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ONCE IN A LIFE TIME OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE RIVER FLATS NOW

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Residents of, and visitors to, the Village of Bayfield have a “once in a lifetime” opportunity to acquire about 1,000 feet of riverbank natural area within the old village boundaries and a community group is now seeking donations to help acquire these 4.74 acres.

A group of committed volunteers including: Helen Varekamp, Jack Pal, David MacLaren, Roma Harris, Kirsten Harrett, Gayle Waters, Ray Letheren, Larry Dalton, Doug Vanderhaar, Mike Dixon, Wayne McKaig, Sandy Scotchmer and Dave Gillians, who are sponsored by the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) have, on behalf of the community, negotiated an ‘Offer to Purchase’ (conditional on financing) to buy the ‘River Flats’ property, to the

CAPTAIN HARRY

Nolan Geddis, who was a big fan of the old statue, welcomed

immediate southeast of the Bayfield Bridge.

The total cost, including all legal and fund raising costs will be $70,000. The financing condition must be met by Nov. 30. Following the closing on Jan. 31, 2017, the property will be transferred immediately to the Huron Tract Land Trust Conservancy (HTLTC), to ensure that it will remain part of the community's legacy in perpetuity.

A long-term management agreement between the BRVTA and the HTLTC will ensure that the property will be maintained, improved and transformed.

This privately owned property has been underutilized, except by some ardent fishing enthusiasts, for over 100 years. It was once home to the Thomson grist and sawmill. Once the property becomes controlled by and for the village, the design possibilities and community driven potential uses for this riverbank property are extensive.

Imagine a forested setting beside the river, within the village of Bayfield, that encourages natural play and learning opportunities. Where children can explore and discover, where dog lovers can socialize with their pets, where benches and picnic tables are strategically placed for those who want to just sit beside the river in quiet reflection, a great spot for fishing, a place where canoe and kayaking enthusiasts can launch and in winter, can be used for an exciting toboggan run. Could this be a location for a butterfly garden, an eagle's nest or a memorial arboretum with native trees?

This is a now or never opportunity! If the community doesn't acquire it now, the Ministry of Transportation may make decisions during the new bridge construction that will change Bayfield's access to the naturalized area along the river forever or this privately owned property could be closed to public access.

Tax-deductible donations in amounts over $50 can be made payable to the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) at Main Street Optometric in Bayfield. "Bayfield River Flats" T-Shirts or tote bags will be offered to the first 200 contributors for donations of $250 or more. A "crowd funding" program is being set up through the website www.BayfieldRiverFlats.ca so that donors from all over the world who cherish Bayfield can help. Follow, Like and Share us on Facebook at www.bayfieldriverflats.ca and follow us on Twitter using Hashtag#BayfieldRiverFlats.

By Nov. 30th, Bayfield supporters will know if the village's future includes public access to a beautiful riverside setting.

RUN4KIDS TO RAISE FUNDS TO MAKE MEMPHIS' WISH COME TRUE

Captain Harry to Main Street on Saturday morning. (Photo by Doug Brown)

The Main Street Sailor's name was unveiled Saturday morning just before the start of the Bayfield Agricultural Society's annual parade, Aug. 20. And he shall forthwith be known as Captain Harry.

Those in attendance listened as Doug Brown, president of the Bayfield Historical Society (BAS), shared some of the history of the original sailor. As well, he thanked Ralph Laviolette, the volunteer archivist for the BAS, who over the last two years has managed the fund raising, construction, installation, preserving and painting of the statue.

Donations from residents of our village and support from Melissa Silva made the creation of the sailor possible using local crafts persons: Colin Brown, of London; David Loerchner, of DL Creations, Cody Moon, of Over the Moon Painting, and Heather Church, of Gestalt, all of Bayfield.

A committee of the BHS chose the name from suggestions submitted with donations. He stands ready once again for photos.

COUNCILOR'S CORNER

A couple pertinent topics of interest at the next Councilor's Corner may be of interest to community members: the discontinuation of the Advanced Care Paramedic Services will be revisited and the Bayfield Bridge Replacement will be reviewed.

Councilor's Corner will be held on a different date than usual due to the Bayfield Community Fair being held this week. The meeting has been rescheduled for Aug. 25 at 7 p.m. in the Bayfield Community Centre.

This months focus topics:

* Advanced Care Paramedic Services: continued discussions regarding the counties decision to cancel this service and an update will be given. Further questions and discussions will be welcomed.

* Bayfield Bridge Replacement: The Bridge is an important part of the future of the village as it links the two halves of the community together, provides the only walking access for boaters and acts as the gate to the village from the north. Year round walk-ability, safety and aesthetics were the common themes given to the MTO and consultants. The MTO as well as the consultant will be showing the conceptual drawings based on the feedback they received from residents and what is in the budget.

BHS SPEAKERS SERIES

Scotiabank in Goderich hosted a hot dog barbecue on Aug. 19 to help raise funds for the VHS Run4Kids event for Make-A-Wish coming up on Sept. 4. Serving up hotdogs to hungry customers were Julia Baker (right), of Scotiabank, and Jackie Loebach, of VHS. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

The 4th Annual Run4Kids event will be held on Labour Day weekend, Sunday Sept. 4. The run/walk will be raising funds to grant a very special wish for a Huron County Make-A-Wish child - nine year-old Memphis. And his wish is to meet his favorite YouTube star!

Memphis has Cystic Fibrosis but this doesn't deter him – he plays hockey and does triathlons. He loves video games and building Lego. He has a cat named Trader and a dog known as Lightning.

So before heading back to school and a regular work schedule consider supporting Memphis by running or walking around Bayfield in all of its "end of summer" glory.

Once again the Virtual High School (VHS) and the Bayfield Optimist Club are teaming up to raise enough funds for Memphis' wish to be granted.

"Each runner will receive a race kit containing some fun surprises," said Emily Santos, with VHS. "We will have live entertainment by Mike Graham, face-painting, raffle prizes, awards, snacks and hydration and more!"

"Even though this is a competitive race we are adding a fun element to it by opening it up to teams and families. Participants are encouraged to come out in their best outfits and help us grant a wish," said Cathy Fisher, a member of the Bayfield Optimist Club.

The first Virtual High School Run4Kids was held in 2012.

