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Forgotten Places: Revisiting Balvenie/Khartum (Part 1)

By Garry Ferguson

Author's Note: *Most of this article is based on conversations with John Lacourse of Griffith, Ontario as well as on a booklet, "Lest We Forget, Balvenie and Its People" that he compiled and published with the help of his granddaughter, Angela Colterman. I hope they will forgive me for the sections in which I indulged in blatant and shameless plagiarism. I wish to thank John and his wife Bernadette for their hospitality and their patience in dealing with my many questions.*

A website writer, Yvan Charbonneau, seems to be amazed by the size of Khartum – two road signs and nothing in between. He recently sent a little contribution on the subject sliding down the electronic highway. Evidently, he didn't anticipate that it would reach Khartum. The following is from his contribution to local history:

"Motorists driving along the sparse, desolate Highway 41 might, understandably, be fooled into thinking they can pick up some gas and a quick bite to eat in Khartum. It sticks out like a sore thumb on most road maps and for all intents and purposes appears to be a small, thriving roadside community. Khartum is one of those eerie, little places that keeps popping up all the time, only no one seems to know anything about it.

Khartum was originally known as Lett and appears to have gotten its start at the beginning of the 20th century. Postal records show that Charles Laviolette opened the first post office in 1903. Most probably, the post office was located in a general store. In 1908, the community's name was changed from Lett to Khartum in honour of the Ottawa Valley river men who were part of the Egyptian Nile expedition in the 1880's.

Khartum had a lumber mill at one

time and the remains of the dam can be found alongside a small creek near Highway 41. It also served as a small rural postal hamlet servicing a widely dispersed population and group of communities. The last postmaster, Mary LaRocque, closed up shop in 1949.

For some strange reason, Khartum still merits two road signs and a prominent spot on most road maps. However there isn't much to see. Apart from the road signs, nothing else is left, apart from a few foundations, cellar holes and the burnt out remains of a cabin. There's no evidence of a cemetery and no prior records of a church.

Whatever else went on in Khartum and whatever happened to it appears to be lost forever in time."

Ouch! "Desolate," he says. It doesn't take a history professor to figure out that Mr. Charbonneau has never met John Lacourse. John, aged 89, is not only from the third generation of a Balvenie/Khartum family, but was born, raised, farmed or owned the store there for most of his life.

To clear up any confusion concerning the "Balvenie/Khartum" thing, I'll use John's words from his book.

"Khartum was considered part of Balvenie. It was named in honour of the Gordon Expedition to Africa in 1885. Khartum was the name given to the post office."

In "Where the Heck is Balaheek," a book that traces the origins of unusual place-names in Eastern Ontario, Michael Dawber agrees with John as to the origin of the name for the post office but points out that one could be thrown off by the fact that the capital of the Sudan is spelled Khartoum. He states however, that the name was ap-

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The Madawaska River seen from Thompson Mountain



Your 2006 municipal candidates

By Bill Graham

With the November 13 election date for the municipal council of Greater Madawaska and all other Ontario municipalities fast approaching election signs are appearing and some in the township (Ward 1 – Calabogie) will be hearing the views of rival candidates. Ward 1, which is made up of the geographic townships of Bagot and Blythfield, is the only electoral race in the township. Ward 2 (Brougham) and Ward 3 (Griffith and Matawatchan) had their candidates acclaimed. With no candidate to oppose them, Thomas Ryan (Ward 2) and Karin Lehnhardt (Ward 3) will be councillors for the coming four years. Also acclaimed were three school board trustees: Trustee for the Renfrew County Catholic District School Board—Anne Smith, Trustee for the Renfrew County District School Board—Marjorie Doering and Trustee for the Conseil des écoles publiques de l'est de l'Ontario—Colette Switt.

There is a race however for the final school board trustee position,

which is trustee for Conseil des écoles catholiques de langue Française du centre-est. Philippe Maurice and Norma Valiquette are contesting that position.

There will be two names on the ballot for reeve: Peter Emon and J.R. Easton. Peter Emon has been representing Calabogie as a councillor since 1988. In addition he has been employed with Family and Children's Services since 1984. A life-time resident of Calabogie, he is a member of numerous municipal committees as well as being a 20-year member of the Lion's Club and a member of the Renfrew Victoria Hospital Board of Directors. J.R. Easton served 15 years as reeve, deputy reeve and councillor for the pre-amalgamation township of Bagot and Blythfield. Both men have many years of municipal service, but again there will be no electoral race. Mr. Easton has categorically stated that he will not be campaigning. He was the only candidate absent from the 'all candidate meetings' held earlier in October.

Ward 1 (Bagot and Blythfield) is the only

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TOM SHARBOT: A CALABOGIE LEGEND

Is there gold on Dillon's Mountain?

By Wes Bomhower

Along in the 1960s the National Film Board made a film named 'The Best Damn Fiddler from Calabogie to Kadar', which won numerous awards and was shown at various schools across Canada and in other countries as well. Most of it was filmed in the Calabogie area but it depicted some of the worst aspects of the surrounding country, wrecked cars, rundown farms and the like. Tom Sharbot was not happy with the completed film for these reasons although he was the fiddle player in the movie and originally played various jigs, reels, square dances and round dances at the Stoughton farm on Barryvale Road for the film. Most of this fine music and dancing was eliminated from the finished product. Margot Kidder, who later developed into a great actress, made her debut in this same movie.

Tom Sharbot never married and after his mother passed away, he would hire Cordelia Mahusky to help with the housework. Cordelia and Joe, her husband, befriended Tom and would accompany him on guitar and fiddle when they played at various functions throughout the area. In the late 1970s, Tom, Joe Quilty and Edgar Mayhew formed the Renfrew Fiddlers playing a large part in the entertainment field of Renfrew County. There again, Tom's impatience flared up. Cordelia tells of one night in particular when they came as a group to play for a dance and whoever else was playing when they arrived seemed to be staying on the stage forever. Finally, Tom put his fiddle back in its case and began putting on his coat." We haven't played yet Tom," Cordelia protested. "No, and we are not going to either", was Tom's short answer as he headed for the exit.

I first became acquainted with Tom in 1989, shortly before my son's death from cancer in Calabogie and Tom's fascinating stories helped to take my mind off my own distressing situation. One thing was certain, Tom's stories were true. He told things as they were and didn't try to embellish anything; he didn't have to.

One of the most interesting stories concerning Dillon's Mountain and the gold and silver, which Tom claimed was there for the taking. The only catch was that every man or woman who found high grade ore didn't live long enough to stake a claim on the mountain in behind the Ski Peaks of Calabogie. This is the chorus of the song I wrote for Tom. The story follows.

"Is there gold & silver 'way up there on Dillon's Mountain? The unlucky man who finds it, Sure, his days he may be counting. There were others died before When they found that high grade ore. Is there shining gold & silver 'way up there?"

Long before Tom and the Sharbot family came to Calabogie, a man hired on with one of the big logging firms in late summer to help clean up stray logs that had been



Tom Sharbot (far left) with his mother and brothers

missed on the spring drive and they were working just above High Falls or Barrett Chute as it is known today. They had Sunday off and the man went looking for blueberries on Dillon's Mountain nearby, returning to the bunkhouse later that night to place a pail (which presumably contained blueberries) behind his bunk bed. Next morning the man drowned while trying to steer logs down the falls, and as other workers went through his effects afterward to send home to his next of kin, they found the pail behind his bunk filled with extremely rich silver ore, which of course was of no value to the man now, and no one knew just where on Dillon's Mountain it was found.

Years went by and Tom now in Calabogie, returned from school one day to find an aboriginal girl visiting his mother and brothers. She had a small basket of rocks she had brought down from Dillon's Mountain and as Tom stated, "I never saw gold ore before, but it surely looked like the real thing to me". The girl was leaving on the train to Kingston, (the old K. & P) to bury grandmother, but said that upon her return she would take Cecil, Tom's older brother, up on the mountain and they would stake a claim.

Alas, the girl buried her grandmother in Kingston, but returning on the train to Calabogie, she had a heart attack and died herself, never to stake a claim on Dillon's Mountain. Cecil was very disappointed and of course had no idea where on the mountain to look for the high grade ore.

Later years, Tom and his brother Jerome were hunting on this same mountain and discovered a huge mica bed. Sometime in the ensuing months, Tom talked to a geologist about this and the geologist assured him that silver ore is usually quite common near a large mica bed. Many times Tom searched for this same location on the mountain but with no success.

As Tom grew older, he became obsessed with the thought of all that gold and silver going to waste, and unable now to negotiate the climb himself, he convinced Bob Charboneau and I

to take instruments, get our bearings from an old Hydro cairn, and do a bit of surveying and prospecting up on Dillon's Mountain. There was still some Crown land up there, and Tom hoped the mica bed might be on this tract. Bob was reading the compass and perhaps we were off a few degrees by the time we reached the general area Tom had described but we found nothing, not even the mica bed. But as I told Tom, (and also wrote in the song), we may have died the next day if we had found anything. I put the song on a cassette and played it for Tom a few days later." By Gawd, that's just the way I told it to you", he exclaimed. "But don't you put that song in the Mercury yet Wes, because every man and his dog will be up there looking for that gold and silver. We're still going to find it ourselves". Well, neither Tom, Bob nor I ever went back up the mountain, and I am the only survivor of that trio.

Tom liked to attend the Renfrew County Fiddler's functions when he felt up to it and would always play a few tunes to the delight of everyone. One Saturday night in July he called, asking if I could take him to Arnprior where the fiddlers were playing for a dance.

It was raining buckets when we left the dance about midnight, and as we rounded one of the many curves close to the Madawaska River on 508, an animal was crossing the road just ahead. In the headlamps glow, it looked like a skunk and I applied the brakes a bit too much as I swung onto

the right shoulder in a desperate bid to avoid the animal. Fortunately we both had our seat belts on, because the car made a complete turn and ended up against the embankment on the opposite side from the river. We had been travelling at roughly 75 kilometres per hour, so it gave us quite a snap. "Are you all right Tom?" I asked. "I think so" was the reply, "but why did we decide to turn around so quickly"? Then I remembered Tom had been telling me a story and he hadn't even seen the animal, nor did he realize why I swerved and braked so hard. The animal, as it turned out, was not a skunk but a huge beaver and it was now very dead. I was able to drive the car out, took Tom home, reported to the police and had the car repaired the following week. I required therapy on my shoulder for six months after but Tom was unscathed.

Tom attended church sporadically as his general health began to deteriorate, heart disease, old war wounds, bone cancer, hearing problems, etc., but Father Rice would come to Tom's house to give him communion

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Belvenie-Khartum continued

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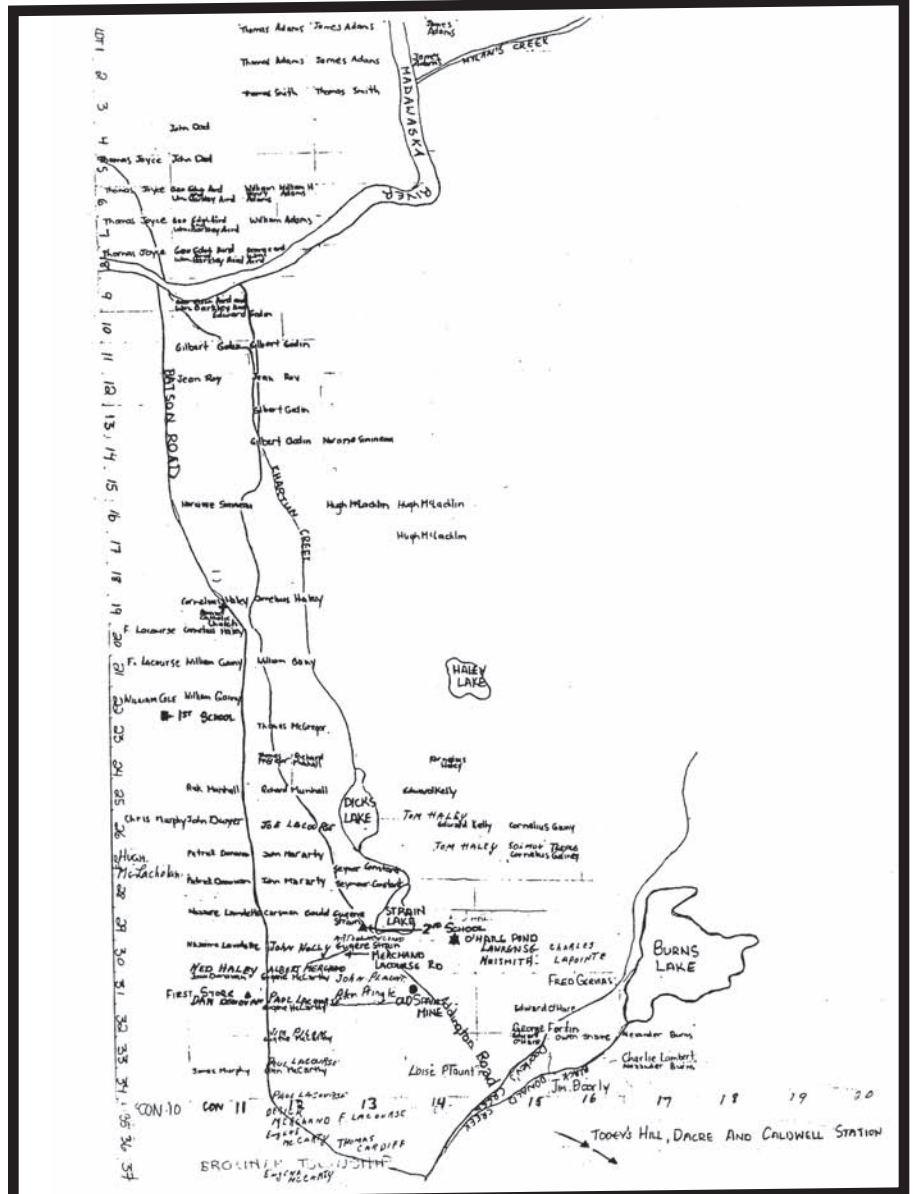
Using Highway 41 as a reference, Balvenie was considered to encompass an area from the point where the present-day Lambert Road crosses it, southward toward Griffith to where the Khartum Creek runs under it near the Poor Man's Hunt Club. The settlement dates back to 1830 when Thomas Cardiff settled on property south of Highway 41's curve around Strain Lake and built a mill that he called Balvenie after a castle in Banffshire, Scotland. Around 1840, this name was adopted to describe the larger community. Free land grants quickly drew pioneer settlers from Scotland, Ireland, England, Poland, Germany, the U.S.A. and Lower Canada and by 1845 they had built a school. In 1856 a Catholic church was erected and by 1888 residents could boast the first store.

