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Canada's first Christmas cards

By Caroline Carver

Leaflets expressing good wishes appeared at the beginning of the 15th century and are the ancestors of greeting cards. These were followed by 17th century print versions which merchants sent their customers on New Year's.

The first postage stamp was issued in England in 1840 and the first series of envelopes decorated with Christmas designs was published the same year. Three years later, the first greeting card appeared. It was produced by John Calcott Horsley for Sir Henry Cole. This card depicted a family enjoying Christmas celebrations and lifting their glasses in a toast. The scene greatly shocked temperance workers who quickly denounced it.

The sending of cards is probably the only Christmas custom that is not ancient. It started early in the Victorian era. This is interesting, because greeting cards are one of the things that people mention when they argue that Christmas has become too commercial and has lost its meaning. The first Christmas cards were sent in England in the early 1840s, just at the time when Prince Albert introduced the Christmas tree, and Dickens wrote *A Christmas Carol*. The first cards were privately drawn and printed, but by the end of the 1840s they were being designed for public sale in England. The first one was by William Egley, and incorporated an amazing number of ideas, among them: a family Christmas dinner, dancing, skating, carolers, alms giving and a Punch and Judy Show. All the scenes were linked with mistletoe and yule logs. Canadians started making their own Christmas cards around the 1870s, although they had been buying English ones before that time.

Christmas cards were seldom religious even at their beginning, and often illustrated things that had nothing to do with Christmas. Sometimes they were just

an opportunity for an artist to indulge in his favourite outdoor scenes and experiment with frilly borders. Many Canadian cards were adapted from popular engravings and paintings by such artists as William Bartlett and Cornelius Krieghoff. Santa Claus seldom appeared in Victorian cards. Sleigh scenes, winter sports, children in the snow, and above all snowshoeing were popular Canadian themes. Mention of Canada by name was common, perhaps because the cards were sent to relatives in the old country.

Cards were also sent to close friends who were seldom seen, or used instead of an expensive present; their purpose was as an expression of affection or a token of remembrance. Use of them as an obligatory gesture to a person's entire acquaintance came only in recent times, as did the custom of using them commercially.

Burden on the postmen

Even so; cards were popular enough by the 1880s to start an overload at the post office. At Christmas in 1881 the Toronto letter-carriers were staggering out on their rounds under forty pounds of mail at a time, and extra men had to be taken on to cope with it. They little knew what bulk of mail lay ahead in the next century.

papers of the day had their comments about the Christmas card:

"Christmas is a coming event. It casts its shadow's before. The book stores are perhaps the first to take in the spirit of the times. First may be noticed the everlasting Christmas cards. Christmas cards are always said to be going out of fashion next year, but as a matter of fact have no more idea of going than Sir John A. MacDonald, or courting, or the fire fiend, or the Irish question, or roast beef."

The Halifax Herald, December 22, 1883

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Election 2010 results

By Bill Graham

Here it is December 2010 and the election is over and everyone knows who the winning candidates representing them are. But the actual statistical results and the comparison between this election and the previous one is an interesting back story.

During the 2006 municipal elections there were only two candidates for Reeve; Peter Emon and J.R. Easton. J.R. refused to campaign so there was no real dialogue concerning the office of Reeve in Greater Madawaska. Despite this it was a close race with Easton coming within 209 votes of catching Peter Emon who was elected Reeve. In the most recent election three candidates vied for the position of Reeve; the same two from 2006 (Eastman and Emon) plus former Council John Pratt. This race was hotly contested. For this election J.R. Easton did campaign and participated in the two 'all candidates meetings'. Circulars in the mail from Emon and Pratt suggested some nastiness happening in the background. When the results were tallied Peter Emon won convincingly having more votes (267 votes) than both his competitors put together.

There was significantly more active campaigning in 2010 in the races for Coun-

cillor than in 2006. During the 2006 election there was no race at all in wards two and three. Tom Ryan was acclaimed in Ward 2 (Brougham) and Karin Lehnhardt was acclaimed in Ward 3 (Griffith & Matawatchan). In the 2006 election there was aspirited five-candidate race in Ward 1 (Bagot & Blythfield) that was won by Don Mercer and John Pratt.

During the 2010 election there were no acclamations other than those for the school boards. There were six candidates running in Ward 1, two in Ward 2 and three candidates in Ward 3. Brian Hunt garnered the most votes in Ward 1 with 786 votes followed by Glenda McKay with 659 votes. Both were elected Councillors for Ward 1. In Ward 2, Bruno Kierczak was elected with a two to one margin. The race in Ward 3 was close with incumbent Karin Lehnhardt winning by 25 votes over challenger JP DeGrandmont.

