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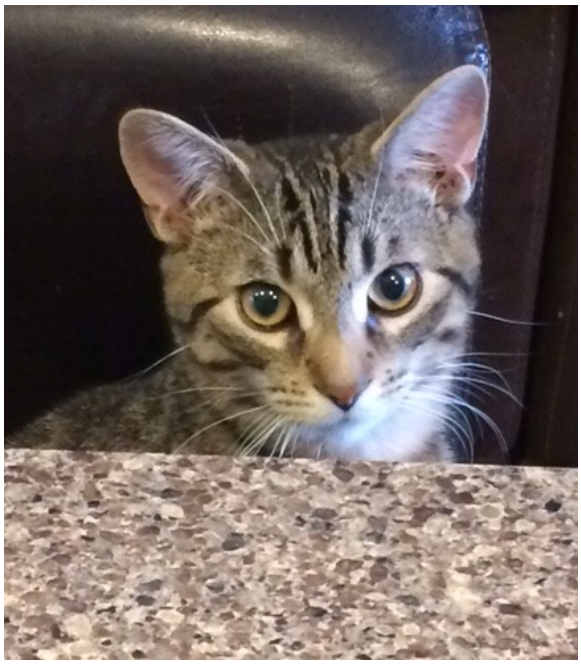
FORGOTTEN FELINES OF BAYFIELD NEED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR TNR



A once Feral Tabby is now a happy domesticated cat.

A DAY WITHOUT WOMEN

“Each time a woman stands up for herself, without knowing it possibly, without claiming it, she stands up for all women.” - Maya Angelou

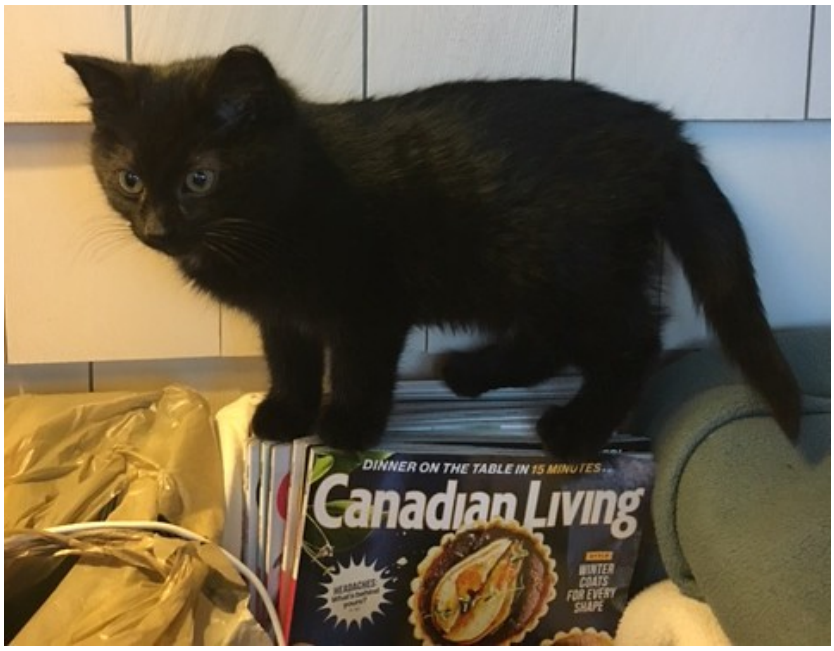
In conjunction with International Women’s Day, a group of local citizens is organizing “The Day Without Women March” in Bayfield on March 8.

According to organizers, this march is about empowerment. It is about a person’s passion for making the world a better place for all living things.

A “Day Without Women” happened first in 1975, in Iceland – 42 years ago. It changed the way women were seen in that country and put Iceland at the forefront of the fight for equality.

All women and girls, and men and boys who wish to support the cause, are invited to meet at Shop Bike Coffee on Main Street in Bayfield at 2:30 p.m. for the march that will commence at 3 p.m.

The march will conclude at Clan Gregor Square where there will be music and inspirational speeches by inspiring women of our community. The event should wrap up about 5 p.m.



This Bayfield kitten was recently adopted.

STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER PHOTOS SUBMITTED

Bayfield has a feral cat colony on Main Street. Over the winter a small group of volunteers have organized a Trap-Neuter-Release (TNR) program for the village's "Forgotten Felines" and some of the more fragile among the colonies have found forever homes after a little Tender-Loving-Care (TLC).

The word "feral" is used to define a cat that lives outdoors. It essentially does not belong to anyone. Feral cats are the result of a domestic cat being abandoned or lost and left to fend for itself. The offspring of the domestic (now considered feral) cat are usually never handled by people and become terrified.

