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HIKING IN THE NEW YEAR

Several people braved cold temperatures to join in the second annual Mayor's Levee and Hike hosted by the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association on the afternoon of Jan. 1 at the Varna Nature Trails.

PHOTOS BY MELODY FALCONER-POUNDER

Several members of the community accepted an invitation to start their year off right by joining in an exhilarating walk in the woods!

PUBLIC SKATING

The New Year is a great time to start a new activity or get reacquainted with an old favorite. For this reason folks are invited to lace up their skates and head to the Bayfield Arena.

Skating is offered free to the public on the afternoon of Jan. 10 from 1-3 p.m. due to the generosity of sponsors Brian Coombs Remax Reliable Realty and McGee Motors Ltd.

FEED MY SHEEP (BAYFIELD FOOD BANK)

Terry Boa-Youmatoff, coordinator of the Bayfield Food Bank (Feed My Sheep) that operates out of Trinity Anglican Church reports that the volunteers were overwhelmed by the heartwarming response from the community to make the holidays brighter for others.

“We would like to thank the entire community for its overwhelming response to help make Christmas a happy celebration for those struggling to meet their needs,” said Boa-Youmatoff recently. “Thank-you one and all and Happy New Year!”

And exhilarating it proved to be as the air was quite brisk on New Year's Day when Mayor of the Municipality of Bluewater, Tyler Hessel led the second annual Mayor's Levee and Hike in Varna, along with volunteer Hike Leaders from the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA).

People had the choice of walking the gentle slopes of the Taylor Trail or the more challenging Mavis' Trail – or they could enjoy a variety of landscapes by combining them both for an extra long hike.

The combination of a healthy walk in the woods and the traditional good luck gesture of extending best wishes for the New Year to our Mayor and members of his Council, including, Councilor Dave Roy and Deputy Mayor Jim Fergusson, was sure to start everyone's 2016 off on a positive note.

Following the hike, all were invited into the Stanley Complex for hot chocolate and snacks.

Chris and Pam Bowers were just two of the volunteer Hike Leaders from the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association (BRVTA) that supported the Mayor's Levee and Hike on Jan. 1.

Bayfield River Valley Trail Association Hike Leader Jane Davidson McKee (far right) led those participants that walked the Taylor Trail.

BLUEWATER AREA FAMILY HEALTH TEAM

The Bluewater Area Family Health Team (BAFHT) is looking to the community for financial support in the expansion of the Zurich Clinic.

The upcoming expansion of the BAFHT clinic at 43 Main Street in Zurich will go a long way towards meeting the growing health care needs of the community. This significant capital project, set to start in early 2016, will more than double the clinic's footprint and transform the facility into a comprehensive health care hub with 13 examination rooms, an exercise area, and a meeting room for health and wellness workshops.

With more spaces and resources, the BAFHT will be able to see more patients sooner, increase evening clinics, deliver more programs and expand the ones it currently offers, and provide a rewarding work environment that attracts and keeps quality healthcare professionals.

The BAFHT expansion is being funded in part by a $1.48-million grant from the Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care. But $600,000 more is needed. The BAFHT is calling on everyone in the Bluewater area and in surrounding communities to contribute to this important effort to build a bigger and better BAFHT.

There are several ways to contribute such as donations to the Circle of Care. Contributions given from $1,000 to $25,000 will be recognized with a plaque at the clinic. Other ways to give include: room sponsorships, in-kind donations, legacy gifts, and Friends of BAFHT gifts starting at $10. BAFHT can also customize a sponsorship plan that aligns with a donor's philanthropic goals.

A donation to the BAFHT expansion project is a gift that will pay dividends for years to come, for everyone in the Bluewater area and beyond. Making a gift is easy just e-mail Administrator, Ann Brabender at annbafht@hay.net or call (519) 236-4413.

TAOIST TAI CHI

Taoist Tai Chi arts provide a whole body, mind and spirit practice for people of all ages, bringing health, balance, flexibility, strength, and stillness. Begun 45 years ago in Canada by Taoist monk Master Moy Lin Shin, Taoist Tai Chi arts are now practiced by more than 40,000 people in 26 countries.

For anyone who has completed a beginner class, practice sessions are being offered this winter at the Bayfield Town Hall. They will start on Jan. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. For more information please call Doug Brown at 519 565-5187.

Heidi Martin and daughter Rory Hessel were ready to take to the Varna Nature Trails on Friday afternoon.

Mayor of the Municipality of Bluewater, Tyler Hessel led the second annual Mayor's Levee and Hike in Varna along Mavis' Trail with his oldest son, Odin.

Following the hike participants were treated to snacks and hot chocolate.

