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RECORD BREAKING CROWD CAME OUT TO CHEER ON THE DUCKS

STORY BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Charles Kalbfleisch will be the guest speaker at the next meeting of the Bayfield Historical Society, May 27.

The meeting will take place in the Bayfield Lions' Community Building from 7:30-9 p.m.

Kalbfleisch will talk about the founding of the Seaforth All Girls Marching Band. He is currently writing a book about the band and will discuss the reasons behind its success and where it has performed over its 70-year history.

DOOR TO DOOR COOKIES

The Girl Guides will be out and about in the town of Goderich with cookies in tow tonight (May 22).

Members of Bayfield Guiding will be selling their classic chocolate and vanilla sandwich cookies for $5

Luke Shanahan, Jenny Allan and their children Weylin and Bridget, kept a watchful eye on which ducks crossed the finish line first during the annual Bayfield Optimist Club's Rubber Duck Race held on May 19 along the Bayfield Harbour's South Pier. (Photo by John Pounder)

It is estimated that about 400 people came out on Sunday afternoon, May 19, to see the Bayfield River turn to a sea of yellow as 1,250 rubber ducks were dropped as part of the annual Bayfield Optimist Club's Rubber Duck Race. As it felt like 30C at race time the currents along the South Pier in the Bayfield Harbour were a bit uncooperative and the ducks preferred to huddle together rather than taking wing and exploring the waterway on their own…that is all but the one that crossed the finish line first - and in record time.

This year the first six ducks that crossed the finish line won prizes. These fantastic prizes were generously donated by local businesses that support the club. First place, a 10' Movie Screen with Projector valued at $600 and donated by Lake Huron Realty, was won by Mark Hewer. Second place, a 32" TV valued at $300 and donated by Remax Reliable Realty, went to Joe Richard. Third place, an Electric Model Racing Car valued at $280 and donated by Bayfield Garage, was won by Carol Carter. Fourth place, a pair of Men's Ray Ban Sun Glasses valued at $225 and donated by Main Street Optometric, went to Sue Weston. Fifth place, a room for two for one night valued at $165 and donated by The Albion Hotel went to Jackson Hivert. Sixth place, PharmaSave Gift Certificates valued at $150 and donated by Michael's PharmaSave, were won by Robert Watson.

a box from 5:30-7 p.m. And on Friday, May 24, cookies will also be for sale at the Bayfield Farmers' Market from 3-7 p.m.

Cookie sales afford the girls those little extras like workshops, field trips and camps, community support is very much appreciated.

TERRY FOX RUN

Bayfield and the Terry Fox Foundation are looking for two coordinators and four volunteers for the up and coming Terry Fox Run this year on Sept. 15.

The local run has raised $30,000 to date and it is hoped that this wonderful legacy will continue in the village on behalf of a very special Canadian, Terry Fox.

This is a great opportunity to volunteer in the community while helping a wonderful cause. The past coordinators are seeking individuals who has organizational skills, likes a little bookkeeping and can master some easy math. They are hoping such persons will step forward to keep the research dollars coming.

The past coordinators will familiarize the new candidates with the coordinating process to make sure run day is successful again this year.

This event is supported by the Bayfield River Valley Trails Association (BRVTA). Anyone who needs further information, or if interested in volunteering, is asked to please contact the BRVTA by sending an email to info@bayfieldtrails.com.

MISSING KITEBOARD

Anyone who may go for a stroll along the shoreline in the coming days is asked to keep a look out for a missing Kiteboard.

On Sunday, May 19, John Shapton was out on the water when the storm rolled in. He got caught in the bad weather and as a result his Kiteboard was lost. He was in front of Norman Heights at the time and the wind was blowing South more than likely taking the board towards Bayfield. It is a NAISH DUB Kiteboard and green-yellow-red in color.

Please call Shapton at 519 608-4675 if found. He will offer a reward if returned.

ON WINGS OF SONG

Seeds Rooted in Youth owner, Janneke Vorsteveld, along with Rowan and Kyle Watson were part of the "duck wranglers" tasked with scooping all 1,250 "quackers" out of the river flowing the race. Jane and David MacLaren, once again provided their boat from which to launch the ducks (background).

For those who purchased their tickets online there was a chance to win a bonus prize, a Kindle Reader donated by Lighthouse Money Management. The lucky winner was Sue Burton.

Several people agreed to have a lawn sign promoting the event displayed on their lawn and as a thank you their names were placed into a random draw for two $50 Gift Certificates for The Little Inn of Bayfield, donated by Lake Huron Chrysler. The winner was Gay Reynolds.

The club is indebted to those friends of Optimism who helped with the race, including, Jane and David MacLaren, who provided their boat from which to launch the ducks. The amazing duck launcher created by Optimist Glen Steinson was used once again allowing all 1,250 ducks to hit the water at approximately the same time! Charlie Greidanus helped load and unload the launcher while young, Kevin Steinson was given the honor of releasing the pin to set the ducks free.