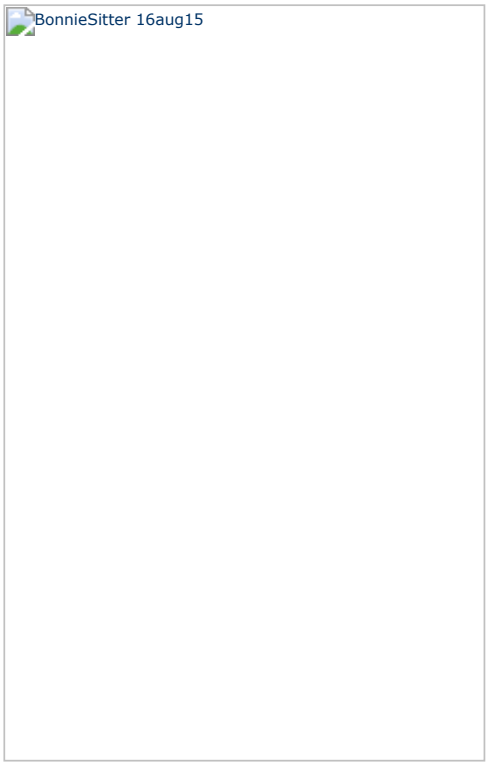
"We were originally inspired (to organize the first run) by one of our very own students, Will Frassinelli. He has been battling brain cancer for over ten years," said Santos.

Then last year the focus was on supporting the Make-A-Wish SWO, she said.

"With last years' proceeds of $6,000, we were able to grant the wish of a Huron County child – Reiko, a five year-old boy who is living with an inherited skeletal disorder. His wish was to take a trip to his favorite theme park in Orlando, Florida. With the help of our community, Reiko's wish came true."

On the day of the event, site registration will open at 7:30 a.m. The race will begin promptly at 9 a.m. with awards to follow at 10:15 a.m. to the top two male and female finishers in each age category. Twenty-five dollars will be given to first place in each category and $50 to first place overall in each gender group.

From now until Sept. 2 the entrance fee will be $35 and from Sept. 3 to the start of the race the fee will be $40. Children under the age of 12 years can register for $10 and there is also a



Bonnie Sitter

Bonnie Sitter, of Exeter, is the next guest speaker scheduled as part of the Bayfield Historical Society (BHS) Speakers Series. The meeting will be held one week later than usual on Aug. 29.

Sitter is the daughter of a 161st Battalion Soldier L.V. Hogarth.

She will talk about the events being organized around Bayfield and the county to mark the 100th anniversary of the 161st Battalion leaving Huron County for WWI on Thanksgiving weekend 1916.

Her father enlisted just days after he turned 18 with plans to follow his brother John who served with the 5th Canadian Mounted Rifles (Quebec Regiment). Stories that her dad brought home and stories about him and his service will be told at the meeting to be held at the Bayfield Lions' Community Building starting at 7:30 p.m.

Sitter is one of the people behind the book, "The Beauty and Bounty of Huron County". She will also talk briefly about a new book that should be published this fall – "Lest We Forget 161st Battalion of Huron".

SHOP4YOU

family rate of $50 for two adults up to a maximum of three children.

Anyone who would like to just donate to Make-A-Wish to grant a wish to a local child with a life threatening illness can visit www.vhsrun4kids.com or call Fisher at 519 482-5557. She will collect the donation and send personal info in for a tax receipt for any donation over $20.

To learn more visit the VHS Run4Kids website listed above or go to www.makeawishswo.ca.

FRIDAY AT THE FAIR

FORK LIGHTNING AND FIREWORKS

MPP Lisa Thompson proved she had what it took to win the dignitary competition with a time of 2 minutes and four seconds just one second ahead of MP Ben Lobb.

Editor's Note: The 160th Bayfield Community Fair is now one for the history books. There are several people who organize and volunteer at this time honored event who should not feel guilty about putting their feet up for a couple days before they start planning the 161st. Such is the dedication of all of the folks that work tirelessly to come up with new ideas to keep an old fair fresh. One such person, Director Doug Yeo took a few minutes earlier this week to reflect on the weekend…what follow are his thoughts:

Reflections and highlights after the 160th fair seen through the eyes of a Director.

A personal grocery shopping and errand service has been launched in Bayfield. Shop4You Bayfield aims to provide service for anyone needing assistance with grocery shopping or errands.

Home4Good Bayfield identified the need for a personal shopping service earlier this year. Home4Good is a community-based group seeking to ensure that services are available so that older people and those with mobility challenges can continue to live in their own homes in Bayfield.

It quickly became clear that many people, not only seniors, could benefit from the services of a personal grocery shopping and errand service: busy professionals, new parents, patients recovering at home and the growing number of individuals who choose to use their vehicles less or live without a vehicle.

Shop4You Bayfield founder Mary Brown is excited about the opportunity to provide this service to Bayfield area residents. Brown is former owner of The Village Bookshop, and currently manages the Bayfield Farmers' Market. Her first customer found her before she had even formally launched the business.

"A woman from the Niagara area had me deliver groceries to a friend who had just moved in to a new home near Goderich. A staff member at Bayfield Foodland gave her my name," said Brown.

How does the service work? Customers provide a grocery and errand list, set up a delivery time and Shop4You Bayfield does the rest. Delivery days are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday after 6 p.m. and Saturday between noon and 6 p.m. Orders are generally delivered on the delivery day after the list is received. Same day service is sometimes possible. Payment is due when the order is delivered. Shop4You Bayfield accepts cash, cheque, e-transfer and credit cards.

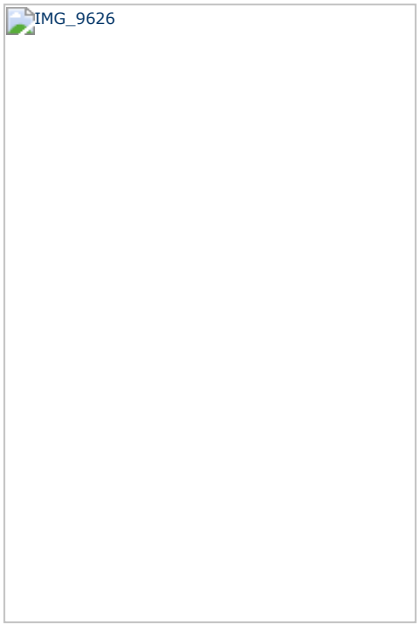
To learn more about Shop4You Bayfield, please call Brown at 519 275-0781 or visit the website www.shop4youbayfield.com.