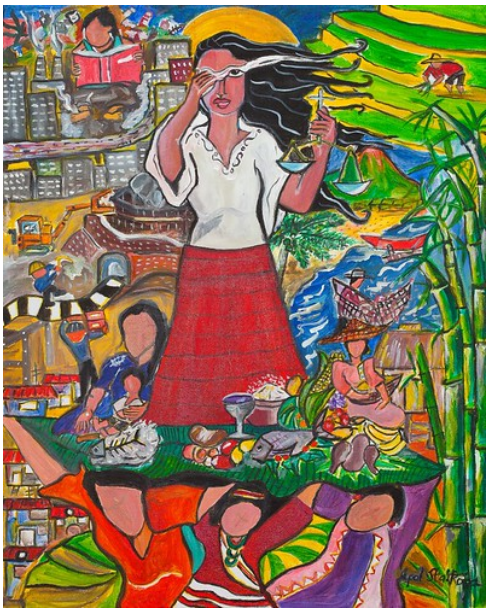
Luckily this feral kitten now has a forever family.

Two felines at the veterinary hospital in London.

Volunteers have been informed that the Municipality of Bluewater is unable to provide financial support or any assistance with the TNR efforts at this time so they are currently seeking financial support from area residents. The volunteers have made arrangements with a Veterinary Hospital in London to have cats neutered/spayed for approximately $60 each and have been funding the project mostly by themselves. In addition, travel costs are adding up for

Please bring refillable water bottles and/or coffee/tea containers.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



Christians, both men and women, in more than 170 countries and in 2,000 communities across Canada gather to learn about, pray, and celebrate in solidarity with the women of the Philippines through the World Day of Prayer.

"Am I Being Unfair to You" is the theme of the World Day of Prayer to be held one week later than usual, March 10, in Bayfield at St. Andrew's United Church.

The service will begin at 2 p.m. This event is hosted by a different church each year but includes participants from all the local churches. Women from a different country create the program each year. For 2017, an opportunity to learn about the joys and struggles faced by those living in the Philippines will be shared.

All are welcome to attend and join downstairs afterwards for refreshments. In keeping with the Philippine theme, this year Pineapple Upside Down Cake will be served!

SOUP AND A MOVIE AT TRINITY

those volunteers that transport the cats. As a result, volunteers are hoping that people might like to sponsor a “Forgotten Feline” by providing a financial gift. Financial contributions may be made at Shopbike Coffee.

To date 20 cats on Main Street have been trapped and with financial support the TNR initiative can continue.

Most recently a three year-old female who had lost most of her teeth due to malnutrition and a 3 month-old male tabby were trapped. After neutering and a week of intense home care the tabby will be adopted. The female will be housed for a longer period of time to allow for healing and "fattening up".

Anyone who might also consider adopting a “Forgotten Feline” of Bayfield should contact the Bayfield Breeze and your contact information will be passed on to volunteers.

Luna was rescued off the streets of Bayfield in November.

NEW RECORD RATE FOR TAXES

BY KEN LARONE

The 2017 taxes in Bluewater are expected to be $570,000 higher than the record rate set last year.

The increase comes before Huron County Council establishes its taxes and the school boards knows their needs. Together the three groups form the total tax rates for Bluewater taxpayers.

Bluewater Council will hold a public meeting Mar. 20 at the Varna Council chambers to justify their reasons for another increase this year.

At council’s special tax meeting last week, it agreed to restore Bayfield arena roof for $90,000. The restoration comes with a five-year guarantee and a likely life span of 10 years. To totally replace the roof was estimated at $206,000.

Council withheld a decision to extending ice in the area for another three seasons. Last month the Bayfield Arena Community Partners Association (BACPA) asked council to extend their use of the rink for another three years. In the last three years the BACPA successfully added thousands of dollars to ice rentals and proved their value to Bayfield and council.

Councilor Bill Whetstone says it would be unfair to close the ice rink now knowing The BACPA expected it to be available.

Council did approve $40,000 to investigate three old dumps that possibly are leaking methane gas in the south-east area of Bayfield. Approximately 100 homes within a 500-meter radius of the sites can’t be sold or altered until the methane or other toxic substances are removed.

Last month two of the homeowners in the restricted area, Deb Penhale and Cal Scotchmer, asked council to quickly clean-up the restrictions on the dump properties. The possible threat from the three dumps prevent owners from listing or selling their homes, refinancing their property and possibly insuring it.

Whetstone says he will focus on the Bluewater budget at the meeting of his Councilor’s Corner on March 16 in the Bayfield Community Centre at 7 p.m.

“Soup and a Movie at Trinity” has moved to Tuesdays!

The congregation of Trinity Anglican Church welcomes the community to join in fellowship over a hearty bowl of soup while delighting in a great cinematic work.

The next edition of this extremely popular community event will be held on Tuesday, March 14 and will be held on the three subsequent Tuesdays after that from 6-9 p.m. Those who attend will enjoy a choice of soup, bread and a beverage all for a free will donation followed by a movie on the big screen! Miracles from Heaven will be the film shown.

For the second movie night one of the featured soups will be the winner of the People's Choice Award at the Bayfield Town Hall's "Soup's On" held recently - Renegades Diner's Chef Wayne McDougall's" Brie, Bacon and Butternut Squash Soup". So if you missed trying it at "Soup's On" now is your chance!

The Dock's Restaraunt and Bar will also be providing a soup for March 14 as well!