Before any of these amenities were acquired however, enough land had to be cleared, by hand, so that vital food crops, such as potatoes and wheat, could be planted among the stumps. Wheat was harvested with a sickle or cradle, threshed with a flail and ground into flour or livestock feed at the gristmill in Camel Chute (last operated by Donald Thomp-

son as a saw mill). Since there was little money around, the miller kept a portion of the grain as payment.

Women would often walk 10 or 12 miles to a store with large baskets of farm produce which they'd trade for sugar, tea, salt or any other luxury not produced on their farm. John says that his grandmother would often carry home a half bag of flour or four gallons of coal oil. He tells of one occasion when she was returning from the store and met up with a pack of wolves. Apparently she didn't know that she should be afraid and carried on without a worry.

The people soon learned that some money could be made from the surrounding virgin forest and so the lumbering industry thrived. Of course, the men could not return home every night, but stayed in shanties close to the cut. These shanties were windowless low log buildings with dirt floors and a cambouse in the centre that served as a cook stove and provided the only heat. Smoke was vented through a large log-cribbed hole in the roof. Double bunks were built along the walls where lumberjacks slept, ate and stored their meagre belongings. Men were content to stay in these cramped quarters over a winter because it was the only chance they had to make a



Hand drawn map of the Belvenie area



Khartum Store in 1940

few dollars. All labour was carried out by men and horses as logs were cut, hauled to the frozen waterways, squared then stacked to await spring and the log drive. Much of the timber from the Balvenie area was moved by drives down the Black Donald Creek and into the Madawaska.

With the onset of the spring thaw, a couple of the lads would go out every couple of days to see if the ice had cleared enough to start the spring drive. Once when one of John's uncles and a friend went to carry out such a check, they found that it was indeed time to start the drive. As they began the return trip to the camp, they looked back and saw that the logs had begun to move from a marshy area and into Arthur's creek. The boys soon realized that the bottom logs on which their timber had been stacked was really huge snakes now revived back to life with the thaw. That year, the lads didn't have to drive the logs out to the river. They say that the snakes did it for them.

The first settlers drove horses and oxen on the roads they'd built themselves. These trails were built only to connect homesteads, often stopping in the middle of some remote clearing where a home was to be built. When government sponsored roads were eventually built, the men of the area were required to bring along their

oxen, horses, picks and shovels and provide statute labour in lieu of taxes. The first road that ran along the ridge, east of Highway 41, and through Balvenie was the Batson Road. It extended from Dacre to Griffith. Traces of this old road can still be seen. The Lambert Road, mentioned above, is one such surviving portion of it.

The Old North Addington Road was the second road to be built through Balvenie. It closely followed the path that Highway 41 now follows. A section of the old roadbed passes in front of John and Bernadette Lacourse's present home in Griffith.

In the fall of 1932, construction began on the present highway and road camps were built along the Old North Addington Road. Camp Number One at Toohey's Lake and Camp Number two at the foot of Doorley's Hill (this building, called the White Camp, at the junction of Highway 41 and the Lambert Road survived until a couple years ago when it burned). The third camp was placed in Khartum. When the highway was completed, most of the bridges were made of logs. Over the years, these logs were replaced by cement and galvanized pipes. With the completion of the highway, travel became much easier. A trip to Eganville that once took two or three days could now be done in an hour.

End of Part 1

Tom Sharbot cont...

on a regular basis. This pleased Tom. About a year before he passed away, Tom developed a spot on his lungs and the doctor enquired if he had taken up smoking again or were his friends smoking in the house when visiting. Tom thought a moment. "Yes, Bob Charboneau visits frequently and always lights up as soon as he arrives". The doctor was firm. "Get some 'No Smoking' signs and tell your friends you mean business. It's your life".

The next week Bob Charboneau stopped by my place and I knew he was angry, eyes liquid and smouldering. "That damned old Indian", he growled, and I asked what the problem was." That Tom Sharbot has 'No Smoking' signs plastered all over his walls and he asked me to" either leave or butt out my cigarette. Then as I was leaving, he remarked that a man as intelligent as me should know enough to quit smoking". That was the clincher, I believe, questioning Bob's intelligence, and that was the end of a long friendship between these two war veterans.

In April of 1995, the people of Calabogie plus the Renfrew County Fiddlers and many of Tom's relatives rented the old community hall in Calabogie on a Sunday afternoon to celebrate Tom Sharbot's 85th birthday and the hall was packed. There was not a soul in attendance whose lives had not been touched in some way by this venerable man. Tom made a speech, though he could barely stand at the microphone. "This is the best birthday party I've ever had", he commented, then drew

smiles from everyone as he continued. "I've been a North American Indian all my life, but now I'm no longer a Mohawk, I'm an Algonquin", referring to his adoption as an elder by the Algonquin of Golden Lake. He later played the 'Hangman's Reel' and did a pretty good job of it considering his weakened condition.

Tom was taken in to Renfrew Victoria Hospital less than two months later. I stopped by to see him and though he had numerous tubes and wires attached and every breath was a huge effort, he tried to tell me something but I don't know what it was. I left the room and for some reason I couldn't see very well until I reached the parking lot. Tom Sharbot, the Calabogie legend, passed away a few hours later. Each year as Remembrance Day approaches, I endeavour to write something in memory of this man, a song, a poem or perhaps just one of the many stories he told me. I think it fitting that the end of this story will be published shortly before Remembrance Day, 2006.

Following is the last verse of Dillon's Mountain':

"Perhaps there is a curse upon whoever finds that gold,
They don't live long enough to stake a claim that they can hold.

The mountain keeps its secret yet of where the high grade lies and who knows, the next to find it may well be the next to die."

P.S. The gold and silver is still on Dillon's Mountain. Anyone out there brave enough to find it?

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Out on the First Concession

BIG CARL & THE COOKIES

By Wes Bomhower

It was fall plowing time and Dad had trouble with the tractor, the first he ever owned, and the air was almost blue with his choice cuss words when I arrived from work in Toronto that Thanksgiving weekend. I was never mechanically inclined, so suggested he contact big Carl from back on the next concession because it was rumoured that Carl was good around farm machinery, especially tractors. No phone in the old farmhouse as yet, so we took a drive back to Carl's place, found him at home and he agreed to come next day in the afternoon.

I can't recall what was wrong with the tractor, but next day Dad and Carl had it pretty well torn apart shortly after lunch and Carl said they required some parts from the local tractor dealer. I volunteered to pick up the parts and Carl tossed me the keys to his small truck.

As I turned the truck around and started down the driveway, I couldn't help noticing some small black flecks on the steering wheel, the dash and on the floor. Puzzled, I asked Carl when I returned what these numerous black pieces were. Carl smiled slowly a bit embarrassed." Ah chew Copenhagen and Ah guess sometimes when Ah need to spit Ah

don't git the windy open in time". Well, that explained everything.

By supper time, Dad and Carl, with grease up to their elbows, had the repairs completed and Dad coaxed Carl to stay and eat with us. I don't remember what the main course was, but Mom had a big bowl of homemade cookies and a jug of our own maple syrup for dessert. Carl took a second cup of tea and began dunking his cookies in the tea as he ate them. "My Gawd Mrs. Bomhower, these sure are dandy cookies," he exclaimed, dipping another in his tea. "Well, just help yourself, there are lots more," Mom replied, passing the big bowl to Carl, and he took another handful.

Carl hadn't spent much time washing before supper, the hot tea began to loosen some of the grease and grime as he dunked his cookies, and soon his right forefinger and thumb were quite clean up to the first knuckle.

I mentioned this fact to Dad afterward as Carl drove away down the laneway. "Oh well," Dad shrugged, "It takes all kinds, I guess, and he surely seemed to be enjoying those cookies". Apparently the old adage, 'you have to eat a peck of dirt before you die' certainly applied to big Carl, for he outlived his wife by a number of years and chewed Copenhagen right to the end.

Times indeed have changed.

Precious Blood Memorial Service

By Mary-Joan Hale

Under blue skies, on Sunday September 10, family and friends joined together in celebration of the lives of their loved ones buried in the St. Gabriel's and Most Precious Blood Cemeteries. Members of the Knights of Columbus led Father Pat Blake into Most Precious Blood Cemetery.

Sharon Ladouceur, President of the Parish Council, gave a warm welcome to all. Father Blake officiated at the liturgy. Mary Charbonneau laid a wreath at the foot of the crucifix on behalf of the parishioners. The fall colours on the wreath created a lovely contrast to the cross. This beautiful memorial was organised by Marg Solar.




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Letters to the Editor

Land Fill Closures

Dear Editor:

I live in the township of Addington Highlands and there is talk of closing the Denbigh landfill site. Why are municipal governments so quick to close landfill sites? It would be much cheaper to recycle the landfill itself. I have worked for Addington Highlands and have seen how much sand was dumped into our landfills to cover up the smell. I remember one summer hauling 26 dump truck loads of sand into the Denbigh landfill alone in one day, and this was done approximately every two weeks.

The best solution instead of closing the landfill is to dig it up and sift out and stockpile the sand. Any recyclable stuff could be taken out and sent

Economic Development

To Bill Graham,
Editor-Highlander:

The August/September issue of the Highlander is the first Highlander I have read for some time. In most articles, it makes for interesting reading as usual.

It was intriguing to read the latest in Economic Development Strategy in Greater Madawaska.

Bill, your article on Economic Development presents a dichotomy. The rest of the paper describes a completely opposite lifestyle than you advocate in this article. It was surprising to see your stand on the committees set up to encourage more industry for the Greater Madawaska Township which means Calabogie, itself. The rest of the newspaper by far consists of paeans for the rural life and the glories and humour of the outback. Do you advocate that some of this industry be foisted on Matawatchan or as you put it "the hamlets." The other point that jumps out was the titles of the people on the various committees agreed to by the GM Council and the CAO. They were entrepreneurs either recently retired or still at work in the big city. They have mostly been "in charge." It will be interesting to watch so many managers managing how many troops? Empire building?

for recycling and any non recyclable stuff left can be put back into the landfill. The stockpiled sand can be reused as well to recover any fresh garbage. Removing the sand would probably give at least another 25 years of landfill use and then the same thing could be done again. Do the math. Sifting landfills in Ontario would save money and the environment. No need to establish a new landfill site and no expensive closures. Sure it would cost some money to sift the landfill but not as much as closing it.

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Now it is presumed that each of these entrepreneurs have cottaged or settled in the GM area because of the beauty and the quietness of country or cottage living and as an escape from the rigors of the business world.

Yet these entrepreneurs are going to change the present atmosphere into a thriving community, the very thing that one presumes they tried to escape from.

Ambition and power are the driving force of most entrepreneurs and it is very hard for them to leave well enough alone. Calabogie has existed for low these many years. True like Newfoundlanders, they have had to leave the area to earn a living but they always came back. Most returnees come back for the atmosphere they remember so clearly, not to live as they had while partaking of the industrial life.

The only way to ensure a growing of tourism is to commercialize the attractions that bring people to the area. Pseudo tourism will change the area from what it is to imitate such places as Muskoka, Mont Tremblant. Etc. Goodbye to most of the items the rest of your paper represents.

Looking back...



Council of the Townships of Griffith and Matawatchan, 1911

Matawatchan Market Meeting

The general meeting for all those who are interested in participating in a food co-op and the Matawatchan Market that was scheduled for late fall has been rescheduled for January 2007. Two of our organizing group; Richard and Audrey Copeland, are travelling in Australia and would not be able to attend.

By January most will be thinking fondly of the coming growing sea-

son. During the meeting we are hoping to determine the mechanics of how the co-op will work, what the fruit and vegetable preferences of members are and what the co-op can be reasonably expected to deliver.

Watch for the mid-December issue of the Madawaska Highlander to learn a specific date, place and time for the meeting.

End

They will not found in an industrialized tourist area.

"The infrastructure needs fixing." It always has needed fixing. How many new residents stayed away because of this need? Again you are equating country living with more and better facilities. My advice is stay in the cities. More people means more infrastructure is needed. Taxes will still go up. The taxation is based mostly on the shoulders of the home or cottage owners. (I believe 97% is quoted.) I questioned Peter Emon about this and whether the businesses could only pay interest on taxes at the end of a three year period and then forgo paying taxes for another three years ad infinitum. His reply was affirmative and when I asked how many businesses in GM did this, he raised his eyes to the ceiling. I tried to find out which were the guilty ones. I wrote the CAO and asked questions, I was blinded by the rhetoric and the percentages rapped up in red tape. Of course I never ex-

pected just a straight answer it would jeopardize the existing status quo.

With 2500 voters taxation base which is presumed to be the only paying public, I cannot see where there are enough people to support any industry. Increasing industry means of course GM will need more people to pay more taxes which in turn will require more infrastructures including bigger and better garbage facilities. Lower taxes ha! That is a fallacy.

I hope you read this, I need to get this out of my mind. Having left GM for Renfrew because of blindness, I still regret the necessity to have to do so.

I miss the atmosphere and the quiet country living that I came to Calabogie for especially the last four years. (slight sarcasm.)

