

# **Bayfield Fall Fair Celebrates 150 Years**

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On Aug. 19, thousands of people gathered to watch the Bayfield Fall Fair parade held in celebration of the fair's 150th anniversary. The parade itself featured more than 100 entries, including four bands. The Perth Pipe Band got things started followed by the color party from the Goderich Legion.

The agricultural society banner was carried by Brayden Knox and Jordan Berard representing Bayfield Guiding. There were 35 entries in the Toddlers and Public School Kids Category. The largest number of youngsters ever entered in this category wowed the crowd with their creative costumes.

Agricultural Society President Ted Dunn and his wife, Home Crafts Chair Jean Dunn, were transported in a horse drawn carriage. She looked resplendent in a 105-year-old dress. Several past presidents of the society also rode in the carriage; they were Carol Penhale, Ted VanderWouden, Ed Hoekstra, John Fisher, Afra VanWonderen and Grant Stirling. Also on board were Gayle King, Robina Alexander and John Hayman. A number of parade regulars were present in their unique cars, including, Ken Johnson for the 33rd year. Jerry Nicholson showed off the flexibility of a Segway human transporter. Another 18 young people demonstrated their skills by riding their decorated bikes and trikes. Right behind them was the delightful animal parade - mini horses, donkeys, alpacas, dogs and ferrets were all guided along the parade route by their owners.



**The OPP Commissioner's Own Pipes and Drums were a new addition to the fair this year.**



**The fair had two queens in attendance. Queen Elizabeth, aka Carolyn Sadowska, appeared in a horse drawn carriage accompanied by six footmen courtesy of the Clinton Legion. Ontario Queen of the Furrow, Jennifer Ritchie, also took part. She joined in the procession of local political VIP's and village ministers.**

Another new entry was a float organized by the Jane Street neighborhood. They would like to challenge other neighborhoods to join in the fun next year.

Joining in the fun were several antique vehicles including, six fire trucks, eight tractors and one grader. The ever popular Mocha Temple Shriners were also present entertaining the crowd with their antics on their motorcycles, little cars, and mini fire trucks.

There was a great turn-out of floats in all categories including three from area campgrounds, seven commercial entries and five from organizations. Next year there will be a new category for neighborhoods. Rounding out the music in the parade were The Pastels, The Seaforth All Girls Marching Band, and the Hackett Thunder Band, which will soon celebrate a milestone anniversary of its own as it was started by Joseph Carson in 1917.

The Bayfield parade is famous for horses and wagons and the crowd was not disappointed by the turnout this year. In fact they cheered for Merner's miniature horses, two mule teams and the stage coach that carried the Wild West show actors.



**Claire Soper and  
Tom Penhale in  
the wild west show**

The organizers of the event would like to extend their appreciation to all involved in the event especially the many businesses which support it and all the volunteers that work so hard to make it possible.