Any funds raised go to outreach and church needs. All in the community are welcome but should reserve their spot by calling 519 565-2790 by the Sunday prior to the movie with their name and number of people attending.

The schedule of remaining movies is as follows: Brooklyn, March 21; Florence Foster Jenkins, March 28 and Jersey Boys, Apr. 4.

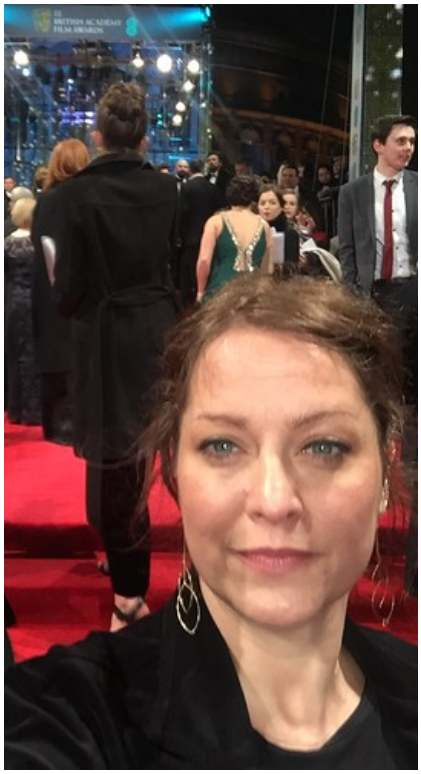
LIBRARY NEWS

March Break is almost here and the Bayfield Public Library has some activities planned for the youngsters!

On March 13, children aged seven to 12 are invited to learn how to water color with local professional

BLUEWATER NATIVE WINS AWARDS FOR THE JUNGLE BOOK ANIMATION

L-r: Gabriele Zucchelli, MPC Animation Supervisor; Andrew Jones, MPC Animation Supervisor, Peta Bayley, MPC Animation Supervisor; and Benjamin Jones, MPC Character Supervisor at the BAFTA Awards. (Submitted photos)



Peta Bayley, takes a selfie, at the BAFTA Awards ceremony

Bluewater native, Peta Bayley is a Senior Animator in the demanding, feature film industry, an accomplished artist and talented ice sculptor, yet still finds time to raise her four year-old daughter, Magill, with partner, Chef Michael Sanz. That's a busy schedule, any way you look at it.

Based in London, UK, Bayley is an Animation Supervisor for the Moving Picture Company (MPC), one of the leading visual effects production companies in the world. She has been with MPC for 10 years working on a variety of films including: 10,000 BC (2007); Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian, Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince (2009); Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, Clash of the Titans, The Voyage of the Dawn Treader, The Wolfman, Prince of Persia: The Sands of Time, The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian, (2010); Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (2011), Dark Shadows (2012), Guardians of the Galaxy (2014); The Shallows, and the award-winning, The Jungle Book (2016); with more films currently in production.

Bayley's journey to the world of 3-D animation is unusual to say the least. She has a BA Honors Anthropology from McGill University in Montreal, an MSc Cognitive Neuropsychology with Distinction from Essex University in the UK, and a post-graduate certificate in 3-D Digital Animation (Maya) at Seneca College, Toronto. She has also completed many other training courses and workshops along the way.

Her resume also includes a long period working with her father, Julian, and sister, Heidi, at Iceculture in Hensall, where in addition to ice carving, she developed a process for creating

artist Michelle Miller. This activity will run from 2-3:30 p.m. and registration is required.

Mad Science of London will be attendance at the library on March 17 to present their "Fire, Wind and Ice Show" for one hour starting at 1:30 p.m. This event is open to kids aged four to 12 and adult accompaniment is required as well as registration.

To register please contact the Bayfield Library at 519 565-2886 or by email at bayfieldlibrary@huroncounty.ca

Plus there will be fun "Make and Take Crafts" available all week!

And the fun isn't limited to just the Bayfield branch, there are other family March Break programs available in other communities. Be sure to follow the Huron County Library Facebook page to learn more.

TRIP A MONTH

The Bluewater Area Family Health Team (BAFHT) is pleased to announce that Ron Rader, of Exeter, ON, was the winner of the third draw in BAFHT's "Trip A Month" lottery. The March prize is a $1,900 travel voucher package to New Orleans, Louisiana. The lottery continues with monthly draws for vacation packages to various destinations on the first Friday throughout 2017.

The Trip A Month lottery is part of BAFHT's ongoing fundraising campaign to raise over $600,000 for its building expansion and renovation project. One third of the goal has been raised to date. BAFHT is a registered charity and tax receipts will be issued for donations.

The increase of 5,000 square feet plus the 3,600 square feet retrofit will accommodate more healthcare staff and the introduction of additional health and wellbeing programs. BAFHT has added a fourth physician and is accepting new patients. BAFHT's patient roster is growing from 4,100 to 5,300.

For further details on the project, to join the patient roster or to donate, please contact Paula at paulabafht@hay.net or 519 236-4413.

