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BAYFIELD'S VOLUNTEERS TO BE RECOGNIZED AS REMARKABLE

CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

John Elmslie is not just a resident of the Bayfield Mews. He is also president of the Bayfield Lifestyle+ Executive that looks after both projects and operations at this local life lease development. He is seen here in the development as it looked in 2011. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Huron-Bruce MPP Lisa Thompson invited people throughout the riding to nominate and recognize the remarkable dedication and volunteer work done by local citizens. At least four people from Bayfield were nominated and they will be recognized at the 8th Annual Remarkable Citizens Awards evening will be hosted by Thompson during her annual New Year's Levee event, at the Teeswater Town Hall on Wednesday, Jan. 8.

Each year, Remarkable Citizens Awards are handed out to respected and dedicated community leaders, volunteers, and residents who have made a positive impact within the riding of Huron-Bruce. To date, 138 remarkable citizens have been recognized. Adding to that number are Bayfield's Mike Dixon, John Elmslie, Pat Lewington and Helen Varekamp.

"Volunteers are the lifeblood of every community, and I have been blessed with the opportunity to meet so many across the riding," Thompson said in an earlier press release. "It never ceases to amaze me how dedicated these special people are. They help make their communities better in so many different and impactful ways and I look forward to honoring even more citizens from our riding this year."

Those who did the nominating had to describe their nominee in approximately 250 words sharing the person's contributions to the community and why they felt they were deserving. These nominations follow:

Mike Dixon

Mike Dixon has had a connection to Bayfield since the late 1970s. As a member of the Bayfield Optimist Club since 1993, he has dedicated his life to improving the lives of children. His efforts have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for kids in Bayfield and surrounding area.

His accomplishments include:

- Leading the charge raising private funding in excess of $140,000 for the installation of the Bayfield Splash Pad

- Initiating the raising of private funding in excess of $40,000 to supply new playground equipment replacing outdated apparatus which he had originally raised funds for years before and convincing the municipality to reduce the speed limit from 50KM/hr to 30 KM/hr around the children's park

- Raising funds annually for the children's "Make a Wish Foundation"

BAYFIELD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

The Municipality of Bluewater Council endorsed the Bayfield Centre for the Arts (BCA) at their regular meeting on Dec. 2.

The BCA is intended to be a year-round, inclusive community space, promoting the visual arts such as, painting, photography, woodworking, digital media, etc.

As the individuals behind the concept continue their forward momentum, they ask that people consider filling out a short questionnaire (10 questions) so that they can better understand the artistic experiences and programs most desired by residents and visitors: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/86FT7WZ

A Community Outreach Session will be scheduled for Spring 2020, please join the BCA mailing list at bayfieldarts.ca for updates on progress.

TAI CHI

Get started on those New Year's resolutions and join a Taoist Tai Chi class. Better balance and posture, increased strength and flexibility, improved circulation and greater calm and peace of mind are all possible gains from Taoist Tai Chi ® practice. For 50 years these classes have been offered by accredited instructors.

An open house and free introductory class will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at the Bayfield Town Hall from 9-10:30 a.m.

For more information call Doug Brown at 519 565-5187.

BRVTA WINTER HIKE

 Participating in the annual “Breakfast with Santa” for local children

 Assisting with the annual Christmas in Bayfield events and parade

 Raising thousands of dollars for children through the Optimist Club events including the annual golf tournament, wood auction and special events such as the visit of the Tall Ships to Bayfield and commemorative benches in Clan Gregor Square

 Advertising manager for Bayfield’s own online newspaper: “Bayfield Breeze” that is circulated around the world

 Mentoring many others with their volunteer causes

Mike Dixon (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Dixon is well known to all in the Bayfield area for his tireless volunteer efforts, which are not even close to being fully listed above. In all these causes, he is a relentless leader who volunteers freely of his time to improve the lives of children and citizens throughout the Bayfield community.

John Elmslie

Without the dedication and expertise of John Elmslie, the “Bayfield Mews”, a non- profit lifestyle community for seniors in Bayfield would not exist. For decades, after a certain age and health stage, Bayfield residents had to move away from their friends and community in order to find a residence that was safe, comfortable and affordable as well as requiring minimum maintenance.