The services of veteran canoeists, Luke Shanahan, Jenny Allan and their children, Weylin and Bridget. as well as Janneke Vorsteveld, Kyle and Rowan Watson, Holly Gushue Tulk and Greg Mutterback were greatly appreciated in controlling and collecting the ducks. It truly takes a village to make this event a success.

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

To learn more about coming Bayfield Optimist events please click on their advertisement in the Bayfield Breeze. By doing so you will be sent directly to their website!

LIONS' CLUB MEMBERS GEARING UP FOR ANNUAL DOG GUIDES WALK

June 2nd is the date set for this year's Bayfield Lions' Dog Guide Walk.

The walk will start in Clan Gregor Square at 10 a.m. with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m. All pledged donations go towards the costs of raising dogs to be successful Dog Guide companions for their new owners at no charge. Following the 5 KM dog walk there will be a number of activities and presentations in the Square all having to do with dogs. Participants and visitors won't want to miss it!

"This year we will have a new Dog Guide puppy in training present for all to meet. She is an adorable black lab puppy named Suki and she is being fostered locally for her first year by Darren Stevenson. Elizabeth Jaremko will be back as well with her Hearing Ear Dog, Heart. She always has a "heartwarming" story to tell through her interpreter mom Sarah. Shannon Brennan of Barks of Bayfield and Dr. Nancy Ridder a veterinarian from Goderich will also speak," said Jack Pal, on behalf of the Bayfield Lions' Club.

The St John's Ambulance Therapy Dog program will be represented, perhaps providing opportunities for local pet owners to qualify their dogs for this likewise very important support program. There will also be some fun doggie competitions for everyone's enjoyment and no

Bruce and Stephen Ralls (Submitted photo)

One of the benefits of living in Bayfield is that sometimes, world class entertainers will honor the community with an intimate concert. Usually they have a connection to the village and they are performing to help support a cause that is important to all.

On June 15, at St. Andrew's United Church, summer residents, Stephen Ralls and Bruce Ubukata will accompany soloist mezzo-soprano Anita Krause-Wiebe in a concert they are calling "On Wings of Song" in support of Huron Hospice.

This trio has performed in many of the greatest musical venues in the world and instead of having to travel to one of North America's or Europe's great concert halls, people will be blessed with the opportunity to hear their sublime music right here in Bayfield.

The concert starts at 4 p.m. Tickets cost $40 and are available from Margo Robeson at 519 565- 2827 or Arlene Timmins 519 565-2777 or can be purchased on line from Eventbrite.ca

JUNE HIKES

Members of the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) have an ambitious month of hiking planned for June with walks at the beginning, middle and end.

Saturday June 1 is the date set for the first hike and the Woodland Trail is the location of choice. This walk will begin at 10 a.m. Once in the woods, hikers are sure to enjoy the scenic beauty of the ravines, old pastures and glacial hills as they walk along old gravel quarry roads, lumber paths and deer trails. Participants should be on the lookout for wildlife, such as birds, deer, squirrels, foxes and possibly coyotes. Pets need to be on a leash to protect the wildlife, as well as the pet.

Bayfield Dog Guide Walk event would be complete without hotdogs.

Once again, the Photography Club of Bayfield has agreed to take portraits of dogs and their owners, all for a simple generous donation to the Dog Guide program. After the sitting participants will be provided with several e-files of photos suitable for printing and framing as they wish.

“Mark June 2 on your calendar and be sure to donate generously to this worthy cause. Come for the walk and stay for the show,” added Pal.

Pledge forms are available from numerous retail locations in Bayfield and from any Lion. People can also donate on line by going to: https://www.walkfordogguides.com/locations/walk.cfm?ID=1694 or they can call Jack Pal at 519 565-5340 for more information.

FARMERS’ MARKET OFFERING SHOPPING BAG PROGRAM

Market organizers are offering a shopping bag “Give & Take” service this year. (Submitted photo)

The sun shone and the customers returned for last Friday’s opening of the Bayfield Farmers’ Market (BFM). Now in its sixth season, the market has become a valued part of village life, and a welcome harbinger of summer.

Market organizers are offering a shopping bag “Give & Take” service this year. Community members are invited to donate their extra reusable shopping bags to the market. The bags will be offered free of charge to customers in an effort to reduce the use of single-use plastic bags.

A listing of the vendors attending each week’s market will be posted Thursdays on the BFM Facebook page.

The Bayfield Farmers’ Market’s mandate is to provide a marketplace for local products of the highest quality. All vendors are located within 75 KMs of Bayfield, most within Huron County. All of the vendors grow, produce or create what they sell.

The Bayfield Farmers’ Market is held each Friday, 3-7 p.m., in Clan Gregor Square, from Victoria Day weekend to Thanksgiving weekend.

MATTHEW BARBER CONCERT SIGN OF SPRING AT THE RABBIT HOLE

The distance covered will be 5 KMs and difficulty is a Level 3 with some hills and natural paths. Those who participate are reminded that the terrain will be uneven so they are asked to please wear sturdy walking or hiking shoes. Be aware that this is a Recreational Nature Trail which means hikers could encounter amazing wildflowers but also poison ivy; therefore, long pants are suggested. For protection against ticks, mosquitos and other insects wear protective clothing and use bug spray. Bring a refillable water container.