CYBER-SENIORS

Friends of the Bayfield Library, Home4Good and St. Andrews United Church are partnering with The Huron Youth + Seniors Knowledge Network to show a documentary with discussion following on Cyber-Seniors.

A humorous and heartwarming feature documentary, "Cyber-Seniors", adds to the important international conversation about the growing generation gap. Focusing on a group of senior citizens who take their

animals out of fruit and vegetables that were embedded in ice. She also toured North America teaching other ice carvers how to master her technique.

Recently, Bayley and fellow Animation Supervisors, Gabriele Zucchelli and Andrew Jones won the prestigious 2017 Annie Award for Outstanding Achievement, Character Animation in a Live Action Production for their work on Disney's, The Jungle Book.

During the two-year production, more than 800 artists from MPC – including 105 animators - worked on the project. The film has since received many other awards including a BAFTA award (British Academy of Film and Television Arts) and most recently, an Oscar for Best Achievement in Visual Effects.

"One of the biggest creative challenges of the film for us was having talking animals that looked real - and finding that correct balance," said Bayley.

Bayley has made presentations in France and the UK about the animation technology used in The Jungle Book and has given a guest lecture to students at Fanshawe College in London, ON about her career in the 3-D Animation industry.

Peta Bayley with her daughter, Magill, prior to the BAFTA Awards ceremony.

What is in Bayley's future? She returns to Canada in the summer to join the MPC studio in Montreal. However, before that she will welcome a new addition to her own family! Still a busy schedule, anyway you look at it!

"LOVE YOUR GREATS" TOPIC OF ABCA AWARDS EVENING

Geographer and filmmaker, Jennifer Pate, BA, MSc., of Bayfield, is to be guest speaker at an early-evening event in March to honor community conservation partners in Ausable Bayfield Conservation watersheds. She will speak about "loving your Great Lakes" through her talk: "Love Your Greats".

Ausable Bayfield Conservation will also announce the Conservationist of the Year Award winner that evening. The event will take place on March 16 at Ironwood Golf Club, 70969 Morrison Line, 2 KMs east of Exeter. The evening also features community fellowship, a light supper, and board and staff service awards.

Pate has a BA in Geography and an MSc in Environment, Science & Society (Distinction) from the University College of London. She was Project and Events Officer for the UK Energy Research Centre in the Environmental Change Institute at the University of Oxford before moving back to her native Canada.

In November 2014, Pate sailed across the Atlantic Ocean from Lanzarote to Martinique with an all-female team called eXXpedition. She has co-led eXXpedition Caribbean (conducting the first-ever sampling for microplastics in the Caribbean Sea). She has also co-led eXXpedition Great Lakes (the world's largest simultaneous sampling for microplastics in history) that took place in August of 2016.

Her 40-minute documentary, eXXpedition: Making the Unseen Seen, was premiered at the Royal Geographical Society in London, UK, in March of 2015 as the finale of a wider event in celebration of women in exploration and field science. Pate has extensive international public speaking experience, appearing at seminar series, film premières, and has delivered TEDx first steps into cyber-space under the tutelage of teenage mentors, the film expertly renders a thought-provoking look at a spirited group of men and women who are enriched by digitally reconnecting with their families and each other. Finding their footing rather quickly, the group moves on to compete for the most "YouTube" views while swiftly building their online inventory of friends.

The Huron Youth + Seniors Knowledge Network was a collaborative project between Goderich District Collegiate Institute and the Goderich Place Retirement Residence where students from a Grade 10 Careers class worked with elders to teach them how iPads can be used to connect with family and friends, as well as to search out personal interests on the Internet.

This documentary will be shown at the Bayfield Public Library on March 28 from 1-3 p.m. All are invited to attend and join in the conversation and refreshments.

SATURDAYS AT THE LIBRARY

Interested in learning to paint with acrylics? The third installment of the Saturdays at the Library series should be of interest to those who wish to pick up an artist's brush on March 18.

Leslee Squirrell, one of the founding members of The Bayfield Artist Guild will be putting on a step-by-step demonstration for beginners or anyone who has been thinking of trying to paint. Squirrell is an award winning interior designer, a respected college professor and hobby artist. She is a long time cottager and summer resident in Bayfield and enjoys painting in her studio on Dow Street.

This "Learn to paint in acrylics" demonstration will be enhanced by an opportunity for 20 guests to paint their first painting. The session will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Pre-registration is appreciated. Please call the library at 519 565-2886 to book a spot.

The Friends of the Bayfield Library are the sponsors of the Saturdays at the Library series.

EARTH HOUR

"On Being Blue" is the theme of the 2017 Earth Hour event to be held at St. Andrew's United Church in Bayfield on March 25. This evening will celebrate Bayfield (and Goderich) as blue communities, and will offer ideas on how people can keep our planet "blue".

Shelagh Sully and friends will present "Being Blue" at 8 p.m. The lights will go out at 8:30 p.m. and those gathered will sing to celebrate our blue planet until the lights come back on at 9:30 p.m.

talks about being a ‘Glocal.’ Her TEDx talks were inspired by her hometown and its initiative with the Council of Canadians: Blue Community Bayfield.