For almost 20 years, Elmslie has been the driving force behind the Bayfield Mews. As Board Chair since the concept was first presented, he has been involved in all purchasing, design, contracting, financing and sales decisions. He continues to be the person residents go to when there is an issue that needs addressing at the “Mews”.

He has invested countless hours to this project and has been paid no salary. His only compensation has been the satisfaction of knowing that the Bayfield Mews project was the right thing to do for his village. The Bayfield Mews project now features 47, two-bedroom units and by next year it will be complete with 55 units.

Once complete, the Bayfield Mews will soon house almost 100 seniors in a supportive and comfortable community setting. Villagers that would have had to move elsewhere. In a village like Bayfield where this represents almost 10 per cent of the population, the social impact is huge.

The Bayfield Mews is John Elmslie’s community legacy and he deserves to be honored for working so hard to make his village a better place.

Pat Lewington

Bayfield would be a much less active and fit community if Pat Lewington were not a driving force in this community’s fitness and recreation programs. The countless volunteer hours that she has invested in these programs are remarkable.

Lewington is the founder of the fitness programs in Bayfield. In collaboration with One Care, Pat brought eight separate fitness classes per week to Bayfield. These classes are geared to

It is almost time for the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association’s (BRVTA) Annual Winter Hike and Lunch. Start the new year off right on Jan. 11 with a community winter hike!

Guided hikes will be held at Mavis’ Trail, as well as the Taylor Trail. Choose one or the other, or do them both; bring snowshoes if the weather allows. Dogs on leash are welcome.

The hikes will begin at 11 a.m. followed by a light lunch served after the hikes at the Stanley Complex near Varna. Everyone welcome. There will be no charge for the event, but donations will be accepted. This is also an opportunity to sign up for a Bayfield Trails Membership. Annual memberships allow the BRVTA to keep the trails accessible, covering expenses such as liability insurance, maintenance, programming and training.

To make membership even more attractive, the BRVTA is pleased to announce that they have teamed up with the employee discount store of Columbia Sportswear, located at 1425 Max Brose Drive in London. By showing a current BRVTA membership card, people are allowed to shop at 40-50 per cent off regular retail pricing several times a year during a special invitation period. Members will be notified by email if they subscribe to the BRVTA monthly newsletter.

Membership is affordable! Annual membership fees are $20 or $30 for a family rate. The BRVTA will hold several membership drives, enabling people to get their membership card. Membership can also be activated through the website, bayfieldtrails.com. As a member people will also receive special privileges to select Bayfield Trail events.

Anyone who has paid online or by mail, membership cards will be available for pick-up at the annual winter hike and lunch or at the following membership drives: Wednesday, Jan. 15 and Thursday, Jan. 30 at the Bayfield Public Library from 3-4 p.m. and 6-7 p.m. There will also be a membership drive at the Bayfield Lions’ Club’s Home and Garden Show held at the Bayfield Arena on Apr. 24-26.

For further information or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the BRVTA by e-mail at: info@bayfieldtrails.com

CHOCOLATEY MINT CAMPAIGN

Pat Lewington (Submitted photo)

all fitness abilities. In addition to recruiting certified instructors organizing and maintaining equipment as well as maintaining schedules, Lewington also travels to retirement homes through Huron County to instruct fitness classes.

As an adjunct to the fitness classes, she initiated the Urban Pole Walking group in this community. Yoga sessions for all age groups have been another program that she has introduced to Bayfield.

In order to maintain the community's brain health, Lewington has taught Bridge and Mah Jong. She has instituted regular meetings for both of these challenging games for all levels of ability. These sessions also contribute to the social life of the village reducing seniors' isolation.

Lewtington has in the past been a volunteer on the Bayfield Ratepayers' Association Board and happily volunteers for a wide variety of events that take place in this community.
The health and welfare of Bayfield would be poorer but for Pat Lewington.

Helen Varekamp

Some of the community projects that make Bayfield special wouldn't have happened without Helen Varekamp's enthusiastic support, and creative and meticulous administrative leadership.