CALENDAR LAUNCH

Three "ribbers" kept taste buds dancing at the Bayfield Community Fair Ribfest on the evening of Aug. 19. Smackwater Jacks, of Grand Bend, Devin Tabor, of Bon Vivant Chef and Catering, and Brian Garnet, from Let the Flames Begin. (Photo by John Pounder)

Barbecues aflame always offer up a smell that make taste buds want whatever is cooking. The ribs and corn were popular and added a wonderful spirit of excitement right at the beginning of the fair.

The dignitary competition brought out the competitive spirit among MP Ben Lobb, and MPP Lisa Thompson. In the end even with many comments being thrown to add pressure while completing tasks of tying a bag, sewing a button and peeling an apple, Thompson came out victorious by one second over Lobb. Elaine Rennie, the president of the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies (OAAS) came third.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Kathryn Chant, of Grenville County, is the 2015-16 Ontario Queen of the Furrow. She took part in the opening ceremonies of the Bayfield Community Fair on Aug. 19 and then was challenged to tie up a bag of potatoes in the dignitary competition.

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MP Ben Lobb brought forth greetings at the opening ceremonies and then was tasked with sewing a button on a piece of fabric.

It is amazing how after a full summer of drought, the fair could be rained on every day. Wild thunderstorms rolled in just before our scheduled fireworks, gentle rain fell during the David Wilcox performance and when people were leaving the skies opened their floodgates, and on Sunday a light rain also ended the fair somewhat early.

final cover

The calendar cover photo is called "Gem of a Neighbour". (Photo by Jane Seifried)

The new 2017 Bayfield Calendar, a joint project of the Bayfield Lions' Club and the Photography Club of Bayfield (PCoB), was launched at the Bayfield Farmers' Market on Aug. 19.

The 13 photos, includes the cover, were selected from amongst over 290 submissions and offer a look at Bayfield "from a different perspective".

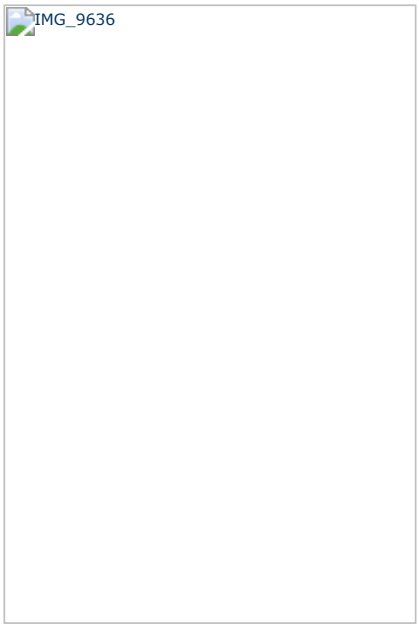
The calendars are now on sale for $10 and can be purchased at The Village Bookshop, Bayfield Foodland and the Bayfield Archives and Heritage Centre during regular business hours and from Justyne Chojnacki as well as a number of local clubs and organizations including the PCoB.

Matted prints of the calendar images were unveiled at the Bayfield Farmer's Market on Aug. 19. Helping with the launch were Justyne Chojnacka, Lion Jack Pal and Lion Dave Nearingburg. (Submitted photo)

Each of the selected photos has been enlarged and professionally double-matted to a 16x20 size ready for framing and are being offered to the public through a silent auction. Although bids may be entered any time in the Heritage Centre, where the photos and bid sheets will be on display during open hours, the actual formal silent auction will take place on Sept. 3 at the "Sunset on Summer" BBQ event taking place at the Bayfield Town Hall from 4:30-7 p.m. at which point the winners will be declared.

Organizers note that the calendars make wonderful gifts and mementos of Bayfield. All proceeds from calendar sales and the silent auction go towards supporting Lions activities throughout the community.

The fireworks were absolutely spectacular and made more special with lightning flashing in the distance behind the fireworks. This occurred just after clearing the tent area because of the lightning all around.



The theme of the fair was "No kidding, we're 160!" So, of course, goats had to be available for petting.

It is a treat to see so many types of horses over the span of two days. There are miniature, light, Friesian, and heavy horses. As well the King Lyn Precision Team demonstrated horsemanship with the routines they did with music.

Zach Wells amazed many people as he used his unicycle to travel all around the fair grounds to share some magic tricks.

The exhibits always amaze. With the dry weather there were still reasonably sized vegetables and flowers on display. Surprisingly some of the sections had increased numbers of exhibits.

The inflatables were a hit for many ages. The bouncy castle made many of the little ones emerge with red faces as they expended a lot of energy bouncing and running. A secret meeting of several Directors took place when the inflatables were being taken away. The climbing tower was left up and Bayfield Agricultural Society President Jentje Steenbeek took the lead in going up to the very top. Directors of varying ages followed him and one Director's father was coerced in taking the climb. Everyone was successful; the return to the base was not particularly graceful for many.

The Odd Soul Collective is a group of various musicians from around the Exeter area who perform Soul music. The band was formed in the summer of 2015 and performed at Bayfield Ribfest on Friday night. The band consists of Adam Hayter (lead vocals), Joe Pavkeje (guitar), Jessica Pfaff (keys), Dan Pavkeje (drums), Dan Nogueira (Bass), Brad Robinson (Bari Sax), Sara McEwan (Tenor Sax), and Andrew Gill (Trumpet).

What a crowd developed for the Wilcox concert. The music certainly appealed to a large number of people and they appreciated being able to hear them in Bayfield.

The reading by Blyth Festival's Gil Garrett was riveting. His presentation of a few excerpts from Blyth's play "The Last Donnelly Standing" captured everyone's imagination of life back in early Lucan's history. Being able to take the roles of several characters is a challenge and happened effortlessly.

The children's games took the form of some old fashioned activities. On Sunday one very young girl stole the show when she decided that trying to catch ducks in a pool wasn't interesting enough so she climbed into the tiny pool and proceeded to splash away contentedly.

The discovery tent was very popular and many found that discovering new things can be lots of fun.

SUNSET ON SUMMER

There are just 11 days until the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society (BTHHS) third annual "Sunset on Summer" Chicken BBQ on Sept. 3 on the grounds of the Bayfield Town Hall (and in case of rain at the Bayfield Arena).

The event runs from 4:30 to 8 p.m. will feature BBQ chicken cooked during the picnic, along with baked beans, coleslaw, a roll and dessert. Those who would like to attend are invited to bring their weekend guests or enjoy take-out.

Entertainment will be provided by Bayfield singer/songwriter Josh Geddis and the group "Safe as Milk". Activities include a "Kiddy Korner" (with help from the Purple Peony) for the children and a cash bar for adults.