She will share stories about how a personal connection to our environment is integral for instigating action in the face of global and local environmental challenges.

Please RSVP to Sharon Pavkeje by March 9 for meal numbers. Phone 519 235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610 or email spavkeje@abca.on.ca. If you have special dietary needs, you are asked to let Ausable Bayfield Conservation know in advance.

AREA PHARMACIES SUPPORT BAFHT CLINIC FUNDRAISER

Health care needs in Bluewater and surrounding communities are growing and the Bluewater Area Family Health Team (BAFHT) is keeping pace. The clinic will soon become a larger and more comprehensive primary health care hub.

The Ontario Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (OMHCLTC) covered only part of the expansion costs and Bluewater community fundraising has to find another $600,000 to complete the project.

The BAFHT expansion is more than bricks and mortar The new clinic includes an activity room to provide space for three new progams - Sleep, Mindfulness, and ‘Healthy You’ which will be added to the current schedule of Pain Management and Support, and Memory programs.

The BAFHT will be able to meet the demand for even more health services as the Bluewater population ages and there is greater incidence of chronic illness.

In March, area pharmacies will support the on-going fundraising drive for the new BAFHT clinic, these include: Pharmasave Michael’s Pharmacy, Bayfield (Michael and Nevien Ibrahim); Zurich Pharmacy, Zurich, (Sam Mekhaerl); Hensall Pharmacy, Hensall, (Michael Haddad); Shoppers Drug Mart, Grand Bend, (Sarah Palen); Pharmasave, Grand Bend, (Connie Stainforth and James Bannerman); Guardian Pharmacy, Exeter, (Angela McLean); Huron Apothecary I.D.A., Exeter, (Gerry Cook); and Loblaws Pharmacy, Exeter, (Tijo Jose). Pharmacy staff will provide information about the clinic and the new program schedule.

During March, April and May, the names of all donors each month will be entered into a draw for a Huron Gifts Gourmet Food Bag. Each bag will be packed with a variety of locally produced items such as jams, maple syrup, honey, coffee, chocolates and biscotti. Donors will also receive a BAFHT fridge magnet as a token of appreciation. BAFHT is a registered charity and a tax receipt will be issued for donations.

Some in the community may have heard about the BAFHT Trip A Month Draw. January, February and March winners have already been announced and will be vacationing in Jamaica, Cuba and New Orleans, respectively.

A Recognition Wall to acknowledge those who have contributed to the new clinic will be strategically placed at the new building. The Circle of Care donors include the following levels: Diamond ($25,000), Blue Sapphire ($15,000), Platinum ($10,000), Gold ($5,000), Silver ($2,500) and Bronze ($1,000). Corporations and families can also show their support by sponsoring an examination room ($15,000) and their contribution will be recognized by a plaque. A number of room sponsorships have already been received.

The expanding list of patients at BAFHT embraces the complete Bluewater region and includes more than 1,000 in Zurich, about 600 in each of Bayfield and Grand Bend, more than 400 in Exeter, 300 in Dashwood and 200 in Hensall. New patients are being added to the roster every day with a target set for 1,300 by the end of the year.

A free will offering will be collected to support the music program at St. Andrew’s in appreciation of renovations to the chancel that makes singing so enjoyable.

PANCAKE BRUNCH AND SUGAR BUSH TOUR

The sweet taste of maple syrup poured over a stack of freshly flipped pancakes is a spring ritual for many Canadians. It definitely is for the congregation of St. James’, Middleton as they host their eighth annual Pancake Brunch and Sugar Bush Tour on Apr. 1. All in the community are invited to join in the festivities.

Pancakes and sausage with Rick and Rusty Schilbe’s fresh maple syrup, coffee, juice and dessert will be served at the Pine Lake Campground Recreational Hall, 77794 Orchard Line, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

In addition to brunch participants will be able to go on a hayride and once they reach their destination see first hand how maple syrup is made at the Rick Schilbe Farm. Wagon rides will leave from the recreation hall for the short ride across the road to the sugar bush and shanty.

The cost for the brunch is $10, adults; $5, children 12 to 6 years; and youngsters aged five and under are free. Proceeds to St. James’, Middleton Anglican Church and world outreach.

COFFEE AND CONVERSATION

A recently introduced Bayfield branch library program offers an opportunity to get to know your neighbors through conversation and coffee (hot drink). Since the program began in January, community members have gathered Wednesday afternoons for informal and friendly conversations at the Bayfield branch library.

The conversation is "hosted" by a member of the community who will brew the hot drinks, welcome participants and get the conversations started. Although the host may initiate the conversation, participants determine the direction and talk may wander and meander in different directions. Ideally, conversations at events are respectful, neutral and inclusive.

If you would like to meet your neighbous and enjoy conversation and the warmth of a hot drink, you are welcome to join Coffee and Conversation at the Bayfield Public Library Wednesday afternoons 2-4 p.m.