In Election 2010 there were fewer spoiled votes—only 35 and there was greater participation:

Ward 1-2935 Electors-1615 Voted which is a 55.03% voter turnout, **Ward 2**-789 Electors-438 Voted which is a 55.51% voter turnout, **Ward 3**-1112 Electors-597 Voted which is a 53.69% voter turnout,

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encing to Feel the Rush; Extra Clerks Put On

It has become perfectly evident to the officials of Vancouver Post Office that the majority of citizens are in possession of plenty of spare cash. This conclusion has been arrived at after witnessing the enormous amount of mail matter and parcels which has been dispatched through the post the past week, to eastern Canada, to England, to the United states and in fact to all quarters of the globe.

Letters to Santa are commencing to arrive, the majority apparently written in haste in cramped little fists. Smudges on the paper, large and black, are also prominently identified with the missives which are addressed to the old gentleman.

The Daily Province, Vancouver, December 18, 1901

THE EARLY CARDS were very conventional affairs — cockrobin in snow, yule logs, plum puddings, et hoc genus. Many of them were not even designed originally for their ultimate object at all, but were simply transmogrifications of old valentines, some even continuing to wear a border of paper lace. The first cards were



sold at prices ranging from one penny to eight pence. The kind of design produced at 4 pence can now be excelled, as regards size and quality of artistic workmanship, at half a penny. Nowadays, as all know, plenty of clever artists are glad to compete in designing for the Christmas card makers. Even artists of high repute are willing to try their hand at this kind of design.

The Halifax Herald, Christmas Supplement, 1883

Interesting Christmas card Facts

- In 1846 one thousand cards, with the same design as the first Christmas cards, were sold to the public at 1 shilling each by Felix Summerly's Treasure House in Bond street in England..
- Postmen in Victorian England were popularly called "robins" because their uniforms were red.
- Victorian Christmas cards often showed a robin delivering Christmas mail.
- In the nineteenth century, the British Post Office used to deliver cards on Christmas morning.
- The first Christmas stamp was released in Canada in 1898.

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Out on the First Concession

By Wes Bomhower

Wilfred Tessier's Fortune

Over the years, I have noticed how gullible some people can be, perhaps because they want to believe a certain thing is destined to happen in their favour, or maybe they just have blind faith in fortune tellers. My own theory concerning fortune tellers is: they are bound to be correct in some of their predictions some of the time according to the law of averages, and who knows, there may be a few out there who really are capable of seeing into the future. In the following story, the fortune teller who was my own uncle knew most of the facts before hand, so the fortune telling itself created quite an impression on his unsuspecting recipient.

When I was just a young gaffer about eight years old, Wilfred Tessier was a young man who worked for a neighbouring farmer. He hoped one day to marry and own a farm of his own. It was Depression times, of course, wages were mighty slim and Wilfred did not even have a steady girl friend, but he was a good worker with a happy-go-lucky attitude. Both he and Dad loved to play the game of checkers and many an evening Wilfred would come by to play a few rounds and shoot the breeze with Dad.

In the course of their conversation, Wilfred let it be known that he fully intended to go west on the harvest excursion that year and make some extra money to put toward the purchase of his own farm. "Maybe I'll even find the girl of my dreams and get married too," said Wilfred with a smile.

The weeks passed and one evening Dad and Mom were invited down to Uncle Albert's to celebrate an anniversary of some sort. It was only a few miles down the road and there would be music and dancing, so Dad invited young Wilfred to come along. On their way, Dad mentioned to Wilfred that Uncle Albert liked to tell fortunes and Wilfred became quite excited at the prospect of having his future revealed that night if Albert was in the story telling mood. They arrived early and Uncle Albert was still doing chores in the barn where Dad joined him to talk a bit. Dad more or less gave Uncle Albert the background of Wilfred Tessier and the fact that he wanted his fortune told. He also mentioned Wilfred's intentions of going west on the excursion, finding a girl friend, buying a farm, etc. etc. Later in the evening, young Wilfred approached Uncle Albert with a request for some fortune telling, and though Albert first declined, (or pretended to,) they eventually found a quiet corner and the fortune telling began. "Roll up your sleeves my good man so that we may observe your life-line," Albert began in his high tenor voice, taking Wilfred's left hand and tracing a life-

line from the palm to well beyond the wrist and back again. Feigning surprise, Uncle Albert exclaimed dramatically,