The adult ticket price is $20 and children 12 years and younger are $10. The proceeds from this event will go towards building up the Town Hall reserve fund, which was sadly depleted by the beautiful, recently installed, new roof.

Ticketscene.ca or Eventbrite.ca can be used to purchase tickets or call the Town Hall at 519 565-5788 and leave a message – the call will be returned shortly.

The Town Hall Box Office will be open Tuesday afternoons from 2-4 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 10 a.m. to noon to buy or pick up tickets. Tiickets are also available at the Farmers' Market on Fridays, and at One Care Fitness Classes.

The committee overseeing this BBQ is looking for volunteers to help with the event. Anyone interested is asked to please call Sandy at 519 565-2830 or email her at sscotchmer@rogers.com.

TAI CHI

People from all walks of life and across the world tell how the practice of Taoist Tai Chi® arts has relieved stress, provided deep relaxation, given their bodies balance and strength, helped with pain, lifted spirits and even changed their outlook on life.

Beginner classes are being offered in Bayfield starting in September. All are welcome to attend these classes taught by an accredited, volunteer instructor.

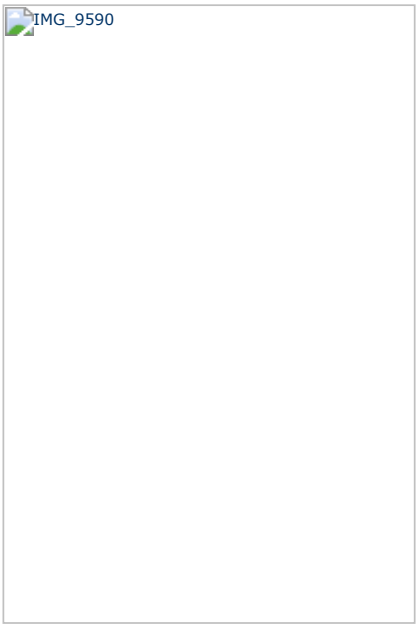
An Open House and free class will be held on Thursday, Sept. 8 from 9-10:30 a.m. at the Bayfield Town Hall. Beginner classes will continue on Thursdays from 9-11 a.m. at the Town Hall.

For more information call Doug at 519 565-5187.

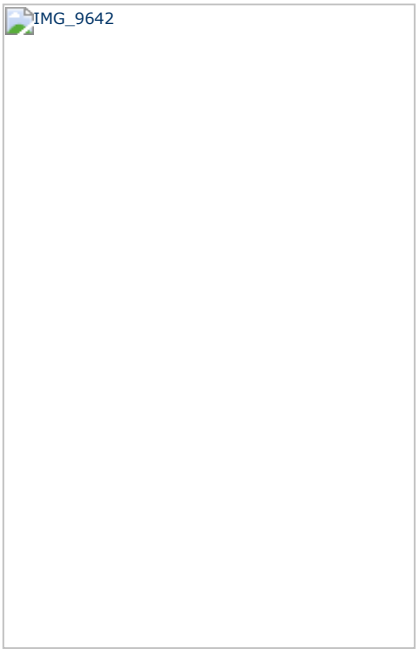
ONE CARE

Ed. Note: The 160th fair is now a memory. Others will no doubt have other memorable moments not touched on here by Yeo. Hopefully some of these can be found in the 40 images captured over the weekend and published in this week's Bayfield Breeze.

Instead of a traditional midway at this year's fair the Inflatables were back. Youngsters of all ages were able to test themselves on a 24-foot rock tower with three different challenge levels.



Odd Soul Collective lead vocalist, Adam Hayter emoted while Bass Guitarist, Dan Nogueira played.



Caitlin Stone visited the fair from London, England and was very intrigued by the opportunity to try knife throwing.

One Care will be offering seated exercises classes starting Wednesday, Sept. 7.

These classes will run every Monday and Wednesday at 10:30 a.m. (same time as Total Body Fit 2). All exercises, except balance, can be performed while on a chair. Balance exercises can be done standing beside a chair.

If you are new to exercise or looking for a different exercise format, these Sit/Fit Classes may just fit the bill.

A "demonstration" class will be held on Monday, Aug. 15 in the community room at the arena at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome to either participate or observe and discover if this new class might suit their needs.

LIBRARY FRIENDS AGM

There is a motion on the table at the upcoming Annual General Meeting of the Friends of the Bayfield Library (FOBL) to be held on Sept. 15.

The following motion will be presented at that time for consideration:
"That two new Board members from the FOBL membership be appointed to the Board of Directors subject to the resignation of two current Board members."

FOBL members are requested to attend the meeting that will be held in the Bayfield Library Community Room at 7 p.m. so that they might cast their vote.

TRIP A MONTH

Support the Bluewater Area Family Health Team (BAFHT) and earn a chance to win a great vacation at the same time.

The BAFHT Trip a Month Draw will start in January 2017. Only 300 tickets will be sold and at $135 per ticket, there are 12 chances for your ticket to win – that's just $11.25 per month! And perhaps most importantly even if you win, your name is returned to the draw for another chance.

The draw will be made the first business Friday of the month at the BAFHT clinic (the following business

The Huron County Chuckers hosted a display where youngsters could try their hand at knife and axe throwing. (Photo by John Pounder)

Mayor of Bluewater, Tyler Hessel, brought his own cheering section to the stage in daughter, Rory. Hessel was one of the opening night dignitaries who were challenged to an old fashioned timed skills competition. One of the skills was peeling an apple.

YOUTH AND JUNIORS ON THE RISE

Another very successful Rise2Fame competition was held Aug. 19 at the Bayfield Community Fair. The level of talent rises each year and we were pleased to host contestants from as far away as St. Marys, ON and Thedford, ON as well as local talent.

Bayfield Preliminary Junior Rise2 Fame Winners: first, Claire Partridge and Myra Caldwell, dance duet “Mario Brothers”; second, Hillary Harkes, vocal solo; third, Maddox Carruthers, Hailey Turnbull, Main Wilcox, Braylen Classen and Madison Harries, dance ensemble from Thedford, “Born to Be Wild”; Genesta Dunbar also qualified for the Western Fair Quarter Finals with her solo “Blue Cinderella.”

Bayfield Preliminary Youth Rise2Fame Winners: first, Kathryn Peach, of Blyth, vocal solo, “I Dreamed a Dream”; second, Rory McLachlan, variety solo and guitar performing an original piece, “Foolish Boy”; third, Paige Woodburn, dance, “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds”.

day in the case of an overlap with an official holiday). Tickets are available from BAFHT Board Directors and at the front desk at the clinic. Payment can be made by cheque, cash, VISA and Master Card. Contact Paula Kroll at the BAFHT paulabafht@hay.net for more details.

