc/09vol35/acs-dcc-7/index-eng.php). Rabies is a viral disease that is fatal to humans.

"If you are bitten or scratched by a bat or if infectious material (such as saliva) from a bat gets into your eyes, nose, or a wound, wash the affected area thoroughly and seek medical attention immediately," said Public Health Inspector Patrick Landry. "If you awaken and find a bat in your room or in the room of an unattended child or an incapacitated person, call the Health Unit."

When there has been a bite, scratch, or exposure to infectious material, and the bat is available, the HCHU can arrange for rabies testing. Do not touch a bat with your bare hands.

If you find a bat in your home and are certain that there was no human or animal contact, try to confine that bat to one room, turn on the lights and open a window so the bat can fly out.

Bats remain active until cooler weather arrives, generally beginning to hibernate around November.

Residents with questions or concerns should call the HCHU at 519 482-3416 or 1-877-837-6143.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Huron County Economic Development Board (HCEDB) is welcoming its newest member with the recruitment of Dr. Maureen Nummelin.

Dr. Nummelin is currently the Chief Ethics Officer at the University of Waterloo, one of Canada's leading universities in research and innovation. In her current role, she is responsible for ensuring that all research conducted under the auspices of the university is performed ethically and with integrity.

WHISKEY JACK MAKES A COMEBACK AT SINGERS CABARET

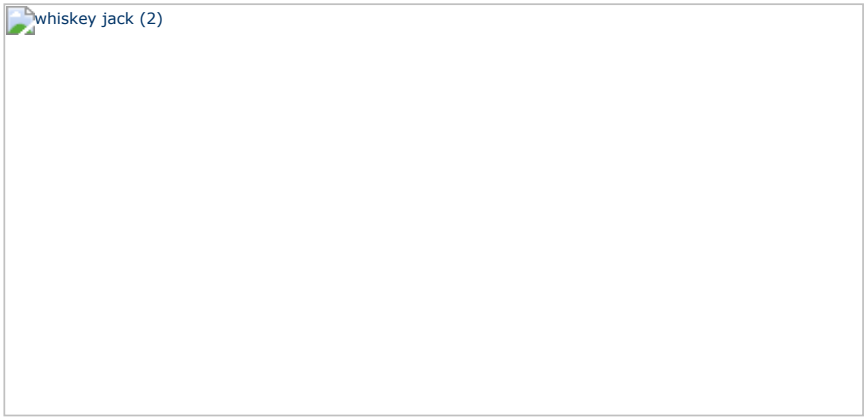
Members of the Blyth Festival Singers will celebrate their 35th anniversary with a cabaret performance at the Varna Complex on May 28.

It's the 35th anniversary of the Blyth Festival Singers and they are rounding the season out with a bang! Join them on May 28 for their annual Cabaret performance, "Here We Go Again…" Begin with an amazing dinner catered by the Singers and then head to the world of pop music with musical selections from ABBA and others. Sing along with favorites like: "Thank You for the Music" and "Dancing Queen" – just two of the Swedish pop group's well known repertoire performed by the Singers.

The Blyth Festival's John McHenry, will act as host and navigate guests through the fun live and silent auctions between sets. The Singers are secretly hoping one of their musical guests might help with the live auction, too!

The end of the evening will feature popular local band The Whiskey Jack Music Company. Prepare to travel back on a musical journey with fun pop selections of the past and present. It's sure to bring back fond memories of many good times dancing to this group in the past – and to create new memories, as well.

Whiskey Jack began more than 40 years ago and has been a part of the Huron County music scene ever since. Still performing with three of the band's original members, The Whiskey Jack Music Company is comprised of Fred Lobb, Dwayne Tinney, Don Harvey, Gary Harvey, Jim Knott, and Paul Dockstader. After a long hiatus, Whiskey Jack Music Co. is back and better than ever. So slip on those dancing shoes and cut a rug!



Jim Knott, Paul Dockstader, Dwayne Tinney, Fred Lobb, and Don and Gary Harvey are members of the Whiskey Jack Music Company. After a long hiatus they are back and better than ever, performing at the Blyth Festival Singers Cabaret in Varna on May 28. (Submitted photos)

This fun and exciting gala evening will take place at the Varna Complex, on Mill Road just west of Varna. Doors will open at 6 p.m. with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m.. Tickets for the Cabaret Dinner and Concert are a bargain at $30 for Adults and $15 for Children aged six to 12. They can be purchased from any Blyth Festival Singer or from the Blyth Festival Box Office.

Prior to this position she spent 22 years as a Professor of International Business Management utilizing her expertise in strategic planning, operations management and human resources to teach students in the Bachelor of Business Administration degree program.

