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EAGER YOUNGSTERS GREET SANTA AT LIGHTING OF THE LIGHTS

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LIFE AT THE RINK

The Bayfield Relics have home ice advantage against the Zurich Hasbeans tonight (Nov. 21) starting at 8:30 p.m.

The Bayfield Relics are an Oldtimers Hockey Team that was founded in 1987. Their home ice is the Bayfield Arena. The Relics play their season schedule versus teams from Huron and Middlesex Counties.

GIRL GUIDE COOKIES

Have you got your Chocolatey Mint Girl Guide Cookies yet? At $5 a box they make terrific hostess gifts and stocking stuffers!

They can also be purchased now from members or by calling Melody Falconer-Pounder at 519 525-3830.

Profits from sales help with program activities, field trips and camps.

Perhaps a record number of youngsters couldn't wait for their first glimpse of Santa Claus as the holiday season began in Bayfield on Friday, Nov. 16.

As November evenings go it was reasonably pleasant for the Lighting of the Lights in Clan Gregor Square drawing one of the largest crowds to grace the park in recent years. In fact, the number of young families pressed up close to the gazebo entrance made it hard to move about.

The Bayfield and Area Chamber of Commerce (BACC) hosted their 27th annual ceremony on Nov. 16.

Singer-songwriters, Ryan Malcolm and Justin Evans teamed up to entertain the crowd prior to the lighting. Bluewater Ward Councilor Bill Whetstone acted as MC for the evening and the Mayor of Bluewater, Tyler Hessel, along with his daughter, led the countdown.

Once the switches were thrown the lights twinkled across the park. They seemed even more vibrant as extra attention had been paid both to the gazebo and the park's regal Blue Spruce. Within minutes the Bayfield fire truck arrived carrying a very special guest and the excitement generating from the crowd of eager youngsters grew even stronger. Santa Claus had arrived to make his first appearance in the village for 2018. He and Mrs. Claus spent a lot of time visiting with youngsters and posing for pictures.

The Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society members did a brisk business serving up hot dogs while the Bayfield Skating Club offered hot chocolate and candy cane glow sticks to those who attended the event. An appearance by the Living Snow Globe also added to the evening's merriment.

TURKEY BINGO

Gobble up some fun at the Bayfield Lions' Turkey Bingo on Dec. 3

The doors to the Bayfield Community Centre will open at 6:30 p.m. with the Bingo starting at 7 p.m.

There will be an opportunity to win 14 Turkeys as well as five Share the Wealth games. In addition, there will be draws for two Turkey door prizes.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

On Sunday, Dec. 9 at the Bayfield Optimist Club's 13th annual Breakfast with Santa will be held at The Ashwood Inn starting at 11 a.m. and concluding at 1 p.m.

The breakfast will cost $7 for adults and $3 for children; three and under are free.

SONGS OF CHRISTMAS

The St. Andrew's United Church Choir and the Goderich Harbouraires are teaming up to host a concert entitled, "Songs of Christmas" on Dec. 9.

St. Andrew's United Church will host the afternoon of music starting at 3 p.m.

Admission is $10 and tickets can be purchased from John Davies by calling 519 565-2813 or from members of both choirs.

FOOD DRIVE THANKS

On Nov. 17, the members of the Bayfield and Area Fire Department once again hosted their annual Food Drive at Bayfield Foodland starting things off by collecting donations along the route of the Santa Claus Parade to be given to the Bayfield Food Bank (Feed My Sheep). Both the fire fighters and the local food bank are most appreciative to the community for all of their support and generous donations.

"Wow, what a wonderfully magical Christmas in Bayfield weekend! Heartfelt thanks on behalf of the clients and volunteers at Feed My Sheep for your generous donations of both food and financial support," said Terry Henderson with the local food bank. "The continued generosity of the Bayfield community is very much appreciated. Thank you for helping make Christmas even merrier for all!"

LETTERS TO SANTA

Bayfield residents will be pleased to know that Santa Claus will once again be receiving mail in his special mailbox at Bayfield Foodland.