MILK BAG MATS

Students at Huron Centennial School in Brucefield are taking part in the Homeless Connect initiative weaving sleeping mats for the homeless in Toronto using milk bags. Donations of 100 per cent acrylic yarn would also be appreciated.

The group of 25 youths has to date made almost three-dozen mats but to keep the momentum going they need more clean, 4L milk bags. It takes 100 to 125 bags to make one mat and about three hours to complete one.

Currently there is a drop off location for these bags at the Nip N' Tuck and the library in Bayfield and people are encouraged to save them from their recycling box and drop them off.

As the initiative grows the young people hope to make mats for homeless veterans and supply other agencies in cities like London with them as well.

HEARING CLINIC

Michael and Nevien Ibrahim are pleased to announce that Shannon Gould, of the Bayfield Hearing Clinic, is now offering her monthly services out of Michael's Home Healthcare offices just a couple doors down from the pharmacy.

The next date for the free clinic is Jan. 19. The Bayfield Hearing Clinic offers their services on the third Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The clinic offers: hearing aid adjustments and repairs to all makes and models, no cost hearing tests, new prescription of hearing aids, wax removal, hearing aid battery sales as well as hard of hearing assistive devices. Please call Gould at The Bayfield Hearing Clinic, 1-855-396-6026 to book an appointment.

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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, the Bayfield Archive's collection of Lucy Woods Diehl includes this photo of a young woman. Does anyone remember her? (Archives Code: PB13 06a)

ISSUE 338

In Issue 338, four young ladies pose with an airplane. Does anyone remember them? Records indicate they are Annie MacLeod, Grace Jowett, Ella McKay and Josie Sterling. (Archives Code: PB13 17b)

ISSUE 339

In Issue 339, people pose for a photo in a lovely garden setting. Does anyone remember them? Anna Wood is noted to be one of the individuals in the picture. (Archives Code: PB13 06a)

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

SHARE PHOTO STORY

A RETROSPECTIVE OF VILLAGE HAPPENINGS FROM JAN. 7 TO APR. 15

THE BEST OF THE BAYFIELD BREEZE 2015

Jan. 21 - Issue 290 - SILVER AT THE SILVER STICK:
The BCH Pee Wee Local 2 team took silver in the First Annual International Silver Stick Local League Invitational Tournament in Pelham, ON on Jan. 11. Coached by Jeff Stoll, the Pee Wee's played three games against Collingwood, Lincoln and Petrolia before advancing to the semi final against Pelham and the final against Collingwood. Those who attended noted that the team played a great game losing by just one goal to a very strong team. The community would like to extend their congratulations to both coaches and players. (Photo by Dennis Pal)

Well, it is that time of year again - a time to reflect on the accomplishments of the last 12 months and anticipate the blank parchment that is yet to be written upon.

This week we look back on the Bayfield that was from Jan. 7 to Apr. 15, 2015.

We would like to extend a thank you to all who take the time to write in and share their comments about our weekly online publication. A few of them can be found mixed in with this year in review.

We would also 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.

Apr. 8 - Issue 301 - BAYFIELD OPTIMIST CLUB - SNOWFLAKES MIXED WITH EASTER EGGS MAKE FOR A CHALLENGING HUNT: Noelle Pounder, seven months, was all smiles for her first encounter with the Easter Bunny. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Thought I'd let you know that I really enjoy your personal stories and anecdotes. - J.B., Exeter, ON

Feb. 4 - Issue 292 - GUIDING MEMBERS GO BEHIND THE SCENES AT BAYFIELD FOODLAND: Bayfield Foodland owner Brad Maidment assisted Bayfield Brownie Riley Arthur in checking out some peanut butter. At the end of their tour the Bayfield Guiding members got to check out their own groceries that their leaders had shopped for. The food was later donated to the Bayfield Foodbank. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Feb. 11 - Issue 293 - "HOW'S IT GOIN', EH?": Bayfield's own Doug and Bob McKenzie, also know as Paul Hill and Dwight Nelson, hosted the 2015 Bayfield Town Hall Cabaret entitled, "THE GREAT WHITE NORTH CABARET, EH?" This year there were two performances: Feb. 6-7. Favorite Canadian artists (aka Bayfield's local talent) performed some of their greatest hit songs. (Submitted photo)

Apr. 15 - Issue 302 - BAYFIELD CONCERT SERIES - AUDIENCE CELEBRATES BEING AT A FRED PENNER CONCERT
Fred Penner interacts with a young member of the audience during his sold-out performance on Saturday afternoon at the Bayfield Town Hall. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Thank you for all your amazing work - especially as the Bayfield Breeze gets bigger and bigger and more work! – A.W. Bayfield, ON

Jan. 7 - Issue 288 - GLITZY START TO NEW YEAR: Shelagh Sully, Pat McDougall, Greta Sinclair, and Tammy Amos looked fabulous all dressed up for the Bayfield Town Hall Heritage Society's "Puttin' on the Glitz" New Year's Eve bash. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