I wish you all the luck in the world.

Holly Goodyear.

Wilson News revisited

Editor's note: *The following excerpt was drawn from the Wilson section of a 1952 issue of the Renfrew Mercury. Thanks to Hazel Warren for this gem.*

Mrs. Wm. McLaren, Miss Iona McLaren and Mr. Lynn McLaren spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Stubinsky of Black Donald.

Mr. and Mrs. John MacDonald have purchased the farm in the Miller district, formerly owned by Mr. Alvie Strong and expect to move in shortly.

Mr. Russell Parks and Miss Marlene Parks motored to Lanark on Sunday.

Mr. Floyd MacPherson spent Friday in Renfrew.

A few from here attended the achievement night program in Denbigh on June 12th. Those winning scholarships from this area were Garry Ferguson, first in Grade 9 and Orval Strong, first in Grade 11 and 12. Miss Marion Strong was among those winning music awards.

Mrs. Thos. Strong received word of the death of her brother-in-law, Mr. Wm. Jackson of Vancouver. Mr. Jackson was a former resident of this district.

When insults had class

"He has never been known to use a word that might send a reader to the dictionary."

-- William Faulkner (about Ernest Hemingway)

"Poor Faulkner. Does he really think big emotions come from big words?"

-- Ernest Hemingway (about William Faulkner)

The Township of Greater Madawaska



Township of Greater Madawaska Municipal Elections

NOTICE OF ELECTION

Under Authority of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 Section 40, Notice is hereby given that Elections in the Township of Greater Madawaska will be held for the offices of:

REEVE: One to be Elected

COUNCILLOR – WARD 1: Two to be Elected

TRUSTEE – CONSEIL DES ECOLES CATHOLIQUES DE LANGUE FRANCAISE DU CENTRE-EST: One to be Elected

VOTING PROCEDURE

Under the authority of The Municipal election Act, 1996 Section 42 and Township of Greater Madawaska By-Law 35 – 2006 voting for the Township of Greater Madawaska Municipal Elections will be held by Mail Ballot.

There will be No Proxy Voting for the 2006 Municipal Election in the Township of Greater Madawaska.

There will be no Advanced Polls for the 2006 Municipal Election in the Township of Greater Madawaska.

Mail Ballots will be distributed to eligible voters during the week of October 16th, 2006. Ballots may be returned by Postage Paid Mail or may be hand delivered to the Municipal Office, 1101 Francis Street, Calabogie during regular business hours.

Mailed Ballots must be placed in the mail no later than Friday November 3rd, 2006 to guarantee receipt of your ballot prior to 8:00 PM Monday November 13th, 2006.

On Election Day, Monday November 13th, 2006 a Polling Station will be available between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM at the Calabogie Community Hall for all Wards.

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Griffith / Matawatchan News

By Garry Ferguson

Low Turnout for Hall Meeting

The meeting on September 12, 2006 to attempt formation of a hall board drew only 15 people; most from the same group that has been involved with the Matawatchan Hall over the past few years. In spite of the disappointing turnout, a hall board was formed, albeit consisting of many who were the hall-sitters for the last two "boardless" years and who craved some relief.

Elaine Kauffeldt, the acting treasurer, reported that the financial situation is reasonably healthy thanks to a \$3000.00 grant from the township as well as a generous donation from Sally Beuch. This in spite of a staggering \$1,000 financial loss suffered when thieves broke into the hall prior to the last New Years Dance and stole the bar stock. The care-taker group has ensured that the building was maintained and that the taxes and other bills have been paid. The heating bill alone for the last winter was in excess of \$3,000.

Doug Vasey, who chaired the meeting and has filled the position of unofficial leader in place of a board chairman over the last two years, reviewed improvements to the facility carried out during that time. He

also revealed plans for an outdoor, fenced-in area where beer could be lawfully served. Notable among the improvements were the new fence between the grounds and the road, a permanent liquor licence and a new outdoor stage. The stage was sponsored and financed by The Many Waters Metis Association. The roof steel was donated by M & R Feeds and Farm Supply, Renfrew. Peter Fischer has donated a steel door and frame to improve lockup security. Bill Graham, a member of the hall-sitter gang and a too-often-called-upon bartender, spoke at length on a proposed fruit-and-vegetable co-op to operate out of the hall during summer months. Members would meet each week to pick up orders and vendors could rent space for on-site sales. It is hoped that this idea will become a reality and evolve to include a variety of produce and other foods.

The new Matawatchan Memorial Centre Board of Directors is as follows: Doug Vasey, President, Adam Copeland, Vice President, Treasurer, Mary Wilson, Secretary, Bill Graham. Filipa Martins volunteered as the lone director. Volunteer Maintenance and Clean-up Committees were formed and a Food Co-ordinator appointed.

The annual Halloween and Hunters Dances are coming up very soon, so mark the dates on your calendars.

They are November 04 and November 11, 2006 respectively. These events are the hall's major fund-raisers, so come on out, kick up your heels and help pay next winter's fuel bill.

Tree Lighting/Concert

On December 08, 2006, the Hall Board is again sponsoring the Annual Tree Lighting as well as a Christmas concert to raise money for Combermere relief. The Tree Lighting will begin at 7 p.m. in the usual place across from the ex-Matawatchan Store. This will be followed by an 8 p.m. Christmas program in the hall. A goodwill offering will be taken at the door. All proceeds will go to help the people of Combermere recover from the hurricane that devastated much of the area.

The Denbigh Griffith Lions Club

I don't bother to count the shopping days remaining before Christmas until the number gets down to 20 – the number of fingers and toes I had the last time I checked. It may come as a shock to many though, to hear that the Lions are already making jingle-bell plans. They're launching an appeal for new vendors to participate in the Annual Craft Sale and inviting former crafters to return. The event will take place in the Griffith Hall on Saturday, December 02, 2006 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. There will be door prizes, raffles, and a silent auction all for prizes donated by local businesses and individuals. The Lions will handle a bake sale and offer a homemade lunch of sandwiches, soup or chilli. There is a fee of \$10.00 per table and crafter/vendors may pre-book by calling Diane Shipley at 613 333 1094.

As a reminder to you bingoholics out there, the dates for the November BINGO's are the 14th and the 28th. You'll be happy to know that the Christmas BINGO is a go, again this year, at 7:30 p.m., on December 12, 2006.

Thanks to you good folk traveling the local thoroughfares, the Lions are doing back-flips over the success of their recent toll road. Needless to say, your generosity will help someone along the way.

Combermere Benefit

There will be a fundraiser to support the Combermere Storm Relief Fund at 8 p.m. on Friday November 03, 2006 at the DACA Centre in Dacre Ontario. The featured performers are The McGillicuddy Sisters and Lucky Ron.

Tickets are \$10.00 each and may be bought at the door or in advance at Mill Valley in Dacre, Aikenhead's in Renfrew or The Pine Valley Restaurant in Griffith. For information call 613 333 2240.

Remembrance Day Ceremony at Denbigh

Canadian Legion Branch 328, Northbrook in association with Army Cadet Company 640, Cloyne and St. Luke's United Church, will observe Remembrance Day with a ceremony at the cenotaph in Denbigh at 11 a.m. on Saturday November 11, 2006. The Reverend Joseph Legree, Pastor of Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church in Griffith will officiate.

Vacationers Hold Benefits

Campers at Snider's Tent and Trailer Park held two fund-raising events this summer to support area causes. The proceeds from a barbeque at the park on August 05 went to support the Combermere relief effort while a golf tournament on August 12 at Cloyne raised several hundred dollars for our fire department.

Fish and Game Club

The club is attempting to create enough interest to schedule another boating course. Those interested should contact any member of the board.

The Wild Turkey Enhancement Program has been successful beyond all expectations. Few places around this part of the township have not been visited by, at least, a small flock. The variety around here seems to be a pretty friendly lot especially for a species with a reputation for extreme wariness. In spite of this, most members of the familiar groups seem to have survived Thanksgiving. I don't mean to alarm our feathered friends, but there's still Christmas to worry about.

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MADAWASKA RIVER WATER MANAGEMENT REVIEW

The goal of water management planning is to contribute to the environmental, social and economic well-being of the people of Ontario through the sustainable development of waterpower resources, and to manage these resources in an ecologically sustainable way for the benefit of present and future generations.

The Madawaska River Water Management Review (published in 2000) was prepared as a result of an agreement between the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) and Ontario Power Generation (OPG) in June 1995, to form a partnership to conduct a review of water management on the Madawaska River. Its goal was to develop a water management plan to guide levels and flows for the Madawaska River and ensure public awareness of the plan. The Plan identifies operation criteria for MNR and OPG-controlled structures and was designed to be a work in progress that captured current limitations. In addition, it called for a five year report on the status of the plan implementation, which has recently been completed.

Public participation and consultation was instrumental to the Madawaska River Water Management Review. A Public Advisory Committee was selected to provide advice and direction to the inter-organization review team. Three phases of public consultation, including focus groups and open houses were undertaken. Since plan implementation in 2000, a Standing Advisory Committee (SAC) has been in place to monitor the implementation of the water management plan. The SAC is made up of citizens representing a diversity of interests, whose mandate is to provide a mechanism for the public to contribute to the implementation of the plan, follow its progress and be aware of issues and proposed changes to the plan. The role of the SAC has been to bring any new problems and issues to the MNR and OPG throughout the implementation process.

The current members of the Madawaska SAC are:

Roger Danby: Roger has lived in the Ottawa Valley since his arrival from England in 1972, where he continued his work in the paper industry, most recently in engineering research and development. He has been granted five patents and presented technical papers in a number of countries. He lives on the Madawaska River in Arnprior and has become very interested in the complexities of keeping rivers healthy and productive. Roger hopes to pursue that interest by serving on the Madawaska River SAC as its most recent member.

JP de Grandmont: JP is a resident of the Township of Greater Madawaska and farms near Griffith. He has retired from Parks Canada and worked in policy development and public consultation as well as serving as Director of the Gaspé District in Quebec. No stranger to water, JP has canoed some parts of the Madawaska River, is a past Commodore of the Rockcliffe Yacht Club and has an abiding interest in the health of the river and conservation of its assets.

Damian Hanel: Damian has been instrumental in the success of a number of start-up companies in the Ottawa area. He and his family have a year-round home on Black Donald Lake and are interested in preserving the natural beauty of the river. For Damian, joining the SAC was a great opportunity to help ensure this.

Lucien Lacombe: Lucien lives a short distance south of the Village of Madawaska on the west side of Bark Lake. He has lived, worked and enjoyed the Upper Madawaska River system all his life. He feels blessed to have such a valuable natural resource within a short distance from

his home to enjoy all year round. He has found his experience on the SAC during the past year, his first, to be most interesting.

Brian Moran: Brian was born and raised in the Calabogie area and joined Ontario Hydro in 1954. He spent time in Northern Ontario and at Bruce Nuclear Power Development before retiring to Calabogie in 1993. He currently operates a small business on Calabogie Lake and is very interested in the welfare of the Madawaska River.

Steve Roy: Steve and his family live year-round on the Madawaska River near Burnstown. He participated in the Public Advisory Committee to develop the original water management plan published in January 2000. Subsequently, he became a member of the Standing Advisory Committee in 2000 and provides an element of long-standing continuity to the SAC.

Brian Wright: Brian is the current Chair of the SAC. He grew up in Northern Ontario and currently lives in Arnprior with his wife and daughter. He works in the Federal Public Service in the Fire Protection sector. Brian is an avid white water paddler and is also interested in hiking, wilderness camping and other outdoor recreation opportunities. Since living in Arnprior he has paddled most rivers in the area as well as remote rivers in northern Ontario and Quebec. Brian was also a member of the original PAC and has been a member of the SAC since 2000.

The Madawaska River Water Management Review has received a number of awards, including the National Hydropower Association's "Outstanding Stewardship of America's Rivers" award from 2001-2004. In 2000 Pembroke District MNR staff were presented with the prestigious Amethyst Award, the highest accolade for Ministry employees and, in 2002, OPG and MNR staff received a "World Summit Business Award for Sustainable Development" for the Madawaska Review, in recognition of its contribution to sustainable development. This was awarded at the World Summit of Sustainable Development in Johannesburg, SA.

To view the Madawaska River Water Management Plan Five Year Report, please visit the following website:

http://www.opg.com/envComm/madawaska/MadRivr5yearrev_06.pdf

In addition, please note that the Madawaska River Water Management Plan Review document is currently in the process of being updated to reflect the Water Management Planning Guidelines for Waterpower (2002). The updated Madawaska River Water Management Plan will be finalized in 2007. Future notices for public input, in particular at the draft plan stage, will be forthcoming.

For additional information about the Madawaska River Water Management Plan, or to become a member of the Madawaska SAC, please contact:

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Community Calendar

CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

GRIFFITH AND MATAWATCHAN

St. Andrew's United Church
 Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.
 Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Holy Rosary Catholic Church
 Griffith: Sat. Mass 7:30 p.m.
 Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.

Hilltop Tabernacle
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service 6:00 p.m.

DENBIGH AND VENNACHAR

Vennachar Free Methodist Church
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 11:00 a.m.
 Tuesdays:
 Ladies' Bible Study (Bi-Weekly) 1pm
 Bible Study (weekly) 7pm
 Bible Study (Bi-Weekly) Plevna----7pm
 WMI - Monday (monthly)
 Third Sunday of every month
 New Beginnings, Clar-Mill Hall,
 Plevna-----6:30pm

St. Luke's United Church
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

The New Apostolic Church
 Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
 Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Wednesdays 8:00 p.m.

CALABOGIE

The Calabogie Bible Fellowship Congregational Church
 The Mill Street Chapel at 538 Mill St.,
 Regular service – Sundays 7:00 p.m.

Most Precious Blood Catholic Church
 504 Mill St., Rev. Father Pat Blake
 Sundays 10:30 a.m.