"My goodness! My goodness gracious man! You are very soon going on a lo-o-o-ng journey from which you may never return, and I see a little extra money coming your way, also the possibility of some property transactions"! Very excited, Wilfred was almost falling off his chair in anticipation of other predictions of his future when Uncle Albert asked for the right hand to examine. He observed this hand much closer before asking in a quiet personal tone, almost a whisper, "Wilfred, do you have a girl friend"? Wilfred shook his head negatively, trying to find his voice, then croaked, "no sir, I don't". Uncle Albert smiled a knowing smile and said evenly. "Not to worry my good friend, you will meet a wonderful, wonderful girl 'midst your travels and I see a wedding in the not too distant future, though I cannot guarantee it is your wedding.

On the way home, Wilfred could barely contain himself as he went over the evening's events with Dad and especially the outcome of the fortune telling. "Your brother is absolutely amazing! He told me all of my background plus my intentions of going west soon and perhaps purchasing property. He even said that I would meet a nice girl and maybe get married! He is certainly a fine fortune teller". Dad, of course, smiled in agreement.

Perhaps it was the power of suggestion or perhaps uncle Albert did possess some mystic powers, but Wilfred did meet a charming girl out west, in fact she was a daughter to the first farmer where Wilfred was employed in the west. They married the following year, settled down on a quarter section of land that was available and Wilfred never did return to Ontario until later years and then only to visit. And until his dying day, Wilfred Tessier considered that uncle Albert was the most wonderful fortune teller on earth.

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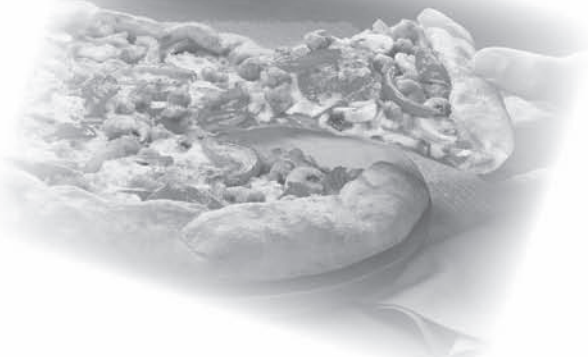
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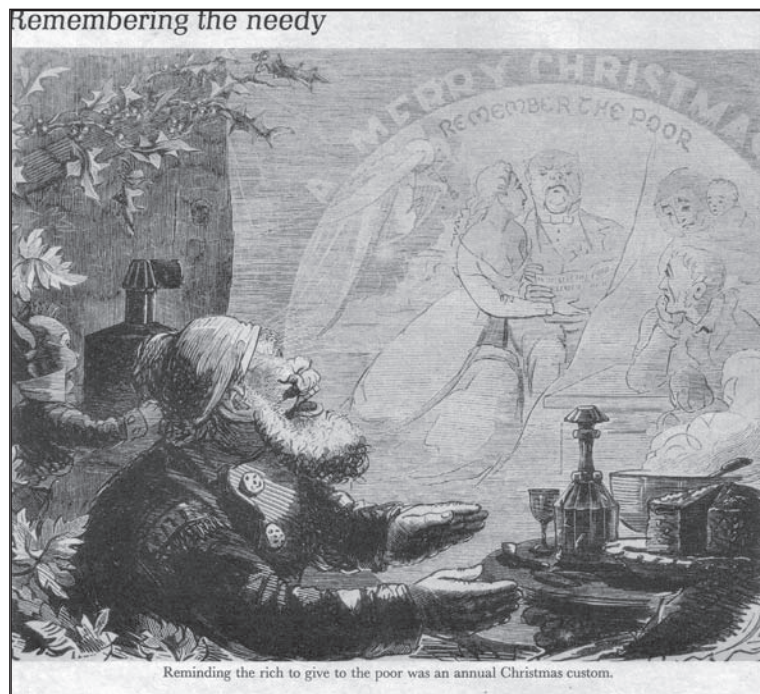
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Cottage Corner

By John Roxon

Three Friends

Don, Walter and I were atop Black Mountain. That's the place closest to the cottage where you can successfully complete a call on your cell phone. There's a logging road that winds its way to the top. At the summit, there's a magnificent view of the Centennial Lake vista and not much else. Not much else...a funny concept when you consider the life and change teaming in the forests. Don is an affable fellow who hails from Trinidad. He often revels us with tales of his life back home on his family's 10 acre farm – feeding the chickens, cleaning the pigsty – that sort of thing. Walter is an insolent, talking dog. Walter and Don get along well. This is mainly because they think alike. Sex, food and relaxation are the mainstay of both their diets. The difference being, that the dog is honest about it and Don disguises his feelings by working. That I'm comparing the human Don with the dog, Walter, is complimentary to both as I view them both as best friends. Don and I had a nice T-bone steak dinner the other night. I stripped my bone clean. Don left the sweetest meat next to the bone for Walter. Similarly, Walter greets Don openly like he's family – no barking, no hyperactivity. The greeting is calm, like age-old friends who just take up where they left off the last time they met. Don calls Walter mutt, shoes him away and largely ignores him – especially when Walt likes to get up close and personal when Don is doing his intricate work with a jig-saw.