The lights in Clan Gregor shone brightly on a very dark November evening.

Extra special attention was paid to the gazebo decorations this year adding to the holiday magic for visitors.

People of all ages were excited to catch their first glimpse of Santa for 2018.

Santa's elves delight in hearing from area youngsters and learning what is on their wish lists every year. Be sure to include a return address so that the children can be sure of a note in return from the jolly old elf himself. The last day to drop a letter

in the box will be Dec. 14 to ensure that the elves can send out a response before Santa begins his annual journey.

WREATHS

A Christmas tradition for many in Bayfield is choosing a fresh evergreen wreath made by the BAS. A lot of local trees were trimmed of their boughs to make dozens and dozens of wreaths and swags/tails. This past weekend the bulk of them were sold; however, there are a couple of swags left and some regular sized wreaths longing for homes.

They can be sold with a bow or without. If anyone missed picking up their wreaths, they can be ordered from Stephen at 226 441-2016 until they are sold out. There are also some lighted evergreen stars available and a few bare grapevine wreath frames.

All the money goes to assist with the costs of hiring children's entertainment during the Bayfield Community Fair. Each year different entertainers are brought into the village to add novelty to the fair experience. Last year's money from the wreaths helped with the expenses of bringing in Miss T the Bubble Queen.

STAGING OUR HISTORIES

New Histories, Old Roots logo designed and beaded by artist Meagan Barnhart. (Submitted photo)

Does your hometown have an unheard history? Do you have a story to share about a home or homeland

Kyle and Nolan Geddis were the first youngsters to bend Santa's ear at the Lighting of the Lights on Nov. 16.

The lineup of families waiting to visit with Santa reached from the gazebo passed the cenotaph in Clan Gregor Square.

left behind? A reflection on building a new or temporary home? Staging Our Histories is seeking to bring little known histories with connections to Huron County and its residents to a wider audience via the stage, and the theme of its 2019 New Histories/Old Roots edition is histories of home. Local writers, actors, musicians, storytellers, dancers, filmmakers and poets are invited to submit their proposals for a night of live performance at the Livery Theatre in Goderich in Spring 2019.

Submitting artists are encouraged to present lesser-known stories from the past or fresh perspectives on how history impacts our experiences in the present day. The organizers welcome stories from groups, backgrounds and perspectives that are not prominently featured in current written histories or public commemorations in southwestern rural Ontario: including LGBTQ, Indigenous, newcomer, women's, minority communities' and workers' histories.

Staging Our Histories is a non-profit organization that sets out to provide a platform for diverse and underrepresented histories; co-directors Arpita Bajpeyi and Sinead Cox strive to challenge assumptions about whose histories we accept and whose we dismiss because of the way they are told. Staging Our Histories debuted in 2015 at the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, and has since organized and participated in history events with performers around the world, including "Some Pages are Missing" in Bangalore, India and "Unharvested Histories" in Goderich in 2016.

Cox says that shared conversations often emerge when very different performers and histories share one stage.

"Live performance has the power to start discussions between the artists and the audience that can widen our understanding and our empathy. The theme of 'home' intertwines with history, as these are two concepts that immensely impact our sense of self and sense of community; it can be devastating when we are disconnected, alienated, or feel unrepresented in the histories we see or the homes we claim," Cox said.

For both Cox and Bajpeyi, the project has personal roots.

"Sinead and I share experiences of not seeing our communities (rural and South Asian, respectively) well-represented - or represented at all - in Canadian history. Staging Our Histories, and especially New Histories/Old Roots, highlights voices that have long histories here…just ones that haven't been told until now," said Bajpeyi.

Professional, emerging and student artists are welcome to submit their proposals for New Histories, Old Roots to staginghistories@gmail.com by Dec. 4th at midnight. Pieces can be live, filmed or a combination of both. Detailed submission guidelines

Santa, with assistance from Mrs. Claus, spent some time with the children who lined up to greet him after the lights came on.