The meeting point will be the David Street entrance to the trail.
For more information and driving directions contact hike leaders: Roberta Stemp, 519 565-2777, Pam and Chris Bowers, 519 525-8850 or Adriaan Schreuder, 519 565-2382.

A Father’s Day Village Tree Hike is being organized for June 16.

Starting at 2 p.m. a leisurely 1.5-hour hike through the Village of Bayfield is planned revealing the dedicated work of the Bayfield Tree Project over the past ten years. Over 500 trees of different species have been planted, watered and maintained by volunteers during that time. This walk will meander through the streets and “right-of-ways” around town, identifying the areas where trees have been planted, and celebrating the success of this local, grassroots community project.

For further information regarding this Father’s Day Hike please contact Elise Feltrin at 519 565-5852 or Sondra Buchner at 519 441-1310.

Then to close out the month people are invited to attend a Land Management Experience at the Linfield Wildlife Area starting at 10 a.m. on Saturday, June 29.

Join BRVTA members for a walk to learn how water and soil resources and wildlife habitat will be preserved at the Linfield Wildlife Area, one of the newest conservation lands in the Ausable Bayfield Conservation watersheds. This property was in the Linfield family for several generations and lovingly cared for and enhanced during this time by the family. Since the donation of the property, the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) has continued to manage the property in an environmentally responsible way. The property is about 95 acres in size, including 70 acres of active farm land and 25 acres of natural areas. It is the intention of ABCA to develop additional windbreaks, grassed waterways, and tree planting in the coming years.

Matthew Barber (Submitted photo)

The folks at The Rabbit Hole are emerging from their winter's hibernation and will be celebrating the Spring season with a concert by Matthew Barber on May 25.

Barber is a singer-songwriter from Toronto who has released eight studio albums and toured extensively across Canada with inroads into Europe, the US, Australia and China. His new album, "Phase of the Moon came out earlier this year.

Barber's music is inspired largely by the great songwriters of the 20th century in the North American Folk, Blues, Rock'n Roll and Country tradition.

Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. The show will begin at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $20 advance or $30 at the door. Organizers suggest that people buy their tickets in advance as space is limited. Visit sidedooraccess.com for tickets.

ONE CARE'S GRAND PARADE WALK TO CELEBRATE SENIORS

"The Bayfield Amblers", comprised of Gary and Kate Lloyd-Rees, took part in The Grand Parade in Stratford in support of One Care in 2018, They will be joined by Roger and Pat Lewington this year and are currently collecting pledges. (Submitted photo)

The hike will be about 2 KMs on a primitive trail through mature woodlot and wind breaks. The trail can be quite wet, depending on weather conditions, and there may be poison ivy.

Those who take part are asked to wear sturdy walking or hiking shoes, long pants, hat, insect repellant and bring a refillable water container. Participants may also bring tree or birding identification books if they wish.

The Linfield Wildlife Area is located west of the Pavilion Road and Goshen Line intersection, southwest of Varna and north of Zurich. Hikers will meet at the parking area and Linfield Trailhead sign. The walk will take approximately two hours.

The hike leaders will be Roger Lewington, 519 565 2202; and Dave MacLaren, 519 565 5480.

BAYFIELD COMMUNITY FAIR

Believe it or not the Bayfield Community Fair, this year themed "From Field to Table" is just three months away!

The 163rd Bayfield Fair will take place from Aug. 16 to 18. The opening day, Friday 4:30-9 p.m., will feature a community supper, Fair opening, music and fireworks. The second day, Saturday, 9 a.m. to midnight, will be busy with a parade followed with the grand opening of the new animal display building, 4-H shows, light and Friesian horse shows, the Bubble Queen plus Bella Magic entertainment, a dunk tank, mini tractor pull, face painting and more. Saturday evening, an age of majority concert, "The Woodstock Experience", celebrating the 50th anniversary of this iconic music festival is sure to be a highlight of the weekend.

Sunday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., begins with an interdenominational church service under the tent, and continues with miniature and heavy horse shows, watermelon competition, face painting, a Birds of Prey show and even more entertainment.

Throughout the weekend the new building with animal displays will be open, the arena will be packed with exhibits, the discovery tent will be available to the young people, and a modern tractor will be there for all to see.

A packed weekend at the Bayfield Fair with further information and updates available at www.bayfieldfair.ca.

June is Seniors' Month and One Care Home & Community Support Services is kicking off the month with a fundraising and awareness walk in Stratford on Saturday, June 1.

One Care is a local, charitable, non-profit organization delivering home and community support services to 6,000 seniors and disabled adults in Huron and Perth. Programs include Home Care, Meals on Wheels, Dining for Seniors, Transportation and Exercise & Wellness. These and other programs help people to live in their own homes and remain involved in their communities.