ORCHARD ELECTED

Brenda Orchard

On Aug. 18, at the Annual Conference of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) in Toronto, ON, Chief Administrative Officer, for the County of Huron, Brenda Orchard was elected to the AMO Board of Directors, County Caucus. As a member of the Board Orchard will help set policy for the Association and serve as a key municipal leader in the province.

“AMO benefits from membership from across the province, and a Board that reflects the diversity of Ontario’s municipal governments to that end, I am pleased to have Brenda on the 2016-18 Board team,” said AMO President, Lynn Dollin.

AMO’s key advocacy priorities are focused on achieving fiscal sustainability for municipal governments, advancing federal, provincial partnerships for infrastructure and strengthening municipal legislative authority to advance local economic prosperity and environmental sustainability.

AMO is a non-profit organization representing almost all of Ontario’s 444 municipal governments. AMO supports strong and effective municipal government in Ontario and promotes the value of municipal government as a vital and essential component of Ontario and Canada’s political system.

EYE HEALTH

Dr. Rich Samuell at Main Street Optometric wants to let Bayfield residents know that full eye health examinations are available at his Bayfield office. Examinations are fully covered by OHIP for children and teens, seniors, and those with diabetes. Main Street Optometric uses current technology including a "no-puff" eye pressure check, as well as digital retinal photography to monitor for eye

Other performers qualifying for the Western Fair included, Keira Sheppard for her vocal solo, “Always a Bridesmaid”; Jager Hansen, for his guitar and vocals, “Sylvia’s Mother”, and St. Marys band “Flywheel’ consisting of Cormick Wheeler, Anthony Pollock and Jared and Jacob Bieber.

“The competition becomes fiercer each year with more and more talented acts taking the stage and making the judge’s jobs more difficult,” said Emcee Willi Laurie, who also helps organize the event.

She expressed thanks to the Bayfield Optimist Club and Bayfield Agricultural Society as well as to Charlie Kalbfleisch for organizing. The efforts of the judges Heather Dawe, Sarah Broadfoot and Ivan Raczyski, of 94.5 Classic Rock, were very much appreciated.

“The judges not only deliberated on the winners but also provided evaluations and next steps for the competitors. We encourage all of our competitors to keep working on their skills and try out again,” said Laurie.

The evening couldn’t have happened without the efforts of timer Mary Anne Robinson and sound tech Gerard Creces.

“A special feature of the evening was during the break when Junior Western Fair Rise2Fame winner Emily Plumsteel, who qualified in the 2015 Clinton competition performed two numbers for the audience,” said Laurie. “Emily was very inspirational and a true testament to the hard work excelling in the arts requires.”

Emily performed “Let Me Entertain You” and “Human’ for the crowd. She is currently training in Burlington for the Team Canada Dance Team and will be attending the world championship in Germany on Oct. 21-31 this fall. She recently won the “Sights and Sounds Festival” in Hanover and scored an RESP for her future education.

“Emily will be competing Monday, Aug. 21 in the Rising Stars competition at the CNE in Toronto and we wish her all the very best of luck,” said Laurie. She helped the contestants believe that with the same hard work and dedication, they can be successful, too! Good luck to our winners and qualifiers as they enter the next phase of the competition.”

HAYTER’S SPONSOR EXAM ROOM

Hayter’s Turkey Farm, in Dashwood, is a staunch community supporter and donated $15,000 to sponsor an examination room at the new Bluewater Area Family Health Team (BAFHT) facility in Zurich. Joanne (Hayter) Maguire stopped by the clinic recently with Bill Archibald, chairman of the BAFHT Fundraising Committee, to see how construction work at the site was progressing. With the long, dry summer, construction is running well ahead of schedule with completion of the project targeted for the spring of 2017. (Submitted photo)

conditions like glaucoma, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. Please call 519 565-2300 to schedule an appointment.

IN MEMORIAM

The community will be saddened to learn that a dedicated member of the Bayfield Lions’ Club died last week at the age of 84.

Lloyd Huffman died peacefully in the presence of family at Alexandra Marine and General Hospital (AMGH) in Goderich on Aug. 19. He was the beloved husband of Lois Mason. His first wife Jeannette Huffman predeceased him in 1986. He was a loving father to Veronica and Crystal and special stepfather to Randy, Larry, Doug and Mark. He was the adoring grandfather to 17 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Huffman was a lifetime member of the Lions Club and served his country in the Canadian Forces. He was an avid outdoorsman and a duck carver.

A funeral service was held on Aug. 22 at Falconer Funeral Homes – Bluewater Chapel in Goderich with interment in Bayfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations to the Palliative Care Unit at AMGH or Lions Foundation of Canada Dog Guides would be greatly appreciated. Condolences may be left at www.falconerfuneralhomes.com.

BUSINESS CENTRE ON THE MOVE

The Huron Small Business Enterprise Centre is moving to 54 West Street in Goderich in early September. The centre has been housed in the Huron Business Centre in Seaforth for 15 years along with the Huron Business Development Corporation. The centre will now operate within the office of the County of Huron Economic Development Department.

“We are looking forward to working out of the new office in Goderich,” said Business Advisor at thecentre, Kim Postma. “We will have more space to help support businesses and entrepreneurs in the area.”

The centre supports small business owners and entrepreneurs through a variety of services including free business consultations, assistance in business registration, business plan reviews, workshops and networking opportunities. Workshops and seminars will continue to be delivered in municipalities across the county this fall.

“We work with a variety of people to meet the needs of local businesses,” said Postma. “Local municipalities have offered us workshop and seminar space and we will continue to provide our services throughout Huron County.”

Details of the fall workshop schedule will be released soon. In the meantime, interested individuals can contact the centre at 519 527-0305.