People indulged in a hot dog served up by members of the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society.

for proposals and details on past featured artists are available on Staging Our Histories' website: https://stagingourhistories.com/. New Histories, Old Roots will take history off the page and on the stage at the Livery Theatre in Goderich on Saturday, March 23, 2019. Look for announcements regarding the selected performances and tickets to go on sale this winter.

TEAM COWBELL

Cowbell Brewing Co., is proud to announce that Team Cowbell cycle team was recognized by the Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Society of Canada at their annual Celebration of Champions dinner in Toronto on Saturday, Nov. 17. Team Cowbell is the first MS Bike team in Ontario to raise over $150,000 in one season and was the second highest fundraising team in Canada in 2018.

On the weekend of July 28-29, Team Cowbell, along with approximately 1,500 other cyclists, biked 150 KMs from Grand Bend to London and back. The two-day ride raised $1.4 million for the MS Society, with Team Cowbell contributing $157,589.05.

"Team Cowbell is a family that continues to grow and raises much needed funds for the MS Society of Canada," said Anita Trusler, captain of the Cowbell bike team. "I love to bike and it's heartwarming that something I am so passionate about can create such a positive impact. One of our team members will tell you the toughest part of the ride is having to wait a year for the next one. We are committed and are looking forward to the 2019 ride."

Canada has one of the highest rates of MS in the world with 11 Canadians diagnosed with the disease every day. MS is a chronic, often disabling, disease of the central nervous system comprising the brain, spinal cord and optic nerve. Most people with MS are diagnosed between the ages of 15 and 40 and the unpredictable effects of the disease last for the rest of their lives. The MS Society provides programs and services for people with MS and their families, advocates for those living with MS, and funds research to help improve the quality of life for people living with MS and to ultimately find a cure for this disease.

Cowbell Brewing is a proud supporter of the MS Society and the community. For those interested in joining the 2019 Team Cowbell roster please email Trusler directly at trusleran70@gmail.com or visit the Team Cowbell fundraising page for more details.

MAGICAL MUSICAL TRADITION

Marlene Beyerlein, Sierra and Jody Whetstone provided hot chocolate to attendees at the Lighting of the Lights. They also handed out candy cane colored glow sticks!

The London Citadel Salvation Army Band is coming to town! On Friday, Nov. 23, they will provide a "Magical Evening of Christmas Music" at the Bayfield Town Hall. For over 20 years this wonderful group has provided Bayfield with an opportunity to come together as a community while getting into the holiday mood. Anyone who has not yet heard them is in for a treat. Come and enjoy fabulous musicians filling the hall with a big brass sound. Tickets are $15 and are available from Patricia Baker at 519 955-1456 or Sandy Scotchmer at 519 565-2830. Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the concert will begin at 8 p.m. (Photo by Jack Pal)

The living snow globe made a special appearance at the tree lighting.

After a one year hiatus from being the village Christmas tree the Blue Spruce in Clan Gregor Square was decorated and made for a truly magnificent sight!

Extra attention was given to the gazebo in Clan Gregor Square this holiday season and it made for a delightful backdrop for Santa's first visit to the village in 2018.

The village Nativity scene drew the attention of youngsters who were waiting in line to visit with Santa.

LOW WATER ADVISORY REMOVED

The Water Response Team (WRT) has removed the Level 1 Low Water Advisory for the Bayfield River watershed as conditions have seen a continued improvement with the arrival of a wet weather pattern in the second half of October.

Using the Low Water Response precipitation indicators, all indicator stations showed near-normal monthly conditions. Through the first week in November, an additional 40-50 millimetres (mm) of rainfall has been recorded across the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) watershed.

The ABCA's network of monitoring stations shows that streamflow has rebounded significantly over the past few weeks, with baseflow now showing signs of a longer-term recovery.

POINSETTIA FESTIVAL

Huron Ridge Greenhouses is offering people two more opportunities to experience their annual Poinsettia Festival and Candlelight Event.

This year, the event named one of the Top Eight Christmas Light Shows in Canada by Wheels.ca, will run Nov. 22-24 and Nov. 29 to Dec. 1.

The greenhouse is open from noon to 9 p.m. during the festival. The candles are lit starting at 5 p.m.