Helen Varekamp (Submitted photo)

Varekamp was one of the founders of the Bayfield River Valley Trails Association. As a Director, she has enthusiastically organized many of the fundraisers that have enabled the 14 KMs of nature trails to be constructed and maintained. As Hike Co-ordinator, she has organized most of the community hikes over the past 12 years.
She was the administrative genius behind the successful community fundraising campaign to acquire the Bayfield River Flats Natural Area.

In 2019, Varekamp designed and implemented the Memorial Forest fundraiser for the Huron Residential Hospice and continues to be a key member of Bayfield's Hospice fundraising group for the future Bayfield Children's Room. She is also a member of the regional Huron Hospice Fundraising Committee.

Varekamp has always been a key participant, usually behind the scenes, for the Bayfield Historical Society and other community fundraisers. She has sewn costumes and stage scenery for village cabarets and plays and is always one of the volunteers who make the Bayfield Town Hall's 'Sunset on Summer' barbeque fundraiser so successful.

Bayfield's "Home for Good" program works to help seniors remain in their homes and she helps by being a "shopping buddy".

Varekamp also helps on a regional and global scale in addition to all her many local causes.

She participates in the "Days for Girls" program by sewing bags for menstrual supplies that are given out throughout the developing world.

The London Brain Injury Association supports families who are dealing with a brain injury and Helen has acted as a 'peer support' person during some very difficult circumstances.

Have you got your Chocolatey Mint Girl Guide Cookies yet? The local 2019 supply is almost gone! And at $5 a box they make terrific hostess gifts during this party season!

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.

SECRETARY NEEDED

The Bayfield Area Food Bank (BAFB) is presently seeking someone to serve as Secretary.

Computer skills required, and board experience an asset. The job would entail preparing the agenda and taking minutes for the monthly meeting, approximately five to six hours month. Volunteer Police Check required.

If you are interested, please contact Boa-Youmatoff by email: terryboayou@gmail.com

BAYFIELD TRAVEL CLUB

The fourth meeting of the Bayfield Travel Club will be held on Saturday, Jan. 11.

It's a place where local residents can meet other people that have the same passion for travel, share their own travel experiences, learn about new exciting destinations and to just have some fun.

The point of discussion will be culinary travel with a special guest from Collette Tours.

The club will meet from 1-2 p.m. at The Lake House of Bayfield in their conference room, at 21 Bayfield

Main St. North.

WATERSHED CHAMPION GRANTS DEADLINE EXTENDED

Local schools can help their community with the help of Watershed Champions grants. The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) has extended the grant application deadline to Friday, Jan.17. The grants are for local schools to complete projects that improve surface and groundwater quality, forest cover and overall watershed health. Projects may also include a public education event or activity. The local conservation authority offers four grants of up to $500 each.

The 2019-2020 school year is the third year of the grant program. An application form and guidelines are available online at abca.ca. You may email completed applications to diszczuk@abca.ca by Jan. 17.

“We want to make sure our local watershed schools have the chance to apply for this program so we’re extending the application deadline into January,” said Denise Iszczuk, Conservation educator with ABCA. “Local schools have done great projects the previous two years and we want to build on that success in 2020.”

Past Watershed Champions include: Precious Blood Catholic School, Exeter; Stephen Central Public School, Crediton; East Williams Memorial Public School, Ailsa Craig; and Wilberforce Public School, Lucan.

To view videos of past school projects, visit the ABCA YouTube channel at this link: https://www.youtube.com/user/TheAusable
Watershed Champions Grant projects provide solutions to environmental challenges with measurable and manageable actions. The projects need to be completed by June 2020.

All schools with funded projects are to be notified by the end of January.

“We are excited that we can offer Watershed Champions Grants for the third year in a row, to local schools, thanks to funding from NextEra Energy Canada,” said Iszczuk. “We were really impressed by the projects completed by schools through this program and we look forward to reviewing applications for projects that help to improve soil, water and living things in our watershed community.”

Schools can apply for one of two categories: 1) Creating Awareness; and 2) Taking Action.