We left on the ATV's so Don could make his call to the city for peace of mind. Don's a contractor, working mostly in Toronto, and when he's away, he fears the worst from his staff. As he probably

should. So what if one of the main members of his team is his brother. Nothing or no one can harm the psyche as thoroughly as a family member. Normally, when the ATVs are ignited, Walter hides in his dark space below the deck. He's made it very clear that he doesn't like the noise or the speed of those machines. Plus, of course, on more than one occasion did he voice his displeasure at the possible environmental damage. Ahh, but he's just a dog, you say. Ahh, but he's sensitive I say. Walter likes to cook, play music and tint his bangs. If ever an animal could be described as metrosexual, that animal would be Walter. On the way, Don wanted to stop to view the new landscaping trailer I acquired to haul big stuff. The "big stuff" is what men always use as an excuse to buy too-big trailers – that very phrase is what allows our wives to begrudgingly comply because women never understand "big stuff". All men admire trailers, all women roll their eyes. It was then, when we stopped the ATVs that Walter crawled out of his dark space and decided to join us. Walter likes trailers too, it seems. The trailer was ogled much the same way that we would ogle a pretty young woman wearing a short skirt and halter top if we were 30 years younger. Who says that there aren't any advantages to ageing – our pleasures are much more attainable. After the oohing and aahing, we re-ignited and started on our way. Walter, being well out of his comfort zone, decided to join us for our adventure. His morning walk is a ritual, after all. So the three amigos made their way towards the twisty logging road that would lead us to modern bliss – connectivity. Walter followed fairly well in some sections and tried to lead in others.

He walked gingerly around most of the iced-over puddles. When he was running at speed with the machines, he looked askance when the muddy, icy waters splashed on his well-groomed fur, for this would mean more work for him later.

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Up, up, up we trudged, man, machine and dog, until we finally reached the peak. Walter was, well, dog-tired. Don stared bug-eyed at the small device in his hands, admiring its complexities while hating its capabilities at the same time. He had to make the call. I lit a cigarette, took a draw and cocked my head toward the sky. Walter looked in vain for water,

until, farther down the path, he discovered a tepid pool in which to drink. The antenna icon showed at least three bars. The day was gloomy and gray. The call was made, successfully, while Walter found a nice quiet spot in the woods in which to relieve himself.

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My thanks are extended to all candidates and their supporters for participating in the election. Everyone gave a lot of time and energy to their community and it was noticed and appreciated. Thank you to all who met with me in their homes or in the community; it was both informative and enjoyable.

It is an honour to serve you for the next four years. I look forward to working with Karin, Brian, Bruno and Glenda.

Have a safe and Merry Christmas.

Peter Emon

GREATER MADAWASKA LITERARY MATTERS

By Mary Joan hale

Brrr, 'the north wind she blow' right over my house! It's time to be the ant and regret enjoying the delays of the grasshopper. Most of the garden is put to sleep and the rest will do as nature has done forever until the spring gives up its secrets. At the GMPL, we are preparing (more like the ant, than the grasshopper) for winter and Christmas activities.

Soon the Mitten Tree will be standing and a Christmas Village will magically appear. The tree will be colourfully decorated with mittens, scarves and hats donated by you. Sadly, one of our faithful knitters passed away recently. Every year, even before the tree was up, Betty Bowes would pop in with mittens for little hands. May the angels enjoy colourfully knitted wing capes! A kind Renfrew woman donated a Christmas Village last year. Somehow, we will make room for it. You may bring in non-perishable food for the Calabogie Food Bank Christmas Baskets or pay your fines with food until December 20 and place them under the tree or in the village.

The new Website is up & running. It is still a work-in-progress, so be patient. It is easy to manoeuvre and there are pages of interest for each age group. Keep up-to-date with GMPL happenings, new books, programs and so much more!!! We are not just about books anymore @your library.