SHARE PHOTO STORY

BAYFIELD COMMUNITY FAIR

PARADE DAY DAWNS SUNNY, HOT AND HUMID

Members of the Mocha Shriners Mini Cars from Stratford have as much fun being in the parade as the crowd does watching (maybe more). (Photo by John Pounder)

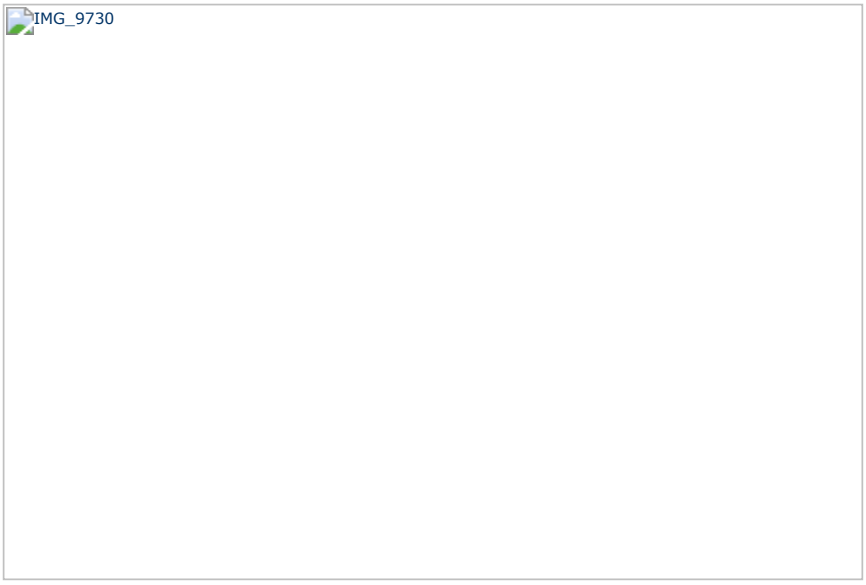
PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

Saturday dawned hot and humid so shade trees were a very desirable location from under which to view the Bayfield Fall Fair Parade on Aug. 20. The parade made its way along Main and John Streets at the stroke of 11 o’clock and at its end folks were encouraged to follow along to Agriculture Park for the 160th Bayfield Community Fair.

The Parade Marshall this year was former Mayor of Bluewater, Bill Dowson. The Bayfield Lions’ Club, Paul Bunyan Campground, Municipality of Bluewater, Den Way Auto Body and the Bluewater Golf Course were the parade sponsors. For the first time the Bayfield Arena Community Partners Association organized the parade on behalf of the Bayfield Agricultural Society.

Four bands performed for the crowds as they walked along the route nicely spaced between vintage vehicles and tractors and youngsters on decorated bicycles. The Stratford Police Band,

In addition to the many enthusiastic Dance Techniques members dancing down the parade route the studio from Clinton included a young lady doing some acrobatics in the back of a truck.



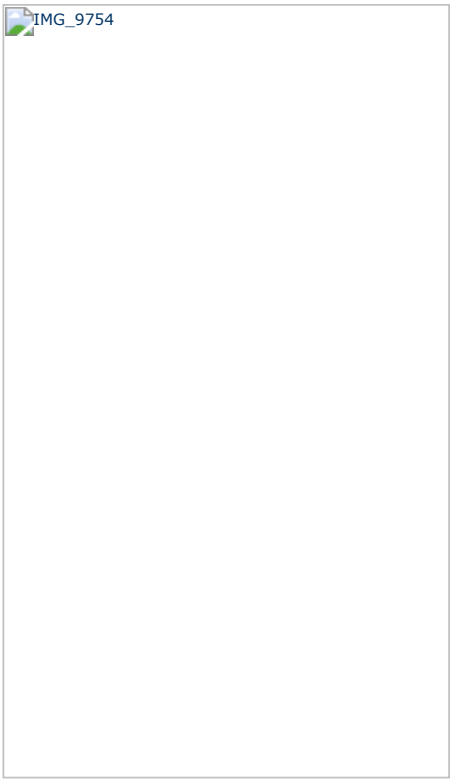
Even the family dog enjoyed greeting people along the parade route as members of the Mocha Shriners Jeepsters drove their shiny red vehicles along John Street.

Clinton Legion 140 Pipes and Drums Band, Seaforth All Girls Marching Band and The Commissioner's Own Pipes and Drums (OPP) kept many a foot a tapping as they marched by.

The Shriner's presence always adds flair to the festivities and they did not disappoint with representation from the Mocha Motor Corps, Bluewater Shrine Club Fire Brigade, Mocha Temple Road Runners, and the Mocha Jeepsters Unit.

And of course it wouldn't' be a Bayfield Fair Parade with out riders on horseback. This year a crew of two went high tech with a truck with buckets and a shovel in the flatbed ready to clean up after the horses – adding a bit of small town humor to the parade for visitors.

Parade Marshall for the 2016 parade was former Mayor of Bluewater, Bill Dowson. (Photo by John Pounder)



Tom and Deb Grasby represented the late 60s while they walked their foster Guide Dog Essex in the parade. This pup is sure growing up fast!

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Bayfield Librarian extraordinaire Jamie Thomas, caused a stir along with several other familiar faces from Main Street businesses as they strolled and cycled along the route wearing vintage fashions from JMR Collections.

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The Village Bookshop Silkies took a jaunt in their buggy demonstrating that even poultry love a parade.

Erin Samuell wore vintage from JMR Collections while pedalling Bayfield's beautiful tap water.

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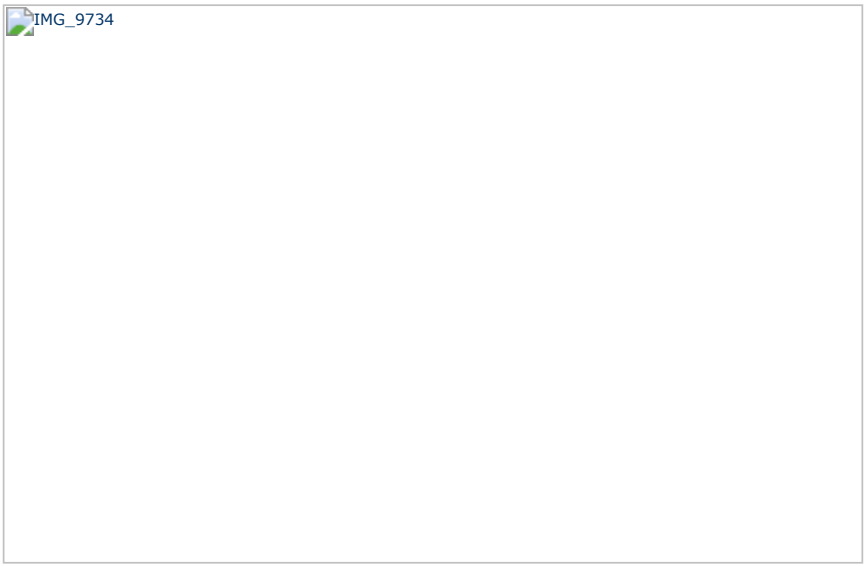
The public were treated to four bands in the parade including the Legion Branch 140 Clinton Pipes and Drums.