BUSINESS MOVED

The BAFHT provides outstanding primary health care in the Bluewater community. Check out the new web site: www.BluewaterHealthTeam.ca for donor information, or drop by the clinic in Zurich and make a donation directly and see the new expansion. Call Executive Director, Paula Kroll at 519 236-4413 or e-mail paulabafht@hay.net, if you have any questions.

EXPERIENCES AND MEMORIES FOCUS OF ALZHEIMERS GALA

Can you help but smile when that special song comes on the radio? Maybe it's the one you danced to at your wedding? Or that song that reminds you of that magical day you'll always remember… or the day you hope you'll always remember. That's the thing about music – it's magical how we react to its effects on us, and those effects remain the same for people with dementia. Although the memory associated with the song may have faded, the emotion often remains and it is remarkable to see the song re-awakening a feeling seemingly lost when it re-surfaces despite the progression of dementia.

Join the Alzheimer Society of Huron County to celebrate the amazing opportunities that Huron County has to offer at the Memories of Huron Gala on March 25 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Goderich. The evening is complete with a Huron County inspired menu by Devin Tabor from Bon Vivant Personal Chef; live music with Greg Gallello, featuring a variety of music ranging from the 1930s to modern day hits, and dancing, lots of dancing. The auction will feature unique auction items including a dinner at a lake house, and the artistic collection of Puck Merkies, a local artist from Grand Bend.

This Gala focuses on experiences and memories, specifically the amazing contributions that both have for people living with dementia. Proceeds from this exciting night will help the Alzheimer Society of Huron County enhance local programs and services for people with dementia, care partners, family members and whole communities.

"During the Gala, we are very excited to highlight our Memorable Men of Huron Pinup Calendar, a new project that we are embarking on to celebrate the talents and abilities of our clients and supporters of the cause. The calendar creates an opportunity for people to see the difference they're making first hand," said Erin Dale, Community Outreach coordinator at the Alzheimer Society of Huron County. "It's a difference we're really proud of. The support we receive at the Society through events like the Gala allow us to continue to offer programs and services to the Huron County population. We are so thankful for the support this event receives from the community."

David Loerchner, of DL Creations in Bayfield, will be Master of Ceremonies. Loerchner will share his humor and zest for life in Huron County and will highlight a few of our unique items and experiences in a sealed bid format.

Vintage inspired attire is encouraged and people are sure to find lots of options locally to find a fabulous outfit. To enhance the experience, there will be a photo booth where Dianne Brandon Photography will capture the memories from the night and attendees will go home with a keepsake picture.

If you haven't made any plans for March 25 consider a night on the town where you can dress up, kick up your heels and enjoy great company. Tickets are $60 a person or tables of 8 are available for $450 and can be purchased online at www.alzheimer.ca/huroncounty or by phoning the Alzheimer Society office 519 482-1482.

The Society is gratefully accepting donations for auction items, if you would like to make a donation, be it an item or financial contribution, please contact the office.

The Alzheimer Society of Huron County provides information, education and support through individual counseling and support groups to persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, their caregivers, families, health professionals and the general public.

PANCAKE SUPPER

The community may be interested to learn that the office of Chartered Professional Accountant Ian Matthew has been relocated within the village from 29 Christy Street to 120 Tuyll Street.

HIGH-SPEED INTERNET SURVEY

The County of Huron is working together with local Internet service providers to expand access to high-speed broadband in the county.

Residents are being asked to participate in a brief survey and conduct Internet speed tests from their homes and businesses to provide information about their Internet service. This information will be used to support an application to the Connect to Innovate program, which is a Government of Canada fund dedicated to expanding broadband in rural and remote areas. Survey closes March 10.

"High-speed Internet access is about connecting small businesses to the marketplace and our youth to their future. Participation in this survey is voluntary, but the information is vital to the success of future funding applications," said Warden Jim Ginn. "If you support the expansion of high-speed Internet in Huron County, now is the time to participate."

The survey launched at the beginning of February and, as of the beginning of March, roughly 1,400 surveys have been completed. However, the funding application will become stronger with more residents participating - especially those living in rural areas.

The online survey can be accessed at http://internetsurvey.cni.on.ca/survey.php, or by visiting the huroncounty.ca homepage for the link. For more information, please contact your local service provider:

Hay Communications Email: hay@hay.net Phone: (888) 831-4333 Website: www.hay.net

TCC Email: tcc@tcc.on.ca Pnone: (888) 263-8225 Website: www.tcc.on.ca

Hurontel Email: service@hurontel.on.ca Phone: (877) 395-3800 Website: www.hurontel.on.ca

Under Council's direction, county staff has been working with local Internet service providers to develop made-in-Huron solutions to connect residents to high-speed broadband service.

HCEDB BREAKFAST

The Huron County Economic Development Board (HCEDB) Annual Breakfast is set for March 27.

Breakfast provided by Cait's Café in Goderich will be served at 9 a.m. followed by an update on the board's progress and future initiatives from 9:30 to 11 a.m.

Carmen Schmitz places an order for pancakes for her family with Vicar Wayne Malott during the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper at Trinity Anglican Church on Feb. 28. (Photos by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Weylin Shanahan raised his fork in a toast to Shrove Tuesday during the Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper which saw record crowds enjoying pancakes with Maple Syrup donated by Brandons Hardware.