St. Patrick's Catholic Church
 Mount St. Patrick
 Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

Calabogie St. Andrews United Church
 1044 Madawaska Dr.
 (on the waterfront)
 Church Services Sunday Mornings at
 8:45 a.m. Communion
 1st Sunday of every month.

Bible study every Wednesday evening
 7:15 – 9:00

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Calabogie

Christmas Dinner & Dance, Live Band: New Orleans Jazz, Fri. Dec. 8, 5:30 pm, Calabogie Community Hall, Calabogie Seniors' Club members \$20 and non-members \$25, 752-0868 for tickets

Basic Computer Skills Course, Greater Madawaska Township Library, Calabogie, starting Nov. 6 on Mondays. Time to be decided by need: 1:00 pm or 6:00 pm. Up to 10 weeks at \$5 per session. Call library at 752-2317.

Remembrance Day Ceremony, Sun. Nov. 5, 2:00 pm, Cenotaph, Madawaska St., Calabogie with refreshments after at Community Hall, 752-2598

Roast Beef Dinner, Sun. Nov. 19, 2:00 – 6:30 pm, St. Andrew's United Church, \$12, under 12 -\$5, 5 and under – free, Madawaska St., Calabogie, 752-2598

Bazaar and Tea, St. Andrew's United Church Women, Sat. Nov. 25, 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Madawaska St. Calabogie, 752-2598

Santa Claus Parade, Sun. Dec. 3, 1:30 pm starting at Most Precious Blood Church, Mill St., Calabogie; Santa meets children at 4 pm at Community Hall, 752-2922

Bogie Lights, Sat. Dec. 2; 5:30 pm Heritage Point, Calabogie- turning on the Christmas tree lights, singing of carols, free hot chocolate, hot dogs and cookies, sponsored by Calabogie Seniors' Club

Calabogie Arts and Crafts Assoc., every 2nd Monday (if holiday, then 3rd Monday), 10:00am – 1:00 pm, Community Hall, prospective members most welcome (\$12 per year), 752-0072

Lion's Club Bingo every Wed., 7:15 pm, Calabogie Community Centre, 752-0234

Calabogie Seniors: Pot luck dinner and meeting – the last Thursday of each month – Community Hall begins at 4:00 p.m. followed by dinner and meeting.

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GREATER MADAWASKA LITERARY MATTERS

By Mary-Joan Hale

On a beautiful fall day, Trustee Don Strachan, Editor Graham and I travelled up the mountain to visit our three Outreach Depots. These volunteers were presented with Certificates of appreciation. This project could not



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work without their participation. The Eagles Rest, Lacourse Mini-mart, and the Mill Valley Stores all have copies of the Collection Manual and applications for membership. Materials go back and forth in the Township trucks. Thanks very much to you all.

We have added more books to the collection, so check out the Township website and search our database. Thanks to the Trillium grant, we have the software to allow off-site searches. If you are not yet a member, visit one of these stores to fill out an application form for each of your family members and the laminated cards will be returned to you. Those close to the library may drop in to join.

Just to clarify a few misunderstandings, which might have arisen at the All Candidates Meetings—the library is not under-utilised. It is a hive of activity with Internet users, patrons looking for books, children reading and doing crafts, parents and grandparents snuggling up with children and reading together. We

have increased our memberships from newcomers, residents who have decided to 'borrow not buy' their reading materials and constituents from Wards 2 & 3. What we are is under-spaced and under-funded! Under the Libraries Act, Ontario, we may not charge user fees.

We are fortunate to have been supported for about seven years (perhaps more before I arrived), by the Community Access Program. This is an initiative of Industry Canada. Through this program, we have acquired printers, updated and increased our computer stations to six and a Server for our LAN (local area network). We have purchased children's educational software as well as software for each station. Under our agreement with Industry Canada, we may not charge a user fee. However, we may charge for printing. It must be noted, that we provide information, and are not a commercial institution

Additionally, through a partnership between Bell Canada and the Southern Ontario Library Services, we have been providing High Speed Internet Access before anyone else had it. Students, tourists and those with dial-up (or no computer) at home benefit from this as well. As a support to the local tourist industry, visitors are amazed that our community can offer this service.

Our board developed a Strategic Plan in 2005. The first Critical Success Factor identified was increased service to Wards 2 and 3 and to those confined to home, either temporarily or permanently. The Ontario Trillium Foundation thought that our proposal was so innovative that they provided us with a grant. With the help of the storeowners we have begun. Some may prefer to walk in to a library, but since the library has been in Calabogie since 1978 and funds will not support three more libraries, this is the best of both worlds.

Another misunderstanding might be due to a figure tossed out about the cost of a new library. The board, when involved in strategic planning discussions, was concerned about the lack of space. In order to be ready should it be necessary to make space for other township needs, the trustees discussed several contingency plans: whether it is part of an addition; in a stand-alone space or in an existing facility. These are just discussions by concerned responsible trustees doing their volunteer jobs. The figure presented at the meeting was taken out of context from a document prepared for a consultant working on the

lot development fees. All managers were requested to present their detailed, ten-year capital expenditures proposal. It is a working document only. Any change would be part of a township initiative. The last time the fees came up for review, library and recreation were removed. Hopefully, Council will see fit to return these

two necessary items (but smallest parts of the budget) to the process.

In summary, I do hope that these points have been clarified. First, no user fees are permitted by law and by agreement. Library expansion, if it happens, will be part of a largely

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Fishing with Jim



By Jim Weatherall

Summer has come to an end, but it was a great summer for most fishermen,

with lots of bass (both small & large mouth) caught. Pickerel was really good on Calabogie Lake, with a few 20" ones caught.

One fisherman was fishing this summer on a nearby lake that has had rainbow trout in it for over 30 years, and much to his surprise he managed to hook into a lake trout that weighed in at 11 1/2 lbs. He took it on a leech fly. That's not bad for fishing out of a canoe. If that is not enough, he decided to go again the next weekend and landed another laker weighing 9 3/4 lbs.

Congratulations go out to Hugh Malcolm.... WELL DONE!

Speckled trout closed in most areas on Sept. 30th, but rainbow and splake are open all year except for Dec. 24th. Check your regulation book before going to your favorite lake.

The fall rainbow fishing has been good, with some nice ones taken from Shiner Lake on worms. One fisherman took a 21lb. trout on a minnow fly in the shallows. All in all, a good time was had by most fishermen.

The next time you hear from me, we will be out on the ice. First ice can be good fishing, so be careful and I will see you out there.

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By Warren Ainge.

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Township of Greater Madawaska

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The following committees will be appointed by the new Council:

- Recreation Committee – 9 positions available
- Minor Variance/Committee of Adjustment – 4 positions available
- Economic Development Committee – 7 positions available
- Barnet Park Committee – 9 positions available
- Canada Day Committee – 5 positions available
- Emergency Management Committee – 5 positions available
- Finance and Administration committee – 3 positions available
- Public Services Committee – 3 positions available
- Public Works Committee – 3 positions available
- Planning and Economic Development Committee – 3 positions available

Deadline for expressions of interest is Friday November 24th, 2006.

Expressions of interest may be mailed, faxed or emailed to the following:

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The Track is open for business

By Bill Graham

As most already know, Calabogie MotorSports Park has jumped the final OMB hurdle and is open for business, albeit unofficially. With the season almost over when approval was received (September 28), track officials decided to use the remaining weeks of the season to introduce the Calabogie Track to car clubs, the media and members of the CABA business community.

The official opening will be at the start of next year's driving season but in the interim there were lessons to be learned from actual track usage and suggestions to be considered before the final product is unveiled. For these reasons permanent buildings have not yet been erected. The owners want to see how the track's clientele use the property before they decide where buildings and facilities are placed. Construction should be completed by the opening next spring.

The track occupies 111 hectares of the entire 486-hectare rugged, wooded site. The 2.2-kilometre West Track and the 2.81-km East Track can be used separately for simultaneous events or can be combined to form a 23-turn, 5.05-km outer loop.

I visited the track on two occasions: Once with fellow CABA members where I got to actually drive my little Toyota Echo through one full 5 kilometre lap and on another occasion at the invitation of Chris Fleming.

It is a very impressive installation. Security and safety is professionally handled, the operation is well organized and the track itself is a beautiful roadway.

During a 'VIP and Media Pre-Opening Test Day' in late September, 98 drivers in eight groups spent the day getting a personal feel for the track. When I was visiting in early October the Porsche Club of Montreal had booked the track. According to Chris Fleming, what remains of this season

is fully booked and with the publicity generated by the 'Pre-Opening Test Day', bookings for next season are expected to be full by mid-November.

As part of its zoning approval, the track must produce no more than 45 to 50 decibels of noise at neighbouring property lines under the township's anti-noise bylaw; its zoning must also be renewed by the Township of Greater Madawaska every three years because of residents' concerns about excessive noise.

On the day that I visited the Track, I did not find the noise at all excessive. However, during this abbreviated season, the municipal office has received 40 complaints. Some of these are multiple calls from the same people. According to Track officials, two employees are sent out to various locations around Calabogie each day to do sound tests. When a complaint is made, an employee is also sent to the location of the complaint and again a sound test is conducted. At no time have tests shown noise above the 50 decibel maximum level. In fact, several complaints were made when the Track wasn't even running.

Already the economic spin-offs for Calabogie are evident. At least 70, perhaps more, part-time jobs need to be filled. These are mainly for track marshals who are the eyes of the track and will flag down cars in the event of an accident or a slow down on the track. Twenty-three of these marshals are on the track whenever it is in operation. While some Calabogie residents have been hired, the number of local applications is not as high as was hoped. Some applicants are coming from as far away as Ottawa for this job. Any local resident who would like one of these jobs should call the Calabogie Motorsports office at 752-1252.

Local business is also experiencing increased business since the Track opened at the end of September. According to a track official, Munford's has confided that they are experiencing the best fall season that they have ever had.

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The Pileated Woodpecker

By Floris Wood



The Pileated is one of 214 woodpeckers in the Picidae family, which includes flickers and sapsuckers. As a family they are found worldwide except in those two isles of evolutionary oddities, Australia and Madagascar. What they all have in common are bills made for chiselling, head muscles made for pounding and shock absorption, long, barbed tongues made for extracting insects from crevices and stiff tail feathers good for bracing up the woodpecker on the side of a tree.

The feet of most woodpeckers have two long hooked toes pointed forward that are used for hooking onto loose bark or a hole they are working on, one or two shorter toes pointed sideways or slightly backwards.

All this specialized adaptation makes for a good woodpecker but makes for a less frequent flier. Their undulating flight is sometimes described as awkward and graceless; very good for going from tree to tree in dense forest, but not especially good for long flight or soaring. When flying their wings flap several times as the bird rises and then they fold the wings into their bodies and descend slightly, resulting in a markedly undulating

flight pattern. Consequently, woodpeckers are not very migratory. They spend all their lives in the same area.

Woodpeckers are often referred to by naturalists as a core species. A core species is one that other animals depend upon to do the heavy construction of nest sites. Since woodpeckers build a new nest every year in a hollow tree there are many abandoned nests throughout an old growth forest. Flickers, purple martins, owls, wrens and chickadees are among those that use the abandoned woodpecker nests for homes in subsequent years. Raccoons and other mammals also use the abandoned nests.

The debris from woodpecker construction sites contains insects that provide food for other insect-eating, but less industrious, animals. The

tearing apart of trees helps hasten the process of decay, thus creating fertile forest floor for future growth, not that mother nature is in any hurry.

The Pileated woodpecker's habitat range includes the whole of the North American continent except for the Polar Regions and part of the United States Rocky Mountain and plains regions. The Pileated woodpecker is pretty common in the Madawaska valley. A walk through any old growth forest around here will reveal their handiwork. Like many woodpeckers the Pileated woodpecker makes square or rectangular holes in trees. The holes may range in size from three inches high to eighteen inches high and ten inches across. Most of the holes are made in the service of food acquisition but some are nesting site holes.

Although people generally dread seeing a woodpecker attacking one of their trees, a closer look at the situation might lead one to feel less harshly toward the bird. A woodpecker pecks a tree for two reasons. First, he drums a tree as a signal to other pileated woodpeckers that this is his territory. Territory is not fiercely contested in woodpeckers. They are not social by nature but, occasionally, can be found in a small group of adults eating together. They seem to naturally leave each other alone. So the drumming serves primarily as a reminder of the presence of a woodpecker in the area. A Pileated might be more likely to drum if he has found a particularly good feeding sight or if he feels the need to warn other birds away from his nesting sight. In any case he chooses a hollow tree to drum so the sound resonates well. The drumming does little damage and the tree is already dead.

Second, the woodpecker pecks vigorously when he hears or sees carpenter ant activity within a tree. Severe carpenter ant activity dooms a tree anyway. The woodpecker only hastens the inevitable. Such a tree, riddled with woodpecker holes, leans perilously in the direction of the rickety outdoor privy at my cottage on Centennial Lake Road.

In the case of light ant activity the woodpecker cleans out the infestation of ants and leaves behind a somewhat scarred but otherwise healthy

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Pileated continued

tree. He usually even returns later to inspect the tree for new ant infestations, at no charge to the land owner.

Sighting a Pileated woodpecker, in spite of their abundance, may take some effort due to their wariness of humans. Unlike the Downy woodpecker, which one can attract to a backyard bird feeding station with nut meats and suet, the Pileated woodpecker seldom visits such places, much preferring the seclusion of the deep woods. One researcher reports that in a survey of 100 feeding stations only three reported visits from a Pileated woodpecker. A downy woodpecker will play hide and seek with an approaching person by hopping sideways around to the opposite side of a tree. A Pileated woodpecker will usually simply fly away.

Pileated woodpeckers usually grow to the size of a crow, but that is where the resemblance ends. Although they have an uninteresting dull black body, the Pileated's head has a distinctive color and shape. Its magnificent red, black and white head, set it apart from all other woodpeckers and, indeed, all other birds.