Once more, we have a Depot in Dacre at the Dacre Transfer Station. Our wonderful friend, Gary, (affectionately known as the 'Dump Dude') will run the Ward 2 Venue. There will be a 3-ring binder with the collection list left there for your perusal or you can search the collection on-line through the website. Look for the 'Search! Search! Search!' page and click on the URL. If clicking does not work, copy & paste. If you have a library card, you can, check your status and order books which will be delivered to your venue. Gary picks up at the library every Wednesday morning and delivers to Ward 3. During the summer, there is a venue at 'Eagles' Rest' and all year at 'Lacourse's General Store'. I asked the new owners of the grocery and they are willing to carry on the service. I thank the Lacourse Family for their many years of service for your library. If in doubt, Gary will accept books at either transfer station.

On the 'Search' page, you are also able to search for interlibrary loans (if we do not have what you wish) and if you have your very own priceless library card, you too can order, either from me or directly from the Southern Ontario Library Services. The SOLS van comes early every Tuesday morning and you will be notified to come in or pick up the items in Wards 2 or 3.

There was concern expressed at the 'All Candidates Meetings' that Wards 2 & 3 do not have library service. After amalgamation, we too were concerned. The Board (of the time) and I surveyed the whole Township. We spent much time and energy visiting groups in Wards 2 & 3, had a table at a Christmas Craft Sale in Ward 3, newspaper stories and generally researched the problem while running the roads up, down and around the beautiful Madawaska Highlands. We were fortunate enough to get a Trillium Grant to fund this service. It would not have been possible without the grant, cooperation from the Township, the roads' guys (especially Gary) and the volunteer store owners (Lacourse, Mains and Limlaw families). Being a rural library, most people have to travel to get library services. Not everyone lives in the village of Calabogie. The library started in 1978, but a recent reading of Irene's Robillard's book on Calabogie, tells of the first 'free library' established in 1902. This is a proud tradition and true to the spirit of providing literacy to all ages in all parts of this extremely large township! If you have not used it, please try it. Like Mikey, you'll like it. We have a Mom in Ward 3 who is Home schooling. She receives a bundle of books and DVDs weekly which she has found extremely helpful. I have also ordered pedagogical materials for her from SOLS.

We had a wonderful visit from Tim Yearington. He spoke about his book "That Native Thing", which describes the Medicine Wheel as a compass to guide you, not only through the woods, but through the difficult times in life. We have copies of his book for sale at the library for \$20.00. Irene Robillard's books on Calabogie and Springtown are also available for \$25.00 each. The Library fund receives \$5.00/book sale as a gift from the authors. These make great Christmas gifts. We have some other items for sale with all funds going to the library.

To solve a mystery caused by my several and varied monikers. I, Mary-Joan Hale, am also Skippy Hale, but that's a story for another day.

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CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

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St. Andrew's United Church
Aug to Feb Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m.
Feb. to August Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.
Christmas Eve – 9 p.m.

Our Lady of Holy Rosary Catholic Church Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve – 7 p.m. mass

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
WMI meet first Monday of the month
Sunday School 10am
Sunday Worship 11am
Weekly Bible study Tuesdays 7pm
at Fellowship Hall and in Plevna
Pioneer Club Thursdays 6pm at
Clar-Mill Hall, Plevna
Sunday School Concert – December 9
At 10 a.m.
Christmas Eve candle light service– 7 p.m.

St. Luke's United Church
Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School 10:00 a.m.
Christmas Eve – 4 p.m.

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

The New Apostolic Church
Annual hymn sing -Sunday, Dec 14th at 4 pm
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.
Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m.
Wednesdays 8:00 p.m.
Sunday School Christmas Concert –
Dec 12 At 11 a.m.
Carol Sing – December 18 at 7 p.m.

CALABOGIE

The Calabogie Bible Fellowship Congregational Church
The Mill Street Chapel at 538 Mill St.,
Regular service – Sundays 10:30 a.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)
Christmas Eve service 7 p.m.
Church Services Sunday Mornings at
8:45 a.m. Communion
1st Sunday of every month.