Just a brief note from a recently retired resident, you do such a great job and contribute to the vitality of the area. – G.E. Bayfield, ON

Feb. 18 - Issue 294 - CRAFTING UP A STORM: Folks from Tavistock rented a cottage in Bayfield for Family Day Weekend and while the gents were out snowmobiling the ladies decided to explore Main Street. They were pleasantly surprised to find it was craft time at the Bayfield Library. Making cards for their sweethearts were (l-r): Courtney Soehner, Cassandra Ramseyer, Joan Hergott, Courtney Bender, Tori Ramseyer and Shari Ramseyer. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Feb. 25 - Issue 295 - TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH - PANCAKES FOR SUPPER A SHROVE TUESDAY TRADITION: The Parish Hall at Trinity Anglican Church was a busy place on the evening of Feb. 17 as people attended the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

March 4 - Issue 296 - BAYFIELD SKATING CLUB- SOLO NIGHT SHOWCASED TALENTS ON THE BLADE: Sophia Hayter, accompanied by assistant Sierra Whetstone, dazzled the crowd with her talent. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Jan. 14 - Issue 289 - MAYOR AND CONSTITUENTS HIKE IN THE NEW YEAR: Maggie DiVok, of Toronto, started her New Year by having her picture taken with Bluewater Mayor Tyler Hessel at a mid-day reception hosted by the Bayfield River Valley Trail Association. (Photo by Dianne Brandon)

Jan. 28 - Issue 291 - A RIVER RUNS THROUGH IT: WATER CAPTURES PHOTOGRAPHERS' IMAGINATIONS: A local photographer captured images of activity on a now frozen river on Jan. 26. (Photo by Gary Lloyd-Rees)

March 25 - Issue 299 - NEW BUSINESS - MICHAEL'S HOME HEALTHCARE OFFERS BIG CITY SERVICES: Michael Ibrahim, owner of Pharmasave Michael's Pharmacy, recently expanded his business to include Michael's Home Healthcare. Both are located in the plaza on Bayfield Main Street S. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

March 11 - Issue 297 - ON THE ICE - BAYFIELD RELICS PLAY FOR THE LOVE OF THE GAMEFor more than 25 years the Bayfield Relics have hosted teams from the Huron Oldtimers League on Wednesday nights in the Bayfield Arena. (Photo by John Pounder)

March 18 - Issue 298 - BLACK LOCUST AMONG FOUR TREES REMOVED FROM MAIN STREET: Early on the afternoon of March 4, the Bayfield Tree Service began the removal of a Black Locust (left) and a Horse Chestnut (right) on Bayfield Main Street N. following a report prepared by the Public Works Department from findings by an independent consultant. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

Apr. 1 - Issue 300 - THE GLEE SISTERS AND FRIENDS- EARTH HOUR CONCERT SHED LIGHT ON TREE PROJECT: The lights may have been out but collectively The Glee Sisters shone. (Photo by Melody Falconer-Pounder)

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Snowy Returns *by Jane Seifried*

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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

And then there was one …

Just two issues ago I paid tribute to our 17 year-old feline Hobbitt who crossed the Rainbow Bridge on Dec. 21 after experiencing kidney failure. What I didn't write about was our 20 year-old cat, Missy – at that time she was recovering by leaps and bounds from a temporary paralysis of her rear extremities just two weeks prior. We were feeling pretty confident in her recovery especially after her antics on Christmas Eve.

Missy gave us the most incredible gift of her 20th Christmas with our family. Christmas Eve she decided to go where she pleased and it was a very uplifting time. But then on the morning of Dec 28th she didn't seem quite herself. By the end of day she had sprouted a large golf ball sized lump along her spine. A trip to the vet the next morning revealed a tumor. This

explained the paralysis she experienced weeks earlier. The tumor continued to grow and had started to affect her balance and there was sadly no more we could do for her considering her age, the position of the tumor and her level of frailty. We said farewell on New Year's Eve.

I am sure you can imagine how difficult it is to say goodbye to two of your companions within 10 days of one another. For the first time in almost three decades there were no fur balls sleeping on our bed with us as the clock struck midnight and 2016 dawned.

Our remaining cat Curly has always preferred to sleep alone in his very own rocking chair in the living room. You can imagine his confusion at the sudden loss of his life long companions – one his actual litter sister. But last evening as I penned this he climbed up on the bed and settled down beside me – a sign perhaps that we, both felines and humans, need to take comfort in each other during this time of loss. Hugs. – Melody

Ideas and contributions to the Bayfield Breeze are always welcome.
Deadlines for submissions are Sundays at 4 p.m.

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