Huron Ridge Acres is located at 74101 Bronson Line, Zurich.

"Baseflow in streams and rivers is a good indicator of watershed conditions," said Davin Heinbuck, ABCA Water Resources coordinator. "As ground conditions become saturated, and the water table rises, we begin to see improvements in baseflow."

The Chair of the WRT, Doug Cook, thanked both the industries and individuals who voluntarily reduced their water usage in response to the dry weather observed through the summer.

"During dry periods, conservation of water is an important measure in preventing further declines in water supplies and ensuring everyone has access to water at the most critical times, especially during a low-water condition," Cook said. "Everyone has helped to play an important role in preserving our water supply."

The WRT was formed in 2001 in response to the low water and drought conditions that year and the team has been active ever since. The WRT includes representatives of major water users such as, aggregate industries; agriculture and vegetable growers; and golf and recreation and includes local municipal representatives and staff of provincial ministries such as, Natural Resources and Forestry; Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs; and Environment, Conservation and Parks. ABCA staff will continue to monitor precipitation and streamflow data and keep the public informed of any changes in watershed conditions through the winter months.

Visit www.ontario.ca/lowwater for further resources on the Ontario low water response program or the website at abca.ca for the dynamic low-water advisory tool which alerts people to low-water advisories in effect in the watershed.

SOIL NOT A RENEWABLE RESOURCE

December is a busy time. It can be hard to stay 'grounded' but people can do so on Dec. 5 for World Soil Day, according to the organizers of a local soil health social media campaign.

People and groups around the world are promoting the value of soil leading up to World Soil Day. Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) is providing a daily reminder of the importance of soil through their ABCs of Soil Health social media campaign, which started Nov. 10 and continues each day until World Soil Day.

Soil's important work should not be taken for granted, according to ABCA staff. It is not considered a renewable natural resource. Once soil health is lost, it's very hard to get it back again. It may not be possible to recover that soil health in one person's lifetime. Local research has shown how covered soils store water and help to limit water running off of land during storm events. Soil health actions like cover crops can help to preserve topsoil, contribute to the long-term ability for that soil to produce food, and protect local creeks, rivers, groundwater and Lake Huron.

There are many reasons soil is vital, according to ABCA staff. Healthy soil uses nutrients, grows food, and provides habitat for billions of living creatures. It is vital to protect this valuable resource, especially as the world demand for food grows, according to social media campaign organizers.

Each day, for 26 days, staff of the local conservation authority will post a soil health message for a different letter of the alphabet from A to Z. Staff of ABCA thank all the people who have read the posts or viewed the photos or videos. To read the daily posts visit the Facebook page or Twitter feed of ABCA with links at abca.ca. People may also visit ABCA's soil health web page at this link: https://www.abca.ca/page.php?page=soil-health

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (Iowa NRCS) ran an ABCs of Soil Health education campaign in 2016. Staff at ABCA liked the idea so much they adapted the concept for use locally.

The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations states on their World Soil Day web page that stopping soil pollution (#StopSoilPollution) is "...the objective of this World Soil Day on 5 December and throughout the year." To learn more about #WorldSoilDay visit this web page: www.fao.org/world-soil-day/en/

The FAO of the United Nations, within the framework of the Global Soil Partnership, supported the establishment of a day to celebrate soil, as recommended by the International Union of Soil Sciences. The day helps to raise global awareness of the importance of soil. The day is "...a

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY AGM

The BAS members would like to send a community invitation to its AGM this Friday, Nov. 23. AGM's are mandatory. This is an opportunity for the BAS Executive to show accountability to its members. The Executive will present its reports starting with the President and Secretary and then from its over 20 committees.

It gives the members a true picture of what has happened over the year. In addition, a financial statement is presented and Directors and Convenors are elected.

The BAS will start the evening off with a potluck supper starting at 6 p.m. in the basement of St. Andrew's United Church. A speaker will be introduced at 7:30 p.m. and the meeting, which usually lasts about an hour will begin at 8 p.m. Those attending can come for the supper, the speaker, and/or the meeting.