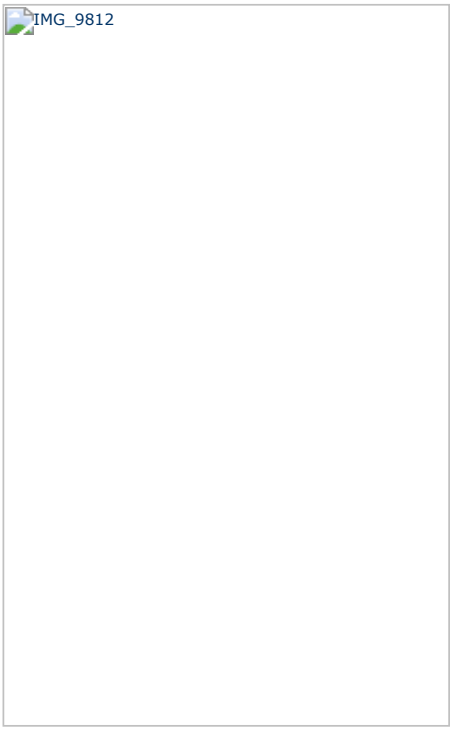
Skating Coach Jody Whetstone helped carry a banner in the parade while representing the Bayfield Skating Club.



Legion Branch 140 Clinton Pipes and Drums was just one of four bands that played along the route. The Seaforth All Girls Marching Band, the Stratford Police Band and The Commissioners Own Pipes and Drums (Ontario Provincial Police) also participated.

This entry paid homage to the Rio Olympics with swimmers sporting bronze, silver and gold!

Mikayla Andrew, and Mom Nikki, delighted those who watched the parade with their charming miniature entry.



An Arabian themed equestrian entry closed out the parade.

Tyler Brady, of Bayfield, drove a military vehicle in the parade.

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There wasn't a Corvette in sight but Mary Ellen and Brian Coombs still rode in style.

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Ian Siertsema, of Bayfield, drove an antique tractor in the parade.

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The Stratford Police Band performed for the crowds lining the parade route.

Hay Mutual Insurance entered a gleaming vintage automobile into the parade. (Photo by John Pounder)

The presence of The Commissioners Own Pipes and Drums (OPP) band is always a special treat. (Photo by John Pounder)

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These shriner cars may be tiny but their drivers feel the need for speed! (Photo by John Pounder)

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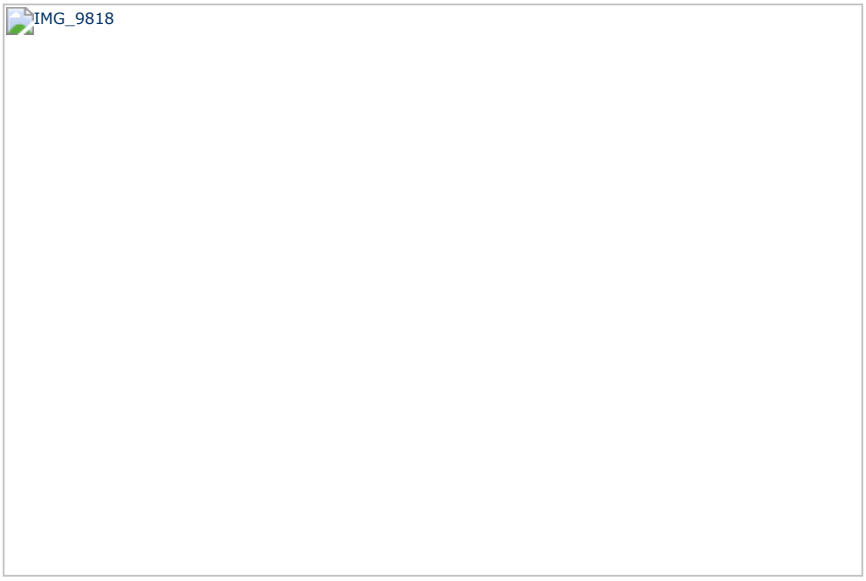
SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AT THE FAIR

TRADITIONS BLEND SEAMLESSLY WITH MODERN TOUCHES AT 160TH CELEBRATION WEEKEND



4H events are a big part of Saturday at the fair. The South-Central Huron Dairy 4H Achievement Day started with competitors preparing their cows for the show with a shower and some grooming

Joan Merner, of Bayfield, took top prize for her entry in the Machine Quilted Quilt Competition. Her quilt was machine quilted by Sara Eveland.

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The Bayfield Community Fair opened with a bang on Friday night with both man made fireworks and nature designed thunder and lightning competing for the crowd's attention at Ribfest. As the weekend progressed it was time for the agricultural elements of the fair to shine like the sun!

On Saturday, the Western (Light) Horse Show, Friesian Horse Show, 4-H Sheep Club Competition and the 4-H Dairy Achievement were all held. On Sunday afternoon the Heavy Horses and Mules attracted attention in the show ring as did the King Lyn Precision Horse Riding Team from Monkton, ON.

Such activities as wiggle cars, a petting zoo, mini tractor pull, face painting, balloon animals, Magician Zachary Wells, dog agility, Discovery Tent, and an Ol' Time Jamboree also kept folks amused throughout the weekend.

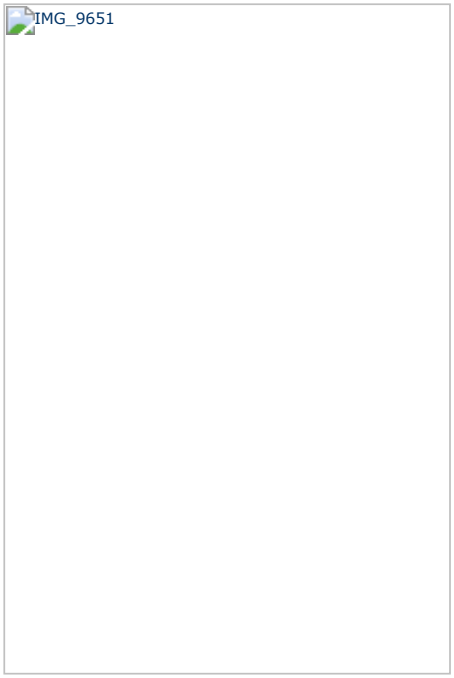
A variety of unique amusements by Grand River Inflatables & Games of Cambridge encouraged kids of all ages to get active from a bouncy castle to a rock-climbing wall.