Its bright red crest extends from its beak to the back of its head and sticks straight up on top. The front of the crest is swept back, giving

the impression that the bird flies upwind a lot. His whole head is elongated and sits atop a fairly long, muscular neck. A white horizontal line, sometimes thin enough to miss if seen from a distance, occupies the space below the crest. Below that is a much broader, black horizontal stripe that contains the eyes. Another white stripe extends from the black beak nearly to the back of the head where it takes a sharp turn down the neck and wraps toward the bird's chest. This very broad strip contains a red "moustache" in the male and a black "moustache" in the female. The females and males differ somewhat in stripe design, with the males being the more colourful.

The only other bird likely to be confused with the Pileated is the Ivory Billed woodpecker. This larger bird has a softly white beak but is otherwise quite similar to the Pileated. But, should you see an Ivory Billed woodpecker, let the MNR know right away since they supposedly recently became extinct, although unconfirmed sightings of them still persist.

The shyness of the Pileated and its distinctive call and pecking make it a bird more often heard than seen. Its call is a series of "kuks" that starts out slowly, even haltingly, then increases in speed and volume, reaching a crescendo that then slows to a halt.

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Scarecrow Contest: An annual event for Calabogie?



The idea behind the event was to launch an annual contest with the vision of the village of Calabogie soon being the Scarecrow Capital of the Ottawa Valley. Residents and business owners in the village would have scarecrows on their properties for all to see. Those who live outside the village area could display on the lawns of others in the village with their permission of course! People could take walking or driving tours around the village to enjoy the displays. One day would be selected

each year for the judging of village scarecrows.

The idea was the brain child of Bernice Devooght of the Shanty Pub. With Carolyn Jakes, Artist, Celtic Colours Studio, they planned the event, which had 15 entries, including children and youth from age 8 to 15 and adults from all age groups. The fact that four prizes and 10 door prizes were donated for the event shows that there is lots of enthusiasm for this annual scarecrow contest. Domenic D'Arcy, the singing policeman, was another highlight of the day.

The winners are:

- 1st prize - Lisa Charbonneau, The Buckhorn - large display of scarecrows with a big buck
- 2nd prize - Sonya Morglan, Artist - Freddie Frog
- 3rd prize - Heather Kennedy and Mike LaBelle, Remax, scarecrow with Remax display
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Wellness Centre opens in Calabogie

By Bill Graham

Wellness is a term used more and more to describe an approach for dealing with health issues. Susan Veale, who recently moved her 'Wellness Natural Health Centre' business to Calabogie describes it as "helping people heal naturally by stimulating the body's own healing powers".

With an acute doctor shortage in our area many people are looking for more individual counselling about their personal health issues than local physicians can provide. With doctors' supporting maxed-out patient loads they only have time to deal with specific complaints and no time to deal with a patient's health as a whole. This is where natural health practitioners like Susan Veale can play a valuable complementary role.

Susan Veale has 25 years of experience in natural health care and private practice. She moved her business to Calabogie from Oxford Mills, which is located south of Ottawa, where she practiced for 14 years. She wanted to be in a more rural setting where the air was fresher and where there was the presence of soothing mountains and lakes. She was drawn to Calabogie because it had those qualities

and because there was no one else offering the same service. Many of the clients from her former practice travel to Calabogie regularly to continue benefiting from her services.

Veale has a BSc in Kinesiology from the University of Waterloo with an honours degree in Sports Medicine. Kinesiology is the science of human movement. It focuses on how the body functions and moves. In addition, she is a 'Natural Health Care Practitioner' and 'Nutrition Counselor', with certification in practices such as Reiki, Reflexology, Massage, Shiatsu and lab testing to name a few.

The Wellness Natural Health Centre website (www.mylysis.com) summarizes Veale's approach very nicely: "Wellness healing is a combination of natural healing and specific therapeutic remedies, remedies that have been known to man since the beginning of time. Today, independent scientific research and new technology has proven why natural healing is most effective, most beneficial and more importantly, to be 100% side-effect free for most people, even those on prescription medication.

Some of the natural healing protocols we use include organic supplementation, homeopathics and various "hands on therapies" such as

rehabilitative massage, reflexology, Reiki or applied kinesiology. Words and phrases such as "detox", "macrobiotics" and "environmental sensitivities" are part of this realm.

As a certified kinesiologist and natural health practitioner, people come to me and ask for help with fibromyalgia, irritable bowel syndrome, cancer, heart disease, diabetes and conditions such as migraine headaches, low energy and allergies. Mothers want answers as to why their children cannot sit still in a classroom.

"Can you cure the problem?" is the most commonly asked question. I answer with complete honesty and say, "No, I cannot cure your condition".

My role is to educate people about his or her body and have people understand that the human body has within itself, a self-regulating, self-adjusting, homeostatic system. In other words, the body is programmed to continually adjust itself in order to function at optimal levels."

Caught up in the immediate demands placed on us by cell phones, the Internet, jobs, family, poisonous consumer products and unhealthy foods, modern living is very stressful for the body and mind. When unhealthy symptoms arise, it is not always apparent where the source of the problem lies. It is the job of practitioners like Susan to interpret what your body

is telling you and to offer suggestions on how to remedy the complaint. "When a patient asks for help, my job is to recognize a cellular dysfunction and recommend how to refuel the cell allowing it to repair itself. Methods used vary but each is designed to help the body restore naturally".

The process starts with a two-hour interview and the completion of a 13-page questionnaire that asks about medication and specific triggers like alcohol, tobacco, coffee, stress, junk food and the like. Then symptoms are identified under the categories of digestion, fat metabolism, immune function, cardiovascular, sugar tolerance, lungs, urological, musculoskeletal, neurological, diet and sleep patterns, with a separate category for males and females. In conjunction with this Susan will take hair and saliva samples for lab testing and will make personal observations about body language.

From all of this a profile is developed, the source of the problem identified and a course of treatment suggested. For Susan the disease label is not important, but rather how well the body functions as a healing unit.

The Wellness Natural Health Centre is located at 44 Norton Road close to Highway 508. Susan Veale can be reached by email at info@mylysis.com or by telephone at 613-752-1540.

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Literary Matters cont...

er township initiative. How it happens will require further research.

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2006 Municipal Elections in Greater Madawaska



Candidates continued

the only real race happening in the Township of Greater Madawaska. There are five candidates running for two positions as councillors. Don Mercer is seeking re-election with Marie Buscomb, Chantal Coupal, Chris Fleming and John Pratt seeking election for the first time.

This is Marie Buscomb's first venture into municipal politics but she has been very active in the Calabogie community as a fund-raiser and as a member on numerous committees. She was the owner of North Star Christmas Boutique for 17 years, worked as an administrative employee for Canadian Bank Note Company for 26 years.

Chantal Coupal is also new to municipal politics but not new to the workings of township administration. During the last year she occupied a part-time position with Greater Madawaska fostering economic development. She has work experience in marketing, promotion and tourism. She has been a resident of Calabogie for the last nine years.

Chris Fleming brings a very successful business background to his candidacy for councillor. He has at-

tended innumerable council meetings during his three-year long application for favourable zoning so that he and his partners could open the Calabogie MotorSport Park. He is born and bred in Calabogie and has over many years been very active in local committees and in organizing recreational activities for residents.

Don Mercer has been a resident of Calabogie since the 1950s and most recently was a councillor for Ward 1 for the last three years. He is Chairperson for the Public Works Standing Committee and Co-chair for the Public Services Standing Committee. He is fiscally conservative and a fierce guardian of the public purse.

John Pratt has lived in Calabogie since 1999 after retiring from the RCMP with 35 years of service. He was commissioned to the rank of Inspector in 1989 and in federal law enforcement across the country and completed his career as the Officer in Charge of National Security Investigations for Ontario. Since retirement he was seconded to the Commonwealth Police Development Task Force in Sierra Leone (Africa) by Foreign affairs and the RCMP.

The candidates that you select will

form the next Council but they do not work alone in charting the path taken by the Township over its four-year term. In addition to administrative staff, citizens who volunteer for ten advisory committees will be needed. See municipal ad on page 14.


If you have not received your mail-in ballot by the time you receive this

issue of the Highlander, you should contact the municipal office at 613-752-2222 immediately. You will have to November 4 to mail your ballot; otherwise you will have to attend the Polling Station (10:00 a.m to 8:00 p.m.) at the Calabogie Community Hall on November 13.

End



Acclaimed: Councillors Karin Lehnhardt and Thomas Ryan



The Township of Greater Madawaska

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Voting Procedures

Residents of Greater Madawaska are advised that Voter Kits have now been mailed to all eligible voters. Kits should be received by October 23rd, 2006 in your mail.

Residents are encouraged to cast their ballot in one of the following ways:

Mail Your Ballot – Residents can cast their vote on the ballot provided and mail it in the Postage Paid envelope provided. Be sure to follow the instructions on the Voter Identification form exactly. Ballots being mailed must be mailed no later than Friday November 3rd to ensure delivery prior to November 13th.

Drop your ballot off – Residents can choose to drop their ballot off in the box provided at the Municipal Office, Calabogie any time during normal business hours from October 17th until November 13th.

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Peter Emon: Candidate for Reeve

I would like to thank the Madawaska Highlander for the opportunity to address two of the issues which I believe are important to the rate payers of the Township of Greater Madawaska over the next four years. I have been asked to comment on Waste Management and Economic Development. With regards to Waste Management I will be working with council to ensure we have the transfer stations implemented for four sites as soon as possible. I also want to ensure by the end of 2010 having in a document, a viable, economically sensible long term waste management plan in place for Greater Madawaska. I anticipate the plan will have the following options discussed and implemented in some form: A review of operations at Mt. St. Patrick and Black Donald sites to determine if a chipper can be used to ensure brush and construction waste is utilised as cover material. It would also allow the easier disposal of larger household waste when it is brought down to manageable sizes.

I would discuss with council and staff a plan to purchase a large roller for better compaction. With only two sites open in the foreseeable future and then one it may be feasible to have our own machinery for better compaction. It will be easier to transport between sites and then to remain on one of the sites. The roller could likely be used for road construction by Public Works staff.

I would encourage council to revitalise the backyard composting program with a large scale composter purchase and re-sale to rate payers at cost. I would anticipate removing compostable materials from the future waste stream being landfilled. I would like to see us increase recycling through a rewards system offered at the same time as limiting households with a bag tag system and a clear bag system to better monitor the waste being landfilled. Council will need to sign a contract with a recycling processor which will allow the municipality to realise some proceeds from the sale of products and also from increased Ontario Waste Diversion initiatives. The processor needs to be able to deal with the materials we presently accept at our landfills and they need to also accept Styrofoam products, all grades of plastic, more packaging products and such paper products as gift paper.

With council, staff and committee members, investigate a new system to better handle building and construction waste and yard waste, which does not include land filling them. It may be that chipping them and composting will eliminate most of this stream.

Council will need to work with the non residential waste sector to facilitate a large scale purchase of segregated waste receptacles for re-sale to them. This will allow greater ease for the sector to segregate their waste and to recycle. This will also allow the municipality to aggressively introduce recycling to all municipal properties both indoors and out doors. The municipality needs to lead and work on a solution to effect greater involvement from this sector.

I will press council to aggressively monitor our sites to ensure leachate migration and content is identified and accounted for. The development of a waste management strategy is not effective if continual funds are not allocated for education of service users and also for informing the public of the progress of their efforts. Education can take the form of a periodic household audit to illustrate to rate-payers the progress they are making individually. The municipality will also need to stress the reduce and re-use components of a comprehensive waste management plan focusing on diversion and real results.

With regards to what form waste disposal will take we will need to examine all new technology and also not ignore a possible solution of exportation to other processors provided the cost is reasonable. We will also need to pay attention to and examine the possibility of utilising our existing sites through re-packing or expansion of the sites. These options will need to be shown to be cost effective in the short and long-term in order to be considered a solution.

A waste management plan can not be developed in isolation, it requires knowledge of costs and options prior to developing the long term plan of action. I will also work with council to ensure a septage plan in place by 2008 to handle municipal septic waste. De-watering may allow the use of this product for other revenue producing activities.

With regards to Economic Development I would work with council to review the need to develop our own official plan or to remain solely under the auspices of the County Official Plan. I would also like to examine with Council and staff the merit of hiring, in conjunction with a neighbouring municipality, a contract planner.

Both measures may allow increased and quicker comment on development applications and will also allow better service delivery for interested parties when they want to develop a concept. I am of the opinion the quicker delivery and better quality of the infor-

mation given to prospective clients the better our chances are of landing development both large and small. I would like to examine with council, staff and the public the need to develop zones in our municipality and implement themes for development. The themes may address such issues as appearance of new buildings and the types of development in certain areas. For example a limit may be placed on the number of storeys of a building or the use of glass on waterfront commercial properties.

I would encourage council and staff to continue to develop time lines and responsibility check lists for processing all development applications initiated in Greater Madawaska. This will ensure the process is smoother and also limit frustrations and perception the municipality is not responding quickly enough.

I will discuss with council, staff and the community the development of a time limited plan to beautify all municipal properties with benches, garbage cans and flowers. At the same time encourage council to establish an active living trails network with signage utilizing County, Provincial and Municipal lands. These components

are valuable in encouraging people to appreciate the natural beauty of our area and to visit and locate here.

My overall approach will be to encourage council and staff to develop a strategy to promote the area to visitors, long and short term, the soon to be retired population and to families. All three potential move-ins are looking for quiet safe areas to live, with reasonably priced homes and a variety of multi-seasonal outdoor activities.

We also need to promote our library services, the medical center, the visiting services, the schools and the other services and businesses provided in the community. At the same time we need to ensure people who come here either to visit or to live have a pleasant and full experience. Council needs to take the comments of all and with ratepayers, business and other levels of government ensure the area's activities keep pace with demand. All of the components for a successful marketing program for the area are here. We need to get the word out in an efficient and directed manner.