The Taking Action category is a hands-on positive action for a project which monitors, implements, or researches water, soil, and living things: such as clean water diversion including rain gardens; controlling erosion; enhancing wildlife habitat; grassland restoration and enhancement; improving streams; planting native trees and shrubs; wetland restoration and enhancement; creating a living snow fence; cleanups; and collecting and reporting on

THE KINGDOM CHOIR

Huron Waves Music Festival presents direct from London, England, “The Kingdom Choir” who recently earned international acclaim for their performance of “Stand by Me” at the wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle at Windsor Castle.

The Kingdom Choir will be performing in Goderich and Exeter in May of 2020. Tickets are available now. (Submitted photo)

The Kingdom Choir will give two Canadian performances to inaugurate Huron County’s newest music festival on May 7-8, 2020.

They will perform in Goderich at the Trinity Christian Reformed Church on May 7 followed by a concert at Trivitt Memorial Church in Exeter on May 8. Both performances will be at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are on sale now from the Blyth Festival Box Office by calling 1-877-862-5984 or online at tickets.blythfestival.ca General seating is $65 per person while limited reserved seating, along with a pre-show reception, tickets are $95.

MINDS IN MOTION

“Minds in Motion” is a physical activity and brain stimulation program for people with dementia and their care partners. The Alzheimers Society of Huron

environmental features including performing a tree inventory.

The Creating Awareness category recognizes an educational project which promotes and encourages positive action – such as being a community ambassador for actions that protect water, soil, and living things; promoting responsible practices such as water conservation or proper disposal of harmful chemicals and household hazardous waste; raising awareness through the Yellow Fish Road™ program; creating education and/or recreational opportunities; developing a school carbon offset program or a school Conservation Strategy; or sponsoring a guest speaker.

These Ausable Bayfield watershed schools are eligible to take part in the contest: Huron Centennial; Seaforth; St. Columban; St. James; St. Patrick's (Dublin); Bluewater Coast; St. Boniface; Wilberforce; Grand Bend; Our Lady of Mount Carmel; Central Huron Secondary School; Clinton; Huron Christian; St. Anne's Catholic Secondary School; St. Joseph's (Clinton); Adelaide W.G MacDonald; Bosanquet Central; East Williams; Exeter Elementary; Precious Blood; South Huron District High School; McGillivray Central; North Middlesex District Secondary School; Parkhill West Williams; Sacred Heart; and Stephen Central.

The Watershed Champion Grant is possible thanks to funding support by NextEra Energy Canada, LP. Information about the Watershed Champion Grant is on ABCAs website (abca.ca) on this web page: https://www.abca.ca/education/schoolprograms/watershedchampions/

County (ASHC) will be offering this innovative eight-week program that combines brain health and social recreation this winter in five location across the county.

In addition to sessions in Wingham and Exeter people can register for sessions in Goderich at the McKay Centre for Seniors, (10 a.m. to noon) or the Betty Cardno Centre in Clinton (1:30-3:30 p.m.) on Tuesdays from Jan. 7 to Feb. 25; or at the Grand Bend Area Community Health Centre (2:30-4:30 p.m.) from Feb. 6 to March 26.

This is a great opportunity to connect with others living with similar experiences. Weekly sessions include one hour of social and brain health components with the ASHC and a one hour fitness session with a certified fitness instructor.

To register or volunteer with Minds in Motion please contact the ASHC at 519 482-1482 or call 1-800-561-5012 or email admin@alzheimerhuron.on.ca

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, we feature an image taken in 1889 of Rachel Wild that records indicate was related to Keegan. It is from the Lucy Woods Diehl collection. (Archives Code: PB12 5Ab)

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

In Issue 545, we feature a rather distinguished gentleman whose image is recorded to have been taken around 1920. It is from the Lucy Woods-Diehl collection. Does anyone remember him? (Archives Code: PB10020 PC)

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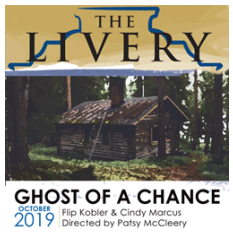
In Issue 546, an image from the Editor's personal collection featuring a letter sent out to the children who visited Eaton's Toyland in Toronto in December 1924. Happy Christmas all!