There are many who have said over the years that they could not be part of the BAS because they don't farm.

Wendell Berry stated, "Eating is an agricultural act." His writings challenge consumers to direct where they want their food system to move. The BAS includes the producers as well as all the intermediary processors to the consumer. People in all stages of the food system are needed.

People are sincerely welcome to attend the AGM and consider being a part of an organization which has a long history, a rich cultural tradition within the community, and continues to be relevant in our current world. People are asked to consider how they can help this tradition to flourish.

MELODY TRAIN

On Sunday, Nov. 25, Christmas begins in Hensall!

The Hensall Heritage Hall will be the site of a Christmas concert featuring "Melody Train". The doors open at 1:30 p.m. and the show starts at 2 p.m. Audience members will no doubt enjoy Christmas classics, country hits and old favorites.

This special event will also feature a bake sale and the Exeter Lioness seasonal greenery sale.

Tickets are $30 in advance or $35 at the door and are available from Kay by calling 519 262-2050, at D&D Variety or www.ticketscene.com.

All are invited to come and indulge in the sounds of the season in this one of a kind historic venue.

GREEN LEADER AWARD

means to focus attention on the importance of healthy soil and advocating for the sustainable management of soil resources," according to the FAO web page. The United Nations General Assembly designated Dec. 5 as the official World Soil Day starting in 2014.

RED SCARF AGAINST STIGMA

The incredible advances in HIV/AIDS treatment, testing and prevention are still overshadowed by stigma around the subject. To help raise awareness and fight stigma, the Huron County Health Unit (HCHU) is bringing Red Scarf and the "Know HIV. No Stigma." campaign to Seaforth on Nov. 30.

Red Scarf is a movement that lets people know about the positive advances in HIV/AIDS treatment and prevention. Red Scarf also stands against stigma to improve the lives of those living with, affected by and at risk for HIV/AIDS in our community.

"Many people may not know that correct use of antiretroviral (ART) therapy and prevention strategies help people living with HIV to maintain an undetectable viral load. When HIV is undetectable, it is not transmittable," said Public Health Nurse Kate Underwood.

"At the same time, every three hours a person is diagnosed with HIV in Canada. The stigma connected to HIV makes it hard for people living with HIV and their caregivers to live their lives."

The last week of November, including World AIDS Day on Dec. 1, is AIDS Awareness Week. HCHU staff will be bringing red scarves to Seaforth on the morning of Friday, Nov. 30. Starting at the town hall at 9 a.m., they will be placing scarves around the downtown area as part of a conversation about HIV/AIDS services and supports in Huron County. Anyone is welcome to take a scarf for themselves or pass it along to someone else. Follow the HCHU Facebook page for more information.

Learn more about Red Scarf and local AIDS Awareness Week events at redscarf.ca. Learn more about HIV/AIDS and local services at hivaidsconnection.ca.

Cowbell Brewing Co. was proud to accept the 2018 Green Leader Award of Excellence from the Huron Manufacturing Association (HMA) at their annual gala hosted at Four Winds Barn, Brussels, ON, on Nov.12.

"Every day at Cowbell, we are committed to making great beer while minimizing our environmental impact. From using leading environmental technologies in building our facility at Cowbell, to our state-of-the-art brewhouse and reforesting 23 acres of land, we are on a journey to Carbon Neutral," said Chief Development Officer for Cowbell Brewing, Grant Sparling. "Cowbell is sincere in its commitment to be responsible stewards of the land and we thank the Huron Manufacturing Association for recognizing our 'green' initiatives."

The HMA is an inclusive partnership of industry and related businesses that drive economic growth and promotes manufacturing excellence in Huron County. The HMA annually hosts the Awards of Excellence Gala, recognizing manufacturers in different sectors from across Huron County.

The Green Leader Award is annually awarded to a Huron County manufacturer who has demonstrated leadership, practices or developed sustainable processes and policies in their business.