In terms of keeping young people in the area: I would first ensure council knew enough about the types of

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- can work with council
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Emon *continued*

employment available in Greater Madawaska. I would then suggest working with interest groups to establish training for private and public staff located in the area to develop future employees. This would involve working with the education system, employees and employers as well as such traditional placement tools as job shadowing and coop.

Finally, I would establish a non-profit corporation to develop affordable housing for seniors in the area. There is a grant available from Canada Mortgage and Housing to assist in determining the need for such a residential alternative. I am aware of a project in operation in Madoc and another in the planning stages in Mayo Township. This would involve developing a variety of rental units of different configurations and would employ a variety of contractors during the building of the project and other employees during the operation of it. This will keep seniors in our community and ensure they don't have to move away prematurely.

I will also be encouraging council to keep the current committee style with public involvement. This allows a healthy and sometimes critical examination of the municipality, its practices and progress. Council needs to operate as a cohesive, informed, committed entity with a shared or accepted vision of what constitutes progress. You can contact me at 613 752 2922 or via email at alan-na-peter.emon@sympatico.ca.

Peter Emon

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A call for some creativity

By John Roxon,

Editor's note: *Cottage Corner columnist John Roxon takes a tongue-in-cheek look at the municipal elections and offers some creative suggestions for solving the township's challenges.*

Is it any coincidence that this year's municipal elections are right in the middle of hunting season? Canadians are weary of a still recent federal election followed by an endless Liberal leadership debate followed by a municipal election probably followed closely by a provincial election, which will be followed closely again by yet another federal election. No wonder voter turnout is rapidly progressing (regressing?) towards the single digits.

Every election in every corner of the land does have re-

occurring issues and themes; Health care, education, taxation, transportation and waste management, interspersed with accusations of the current government's mismanagement and squandering of the public's resources. It's funny how often these themes are combined. Poor waste management, resulting from constituents being poorly educated in the ways and means of waste management, leads to poor health due to outbreaks of e-coli, which then leads to an over-usage of the healthcare budget and extra taxation. The poor waste management techniques of one municipality will lead to the transportation of waste and tax dollars out of the municipality into neighbouring municipalities that are better educated in the ways and means of waste management. And on it goes.

From what I can tell based on the promises, the main issues to be de-

cidated in the Township of Greater Madawaska are waste management and economic development.

As a service to all politicians, especially those unlucky enough to be elected, I wish to present my primer for killing two election issues with one stone or, how to promise a cleaner environment and economic prosperity and deliver extended hours for the local dumps and a new flea market for the area to be opened on Saturdays only during July and August.

1. Build the world's largest mountain of garbage. I mean, why not embrace waste management instead of labelling it as something to be swept under the carpet – so to speak. Everything that people want to throw on the mountain will be accepted. Get listed in the Guinness book of records. Advertise the world's largest mountain of waste in all materi-

als aimed at tourists. Charge \$5.00 admission at the gate. Sell souvenir sample jars of garbage from that pile for tourists to take home.

This initiative alone will solve all problems. No precious tax money will be spent on recycling initiatives, special garbage bags, blue boxes or PR materials. The large mountain will attract tourists, thus increasing economic development. The gate admission and proceeds from souvenir sales will go right into the ever-expanding operating surplus of the Township. This will in turn attract developers as property taxes and the costs of construction permits could be lowered. The developers would also be encouraged to renovate because there would be no worries with time consuming sorting of construction waste materials – they would all

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John Pratt: Candidate for Councillor in Ward 1

I was raised on a dairy farm south of Ottawa. I am married with a family of two daughters in Montreal and a son in British Columbia. We are grandparents to a lovely little B.C. girl. After 35 years in the RCMP, several postings, several residences my wife and I chose Barryvale in 1999 to be our home. The decision was not difficult. Greater Madawaska Township, a well kept secret, has been discovered as a destination of choice, an area with so much to offer throughout the year.



I am very concerned with recent disproportionate tax increases and the lack of vision concerning planning and development in this Township. If elected, I will work to ensure that best practices are established in areas of fiscal responsibility.

I am an investigator, manager of people, policy and practices and a decision maker. As a Councillor it is essential to make well researched and supportable decisions, especially concerning the competing interests of development and land use. It will be essential to remember the heritage and natural assets of this community. The evolving vision or Strategic Plan will clearly become a guide to the future in my view. The next

council will be charged with the approval and implementation of this plan. It will be important to get it right. This Township has so much to offer every season of the year.

About the Strategic Plan: This plan will deal with future growth, sustainability, local business, attracting new residents, tax concerns, development and land use and the impact of change. It will be a vision or road map to the future with long term goals. I prefer to call it the "framework for the future" set on solid community foundations, which respect the heritage of this township. The questions being challenged are: Where are we today? Where are we

Chantal Coupal: Candidate for Councillor in Ward 1

Background:

Raised in Greely Ontario, mother of three children, married for 16 years. Living in Greater Madawaska Township for the last nine years. Residing in several small villages in my life, I place a high value on preserving the beauty and tranquility of a community.



My broad range of skills and experience would be a significant advantage in resolving township issues.

Looking Ahead:

Build stronger relationships between council, committees and organizations
Draw on federal and provincial grants
Create partnerships with other municipalities and within our own
Increase commercial revenue to remove burden from residential taxpayers
Monitor all township expenditures

Economic Development:

Encourage gradual change and planned development
Support existing and future businesses
Work with committees, organizations and residents to beautify all

Experience:

Customer service, communications, business consulting, sales, nursing, crisis intervention, event planning and a make-up artist for television
Worked at the Township of Greater Madawaska in recreation, economic development, marketing, tourism, waste management, emergency planning.

My 20 years of work experience has taught me to listen, get the facts, make decisions and get results.

Skills:

Negotiation
Management of staff
Development and implementation of new programs
Facilitating change
Developing partnerships
Creating open communication between township and tax payers

going? Where should we go? How are we to get there?

About Fiscal Responsibility: The next council must address the growing problem of disproportionate taxation of the residential taxpayer and work with other areas painted with the same MPAC brush. Further coordinated and sustained pressure must be maintained at Queen's Park. What is the Ontario Government planning to do in the short term to correct the inequalities of their tax assessment policies?

On Waste Management: If elected, I will first read the file, learn the history, learn about best practices, determine future needs, costs, past, present and projected costs for future years, environmental concerns and impact. Waste management is very big business and I need to learn much more in order to decide for the future. Waste is now a vehicle

for making electric power on some fronts. I believe much more research is required on this township service.

Road maintenance and emergency services have an established priority. The Calabogie to Griffith Road requires more dedication. It is our Western gateway and should be a friendly road. Emergency Equipment requires complete dedication at all times from council.

It is vital that the heritage, environment and natural beauty of this township be maintained and protected. I would work to keep this area as a guaranteed destiny of choice.

Your vote will support my entry into the Greater Madawaska Township Council. Please mail your vote.

Thank you

John Pratt

Press release: J.R. Easton

My name is J.R. Easton (Garbage Man) Former Reeve, Deputy Reeve and Councillor for 15 years.

My reason for running:

1. Not a fan of amalgamation: not enough is being done to separate this Greater Madawaska and put back Bagot and Blythfield and Brougham. Horton Township, Renfrew and Arnprior stayed the same, why? Greater Madawaska should never have been. It is the brain storm of a few plus a Conservative government. Bigger not always better. Tax bills speak for themselves.
2. The tax assessment is badly

out of wack and needs a complete overhaul. The increase in taxes on the last tax bill according to Amalgamation theory was to make increases easy—not so. 3. We live in a tourist area and must rely on the four season tourist trade. Jobs for the young, jobs for fixed incomes. This area is and always will be a four season resort area. 4. I am not in favour of giving bonuses out of tax payers' dollars.

I do not intend to campaign. You the voters have a choice, make your own choice, but vote.

This is the most important vote you have.

Editor's note: This text was transcribed from a hand-written press release.

properties
Act as ambassadors for our tourists, residents, new residents, businesses old and new.

Waste Management:

Create new programs for waste disposal
Encourage recycling
Access government funding
Work as a team player on council to develop a tangible long term plan

Seniors:

Conduct a feasibility study on a seniors' residence
Increase support programs

Safety:

Improve our emergency plan to prepare for natural disasters
Implement emergency response service for a quicker response time

Infrastructure:

Create a short and long term plan to

upgrade roads, equipment and buildings

Recreation:

Build partnerships
Obtain sponsor funding for large special events
Create a plan to address the needs for the library, child to adult activities, arts, culture, courses, workshops

Taxes:

Communicate regularly with tax payers on where the tax dollars are being spent.
Access grants to maximize your tax dollars.
Increase commercial revenue, thus lessening the burden on residential rate payers.

If elected I will be your needed voice to make key decisions and facilitate change to benefit the whole community.

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Caba Corner

Comparing Election Candidates on Economic Issues

By Mike Greenley (President, CABA)

This month the election candidates for Greater Madawaska Township (GMT) were interviewed by the Calabogie Area Business Association (CABA) to record their responses on issues related to the business community.

Over the past year, CABA Executive has been intent on identifying and analyzing issues and problems within our business community. Consultations with residents, visitors, Council members, and CABA members provided input, ideas and suggestions that would improve not only the local economy but the quality of life for residents and the experience of visiting tourists. These sessions have continually pointed to the importance of increasing the number of residents, tourists, and businesses in number and working together to create a more healthy business climate.

Families living in GMT require services, stores, and jobs. Retirees living in GMT require services and stores. Businesses in GMT require residents to "Shop Local" but also require an increased number of tourists and seasonal visitors to sustain their business and to make any new business viable.

These main issues created the questions that CABA used to interview the candidates for upcoming elections. Only candidates for Reeve and Ward #1 were interviewed in this process, as Wards #2 and #3 have acclaimed councillors.

A lot of information was collected from these interviews, and a full report will be provided to CABA members to help inform their vote. While it is difficult to provide a summary of all those views, the results have been analyzed, and a summary is provided below to share with the community at large.

It is important to note that all the candidates have positions on a wide range of views related to township operations, and creating and improving the quality of life for the community. The questions in this interview were focused on economic issues, and therefore only address one portion of the issues that a candidate stands for.

The good news from these interviews is that all candidates agree that we need residents, tourists, and business, working together to make the community work. All candidates do support the idea of growth, although they differ in the pace that they would like to see growth happen, and they differ in their views of the role of the township

in leading or managing that growth.

There were three areas where the candidates all agreed, and their emphasis on the issue was the same. These issues are; (1) We must always protect our natural resources at all costs as this natural environment is the foundation of the community, especially the lake and river; (2) We must have strict financial responsibility in the township as we don't have a lot of money to spend in local government; and (3) the business community needs to find ways of working better together, as opposed to working against each other.

In terms of the exact response to the questions asked (see table below), all candidates answered "Yes" to all the questions (except in one case) and then explained their response. Again, this is good news for the local economy, as every candidate will support, to some level, initiatives to grow residential, tourism, and business activity.

The big difference in the responses to the questions was how the candidates explained their Yes or No response. Once a candidate said "Yes" to the question, they then explained their answer in one of two different ways (see table below for how each candidate tended to answer):

■ Yes, ...and. When candidates answered questions like this, they responded yes to the question, and then explained their views on how they feel the community should move ahead on the issue. These answers were forward looking and

proactive. When answering with "yes...and" the candidates would typically offer their own ideas and plans on how to deal with the issue being discussed, and they explained their approach to proceed. These answers seemed to express motivation to lead on the idea, with some willingness of the candidate to "roll up their sleeves" and lead a charge in dealing with the issue. Candidates with the most answers of this nature included Peter Emon (Reeve), Chris Fleming (Council Ward #1), and Chantal Coupal (Council Ward #1). Don Mercer (Council Ward #1) also had a number of responses in this category.

□ Yes, ...but. When candidates answered questions like this, they responded to the question, and then expressed caution. These responses typically qualified their answer with limited support to the idea, and typically emphasized the need to a cautious, measured, gradual, approach. These responses typically did not result in the candidate having their own ideas on the issue, but instead emphasized the need for others to bring forward their ideas or proposals for consideration, study, analysis, etc., by council and other agencies. These responses seemed to emphasize the importance of township to manage a process of analysis, as opposed to leading initiatives themselves. Candidates with the most answers of this nature included J.R. Easton (Reeve), John Pratt (Council Ward #1), and Marie Buscomb (Council Ward #1). Don Mercer

Summary Table from Interview Questions:

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Question	REEVE		Ward #1				
	J.R. Easton	Peter Emon	John Pratt	Chris Fleming	Chantal Coupal	Marie Buscomb	Don Mercer
<u>ECONOMY</u> Do you agree that a strong local economy needs (a) a strong residential base of families and seniors, (b) a strong tourism base, and (c) a strong business base to support residents and tourists.	□	■	□	■	■	□	□
<u>RESIDENTIAL</u> a. Are you in favour of increased residential development on non-protected land? b. Would you support development if rezoning of non-protected land was required?	□	■	□	■	■	□	□
<u>TOURISM</u> a. Are you in favour of increasing the number and types of recreation and tourism businesses in the GMT? b. Would you support Township initiatives to promote the region and to encourage tourists to visit the area?	□	■	□	■	■	□	■
<u>BUSINESS</u> a. Are you in favour of increasing the number of local businesses? b. Would you support township initiatives to encourage, or otherwise support the development of successful local businesses? c. Do you agree that a township development plan is required with a defined businesses/retail area? d. Would you support re-zoning of lands from residential (or other) to commercial, in designated areas to support development of such an area?	□	■	□	■	■	□	■
<u>OVERALL RATING</u>	□	■	□	■	■	□	■ □

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(Council Ward #1) also had a number of responses in this category.