On Saturday night the food trucks rolled in and so did some outstanding musical talent – the concert opened with the band Bright Righteous from Manitoba, then The Salads took to the stage and finally the headliner David Wilcox performed his greatest hits for a very appreciative sold-out audience who kept on grooving refreshed by the rain that came down

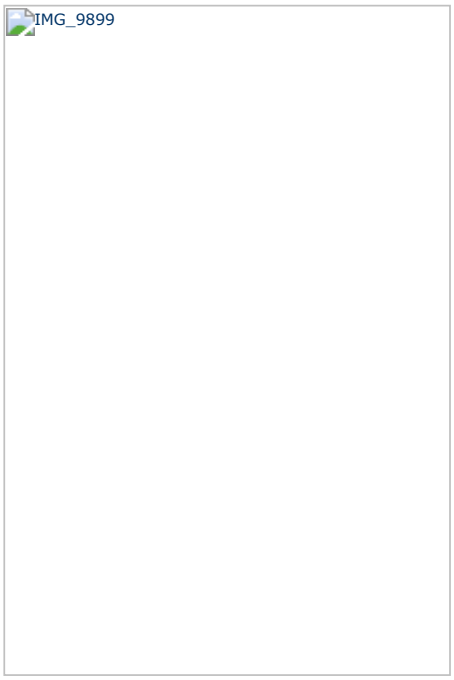
Before the Huron County 4H Sheep Club Competition could begin on Saturday afternoon competitors had to ensure that their sheep were looking spiffy.

The fair is the perfect place for little ones and livestock to come face to face.

Louise Lever, of RR1 Bayfield, took first prize in the Hand Quilted Quilt Competition.



Mellow Yellow by Steve Lillico, of Bayfield, took top prize in the floral entries at the fair.



The King Lyn Precision Horse Riding Team is based out of Monkton, ON with the majority of riders hailing from there or Listowel, ON.

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At the Bouncy Castle you could jump all day for just $5 - what a bargain!

The Discovery Tent attracted youngsters to try out some old style tools including making a rope.

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The King Lyn Precision Horse Riding Team performed two shows in the Main Ring at the Fair on Sunday afternoon.

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The Lady Driver category was well represented during Sunday afternoon's Heavy Horse Competition. This entry was owned by Jim Matheson of Embro, ON.

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The Rice Family Percherons of Staffa, ON showed beautifully in the Main Ring during the Heavy Horse Competition on Sunday.

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The Petting Zoo was the perfect spot to see a couple of llamas.

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Playing in the water provided from an old water pump was a popular attraction for little ones who visited the Discovery Tent.

The eight young ladies performed to the soundtrack from the musical "Grease".

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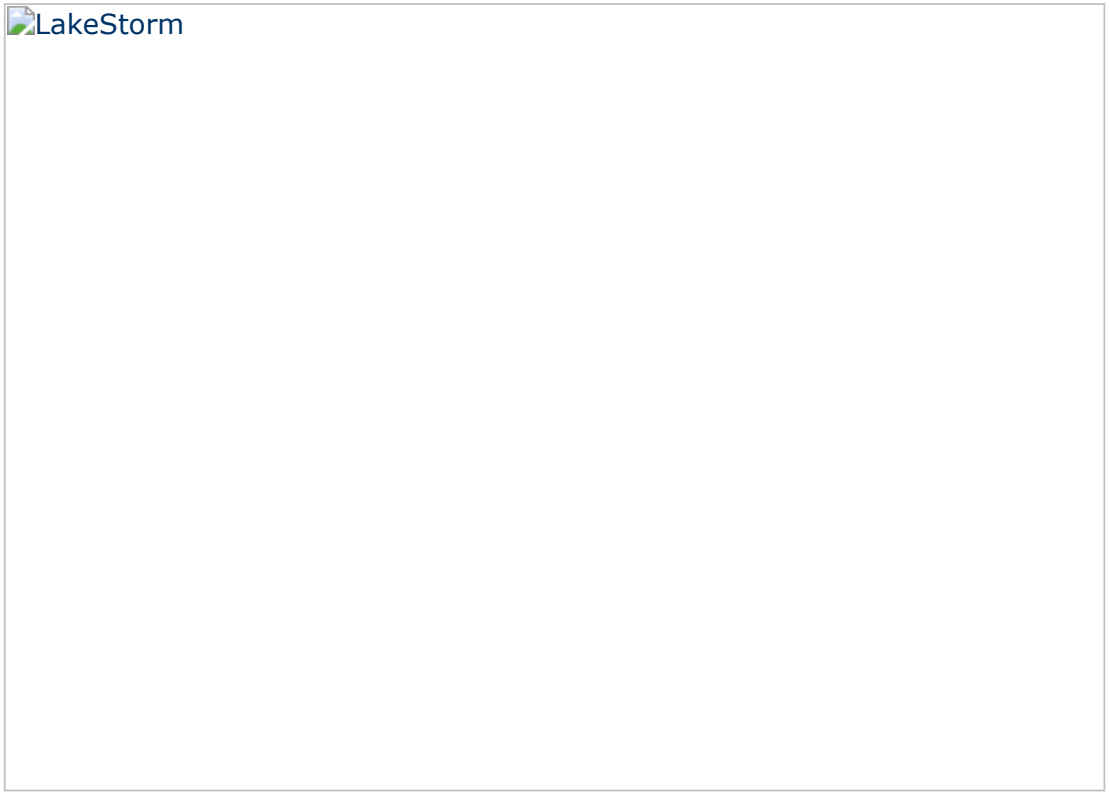

Lake Storm...*By Larissa Husarewych*

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SUBMISSIONS

All of a sudden you can feel it on the air – a hint of autumn. It makes me start thinking about one of my favorite times of the year – the beginning of a new Guiding season.

Sparks, Brownies and Guides in Bayfield will resume on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at 5:15 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Trinity Anglican Church. The older girls, Pathfinders and Rangers will meet up again starting on Sept. 22.

Girls aged five to 17 are welcome to join and they can register online now at www.girlguides.ca, clicking on Registration and entering the “N0M 1G0” area code.

Bayfield Guiding has had a presence in this community for 60 plus years. It is very rewarding to see women who were once Sparks, Brownies and Guides in these units now enrolling their own daughters in the program. And, no, that doesn’t make me feel old at all because Guiding is what keeps me young!

Want to learn more about Bayfield Guiding? My contact info can be found below. – Melody

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