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LEST WE FORGET

THREE CANADIAN VETERANS TREATED TO A WEEKEND IN BAYFIELD

Myatte, who lives in London, ON, served with distinction and after retirement still dedicates his time to get help for Veterans with PTSD and other related injuries. In fact, during the weekend he had to return to the city to appear at a volunteer luncheon.

Bayfield Boutique Bed and Breakfast hosted three veterans over the Remembrance Day weekend as part of a contest. They were greeted by Mayor Elect for Bluewater Paul Klopp and presented with some gifts from village merchants including bags from the Bayfield Farmers' Market. Posing with Klopp (left) and Innkeeper Mary Hughes (right) were Veterans Barb Ferguson Willard, Matthew Maginnis and George Myatte. (Photo by Dianne Brandon)

BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

Mary Hughes, owner of The Bayfield Boutique Bed and Breakfast, had some very special guests stay at her home on Remembrance Day weekend, Nov. 9-10. Three members of the Canadian military who had been nominated for a free stay as a small gesture of thanks for their service enjoyed her hospitality.

Barb Ferguson Willard, Matthew Maginnis and George Myatte were selected to stay in one of her three suites in her 1857 Canadiana style farmhouse located at 12 The Square in the heart of the village. A committee of two people chose the three winners.

Ferguson Willard had a 17-year career in the military during which she worked as a mobile support equipment operator. She retired with honorable release as a Master Corporal after working in Toronto, Victoria, North Bay and Calgary.

The veteran was suggested by a long-time friend who wrote in her nomination: "…I have always enjoyed her friendship and enthusiasm for life. Barb
has the biggest heart around and is always willing to lend a helping hand."

Maginnis joined the army at the age of 18. Following a successful boot camp, he was sent to New Brunswick where he graduated as a combat engineer. He was moved to Petawawa where he moved up the ranks to Master Corporal and was deployed to Afghanistan where his task was to locate IEDs. From there he was sent to Alberta.

Maginnis was nominated by his mother who wrote of being thankful for his safe return and the sacrifices that he and his wife made during his time of service. She noted that after the birth of their first child he was only able to be with his family for about six weeks in a 10-month period. During that time, the couple used "Facetime" to ensure that the little boy would recognize his daddy's voice and face. Maginnis has since left the service and is currently apprenticing as a heavy crane operator and enjoying being the father of two.

Myatte's nominator stated that he had more ribbons and medals than anyone on parade and that they couldn't think of a more deserving person to experience the weekend away.

"It was an unbelievably wonderful weekend," said Hughes. "The veterans were so appreciative of their time in Bayfield. They were absolutely over the moon! They talked about their experiences and where they served and it even turned out two of them knew mutual people which was awesome. They saw the sights of town. Barb really enjoyed sitting and watching the water. Matthew took his wife, Ashley, on a big tour of the area and George and his partner, Lydia, went into Goderich for dinner!"

Hughes noted that Saturday morning, Mayor-elect Paul Klopp dropped in to meet all three of the veterans and officially welcomed them to Bayfield. Some of the merchants in the community got involved in the project by providing items for the veterans' swag bags with the Bayfield Farmers' Market providing the actual bags. Inside the winners found a pair of gloves and a scarf from The Wardrobe Bizaar, a jar of jam from The Gravy Boat and a complimentary photo shoot and portrait from Dianne Brandon Photography.

"The veterans were very appreciative and we talked about doing this contest annually and I would really like to get more businesses in Bayfield involved in it next time," said Hughes.

She got the idea from an American group called "B&Bs for Vets". She noted that it is an idea that is just starting to catch on in Canada and she was happy to get things rolling in Bayfield.

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CHRISTMAS IN BAYFIELD

SANTA CLAUS PARADE DELIGHTFUL START TO THE SEASON

There were a lot of young families waiting for Santa to make his way along the parade route. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Jenny Allan with her daughter, Bridget Shanahan, along with Samantha Kee (left), and her daughter Penny Orr, had some fun riding on the Pioneer Park Association float. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

PHOTOS BY JOHN POUNDER AND STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

Weather for Christmas in Bayfield weekend is always unpredictable but the morning of Nov. 17th proved to be pleasant enough for a parade – the winds of November stayed away to allow for a genuinely comfortable experience for both spectator and parade participant alike.