The pattern of responses from the candidates can help to inform voters. The "yes...and" group has a forward looking view, appears to have initiative and enthusiasm, and a willingness to actively lead on initiatives related to development. This group would appear to be more action oriented, and the community might expect to see results quicker from them. The "yes...but" group, while in favour of economic development and growth, have a much more cautious, measured approach and will play their role in questioning and considering the ideas of others as opposed to suggesting and leading with ideas of their own. This group would appear to be more process oriented, and the community might expect to see slower results from them.

As mentioned, the detailed results of these interviews have been shared with CABA members, to ensure that they are aware of where candidates stand on issues that are important to business and economic success. We hope that sharing a brief summary here in the CABA Corner may be of benefit to other members of the community as well. CABA will be excited to continue collaborating with the GMT council regardless of who is elected, and will be inviting the elected candidates to attend the November CABA General Meeting to start working together through the new session of council.

In any election, the most important action all residents can take is to VOTE! None of us can ever complain about the direction our community takes if we don't understand candidate's views and then vote for the type of council we feel is each feel is best.

November 13th is Election Day.

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Don Mercer: Seeking Re-election as Councillor in Ward One

Over the last three years council managed many challenging municipal operational and administrative responsibilities that have placed the township in a solid position to move forward. The record will show that in spite of escalating materials and services costs, many improvements have been made to the basic infrastructure of roads, protective services, waste management and administrative services. Currently the township is long term debt-free. My objective is to maintain these basic services, to maintain capital reserves to fund equipment as required, and to closely monitor department and program expenditures to improve efficiency and reduce costs.



and work with council and the community to implement those recommendations that respect the heritage and character of the township. The competing interests of developers, business and others will need to be managed with great diligence and consideration of impacts.

The next four years will be critical towards enhancing the identity and solidifying the character of the Township of Greater Madawaska as a venue of natural and picturesque landscape. Growth in areas of tourism, commercial and residential land use development will be a major focus for the council to ensure residents are fairly and justly represented. Residents have had the opportunity to provide their views in the formulation of a "strategic plan" for the TGM and when it is completed later this fall it will provide a framework to guide council. I would be committed to a leadership role on planning and economic development

The question of Municipal Property Assessment Corp. (MPAC) and township taxes is undoubtedly on everyone's mind as are other department and program costs. I will work to have all of the ombudsman's recommendations accepted by MPAC. An improved assessment appeal process at the county local level is also an important issue. I believe that appellants with assessments based on out of area property compari-

sons, current market sales rather than the values ending two years earlier, or inconsistent comparisons of residential features should be dealt with in a timely manner and adjusted accordingly.

Waste management policy set by the province imposes costs on the township that must be borne by the residents. A waste management solution for the near term is nearing completion and will require some long term debt of approximately \$630K. Options to recover costs will be developed by the next council. I support an active recycling program and a basic user-pay system for non recyclable waste. Non recyclable waste could be a no cost service to residents who contribute an equal or greater amount of recyclable material. Other options will be dealt with by the new council.

Environmental, recreational, and social issues are subjects of increasing significance that must be thoroughly investigated and included in future plans for the growth of the TGM. Our waterways must be protected from contaminants,

designated areas of crown lands for protection of wildlife and sensitive areas of lands along with recreational uses will be essential projects. Social services to support residents of all ages will be a difficult task without adequate funding and participation by various service clubs and volunteers. Expansion of the library, improved activities of youth, providing opportunities for families to grow and remain in the TGM, and improved senior services will require careful and reasoned decisions from council and the support of residents.

Our township has implemented numerous by-laws over the years, many of which require a formal system for infraction reporting and enforcement. These components need to be addressed and put in place as required. By-laws that are not enforced open the community to abuses that reflect negatively on the reputation of the township and as well could place residents in harms way.

Don Mercer

Thank You

Terry & I would like to thank everyone who helped make our anniversary and birthday party such a special event.

We appreciate all of those who spent this occasion with us. Thanks for all the gifts, cards and warm wishes. A special thanks to our daughters Allison & Jenelle, our son in law Joey for all their work in planning this great party.

Also a special thanks to Caleb for being such a good boy during all the preparations.

* We are truly blessed with our friends and family.
Terry & Gail Holtzhauer

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Request for Comments

The Council of the Township of Greater Madawaska is seeking public comments on the proposed Sign Policy for the municipality.

Copies of the policy are available on the Municipal Website and can be obtained from the Municipal Office.

Written comments from the public are invited until November 16th, 2006.

Comments can be submitted to the Municipal Office as follows:

Via Facsimile at 613-752-2617
Via email at greatermadawaska@on.aibn.com

Comments may also be mailed or dropped in to the Municipal Office at:

Greater Madawaska Municipal Office
1101 Francis Street
P O Box 180
Calabogie, ON K0J 1H0

Chris Fleming: Candidate for Councillor

Thanks to the support I have received over the last couple of weeks, I am pleased to announce that my campaign is gaining momentum. It is obvious from all of the comments, suggestions and advice that I have received, that you share my concerns and vision for our Township. I encourage you to continue to contact me – I am interested in your opinions.



I believe in transparency and honesty. Through a previous communiqué, I talked about why I wanted to be your voice. As your Councillor, I will be making decisions that will impact all residents of our Township. I believe in managing by fact, so have been spending a considerable amount of time researching the current “hot issues” of our Township.

My activities include:

* I met with current Council members, our Chief Administrative Officer, business leaders, our Roads Superintendent, and the President of the Calabogie and Area Business Association (CABA).

* Topics of discussion included: Public Works, Roads, Waste Management, the new draft Sign Policy, Public Services (Fire and Recreation), Planning, Economic Development, Finance and Administration, Development Fee Program Renewal, Tiered Response, Cell Phone infrastructure updates, and the Township Strategic Plan.

* To date, I am the only candidate, outside of the current Council, to attend all Scheduled meetings since deciding to run for election.

In addition.....

* I attended a Community Matters Seminar, a 2 1/2 year initiative to assess the social needs of our community. Sponsored by United Way/Centraide and the Ontario Trillium Foundation, the seminar profiled our community needs, priorities, and future community building strategies.

* I confirmed the needs and issues that our community has identified. (To view survey results, visit www.gocalabogie.com). I was able to speak out about our community concerns in an effort to profile our Municipality as this organization pursues their respective strategic planning and funding allocation activities. There

is more to come.

* I am currently looking into an organization called Town Youth Participation Strategies (TYPS) to address my promise to develop programs in the Present and in the Future for our youth.

* I have engaged the Ministry of Health in discussions about our Municipality and service issues namely response times and future planning. These discussions were productive and will continue.

* I will be attending stakeholder meetings on Trails – a Renfrew County Trails Project initiative hosted by Stantec.

Business:

I can't imagine Calabogie in the Present without Calabogie Peaks, Calabogie Lodge or the Highlands Golf Resort. These are just some of the projects that endured opposition and difficulty during their start-up, but are now considered to be pillars of this community.

Some interesting facts about the local real-estate trends in our Municipality:

Calabogie land market trends 2002-2006:

2002 - 34 lots on the market. 18 lots sold. Average price of \$51,688. Seven waterfront lots sold for an average sale price of \$68,571.
2005 - 32 lots on the market. 21 lots sold. Average sale price of \$44,867. Two waterfront lots sold for an average sale price of \$85,500.
2006 - 10 lots sold for an average sale price of \$101,280; Four waterfront lots sold for an average sale price of \$127,750

Calabogie Residential Market Trends:

2002 - Total of 25 properties were sold with an average sale price of \$156,488

2005 - Total of 32 properties were sold with an average sale price of \$198,979.

These stats reflect a very positive active market. It also underscores an approval of the decisions and planning of this Township and illustrates/endorse the direction in which we are going.

Community:

My diverse and active community involvement thus far has demonstrated my sincere pride and commitment to this area. I will continue to and always have taken an active role in our community.....

*PRESIDENT, FUNDRAISING CHAIR, EVENT CO-ORDINATOR: Calabogie & District Snowmobile Club (CDSC) trail development/enhancement/mapping

*ELECTED DIRECTOR: Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) and appointed to the Provincial Board

*CO-ORDINATOR: Ontario's largest sliding event

*CO-ORDINATOR: Winter Carnivals

*MEMBER: Calabogie and Area Business Association. (CABA)

*CO-ORDINATOR: Calabogie Recreation –youth programs

*GRANT CO-ORDINATOR: Trans Ontario Provincial System (TOPS) Trail improvement grant

*COMMITTEE MEMBER: Calabogie Fun day- Guinness World Record attempt

* COMMITTEE MEMBER: Canada Day, Historic Committee, Barnet Park, Senior's home survey

* ELECTED PRESIDENT: Ontario Students against Impaired Driving

(OSAID)-Renfrew

* MEMBER: Student Council/ Prefect Council – Renfrew Collegiate Institute

* PARTICIPANT: Santa Claus Parade

* CO-ORDINATOR: Halloween Dances, installation of High Speed internet to portions of the Township

* VOLUNTEER: cook at Senior's picnic.

QUESTIONS

Given your personal involvement in a variety of business activities how do you anticipate finding the time to properly serve the ratepayers of Ward 1?

When making my decision, I factored many things, including my availability. As a business owner, my work schedule is more flexible allowing me the opportunity to address my priorities and commitments. I have balanced work and outside activities for many years, and believe that I can continue to do so, even if it is in an official capacity. I feel strongly that my background, my knowledge, and experiences are key to why I will be a good Councillor

Given your personal interest / involvement in business here, do you anticipate encountering conflict of interest situations?

Who better to represent this Municipality than someone who lives, works, invests and plays in the community? I understand the difficulties and challenges of getting things done in this area – for this area. Conflict of interest may be encountered by any candidate at any time. Rules and protocol exist to instruct/guide any candidate on how to conduct their handling of these issues.

Chris Flemming

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Marie Buscomb: Candidate for Councillor (Ward 1)

My name is Marie Buscomb and I am running for council in Ward 1. I was born in Calabogie and I have grown up with the community. I was educated at St. Joseph's Separate School in Calabogie and I graduated from Renfrew Collegiate. I worked in Ottawa for twenty six years. I owned my own business for seventeen years. I am now employed by the Renfrew County School Board, and work at Calabogie Public School.



I have been married to John Buscomb for twenty five years; I have two children and one grandchild. I have been a volunteer for over 20 years. I was secretary of the municipal recreation committee. I am on the Canada Day, Barnet Park and fundraising committee for Barnet Park. I was Brownie Leader and helped fundraise for the Easter Seal telethon. I have been a friend of the library and past vice president of the Calabogie Business Association. I

have also volunteered at my church. In my spare time I love to watch old movies, read and enjoy my music. I like working outside and I love to decorate inside and out. Enough about me.

The reason I am running for Councillor is because I think I have a lot to offer the township. I am

honest and I will work very hard for the taxpayers. We need to have planned growth for business and tourism. We are lacking programs for youth and seniors. We must look after our lakes and rivers and be environmentally conscious all the time about pollution and water quality.

Our waste sites are shrinking so I would like to find a way to study and learn about recycling and distribution and teach our kids awareness about garbage.

Our library is an asset to our community used for knowledge and communication and we must take care of it. We live in a huge township so we need to find the means to get a tax base here. We must encourage people to move here and find ways to keep our youth here. We are also very lucky to have a great volunteer fire department. To have first response is even better. Now is the time to keep all these things up to par with other townships.

And last but not least we must find a convenient and accessible place to put the helipad. We again are very fortunate to have the helicopter as a service to out township and be available when needed.

Thank you for your time and I would appreciate your vote on November, 13, 2006.

Marie Buscomb

A call for some creativity continued

just be tossed onto the mountain. For even additional revenue, the township would encourage neighbouring townships to send us their garbage to ensure there would be no challenges to our claim of world's highest garbage mountain. One side of the mountain could be dedicated to healthy lifestyles by offering a water slide in the summer and a great new ski hill in the winter. The added bonus of having two great ski hills in the area would then ensure it is a winter destination of choice for ski buffs. 4x4 enthusiasts could be encouraged to climb the mountain – for a small fee, of course. I'm sure the possible uses for our new garbage mountain are almost endless, limited only by imagination.

2. Tolls on the Calabogie Road: Residents and cottagers wouldn't have to pay, of course. The tolls would also be waived for anyone doing business in the area. Everyone else would have to pay. This could turn into a real visitor education endeavour – the plan being to educate first time visitors and those just passing through of the great beauty and recreational activities available in the area. Toll-booths, operated in the summer and at Thanksgiving would be manned by students and volunteers. They in turn would hand out checkpoint cards, which would be redeemed at another tollbooth near Burnstown. These checkpoint cards would have three or four boxes on them for visitors to mark off. For example, a visit to the Black Donald mine,

Mount St. Pats and two local retailers would mean no tolls due from the visitor. The toll would be one dollar and each box checked off would be equal to twenty five cents. All four boxes to save the entire dollar. This would be a fun and unique way to not only highlight the area but to get area maps and lists of attractions into all visitors' hands. An added bonus would be the media attention that this kind of marketing would attract.

3. Take advantage of the Madawaska Highlands identifier on overseas routes from Toronto. Not everyone knows this, but on many overseas flights from Toronto's Pearson airport to Eastern and Western Europe and Russia, the video display terminal at passenger's seats identifies the Madawaska Highlands when flying overhead. It says it on the screens and looking out the window the passengers can see the rock and trees and lakes. I'm sure it wouldn't cost too much to add "Be sure to visit" above the Madawaska Highlights identifier on these screens.

4. This newspaper could do a mock issue touting the bucolic lifestyle of the area – this issue would be aimed at potential German and Japanese tourists. This issue of the paper would be filled with stories of wild-life running free, nice photos of lakes and streams, autumn colours and the affordable cost of living when using the Euro or the yen. Pick the ten largest tour operators in each country and ship a couple of hundred of

these newspapers to each one. Area volunteers could do most of the work – especially lodge, restaurant and attraction owners who would get a free ad. Have a photo contest to ensure lots of nice images are in the pages. Japanese and German tourists love the kind of wilderness and wide open spaces that Canada can offer and the Madawaska Highlands offers some of the best in Canada. Why should Banff get all the glory?