COMMUNITY EVENTS Calabogie

Greater Madawaska Public Library
Bring non-perishable food for the Food Bank Christmas Basket in lieu of fines until Dec. 15 Bring new mittens, scarves & hats to keep children warm (for inclusion in food baskets & extras, go to St. Joseph's School) There will be March Break activities

10th Annual Jamie Wright Memorial Fishing Derby: Sat. Feb. 26, 2011 – 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Barnet Park Register on-site or pre-register at the Calabogie Marine & Sports (613-752-2010) Adults \$8 & Junior \$3 Adult: 1st Prize \$600; 2nd Prize \$200; 3rd Prize \$150 Junior: 1st Prize \$150; 2nd Prize \$100 ; 3rd Prize \$50 For info, call Brian Moran 613-752-0453

Pre-school Program, NEW DATES & TIMES, Thursdays, 10 – 11 am, as of Sept. 9, year round, Ages 0-5 at township library

Calabogie Seniors' Dinner & Meeting, last Thursday of each month, 5 pm at Community Hall. All seniors 55+ welcome. 752-2853 For December 10 Christmas dinner and dance for members, call for details

Calabogie Women's Institute meets usually second Thursday monthly, 7:30 pm. at Calabogie Home Support Office next to Pinky's Bar & Grill at 5056 Calabogie Rd.; New members welcome. 613-752-2598

Calabogie Arts and Crafts Assoc. Every 2nd Monday (if holiday, then 3rd Monday), 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Community Hall, Prospective members most welcome (\$15 per year), 752-1324

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

The Calabogie and Area Ministerial Food Bank 538 Mill Street, 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month 9:00 am to 11:00 a.m. For emergency situations, please call 752-2201 Christmas distribution will be Monday Dec. 20

Griffith & Matawatchan

Tree Lighting: Friday Dec 10 @ 7 pm
Carols, hot chocolate & Santa at Matawatchan Hall immediately following

Euchre at Griffith
The first & third Friday of each month At the Griffith Lion's Hall Resuming January 2010

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Lion's Club
Dec. 7, - Monster Bingo
Dec. 15- Fellowship Luncheons
Dec. 18 Children's Christmas Party
Dec. 31 New Years Eve Party
January 4 and 10 Bingo
January 19 Fellowship Luncheon
February 1 and 15 Bingo
February 16 Fellowship Luncheon
March 1 and 15 Bingo
March 16 Fellowship Luncheon

Sylvia's Foot Care
Every six weeks
St. Andrews Church (Matawatchan)
Call Annabell Marshall 333-1752

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Denbigh

Denbigh Ontario Early Years Playgroup (up to age 6) Every Tuesday Denbigh Community Hall 10 a.m. until 12 p.m.
Info 1-613-336-8934 ext 257

Euchre in Denbigh
The 2nd and 4th Friday evening of every month.

Diners Club
Dinners are held the first Monday of the month at the Denbigh Community Hall at 12 noon. Full Course Meal \$6.00. Contact Faye Mieske at 333-2784 or Irene at 333-2202 for information.

St. Luke's United Church, Denbigh
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What's a Yule Log?

By Floris Wood

We've all heard of it, the Yule, as in "burning the Yule log" and the "Yule-tide season". But, if you know what a Yule is you are probably in the minority. I, for one, have not a clue.

So, we turn, cautiously, to the source of all modern wisdom, the Internet. As use-yule, if two Internet sources of information agree it is because one has used the other as its source, without giving credit. But the consensus seems to be that in modern usage it means "feast", "festival", "holiday" or something similar. The origin of the word, according to the Oxford English Dictionary, is Nordic. Some form of "Yule" or "Jul" appears in several ancient Nordic languages as well as Finnish. And it always has meant something like "feast". There was even, at one time, the "August Yule", which, of course, had nothing to do with Christmas.

That settled: let's get to the subject of this article. What's a Yule log? Or, more precisely, what is the best Yule log? One Nordic tradition was to haul a huge log into a public square and have a celebration with the burning Yule log as the centerpiece. These days, however, we probably just put some logs in the fireplace or the cozy wood stove and celebrate with family.

Burning wood is something many people in the Madawaska Valley do all winter, not just at Yule time. Some woods are better for some things and some are better for others. Which wood is best for burning for home heat?

There is a lot of debate on this issue but one thing is for sure, the moisture content of wood is the very single important characteristic to worry about. Fire wood should have moisture content between 15% and 20% before burning. If dried properly over one summer 20% moisture content can be attained in most species. Some trees start out green with much more moisture than that and some are already as low as 30%, but all species need some drying. Some people will say that such trees as White Ash can be burned

green, but White Ash is one of those species that has a natural green moisture content of about 30%, so it still needs to lose 10% of its moisture.

Does that mean then "the drier the better"? No. As a fire burns it heats up the wood right next to the wood that is now burning. As the wood heats up it releases combustible gas. That gas should burn as it is released and it will, if the fire is hot enough. Wood that is too moist will burn cooler because, the fire, along with releasing gases from the wood, is boiling water out of the wood. Much of the energy is going toward boiling water. The steam generated by the heat draws heat away from the fire and cools it. Much of the burnable gas does not ignite, but goes up the chimney with the steam, unburned. The fire is smoky and hard to keep going.