The Grand Parade, which is now in its second year, is a family-friendly 2 or 5 KM walk along the Avon River in Stratford. The Grand Parade is about local people walking to support local seniors and to celebrate older adults. For One Care it is an opportunity to raise awareness and funds to support people who use the services.
Board members, staff, volunteers, local businesses and many individuals are all working to support The Grand Parade fundraising event to celebrate seniors.

"Cost should not be a barrier to receiving that care that our seniors need. For programs like Meals on Wheels, Adult Day Programs, Transportation and Home Help, we offer subsidies for clients who have significant financial challenges. By raising money for One Care's Subsidy Program, you can support some of our most vulnerable neighbors when they need it most," said One Care's Executive Director, Kathy Scanlon.

"As well, we need to replace our aging accessible vans and buses. These vehicles accommodate wheelchairs, walkers and other mobility aids and are essential for the One Care transportation program, which provides rides to clients who are not able to travel in regular vehicles. One Care staff drive thousands of individuals to Adult Day programs, medical appointments, grocery store and to other social outings and errands," said Gary Lloyd-Rees, Bayfield resident and One Care board member.

Lloyd-Rees added "Last year, we had one local team participating in The Grand Parade: "The Bayfield Amblers", comprising my wife, Kate, and myself. We will be walking again this year joined by Pat and Roger Lewington. Anybody wishing to join or support us can do so through The Grand Parade website or by contacting me directly at 519 565-4404."

The One Care Grand Parade takes place on Saturday, June 1, beginning at 1 p.m. at Knox Presbyterian Church in Stratford. Walkers, donors and volunteers are welcome to get involved.

Registration is now open and further details can be found at either the Grand Parade website thegrandparade.org/home or the One Care website onecaresupport.ca.

SPREADING KINDNESS ONE GNOME AND CHICK AT A TIME

Kindness Gnomes ready for home. (Submitted photos)

ONTARIO HERITAGE CONFERENCE

The 31st annual Ontario Heritage Conference (OHC) is coming at the end of this month to "Ontario's West Coast" on the shores of Lake Huron. The theme of this year's conference, being held in beautiful Bluewater and Goderich, from May 30 to June 1, is understanding the economic impacts of heritage.

The OHC features an exciting program focused on how the agricultural, marine, industrial and tourist economies in Bluewater and Goderich have shaped the built and natural heritage of these communities and, more recently, the interplay between heritage and tourism.

After registration on Thursday, May 30, participants are invited to take a self-guided tour of some of the Heritage Walks in the Port of Goderich: booklets will be available at the registration table at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Goderich.

The opening reception on Thursday evening will be at the wonderfully restored Hensall Heritage Hall, which has reclaimed its prominence on the community's main street. Bus transport will be available from the Knights of Columbus Hall if needed.

Keynote speakers at the OHC will include Kelly Hill, founder and president of Hill Strategies Research, who will deliver Friday's Welcome Session on Heritage Economics. This presentation will delve into the research and statistical information available to help identify potential key performance indicators to measure the economic contributions of heritage.

At the Gala Dinner, Anthony Smith-Wilson, president and CEO of Historica Canada (best known offerings include Heritage Minutes and the on-line Canadian Encyclopedia) will be the featured speaker.

Sessions over two days at the Knights of Columbus Hall will be led by an array of interesting speakers, including Christopher Andreae, with more than 40 years of professional experience in historical archaeology, built heritage assessments and cultural heritage landscape studies, who will present a session on the Characteristics and Cultural Value of Lime Burning in Ontario.

Professor Robert Shipley, director of the Heritage Resources Centre (University of Waterloo) from 2003-2016, and author, will moderate a panel discussing what's happening in Heritage Conservation Districts.

The opportunity to create a Kindness Gnome brought out a full house of folks to the Bayfield Public Library on May 18.

Children, their parents and grandparents created adorable Kindness Gnomes. In preparation to share a little “Kindness”, the group suggested ways to show kindness to others.

And once again the anonymous “Kindness Chick” donor (see Bayfield Breeze Issue 514) left glow chicks behind for the kids to enjoy. Stay tuned to this publication for another Kindness Rock Project, coming up in June.

Happy Gnome creators.

Kindness Chicks made an appearance at the Gnomes building workshop.

RUMMAGE SALE TAKING TREASURES TO THE BANK FOR 72 YEARS

The Pioneer Park Association (PPA) is gearing up for the 72nd annual Rummage Sale and Silent Auction to be held Friday, July 12.

“Every year PPA maintains and makes improvements to the Park but this year we also took on a significant capital project. You may have been reading about the Bank Revetment Project - where PPA, the Webb Family, and the Municipality of Bluewater joined forces and hired a contractor to stabilize the lakefront bank at the base of the cliff. Considered a great success, the work is part of a continued effort to protect the park from ongoing high lake levels,” said Peter Brent, PPA Board member.