IPM SPONSORS FREE SKATE

The cost is $15 per person. For Tickets: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/huron-economic-development-board-breakfast-tickets-31845125628

The breakfast will be held at the Libro Community Hall, 239 Bill Fleming Drive, Clinton, ON.

IPM QUILTS

Quilts and Quilting have been a longstanding component of the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM), and when the 100th Match comes to Huron County in September, it will be a component not to be missed.

Linda O'Rourke, chair of the Quilt Committee for IPM 2017, has recently announced that all of the two hundred quilt blocks have been sold to community members. Once their quilt blocks are completed they will be returned and sewn together into quilts to be raffled off at the conclusion of IPM 2017.

"Our theme for the Quilt Show matches Huron County's Countryside and Coastline," said O'Rourke, "In each quilt block was five pieces of fabric that can be utilized to create the vision of Countryside and Coastline. The completed blocks need to be returned by March 15 with judging taking place in April."

The Quilt Block Challenge Quilts will be on display at the Quilt Show in Seaforth Aug. 19-20 and during IPM 2017 in the Quilt Tent but so too will all the other quilts entered into a separate competition. Full quilts, not just quilt blocks, can be entered and shown on display.

There are fifteen different categories, including two for youth only, that people can enter a quilt into depending on its size and how it was constructed. Youth however; are encouraged to enter any category that they wish and the entry fee will be free for any youth participant. Don't have time to make another one before September? That is no problem as quilts can be entered into the competition as long as they were completed after April 2015.

All the details surrounding the 2017 Quilt Competition can be found online at www.plowingmatch.org/ipm-2017. Anyone who would like to volunteer their time or sewing hands to support the Quilt Committee leading up to IPM 2017, please contact O'Rourke at 519 527-1035.

RAIN GARDEN WORKSHOP

People in Bayfield and area can learn about rain gardens and their construction at al workshop in March of 2017.

Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) is hosting this free workshop for homeowners on March 25.

Volunteers with the International Plowing Match to be held in Walton, ON in September 2017 were on hand at the Bayfield Arena on Sunday afternoon during the free public skating to hand out information about the event. The IPM also sponsored the free skate. From l-r:: Allan Carter, Jacquie Bishop, IPM 2017 chair; Karen Carter, and Emily Morrison. (Submitted photo)

Rain gardens are shallow, sunken gardens. They protect local water quality when they collect, absorb and filter water running off of land during storms. When it rains or when snow melts, water runs off roofs, patios and driveways. Rain gardens can prevent this water, along with contaminants the runoff picks up, from draining directly into a local storm sewer or nearby watercourses.

The workshop will be held from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Bayfield Town Hall. Homeowners will learn about design, construction, native plants, and a grant program.

Homeowners who would like to install a rain garden on their property are eligible to apply for funding to help them thanks to support from the Bluewater Beach Committee (Municipality of Bluewater, Huron County Health Unit, Pioneer Park Association and Ausable Bayfield Conservation).

Event hosts invite homeowners to register for the March 25 workshop with Hope Brock by calling 519 235-2610 or toll-free at 1-888-286-2610 or emailing hbrock@abca.on.ca. Event planners ask people to register before March 17.

REMEMBER ME?

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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, a photo from 1910 is featured. Records indicate that Shirley, Helen, Maxine, Amy, Mabel, and baby Dow are in the image. Does anyone remember them? (Archive's Code: PB 10081)

In Issue 398, Shirley Callum, the daughter of Hurley McLeod is featured in this image. Does anyone remember her? (Archive's Code: PB12 2a)

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

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In Issue 400, yet another cute picture in our series on children. Does anyone remember these two young ladies? (Archives Code: PB12 11b)

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BAYFIELD SKATING CLUB

CARNIVAL SHOWCASES NEW SKILLS LEARNED

In honor of Canada's 150th birthday all performers in the Bayfield Skating Club took to the ice for the grand finale dressed in red and white waving Canadian flags.

Senior skaters Marlese Coombs, Kayla Beyerlein, Kassie Jefferson, Julie Chun, Tatum Rivers and Sierra Whetstone perform at the Bayfield Skating Club.

PHOTOS AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

It is awards season and the members of the Bayfield Skating Club joined in the spirit by hosting the 2017 Bayfield Music Awards as the theme of their skating carnival on Feb. 25 at the Bayfield Arena.

The approximately 30 members of the Bayfield Skating Club gave an uplifting and empowering performance to a crowd of about 100 people during the afternoon carnival.

Both Junior and Senior skaters presented their solo numbers as well as a couple of group interpretive pieces. In addition, Canskaters took part in group numbers under the direction of Senior skaters and the crowd delighted in watching their achievements.

The closing number, which included both Junior and Senior skaters, was set to the music “Forever Country” and proved that the Bayfield club has many talented young performers. They’ve got skills!