Wood that is too dry burns very hot, heating up the wood next to the flame very quickly and burning all its released gases very quickly. The heat does not linger to be carried into the room but is carried up and out of the chimney by the fast rising hot air. The hotter the fire the faster the heat rises up and out of the chimney, the stove virtually sucks air from the room. The stove is overheated and demands to be fed wood more frequently.

While about half the fire in a stove is generated by burning gases the rest is generated by burning carbon. If you put wood in a closed container with a small hole at the top to pipe off gases, then heated the container from the outside, you would cook off the gases without burning them, and what would be left is charcoal, which is pure carbon and wonderful fuel in its own right.

How does one check the moisture content of wood? There is such a thing as a wood moisture meter which is sometimes used by flooring installers, furniture makers or others dealing with tight tolerances in wood joints. But generally you can tell if the wood is too damp if, when burning, gases and bubbles hiss and sputter out of the cut ends of the wood. The log is literally swelling up with steam that

The Lakeshore Café returns to Calabogie

By Bill Graham

There is a new restaurant in Calabogie or at least the return of an old one. For the last ten years The Duck Restaurant has been located on the same property as Calabogie Lodge but has been a separate business. During those ten years of existence The Duck has had two owners. The high-end haute cuisine format did not seem to work. There was some patronage from Calabogie Lodge guests but these same guests did have their own kitchen facilities in their rental unit. There was also some patronage from local residents but high priced meals were not the regular fare of locals.

Daniel Nahon, who has been owner of The Calabogie Lodge for the last two and a half years, has brought back the Lakeshore Café, which was the name of the restaurant at the same location back in the 1990s. He has also brought back reasonably priced family oriented dining while maintaining the use of high quality fresh food. December 1st was opening day and free coffee and tea was one of the features. In fact, free coffee in the morning will be a regular feature to encourage locals and Lodge guests to visit the dining room. Daniel is encouraging people to bring their laptop and take advantage of the Café's Wi-Fi (high speed) environment and have a coffee. He especially wants Calabogie residents to know that the new Café is accessible in all senses of that word and that they are welcome.

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is being released out the end of the stick of wood that is not sealed with bark or lamina. The fire will need a lot of care to keep lit.

If the wood is too dry you will find yourself getting no rest. You will be getting up and down to feed the fire often. The fire will be hot but you will burn far more wood than necessary. The fire will produce few embers and almost no smoke. The fire will go from roaring hot to out, very quickly.

So what is the best way to cure wood, to bring it to favourable moisture content? Green wood should be cut to stove lengths, stacked and covered. Let me qualify the word "covered". The wood pile should be covered with a tarp to keep out rain, but not wrapped. Allow the air to flow between the logs so moisture can be borne off by the air molecules. Of course, there will be rainy and humid days. But in Ontario we have more than enough dry breezy days to dry firewood outdoors to good moisture content. If you have a wood shed it should allow plenty of air to flow between wall boards so it can circulate through the wood, as well as a good waterproof roof.

The next most influential characteristic of wood that affects its efficiency as a Yule log is its density. Common sense would tell us that White Oak is heavier than White Pine. A cubic foot of dried White Oak weighs 44.33 lbs, while the same size block of White Pine weighs 23.29 lbs. Just take a six inch diameter log of white pine and a six inch diame-

ter log of White Oak and lay into each with an axe and see through which one it takes longer to chop. While a nicely dried piece of white Pine will provide us a good fire, we will need more pine wood to keep the house habitable than if we were burning White Oak. Wood stores energy and denser wood stores more energy. The chart below compares some of the common native trees available locally for firewood. The number is the weight (mass) of a one cubic foot of that wood.

White Oak	44.33
Sugar Maple	42.20
Red Oak	41.02
Mountain-Ash	39.83
White Birch	37.46
Tamarack	34.84
Red Pine	31.65
Jack Pine	28.78
White Spruce	26.91
Black Spruce	26.72
Balsam Fir	25.85
Eastern White Pine	23.29
Eastern White Cedar	19.67

There are dangers in burning the old Yule log. Chief among them is creosote fire in the chimney. Wood creosote results from stove or fireplace fires that burn at low temperatures, either because the wood is wet or because the fire is deprived of air. It is common practice to "damper down" a fire at night, once the stove is loaded with wood and brought to a roaring fire. The hope is that by depriving it of air it will last a few hours so the residents will be able to get some sleep before having to get up and noisily feed the fire more wood.