Predictably Santa Claus was the most anticipated participant in the parade that boasted over 60 entries.

Hundreds of people were on hand to watch the spectacle that included four bands, float entries from far and near, two dance troupes, shiny vehicles and lots of smiling folks handing out candy.

“I heard very many positive comments and it was evident the parade was well received by the many people lining the main street all the way to the arena. A couple of individuals have mentioned that the Bayfield parade was longer and more interesting than the Goderich
parade held that night,” said Ian Matthew, for the parade organizing committee.

He added that this was the tenth year for the current organizing committee of volunteers and they did a wonderful job.

Roz Westwood was an enthusiastic participant alongside her fellow urban pole walkers. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

Members of the Graham family represented The Albion Hotel in the Santa Claus Parade. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

The Bayfield Lions' Club had a very colorful entry in the 2018 parade. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Steph Allen played the part of the Mad Hatter in an entry depicting Alice in Wonderland representing the Bayfield Arena Community Partners and the Bayfield Facilities Initiative Team. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

Powerhouse Dance, of Clinton, was one of two dance troupes that performed for the crowds as they made their way along the parade route. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

Bands from Mitchell (pictured), Clinton, Goderich and Seaforth performed in the Santa Claus parade on Saturday. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

Sandy Wallace, and her son Ashton, waved to spectators from the Bayfield Optimist Club's parade entry. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Members of the Seaforth All Girls Marching Band performed festive music for the crowds. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

Members of the Rathwell family were represented at the Santa Claus Parade. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

Members of the Bluewater Shine Club unit of the Mocha Temple seemed to enjoy participating in the 2018 parade. (Photo by John Pounder)

They may be closed for the winter but that didn't prevent the owners of Rosie's Ice Cream Shoppe from taking part in the parade. (Photo by John Pounder)

The Bayfield Brewing Company had a unique Christmas tree design on their float. (Photo by John Pounder)

Bud Robinson and his horse were very popular participants along the parade route. (Photo by John Pounder)

The Celtic Blue Highlanders, of Goderich, were dressed for the weather. (Photo by John Pounder)

Once again the Virtual High School had a colorful presence at the parade. (Photo by John Pounder)

Clinton Pipes and Drums Legion Branch 140 was one of four bands that took part in Christmas in Bayfield's 27th annual parade. (Photo by John Pounder)

Diane Snell, and company, seemed quite delighted to be a part of the parade. (Photo by John Pounder)

Rosie Wiese was Grand Marshall this year - driven in a convertible by Ian Matthew. (Photo by John Pounder)

Rob MacFie drove the Deer Park Lodge float along the parade route. It depicted a cozy cottage and an outdoor picnic area all in one! (Photo by John Pounder)

Chase from Paw Patrol greeted spectators along the parade route. (Photo by John Pounder)

The Paw Patrol gang, including Skye, took part in the parade thanks to the Ontario Clean Water Agency. (Photo by John Pounder)

Guiding Around the World was the theme of Bayfield Guiding's entry in the parade - complete with globe beach balls of which one bounced off onto the street. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

And they saved the best for last - Santa Claus, accompanied by Mrs. Claus, waved, called out to children of all ages and blew kisses from on high! (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

PIXILATED — IMAGE OF THE WEEK

Bayfield Beach Icicles...*By Gary Lloyd-Rees*

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

November 27 is Giving Tuesday. It's a global day of giving back where people donate, raise funds or volunteer for a cause they care about. It was started in the United States in 2012 as an antidote to the holiday shopping frenzy and has since become a global event.

Last year my husband's family decided to literally put into practise the old adage that "it is better to give than receive". We still draw names but instead of buying a gift for the person whose name we chose we donate $25 to a charity in their honor and then during Christmas dinner conversation we share our "gifts".

So this year after some consideration and thoughtful research I will be joining the Giving Tuesday phenomenon, how about you? – 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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