The grand finale marked Canada’s 150th birthday with all levels of skaters taking to the ice with their coaches for a few rings around the arena waving Canada flags and dressed in the prerequisite red and white attire while the spectators offered up a standing ovation.

The Bayfield Skating Club's Junior and Senior Skaters joined together for a closing number set to the song, "Forever Country".

Senior Skaters Julie Chun, Sierra Whetstone and Tatum Rivers in a performance where they were joined by the Junior Skaters.

Kassie Jefferson, Kayla Beyerlein and Marlese Coombs, senior skaters, perform together during a number set to "Forever Country".

Shea Regier skated in the grand finale of the Bayfield Skating Club Carnival.

Sierra Whetstone, senior skater, is shown at the opening of her solo number.

Kaitlyn Fielder, Mia Haggitt, Hannah Gilbert, Gracie Gilbert, Dana Wilson, Naomi Jacobs, Elise Brady and Kayci Fielder, all junior skaters, joined with the senior skaters for the carnival's closing number.

Corbin Phillips, Rebecca Phillips, Ambreen Cheema and Halle Corriveau, all Canskaters, performed to "Can't Stop This Feeling".

Senior Skater Julie Chun smiles at her coaches during her solo.

Elise Brady, junior skater, showed great form during her solo performance.

Junior Skater Dana Wilson showed off her skating skills during her solo.

Kayla Beyerlein, senior skater, shows a spiral during her solo.

Junior Skaters Kaitlyn Fielder, Mia Haggitt, Gracie Gilbert and Hannah Gilbert perform to "I Feel Better When I'm Dancing".

Kayci Fielder, junior skater, delighted the crowd in attendance at the carnival with her solo.

Junior Skater Naomi Jacobs was the first skater to take to the ice following the carnival intermission.

Hannah Gilbert, junior skater, strikes the opening pose for her solo.

Junior Skaters Kayci Fielder, Elise Brady, Naomi Jacobs and Dana Wilson have some fun during their group number.

"Uptown Funk" was the song that the Senior Skaters performed their group number to. Facing the camera were Marlese Coombs, Julie Chun and Tatum Rivers.

Kassie Jefferson and Sierra Whetstone performed together during a group number by the club's Senior Skaters.

Kaitlyn Fielder, a junior skater in the Bayfield Skating Club, performs her solo.

Senior Skater Marlese Coombs took to the ice for her solo.

Members of Canskate perform to "Listen to the Music" assisted by Tatum Rivers and Sierra Whetstone.

Neil Peck showed off a unique skating style during the CanSkate performance to "True Colors".

Canskate performers took to the ice to skate to "True Colors" with a little help from Tatum Rivers, Julie Chun and Sierra Whetstone.

Senior Skater Tatum Rivers skates.

Junior Skater Mia Haggitt spins during her solo.

Senior Skater Kassie Jefferson opened the carnival with her solo performance.

Keegan Dixon looked adorable in green during the CanSkate group's performance to "True Colors".

Junior Skater Gracie Gilbert entertained during her solo skate at the Bayfield Skating Carnival.

Senior Skaters Kayla Beyerlein and Julie Chun cheer on performers from the sidelines.

PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Lens Flare Ice Cave.*By Jane Seifried*

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

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

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SUBMISSIONS

Flip through a photo album at my Mom's house and chances are if you spot an old black and white image of yours truly I will be holding on to a kitten or a cat. They were my friends and playmates growing up on a dairy farm. No matter how hard I tried I couldn't convince my mother to allow me to have a cat in the house so I spent many hours up in the hayloft in the barn watching kittens frolic in the sunbeams that danced through the barn boards.

When I got married I was blessed with an instant family: a husband, two teens, a dog and two cats. As our lives together evolved so did our menagerie and for a long time we were a multiple cat household and to her credit Mother held her tongue when she came to visit and one or two would race across the dining table. They were mostly well behaved but sometimes spirited little creatures that got along with one another and loved as much as they were loved. The majority of these felines lived in access of 15 years. In fact one remains and is determinedly approaching his second decade.

Until he passes we have a moratorium on bringing any new cats in to the house but the struggle to remain strong is real especially when I see that the village has at least one feral cat colony that people are trying to help. Trapping, neutering and releasing is an idea that has worked in other communities. When we were in France a couple of springs ago we discovered the "chats" of Gavarnie – "owned" by no one but cared for by all who lived in the village.

Just $60 could help volunteers in Bayfield help control the cat population one feline at a time. Donations are now being accepted at Shopbike Coffee on Main Street. Of course it would be even nicer if these cats could get off the streets and find forever homes. Anyone who would like to pursue adopting a Forgotten Feline of Bayfield should email me here at the Bayfield Breeze and I will get your info where it needs to go.

And perhaps the most important thing residents and visitors to Bayfield can do is not abandon a kitten once it becomes a cat, whether it is neutered or not. Cats that aren't "fixed" can produce up to three litters a year and some can have as many as eight kittens in a litter. You do the math! Abandonment is more than likely the root of the village problem. I know this first hand – as this is how we became a multiple cat household all those years ago when a couple of litters "fell" on our doorstep! – 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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