PPA’s largest source of revenue is the Annual Rummage Sale, and what makes the Rummage Sale successful are the people who donate their items to the sale, the scores of volunteers who give their time, and the hundreds of shoppers who generously fill the PPA coffers. Thanks to the community’s generosity PPA have accumulated enough money over the past few years to finance their share of the Revetment cost. The PPAs mission to maintain and preserve the park remains, and the Rummage Sale continues to be the annual fund generation vehicle.

PPA will soon be accepting Rummage Sale donations. Members of the organizing team noted they anticipate having access to the storage facility in early June and ask their generous donors to hold on to their items until they can be dropped off. Please watch the Bayfield Breeze to see when the drop-off center opens.

The following items cannot be accepted: large appliances, TVs, children’s furniture and strollers, shoes, clothing, printers and faxes.

And another distinguished panel will discuss what happens when disaster strikes, with lessons learned in the aftermath of the Goderich tornado in August 2011.

Program opportunities include a Guided Walkabout of Goderich Harbour as well as a Walking Tour of Bayfield which looks at how to manage change in a heritage village.

Delegates will also be treated to coach trips to visit heritage sites (and sample local culinary treats) through the delightful agricultural and lakeside villages of St. Joseph and Zurich in Bluewater, with a luncheon at the lovely Hessenland Country Inn on the shores of Lake Huron.

The full conference program, registration details and other information can be found at: www.ontarioheritageconference.ca.

CLEAN WATER PROJECT

The Huron County Clean Water Project is gearing up to tackle another source of water pollution: septic systems.

People living in the countryside and hamlets – including homes and cottages along Lake Huron – have septic systems to treat household waste from kitchens and bathrooms. When functioning properly, septic systems are a cost-effective, efficient method of treating waste. But they have a lifespan and faulty septic systems are a daily source of contamination.

“Failed septic systems are demonstrated point sources of nutrient loadings, infectious agents, residual medication and domestic products that can have a chronic negative effect on watercourses in Huron County,” said Doug Hocking of Maitland Valley Conservation Authority (MVCA) . “All septic tile beds eventually require replacement.”

The Huron Clean Water Project (HCWP) is allocating a total of $40,000 to the septic system upgrade category in 2019 with a maximum grant of $2,000 per project. Systems that have the potential to contaminate drinking water and those near municipal drinking water wells are the main focus. Residences west of Hwy 21 are also high priority because of their potential impact on swimming beaches.

The grant approval process is similar to other HCWP projects. Staff will help landowners complete the application form which is evaluated by the grant review committee. Applicants will need a cost estimate from a licensed contractor in order to apply. When the project is approved, completed and paid

Organizers will happily accept clean and gently used: linens/draperies, furniture/furnishings, antiques, boutique items, gardening tools and accessories, housewares, china, Christmas decorations, books that are newish and in good condition and record albums. On the day of the sale baking will be gratefully accepted for the Baked Goods table.

Anyone who is looking for an impactful volunteer activity please consider working the event set-up July 11-12 where items are sorted and priced. People may also wish to help on Saturday mornings in June at the drop off centre where donations are accepted and sorted. Organizers are also always looking for those one-of-a-kind item donations for the Silent Auction.

Rummage Sale day, July 12 the Outdoor Sales Pad will open at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Arena Zamboni doors at 7 p.m.

ENGRAVED IN STONE

Over the winter, the Bayfield Optimist Club provided an opportunity for people to purchase an engraving on an existing brick around the Clan Gregor Square Splash Pad. The work was completed last week and people are invited to go check out the newly dedicated stones. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

PLANTS SPROUT WHEELS

for, staff do a final site visit and the grant is issued.

The first application deadline is May 31 and the second intake period ends Aug. 31.

The HCWP has 17 project categories to help people improve and protect water quality. The county program has provided grants to more than 2,800 projects since 2004.

People interested in applying are invited to call Doug Hocking at MVCA, 519 335-3557 Ext. 236 or Kate Monk at Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, 519 235-2610 Ext. 227.

VENDORS WANTED

Anyone looking for a great venue to sell crafts, promote a business or sell fundraising tickets?

The Bayfield Community Fair is looking for vendors for Aug. 16-18. An indoor or outdoor 8x10 space is only $40. Hydro will cost an extra $10 per day. More space is available for $1 per foot.

Interested parties are asked to please fill out the application at http://bayfieldfair.ca/?page_id=886 and send it to Anna Needles at amneedles@gmail.com

Please note that food vendors are also most welcome!

COLLECTING RAIN WITH STYLE

The Bayfield Garden Club held their annual Plan Sale in Clan Gregor Square on May 11. Shauna Born (left) and Shannon Beattie had an innovative way of bringing home their plant purchases from the event. Organizers would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the sale. (Submitted photo)

Lori Hill was the lucky winner of the creatively painted rain barrel offered for raffle at the Bayfield Lions' Home and Garden Show as part of the Bayfield River Valley Trial Associations' display. The painting was generously donated by Creative Design Guru Leslee Squirrell in support of the BRVTA's Rain Barrel Sale held earlier in the spring. (Submitted photo)

hchu@huroncounty.ca or 519 482-3416.