"Maureen brings an exceptional level of management strategy experience gained during her career working in national and international business environments," said Board Chair Jim Lynn. "I'm thrilled to work with her as we continue to implement Huron County's strategic plan."

Dr. Nummelin holds a PhD in Management Science from the University of Waterloo, a Master's Degree in Education from the University of Toronto and an Honors Bachelor of Commerce degree from Queen's University.

The HCEDB, which represents an innovative private/public partnership, has the mandate to look at all things related to the future economic success of Huron County. The newly formed Huron County Economic Development Strategic Plan is the result of intensive, widespread collaboration among community stakeholders over the previous year.

FASHION SHOW

Rhumba Fashions of Bayfield will highlight clothing from their "Sympli Line" at an exclusive event partnered with Celebrity Cruises on June 9.

Celebrity Cruises are leaders in modern cruising offering a new exciting itinerary for 2017 and featuring all-inclusive packages while Rhumba's selections of outfits will easily fit in a suitcase packed and ready to go!

This "Cruise and Fashion Show" event will be held at the Bayfield Town Hall from 2-4 p.m. Attendees must RSVP by calling Mickey Smith at 519 685-1839 or by emailing mickey.smith@visiontravel.ca.

QUILTERS GUILD

The Bayfield Sunshine Coast Quilters Guild is holding a special event with dessert, coffee and a speaker on June 21 and all are invited to attend.

Patti Carey, vice-president of Public Relations for Northcott, will be the guest speaker.

The cost for the afternoon is $5 per person. The event will be held at St. Andrew's United Church.

For more information call Kathleen at 519 565-2479 or email ksiert@tcc.on.ca.

CYCLING TALK

Call 519 523-9300 or toll free 1-877-862-5984 or go online at www.blythfestival.com. Be certain to get tickets early as numbers are limited.

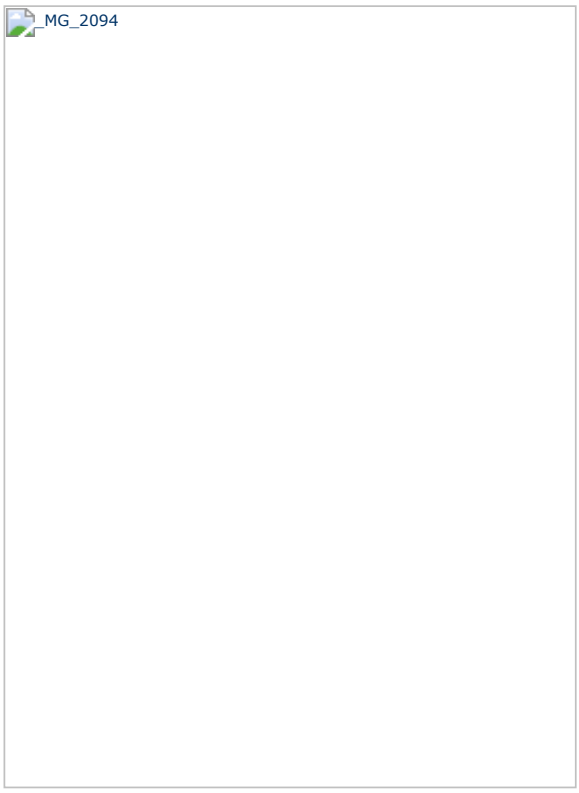
The Singers are most excited to be finishing off their 35th season with celebration and style!

WINDMILL LAKE PERFECT LOCATION FOR A BIRD WATCHING

PHOTOS BY JACK PAL

Dr. George Ebers, the co-owner of Windmill Lake Wake and Eco Park, lead a hike around beautiful Windmill Lake on May 15.

This Bayfield River Valley Trail Association special event was held near the peak of songbird migration.



Dr. George Ebers and Jennifer Pate were happy to share the beauty of Windmill Lake with visitors on May 15.

Tyler Hessel, of Bayfield's Outside Projects, will present "Things to Consider Before You Ride" at the CNR School on Wheels Museum in Clinton on May 28.

Hessel is hoping this talk will help cyclists of all ages ride safely. He will also answer questions about bicycle maintenance and draw for prizes.

This presentation will be held at the museum at 76 Victoria Terrace in Clinton 11 a.m. to noon. There is no charge for this event.

ST. ANDREWS

Choir singers from across Huron County will come together on June 25 to sing in support of small-scale farmers in developing countries who struggle to grow enough food to feed their families.

Funds raised will be donated to the Canadian Foodgrains Bank to be used in the work of ending global hunger and helping farm families grow more and better food.

Performing at the concert are the choirs of Huron Shores United Church, Grand Bend; Brucefield Community United Church, Brucefield; Lakeshore United Church, Goderich and St. Andrew's United Church, Bayfield.