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A RETROSPECTIVE OF VILLAGE HAPPENINGS FROM JAN. 16 TO APR. 23

THE BEST OF THE BAYFIELD BREEZE 2019

Jan. 16 - Issue 497 - GROUND BROKEN ON FARM ANIMAL DISPLAY BUILDING: On Jan. 7, the Farm Animal Display Building Committee for the Bayfield Agricultural Society (BAS) and guests posed with their shovels in hand ready to break ground for the project. From l-r are: Doug Yeo, Stephen Jacob, Bayfield Ward Councillor Bill Whetstone, Bluewater Mayor Paul Klopp, Ben Lobb, MP; Huron County Warden Jim Ginn, Jentje Steenbeek, Lorraine Shields and Henry Baker. (Photo by Bob Montgomery)

STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

The first day of a new decade has dawned with this issue published on Jan. 1, 2020 but before we step valiantly forward into the next year enjoy this look back at some of the events the Bayfield Breeze covered from Jan. 16 to Apr. 23, 2019.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend a huge thank you to our intrepid team of volunteer photographers who cover events that we can't always get to ourselves. Your talents are very much appreciated by not only our committee but our readers also. A few of their great shots are mingled in with this retrospective be sure and check out the photo credits!

And a reminder that we can also be found at www.facebook.com/BayfieldBreeze. We just reached 700 likes and 744 followers on Facebook. If you haven't liked or followed us yet we invite you to do so.

Thank you and Happy New Year from our committee - Dennis, Mike, John and myself!

Jan. 23 - Issue 498 - WOMEN'S MARCH CANADA HURON-BRUCE - NEARLY 100 BRAVE EXTREME COLD WEATHER TO MARCH: Jenny Allan, Genelle Reid and Ashley Anderson, members of the executive for the Huron-Bruce Chapter of Women's March Canada, were enthusiastic participants at the Jan. 19 march around The Square in Goderich. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Feb. 6 - Issue 500 - POLAR VORTEX 2019 - "WHO'S GOT CABIN FEVER?" BROUGHT FAMILIES OUT TO PLAY AND SOCIALIZE: The Bayfield Town Hall was a very busy spot on Friday when Bayfield parents and caregivers took it upon themselves to get out and give their littles a great big play date! The perfect answer to all those extra cold Snow Days of late! (Photo by Dianne Brandon)

Jan. 16 - Issue 497 - BAYFIELD RIVER VALLEY TRAIL ASSOCIATION (BRVTA) - TREMENDOUS TURN OUT FOR ANNUAL WINTER WALK: The BRVTA hosted their annual Winter Walk on Jan. 12 along the Varna Nature Trails at the Bluewater Stanley Complex in Varna. (Photo by Conrad Kuiper)

Feb. 27 - Issue 503 - BAYFIELD TOWN HALL - ALL AGES TRY THEIR FEET AT LINE DANCING: On Wednesday mornings since early January the Bayfield Town Hall has felt a special energy as Moms with both babes in arms and toddlers have joined together with Seniors, and people of all the ages in between, to try their feet at Line Dancing.Sandy Scotchmer (right) amused one of the youngest participants at the line dancing session while his mother danced. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Feb. 20 - Issue 502 - BAYFIELD TOWN HALL - NEW FORMAT GAVE SOUP TASTERS MORE ELBOW ROOM: The Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society (BTHHS) hosted their annual Soup's On event on Sunday, Feb. 17, and organizers noted that it was a great community event and a perfect way to spend a beautiful winter day! More than 300 people visited the hall to sample the 15 soups. Advance tickets with a timed entry were sold for Soup's On this year. Those participants who reserved the middle time slot waited patiently in the cold to enter the building - good thing the soups were hot! (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

March 27 - Issue 507 - BAYFIELD GUIDING - DADS GET IN ON THE RACING ACTION AT SECOND ANNUAL GUIDE GLIDER RALLY: Drawing from the success of their Guide Glider challenge in 2018, the members of Bayfield Guiding once again put their own spin on Scouting's Kub Kars which culminated in a special Rally on March 23. In addition to the Guide Glider Races, parents were invited to help their daughters build a Dizzy Droid or a Crazy Train that actually moved. Halle and Colin Corriveau set to the task of sorting out their pieces before Droid construction began. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