ALICE MUNRO FESTIVAL

The Alice Munro Festival of the Short Story returns for its 15th year on May 25-26 with a line-up of ten award-winning Canadian authors. The two-day event will take place in Wingham and Bayfield and includes author readings, writing master classes and a panel discussion.

The list of guest authors at the Bayfield Town Hall on Sunday, May 26 includes three Scotiabank Giller Prize finalists who all have new books being published this spring. Mona Awad, author of “13 Ways of Looking at a Fat Girl”, will be promoting her new novel, “Bunny”. Described as “The Vegetarian” meets “Heathers”, this darkly funny, seductively strange novel will be published by Penguin Random House on June 7. Anthony De Sa’s first book, “Barnacle Love”, was critically acclaimed and became a finalist for the 2008 Scotiabank Giller Prize and the 2009 Toronto Book Award. His new novel, “Children of the Moon”, follows the tumultuous story of Pó, a Maasai girl with albinism who is seen as a curse upon her tribe. Anakana Schofield the author of the 2015 Giller Prize shortlisted novel “Martin John”, brings her new unconventional novel “Bina: A Novel in Warnings”.

Vancouver-based author Ian Williams’s 2019 novel “Reproduction”, nominated for the Amazon First Novel Award, is a tale of love among inherited and invented families that sweeps through a world of racial and religious mash-ups, cultural collisions, and cross-pollinations galore. William’s poetry collection, “Personals”, was shortlisted for the Griffin Poetry Prize and the Robert Kroetsch Poetry Book Award. Téa Mutonji is an award-winning poet and writer. Born in Congo-Kinshasa, she now lives and writes in Scarborough, ON where she was named emerging writer of the year (2017) by the Ontario Book Publishers Organization. “Shut Up You’re Pretty” is her debut short story collection.

Mutonji will be joined by Williams and Bayfield’s Andy McGuire for a lunch time poetry reading on May 26 with a brown bag lunch prepared by The Docks Restaurant.

More information about the festival and this year’s guest authors, including how to get tickets can be found at alicemunrofestival.ca.

Garlic Mustard Removal

EVENTS CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER

The Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority (ABCA) invites local residents to connect with neighbors and help remove invasive plant species at two Invasive Species Removal events on Saturday, May 25.

Members of the public are invited to join other volunteers at either Clinton Conservation Area, 77690 London Road, Clinton, from 10 a.m. to noon, or at the MacNaughton Park Pavilion, 56 Hill Street, Exeter, from 2-4 p.m.

“We will be focusing on Garlic Mustard removal,” said Nina Sampson, Conservation educator. “Once the weeds are removed the native plants have room to grow, display their beauty, and do their work providing food and shelter for wildlife.”

Invasive species are plants that are not native to the area. They out-compete native species and often spread quickly. Removing invasive species is important because they can choke out native plants, introduce disease, or crossbreed with native species and impact wildlife, according to Sampson.

No experience is necessary to take part in the Invasive Species Removal events and staff from ABCA will provide all equipment. The events are entirely outdoors so those taking part should dress for the weather and wear long pants and boots if possible. Those taking part will have a chance to learn how to identify Garlic Mustard, learn about its growth habits, and get their hands dirty, removing this invasive plant. Those who are interested in volunteering are asked to come ready to dig. Students are encouraged to participate to earn their community volunteer hours.

To learn more about the events and about protecting our communities from invasive plant species, visit https://www.abca.ca

ride to end hunger

On Saturday, June 8, the Huron County Food Bank Distribution Centre (HCFBDC) is hosting the 4th Annual “Better Together” Ride to End Hunger.

There will be three routes of 10 KMs, 50 KMs and 100 KMs leaving from and returning to the HCFBDC at 39978 Crediton Road in Centralia (corner of Crediton Road and Hwy 4) followed by a BBQ lunch. Registration info, pledge forms, the schedule and additional information can be found at: http://www.huroncountyfoodbank.org/2019-bike-ride.html

Individual registration by bicycle enthusiasts is $25 by May 24 after that date the fee increases to $35. People who collect additional pledges of $25 or more will receive a t-shirt.

On ride day registration will begin at 7:30 a.m., riders will depart between 8:30 am. to 10 a.m.; a BBQ lunch will be served between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m.

United Way

United Way Perth-Huron (UWPH) is proud to announce the recipients of Youth in Action Grants for 2019.

“We were inspired by the quality of applications this year,” said UWPH Director of Governance and Community Impact Megan Partridge. “Because of the hard work youth put into this project, we decided to award nine grants this year – a total of $9,000 – more than UWPH ever has.”