5. Advertise in American outdoor magazines. Team up with a bush plane operation to take well-heeled US hunters to pristine lodges in the Highlands. Allow fast track zoning to allow for a float plane dock on Calabogie Lake. Economic development would follow as suppliers would be lined up to sell to these tourists.

6. Encourage use of the area for a kids' camp – making sure the camp charges at least \$500 per week so only the hippest and snootiest will attend. Don't worry; their parents will spend lots of money on bug spray and chardonnay while in the area.

7. Campgrounds – for the adventure tourist. Any nuisance black bears caught will be released here to heighten the thrill. Again, something the German and Japanese tourists love.

8. Encourage an Ontario-only eatery with caribou, venison, elk, bass; trout etc. Beverages will include Ontario wine, beer and spirits. Desert would be Ontario berries and

ice cream. All Ontario, all the time.

9. Make sure the municipality makes full use of any and all grant money for library expansions, playgrounds, community centers and to promote health and fitness. There are many grants available at the provincial and federal level. The person who spearheads this will not have to pay any property taxes for a year.

Boldness and vision is what's needed to make this area truly great while being sure there is enough money in the coffers to ensure clean water, proper schools and a growing municipality. The money isn't going to fall out of the sky, we have to work for it and in these competitive times, this calls for some creativity. If the good people of the Township of Greater Madawaska are nothing else, they are creative.

End

WHEN INSULTS HAD CLASS

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play, bring a friend... if you have one."

-- George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one."

-- Winston Churchill, in response

The Township of Greater Madawaska



Municipal Act, 2001
SURPLUS LAND FOR SALE BY PUBLIC TENDER

The Corporation of The Township of Greater Madawaska

The following parcels of land have been declared surplus to the Township of Greater Madawaska. Tenders are invited for the purchase of the lands described below and will be received until 10:00 a.m. local time November 15th, 2006. The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 11:00 a.m. at the Municipal Building, Council Chambers, 4984 Calabogie Road, Calabogie Ontario.

Tender packages @ \$25.00 per roll number (parcel) are available at the Municipal Office until 4 p.m. Tuesday November 14th, 2006.

Description of Lands

TENDER 2006 – 01 Roll No. 47 06 006 010 21005 Pt Lot 12 Con 12, geographic Township of Bagot, now in the Township of Greater Madawaska, County of Renfrew (No 49)

Minimum Tender Amount \$26,865.00

TENDER 2006 – 02 Roll No. 47 06 006 010 56305 Lots 100, 101 Plan 156, geographic Township of Bagot, now in the Township of Greater Madawaska, County of Renfrew (No 49)

Minimum Tender Amount \$16,371.00

TENDER 2006 – 03 Roll No. 47 06 006 010 67205 Pt Lot 19, Con 2, geographic Township of Blythfield, now in the Township of Greater Madawaska, County of Renfrew (No 49)

Minimum Tender Amount \$21,565.00

TENDER 2006 – 04 Roll No. 47 06 006 010 70105 Pt Lot 17 Con 2, geographic Township of Blythfield, now in the Township of Greater Madawaska, County of Renfrew (No 49)

Minimum Tender Amount \$16,583.00

TENDER 2006 – 05 Roll No. 47 06 006 015 29800 Pt Lot 25 Con 2, geographic Township of Bagot now in the Township of Greater Madawaska, County of Renfrew (No 49)

Minimum Tender Amount \$ 3,545.00

TENDER 2006 – 06 Roll No. 47 06 012 050 11510 Pt Lot 11 Con 4 geographic Township of Matawatchan, now in the Township of Greater Madawaska, County of Renfrew (No 49)

Minimum Tender Amount \$6,831.00

TENDER 2006 – 07 Roll No. 47 06 012 050 28014 Pt Lot 15 Con 8, geographic Township of Matawatchan, now in the Township of Greater Madawaska, County of Renfrew (No 49)

Minimum Tender Amount \$6,831.00

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit in the form of a money order or of a bank draft or cheque certified by a bank or trust corporation payable to the municipality and representing at least 20 per cent of the tender amount.

The municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchaser(s). The municipality does not bind itself to accept the highest or any tender.

This sale is governed by the Municipal Act, S.O. 2001, c.25 Sec. 268. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus relevant land transfer tax and GST.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

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Calabogie ON K0J 1H0
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Or visit www.townshipofgreatermadawaska.com

Pileated continued

and beetle larvae found under bark of trees, but in winter that food source disappears and the pileated must find other foods. Among these foods are berries, nuts and fruits. Pileated woodpeckers suffer no ill effects from the berries of poison ivy. Home for the Pileated is a hollow tree trunk into which the bird pecks numerous holes which serve as escape hatches when predators come lurking around the site. Hawks and snakes are the chief predator of the pileated.

It is believed that Pileated's mate for life although the research is not conclusive. Together the parent pileateds build a new brood nest every year. In the spring the mother lays from one to six eggs (average of four), which the parents incubate in turns. Fledglings are born naked and blind so they are totally dependent for a couple weeks. Feeding duties (accomplished by regurgitation) are shared between parents and the babies remain with the parents until fall. Around September the fledglings fly off on their own and wander. During this time territory is only lightly defended and young birds are allowed to roam freely across territorial lines. By spring they begin to feel the call of nature to reproduce and carve out their own territories, and the cycle begins again.

Most provinces and states protect these birds by law because they are a core species and their numbers once shrank to a perilously low point. Consequently their numbers have increased and they are no longer endangered. In fact, their come-back was nothing short of spectacular. The Christmas Bird Count conducted by the Audubon Society listed only 11 pileated woodpeckers sighted in Canada in the 1956 count. In 2005 that count had risen to 1069 birds.

Nevertheless, naturalists still occasionally find the buckshot riddled bodies of these elegant creatures. The education of hunters through sport hunting organizations has contributed much toward the conservation of this and other valuable species. Prior to the enlightenment of these organizations the interpretation of the biblical commandment that man has dominion over the animals was that man could do with the animals whatever man saw fit. They were there for man's pleasure. Today the interpretation that man is the custodian of nature prevails in these organizations and much good has arisen from this attitude. Unfortunately, in our society, these organizations are small in number and lack enough influence to change much of the rest of society where the old attitude is still strong.

End

THE DEER HUNT a tradition

by Ernie Jukes

It was barely light when out of the crisp autumn morning mist came a BANGG...and a BANGG...and yet another BANGG. They were the first shots that echoed through our corner of the Madawaska Highlands, as the Deer Hunt opened again as it has the first week of November for hundreds of years. Then BANGG there was another that seemed to come from Dan's Mountain ...or was it down by the Narrows ...sounded like a .308...maybe that Tower Hill gang. It wasn't long before the usual six rapid shots were fired from a Browning semi over on Thompson Mountain ...and so it goes, resembling an annual performance.

Hunters, like clans, have gathered in the hills, coming from all directions to our part of backcountry Ontario. Arguably one of the best Whitetail regions in North America, certainly one with a very high deer population. In fact over in Lanark where there are more deer than pattern on a paisley tie-some hunters take the title of "Deer Population Control Specialists". Of course the hunt means getting their members sheltered in a variety of accommodation called "hunt camps". They include cabins, cottages, tents, trailers, RV'S, shacks, shanties, homes, even motels and hotels.

However, some readers of the Highlander who fill their larder every year with venison have perhaps not hunted from a hunt camp". This is due to having always hunted directly from their home. Their reasons for hunting nevertheless are similar. The highlight of "camaraderie" is gained by uniting with neighbours or ones own family who return for the hunt each autumn.

We sure realize that "The Hunt" is virtually synonymous with the Madawaska Highlands when largest Renfrew County practically closes down during deer season. Its popularity continues as the number of deer increases. To the uninitiated out there I hope that you will understand that a consensus these days point to the actual harvesting of the animal as being, in fact a "bonus" of the hunt. Yes, this old sport has taken on a new attitude, but by necessity must include shooting and the kill.

Of course another reason we have so many deer may be because the White-tail are instinctively smart! Their hearing and sense of smell makes for a difficult quarry that outwits many hunters no matter the hunting method they employ. Ways of hunting have remained more or less the same. Run-

ning deer over large areas with dogs toward standing hunters on watches is an ancient method. The "tongue" of the hounds is really exciting to hear and this method is still very productive. Some groups use men to chase or "doggers", which is noisy and dangerous work, but can be effective. Today, many 'standing hunters' are actually sitting in tree stands.

However, with the increasing popularity of bow hunting and with both good hounds and hunting lands diminishing, more groups today are "still hunting". This manner requires extreme patience and absolute quietness.

Good hunters are usually good shots. They enforce the concept of shooting quickly and accurately but only if they have "a killing shot" and usually the first one. Why shoot to possibly wound an animal or destroy meat, or scare them beyond your range? These veteran hunters will not normally shoot any animals except deer during the deer hunt.

They are constantly improving "the hunter's image", including safety and moral values for many obvious reasons. Good hunters do not break the laws. They do not trespass on private property and they respect other groups hunting areas. Nor do they flaunt the "kill" before an increasingly critical, albeit uninformed public.

While the deer season is certainly not a rite of passage into manhood in our part of the world, many teenage

boys sure look forward to their first hunt with great excitement. Young or inexperienced hunters will often ask "how many deer have you shot". They fail to appreciate that harvesting a fine Whitetail, with all the tradition attached to it, is a privilege. The hunt is not a contest to keep score but an experience to appreciate. The meat is just an additional benefit! Hunters I know across North America all offer very similar reasons for hunting. First on the list as I mentioned above, but worth repeating is the camaraderie; the bond with other members of the gang. This is followed by the rewarding contentment and peacefulness of the outdoors; the solitude while waiting on the watch. Of course there is the sharing of the keenness and excitement of a challenging chase, which hopefully is followed sometime by success and the harvesting of a deer.

Some hunters feel that hunting is a form of conservation that they can enjoy, while maintaining a healthy herd and protecting agriculture in farming areas. Another hunter said, "Hunting is good for the soul. I love the smell of the bush, gun oil and a wet hound after a days hunt". Another says, "it clears my mind and stretches my muscles". They will all agree that the event brings old friends together who might not otherwise meet and all enjoy communicating with Nature.

Hunters totally conclude that the best fun-side of the hunt camp is found around the wood stove after dinner. Here they will heckle about the day and compare notes. Like whose hound is best, whose rifle, whose ammo, right down to the grain and

bullet. Harvey asked Al why he hunted without bullets and Al replied, "Because it's cheaper and the results are the same". Everyone has an opportunity to share some tall tales ...many almost unbelievable and everyone has an awful lot of giggles. Some of the world's best and worst story-telling comes out of deer camps. For example, it seems Cliff and Dan got lost and knew shooting three times into the air would summon help. After a number of tries and fading daylight Cliff said: "It better work this time cause we are down to our last three arrows"!

But we all realize that nothing is perfect and the downside can be the weather. When it's windy with snow or rain blowing down your neck, when you are cold, tired and wet, perhaps even disappointed with the day's results, you know that hunting isn't for everyone. Some will even say that dragging a buck that would give a horse a hernia is sure no fun. In spite of all that most still return. We should also remember that all skill is in vain if an angel pees down the barrel of your rifle.

By the time the hunt begins, most deer camps have the big jobs done; like firewood cut, trails cut, repairs to bunkies and guns sighted in during summer months. Chores continue during the hunt, such as daily food preparation by cookie or hunt planning by the 'Captain of the Hunt', to keeping the fire going and dish washing by all. So contrary to myth, it's not a "shooting gallery booze blast". Admittedly there are a few bad apples but hunting ethics are much improved right across our great nation.

Venison has been a natural staple food in backcountry North America since the first natives and pioneers hunted. It is still a fine healthy food but obviously no one depends on it today for daily survival. We also recognize that "The Hunt" is changing too and probably that is why many groups don't have the dozen deer hanging as was so evident in the past. Yes, it's a different time but our birthright is timeless and continues each year when the temperature drops and the leaves fall. No matter how you look at the Hunt, it is still a very special time of the year, sharing special memories with special friends. The expectation of looking forward to this great annual activity, which may be half the pleasure, is now over. We have once again experienced another aspect of our outdoor heritage. This is the same lofty legacy enjoyed by our fathers, our uncles, our grandfathers. It is as Canadian as we can be and the tradition lives on—let us never let it go—it is up to you.



Drawing by Ernie Jukes



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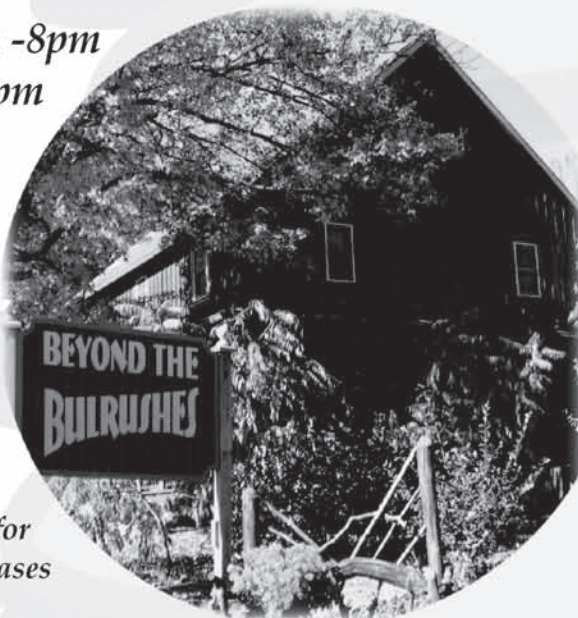
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