The Bayfield event is one of about 70 similar concerts across Canada this Spring, all being offered to benefit the work of Canadian Foodgrains Bank. The program features the original music of Ron Klusmeier.

The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m. at St. Andrews United Church at 6 The Square, Bayfield.

There is no admission fee for the concert, but donation envelopes will be available at the door. One hundred per cent of contributions received will be forwarded directly to Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Furthermore, donations made at the concert will be amplified by additional financial support from the Government of Canada, through Global Affairs Canada.

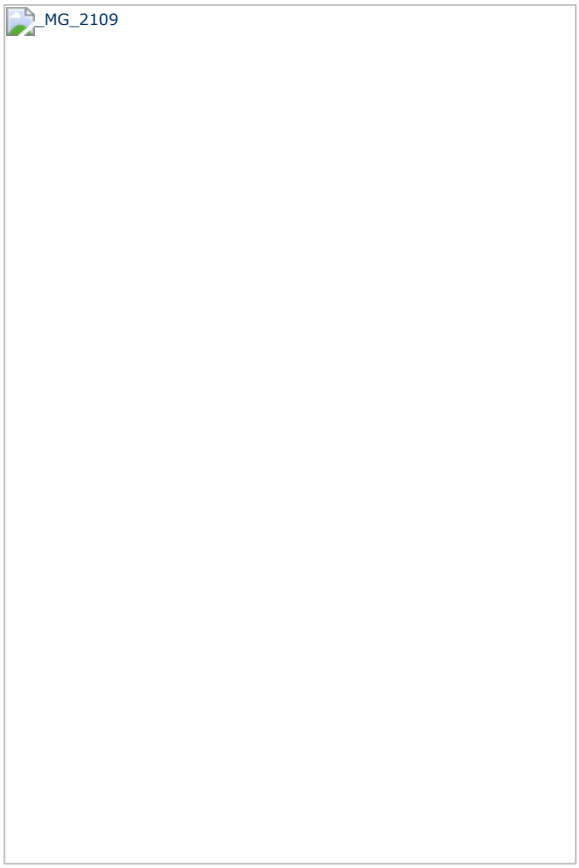
CLIMATE CHANGE

The Federal Government is reaching out to community groups to hold conversations and to share ideas on how to address climate change.

The first Huron-Bruce "Climate Change – Town Hall" event will be held at the Bayfield Town Hall on June 23 from 7-9 p.m. Allan Thompson, the Communications chair for the Huron-Bruce Federal Liberal Association, will chair the event.

Come and hear brief presentations, then share views on the impact of climate change and solutions you'd like to see, plus offer ideas for how we can grow the

The 3.5 KM hike was a Bayfield River Valley Trail Association special event.



The Windmill Lake property is mecca to a wide variety of birds.

economy while also reducing emissions and promoting innovation and new technologies. Input from the meeting will be delivered to Environment and Climate Change Canada.

The event is free, but space is limited so please register online ahead of time at http://climatechangetownhall.eventbrite.ca.

BFIT

Bayfield is a buzz these days as many community groups have come together to form the Bayfield Facility Initiative Team (BFIT). The group's focus is on the possibility of a new community centre.

The Official Launch and first public meeting for "A centre created for the community by the community!" will be held on May 28 at 10:30 a.m. in the Bayfield Community Center.

Bluewater, like many municipalities, does not consider recreation as a core service. This may result in the loss of current recreational assets. Bluewater does not have the capital budget or reserves for upgrades or replacement of the current Bayfield community centre. Without a suitable facility, the current active lifestyle that Bayfield now offers will be compromised.

Members of Bayfield's community organizations, prospective facility users, individuals, and businesses will facilitate the development of the project. To ensure a sense of ownership and transparency, the concept will be developed with the community's input through a series of public meetings. All possible funding models will be explored.

A new multi-generational facility in Bayfield will benefit the community as a whole by providing educational, social, health and recreational programs for the enrichment of residents and visitors alike. Additionally, service groups will benefit by gaining space for meetings, conventions and celebrations. The new facility will provide economic opportunities for area businesses.

Upon completion, it is anticipated that a local public board will oversee the facility and work with a private manager to ensure the long-term success of the centre. The project will be achieved through the implementation of a strong business plan focused on usage and profitability.

LINING UP FOR THE LIONS BREAKFAST

The line was pretty steady in the Bayfield Arena on the morning of Sunday, May 22 as people lined up for eggs, pancakes and more at the annual Bayfield Lions' Club Breakfast. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

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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, we feature a group of teens working on a project and "guesstimate" that the picture was taken in the 1980s. Does anyone recognize any of them? (Archives Code: PB12 16b)

ISSUE 358

In Issue 358, a dapper looking young gentleman is featured. Does anyone remember him? (Archives Code: PB13 21b)

The young fellow is Harry Baker. He would later become a published author and his book, My Memoirs, about life growing up in Bayfield in the early 1900s is available at the Archives.