Youth in Action grant recipients represent a wide variety of focus areas and communities across Perth and Huron Counties. The projects receiving funding this year are:

- Out of My Mind school workshops on physical and communication disabilities offered by youth in Stratford with support from Facile.
- BlueBuds Mentoring Program led by upper year students to help ease the transition of younger students into high school at Mitchell District High School.
- Promoting youth mental health through awareness and training at Goderich District Collegiate Institute.
- Student-led Youth Cooking in Action program to bring healthy lunches to students at South Huron District High School.
- Include2Improve inclusiveness tour of local high schools organized by St. Marys youth and Community Living St. Marys.
- Ontario Students Against Impaired Driving Leadership Workshop led by youth in Goderich to raise awareness about the risks of highly impaired and distracted driving.
- Don’t Waste the Chance to Recycle – promoting the recycling of unusual items (art supplies, non-food pet supplies, pharmaceutical waste, snack wrappers) – led by a student working with the City of Stratford.
- Formation of a Perth East Youth Action Council to increase student engagement in the community, inspired by a youth in Milverton and implemented by the Municipality of Perth East.
- Gender and Sexuality Alliance support to help reduce homophobia and transphobia, led by students at Listowel District Secondary School.

UWPH Youth in Action Grants represent an opportunity for youth to access up to $1,000 to develop and implement projects that address important issues in their communities. To be eligible, the project must be planned by youth aged 14-25, clearly engage their peers in Perth and/or Huron Counties and have an adult trustee over the age of 25. Applications for 2019-2020 funding will open in September 2019.

“The Youth in Action Grant recipients understand the impact change can have at a local level and they’re making that change happen,” added Partridge. “We’re proud to empower youth from across Perth and Huron to help ensure the future of our region is a bright one.”

UWPH is 100 per cent local and supports 48 organizations and services across Perth and Huron Counties that address issues such as, income inequality, isolation and youth mental health. To help United Way support these local services, donations are gladly accepted, call 519 271-7730 or 1-877-818-8867, mail to 32 Erie Street, Stratford, ON N5A 2M4 or visit perthhuron.unitedway.ca

tick and mosquito bites

As the weather warms up, ticks and mosquitoes are becoming active. The Huron County Health Unit reminds everyone to protect themselves against tick and mosquito bites.

“While the risk of becoming ill from a bug bite in Huron County is low, it’s still important to protect yourself against Lyme disease and West Nile virus,” said Public Health Inspector Kaitlyn Kelly.

Lyme disease is spread through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick. A tick must be attached and feeding for at least 24-36 hours before the tick will

start to transmit the bacteria, so early detection and removal is important.

West Nile virus is spread to humans through the bite of an infected mosquito. The easiest way to prevent infection is to prevent mosquito bites, especially during dawn and dusk when many mosquito species are most active.

Here are some ways to prevent tick and mosquito bites:

- Wear light-colored, long-sleeved shirts, long pants and closed-toed shoes. Pull your socks over your pant legs.
- Apply an insect repellent, approved by Health Canada, to both your skin and clothes and always read and follow the manufacturer's instructions.
- Conduct head-to-toe tick checks, remembering to check children and pets as well.
- Shower after returning from the outdoors to wash off any loose ticks.
- Put your clothes into a dryer on high heat for 60 minutes to kill any possible ticks.
- If you find a tick on you, remove it using tweezers, grasping the tick as close to the skin as possible and pulling straight out slowly but firmly. Place the tick in a container and bring it to your healthcare provider or the Huron County Health Unit for identification and testing if needed.

The Huron County Health Unit conducts mosquito and tick surveillance programs. The Health Unit's West Nile virus mosquito trapping program will begin mid-June. The Health Unit will conduct tick dragging in the spring and fall to help build a better understanding of the different tick populations in Huron County.

For more information on Lyme disease, West Nile virus and ways to protect yourself, visit www.huronhealthunit.ca.

Rain Garden grants

Bayfield residents have a chance to protect their lake, make their properties even more beautiful, and get grants to do it – by planting rain gardens or installing a "soakaway".

New to the program this year are soakaways. Soakaways are similar to rain gardens in that they collect water from downspouts and/or rain barrels. The main difference is that rain gardens are filled with a sand/compost mix, and soakaways are filled with stone or storm water crates. Soakaways can be used in tight spaces, or locations that are not suitable for plants.

Bayfield homeowners interested in receiving funding to create a rain garden or soakaway on their property should contact a local landscape professional who has received a Landscape Ontario endorsed rain garden certificate. To find a list of some of these local contractors, visit the ABCA website at https://www.abca.ca or contact Hope Brock at 519 235-2610 or toll-free 1-888-286-2610.

Once the contractor has provided a plan and a quote for the garden, the homeowner will need to contact ABCA staff for a site visit to complete the application, which is available online at abca.ca. Grants, subject to approval, are paid out upon satisfactory completion of the rain garden or soakaway. Homeowners can apply for funding without a contractor but preference is given to the applications that use a certified contractor.

A single downspout rain garden typically costs between $1,000 and $3,000, but will vary on the size of the garden. Soakaways are typically less than $1,000. Bayfield homeowners can receive up to 50 per cent of the cash costs to a maximum of $500. The Huron County Clean Water Project and the Municipality of Bluewater, through its Blue Flag initiative, have provided funding.