March 6 - Issue 504 - BAYFIELD SKATING CLUB - LOCAL SKATING STARS ARE SUPERHEROES ON ICE: March 3 was the date for the Bayfield Skating Club's Carnival held in the Bayfield Arena. Senior skaters performed a "Spiderman" number: Kassie Jefferson, Julie Chun, Sierra Whetstone, Tatum Rivers and Kayla Beyerlein. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

March 13 - Issue 505 - WOMEN'S DAY NIGHT MARKET HAS AIR OF CELEBRATION: The Women's March Canada – Huron Chapter members hosted an International Women's Day Night Market at Goderich District Collegiate Institute on March 8. Jennifer Reaburn and her daughter, River, made a famous Canadian Woman pin at the Bayfield Guiding booth. River chose to make a Lucy Maude Montgomery pin. (Photo by Genelle Reid)

Apr. 23 - Issue 511 - OPTIMIST CLUB OF BAYFIELD - BEAUTIFUL SPRING DAY FOR AN EASTER EGG HUNT: Sunday, Apr. 21 saw a generous crowd gather in Clan Gregor Square for the annual Easter Egg Hunt. Skies were overcast but the temps were warm so children could dress in their Spring finery or pay homage to the Easter Bunny through fashion. Enthusiastic chocolate egg hunters were let loose in the park at 1 p.m. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Apr. 23 - Issue 511 - EARTH DAY LITTER WALK ENTHUSIASTICALLY RECEIVED: The Fifth Annual Earth Day Litter Walk, sponsored by the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA), was held on Monday afternoon, Apr. 22. Doug Brown (black cap) examines the routes for the Litter Walk while others prepare to head out from the coordinating location in Clan Gregor Square.(Photo by Jack Pal)

March 20 - Issue 506 - ABRA CADABRA - THE SCIENCE OF MAGIC EXPLORED: As part of the Huron County Library March Break Programs the Bayfield Public Library held a Mad Science Show at the branch on the afternoon of March 15. Mad Scientist Lee directed a magic trick with a very brave assistant.(Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

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SUBMISSIONS

Back in 1990 I was a reporter with the Goderich Signal-Star. One of my assignments was to create a feature based on a project that the Goderich District Collegiate Institute Geography World Issues OAC class was working on – an environmental blueprint of their future world.

This blueprint had taken the form of a published book entitled, "Visions 2020 Ontario's Youth, Ontario's Future". Thirty years have passed since these student-run focus groups researched, discussed and wrote down goals on the topics of Agriculture and Food, Energy and the Great Lakes Watershed. The advent of 2020 got me thinking about that story and yesterday I trooped down to the basement, retrieved the scrapbook the clipping was saved in and read it. As I did so I wondered what the teens would think of their goals today. Now in their late 40s would they feel like things had improved, gotten worse or simply remained the same?

Decide for yourself as I share with you one of the goals published regarding the Great Lakes Watershed entitled, "Saving the Great Lakes Begins with Us" written by Anne-Marie Bedard, Laurie Hayden, Luke Shephard, Beth MacDonald, Scott Peever, Jamie Habel and Emma Hollingworth. – Melody

"The citizens of Ontario and elsewhere in North America have tended to treat their natural environment very poorly, without any thought as to how this will affect natural resources in the future. If this behaviour continues in the future, areas such as the Great Lakes Basin may be beyond repair. Not only will the natural diversity be affected, but ultimately all wildlife and plant life will be in danger. Our society has developed a "throw away" attitude by wasting energy and hot water, disposing of non-biodegradable materials, using aerosol products and recreational abuse of water and parks. Unless citizens become

aware and educated as to the ramifications of their destructive actions toward the environment, our society is destined to suffer the consequence.

“The population at large must become alert to the benefits of a sustainable environment through intensive recycling, the use of non-toxic and less-packaged products as well as an energy and resource conscious outlook. Education and involvement by all citizens are the necessary catalyst to achieve this goal.

"Every human being will be aware of the negative effects his or her actions are having on the environment and those who live in it. As a result, there will be proper management of waste so that stress on landfill sites will be reduced: and energy will be efficiently used to ensure sufficient quantities of natural resources for future generations.”

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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