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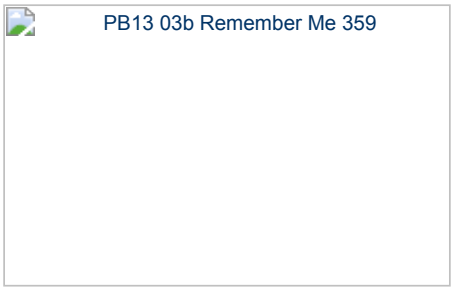
Make your comments...click on any image and it will take you to Flickr.



In Issue 359, a group of people dressed in their Sunday best. Does anyone remember them? (Archives Code: PB13 03b)

Notes with the photo identify four of the individuals as Mrs. Hewson, Belle Neilans, Mr. Neilans and Mr. McLeod.

SHARE PHOTO STORY

OPTIMIST CLUB OF BAYFIELD

LARGE CROWD CAME TO PIER TO CHEER ON THEIR DUCKS

The annual Bayfield Optimist Club Rubber Duck Race was a sell out once more!

PHOTOS BY GARY LLOYD-REES AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

Tickets for the Bayfield Optimist Club Rubber Duck Race held on the afternoon of May 22 sold out fast with all 750 ducks being claimed by noon on Saturday more than a full day before the ducks hit the water.

A generous crowd gathered, under sunny skies, although the breeze proved chilly, at the South Pier of the Bayfield Harbour to view the first five plastic waterfowl cross the finish line.

Those five ducks, #181, #194, #450, #185 and #410, translated into some fabulous prizes.

Rusty Brandon, of Varna, took first prize, a stainless steel barbecue valued at $400 and donated by a Friend of Optimist. Linda Bowman, of Bayfield, earned second prize, a Norco BMX Bike donated by Outside Projects and a friend of Optimism. It was also valued at $400. Gray West, of Toronto, was awarded third prize, an overnight

Duck Race-5091.jpg

Optimists Mike Dixon gives the thumbs up for launch, as Optimist Wayne McKaig watches the action.

Jane and David MacLaren, provided their boat from which to launch the ducks. For the first time the amazing duck launcher created by Optimist Glen Steinson was used allowing all 750 ducks to hit the water at approximately the same time!

at The Albion Hotel including breakfast. Donated by Kim Muszynski, of The Albion Hotel, this prize is valued at $200. Trudy Amenbodola, of Bayfield, won fourth prize, a gift certificate for Michael's Pharmasave worth $150 and donated by Michael and Nevien Ibrahim. Dawn Hillier, of Bayfield, should enjoy fifth prize, a handcrafted stone birdhouse created and donated by Tony Laporte. It is also valued at $150.

The club is indebted to those friends of Optimism who helped with the race, including, Jane and David MacLaren, who provided their boat from which to launch the ducks. For the first time the amazing duck launcher created by Optimist Glen Steinson was used allowing all 750 ducks to hit the water at approximately the same time! Luke Shanahan, Jenny Allan and their son, Weylin, and Ethan Fansher, visiting from Kitchener, as well as Tyler and Odin Hessel, acted as rubber duck wranglers at the event ensuring no duck was left behind at the end of the race.

Money raised from the race will go toward the Optimist Club's many "friends of youth" projects.

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Conditioners were favorable for a fast paced race with the first duck crossing about 10 minutes in.

Odin and Tyler Hessel made sure that no duck was left behind after the event.

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PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Spotted Trillium *by Jack Pal*

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

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

Melody Falconer-Pounder

SUBMISSIONS

This coming weekend in the village is all about the ladies, yes, it is the Fourth Annual Girls Getaway Weekend and guess what? If you had been hesitating about taking part – there are still tickets available for a couple of stellar events. So now is the time to register!

The Girls Getaway Kickoff Cowbell Party will include craft beer tasting, a fashion show, gourmet appetizers and prizes. It will be held on Friday night in a tent at the Bayfield Town Hall from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tickets are also available for Saturday's Canadian Club Women & Whiskey Event and Scavenger Hunt Wrap-Up to be held in the tent at the Bayfield Town Hall from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Also plan to take part in Yoga in the Park on Saturday to enjoy a little bit of calm in this weekend of crazy fun. Starting at 10:30 a.m. in Clan Gregor Square Yoga Instructor Jen Reaburn will take the lead. Admission to this event is $10 per person.

Cowbell Brewing Co. is sponsoring the weekend and participants will be able to taste the new Kolsh at many of the Girls Getaway events.

For tickets visit:
https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/bayfield-girls-getaway-may-27-29-2016-tickets-22415676893

Hope to see you out and about this weekend, girls! – 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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