REMEMBER ME? ISSUE 513

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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, vintage fire trucks have been a part of parades in Bayfield for over 50 years as evidenced by this image taken at the village Centennial Parade in July 1967. Does anyone remember the parade?

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

In Issue 513, an image from the Centennial Parade in July 1967. Does anyone recognize the driver?

Rick Penhale wrote in with his recollections of this parade. "The driver of the Belgian Draft Horses is Gary Kerr who lived near Dungannon at the time. I believe the horses were owned by Arnold and Donna Young, of Carlow. The wagon was the Penhale's hay ride wagon which Tony Blok had brought over with him from Holland."

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In Issue 514, an image from the Centennial Parade in July 1967. Does anyone recognize the people on this float representing Pioneer Park?

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PHOTO STORY

BAYFIELD LIONS' CLUB

BREAKFAST A VICTORIA DAY TRADITION FOR MANY

Bayfield Lions' Charles Kalbfleisch and Kim Muszynski greeted people at the door as they arrived for the 52nd annual breakfast hosted by the Lions' Club in the Bayfield Arena.

Lion Bob Merriman was on egg duty on Sunday morning.

PHOTOS BY JACK PAL

The Bayfield Lions' Club welcomed throngs of people to their 52nd Community Breakfast on Sunday, May 19. The breakfast is one of the village's annual rituals for permanent residents, cottagers and visitors from the surrounding area, raising funds for important community services.

The Bayfield Arena floor was transformed into a large dining hall where people consumed eggs, sausage, home fries, pancakes with local maple syrup, toast, jams, juice and lots of coffee.

Breakfast service began at 7:30 a.m. some of the earliest attendees appear to have come straight from their beds!

Ron Harris and Mike Sproul were prepared to feed the crowds no matter the weather.

Lion Rolly Scott was in charge of the batter for the pancakes!

Eggs, sausage, toast and pancakes...breakfast really is the most important meal of the day!

Graham Pounder, 7, considers the Bayfield Lions' Breakfast a part of his Victoria Day Weekend tradition - cleaning his plate of pancakes, sausage and potatoes has become a big part of this annual ritual. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

The Bayfield Lions' Club has been serving up food at their community breakfast every Victoria Day Weekend since the first

event in 1967.

BAYFIELD BREEZE NEW WEBSITE APPEAL LAUNCHED

Members of the Bayfield Lions' Club were the first to contribute to the Bayfield Breeze New Website Appeal with a cheque for $1,500. This donation is to be followed by a matching of dollar for dollar on the next $1,500 we can raise from individuals and groups who want to see this publication continue. Presenting the cheque to Bayfield Breeze Editor Melody Falconer-Pounder (centre) were Lions (l-r) Ian Matthew, Don Vance, Karen Scott, John Zrini, Kathy Gray, Bill Rowat, Rolly Scott and Doug Vanderhaar. (Photo by John Pounder)

A letter from the editor:

The first issue of the Bayfield Breeze was published in early July 2009 and since then we have published over 500 weekly issues. It was recently brought to my attention that the Bayfield Breeze website is on life support. We need to have a new site built on a new platform.

There are 10 days remaining in our Website Appeal. Thank you to all those who have contributed to date.

It is evident from comments received both through the mail, online and in person that the community feels strongly that they want the Bayfield Breeze to continue.

This week, we received a heartwarming note from a gentleman who resides in Toledo, Ohio and has visited Bayfield with friends for one week each year since 1971. He has been a regular reader for most of our ten-year history as the Bayfield Breeze helps connect him to a place he loves.

We have also received some generous donations from local organizations. We are very blessed to have such support from these groups that work so hard to fundraise for their own causes.

Our resolve is strengthened by each kind word and financial donation. Anyone wishing to make a financial contribution is welcome to send a cheque made payable to the Bayfield Breeze to my attention at 79218 Orchard Line, Goderich, ON N7A 3X8. Donations may also be made through our crowd funding campaign via Fundrazr for anyone who would prefer to use a credit card to donate.

I thank you again for your consideration in continuing and growing the Bayfield Breeze – the village's online news source since 2009. - Melody

Bayfield Breeze New Website Appeal
by Melody Falconer-Pounder
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SUBMISSIONS

Last week I wrote a Submissions about dog poop and the need to scoop it and dispose of it in the trash. I ended that conversation with the following comment:

"Now, of course, bagging and trashing dog waste isn't perfect, but it is the most environmentally sustainable method of disposal available at the moment."

Healthy Watersheds Technician Hope Brock, from the Ausable Bayfield Conservation Authority, emailed to let me know that there is indeed an invention out there that provides an even better way of disposing of the excrement produced by "man's best friend".

We both have a feeling this may be a project that Bayfield residents could really get behind!

I invite everyone to check out the link below to learn more about how a company in Waterloo, ON is turning dog excrement into both Poop-Power and environmentally friendly fertilizer with their specially designed containment units at three parks in the community. Please visit https://www.suterausa.com/sutera-dog-waste-containment to learn more. – 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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