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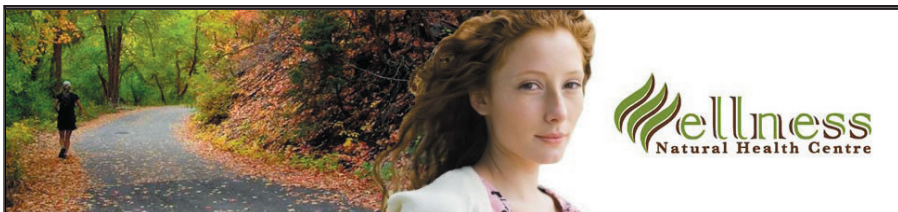
That works pretty well but it also makes for a cool fire after the roaring is over and very incomplete combustion of the wood gases. As described above cool and low burning fires make lots of smoke and as that smoke curls slowly up the chimney the gases tend to condense on the cool stove pipe flue. Some of the residues created by the condensed gases form the creosote on the inside of the chimney flue. Pure creosote is clear or yellowish but chimney creosote is saturated with carbon particulates so it often appears black. It appears in liquid, viscous and solid form within the chimney. Chimneys should be cleaned at least annually by a certified chimney sweep.

The problem is that during a subsequent hot fire in the stove the hardened creosote on the inside of the chimney begins to expand and convert back to liquid and gas. It begins to bubble and as the bubbles full of gas burst into the chimney they burn at a high temperature, creat-

ing a superheated fire. This creosote fire takes on a life of its own. Chimney fires become very spectacular. As the fire becomes superheated it craves oxygen and it sucks air out of the stove and the room. Flames shoot out of the chimney like a flamethrower and the stove sometimes vibrates and rattles from the air being forced through every nook and cranny. Air, rushing into the room from outside through any available space, makes the windows rattle and adds to the cacophony. Some have compared the sound of the onrush of air with a locomotive.

Well, maybe I got a little Hollywoodish on the fire description, but you get the point that you just do not want a chimney fire. What you do want, and I fervently hope you get it, is to have a terrific holiday season for you and your family. For more detailed information about residential heating with a wood fire I recommend the following website: www.woodheat.org Merry Christmas!!

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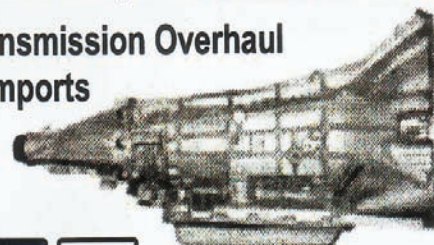
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able for their use. Seeing as they had a huge farmhouse to furnish they figured that anything would be 'suitable'. I still have in my possession an ornately carved chair, a cherry wood ball and claw table and a maple veneer wash-stand. I cannot remember anything else that my parents got except for two oversized porcelain laundry tubs. These they upended on their sides with the high backs together and protruding forward. On these we hung a towel. On one up-ended side we put a bucket of water, on the other a basin and soap dish and on the inside of the tubs, there was a slop bucket under the basin and on the other side a dish for the dog's water. If anyone ever enquired if we had running water, we would say, 'Of course - we run out with a bucket and pump it full at the well, then run indoors with it.

Word got around fast - and the father of

one of my Dad's students who owned Teperman's Wrecking Company told him that they were going to demolish a large house in Rosedale, and that if he wanted he could go there by a certain date and take what he wanted. After a depression and a world war, this sounded too good to be true. We ended up with yards of oak bookcases with leaded glass doors but I cannot recall if there was any more furniture. My mother, however, discovered that there were still clothes hanging in the cupboards and shoes, towels and bedding in other cupboards, hand and laundry soap in the kitchen plus an assortment of cooking utensils and dishes. Having expended a goodly sum in those days for the farm itself, they were more than grateful for such a bonus with which to fill it.

Mr Wattams was again called to ferry the loot to Shelburne and thus began an adventure that lasted for seventeen years.

THANK YOU

To the voters of Ward 3, Township of Greater Madawaska, for your support in the recent Municipal Election.

It is indeed an honour to have been re-elected!

I will work hard as Councillor for the Township and for the concerns of Griffith/Matawatchan.

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The Scow

By Howard Popkie

In the early 1940s Hilton Arthers came to Black Donald to buy a very large old building made by the early lumbermen.

The big house was made from square timbers to house the loggers who worked cutting the original pine across the Madawaska River, at Black Donald. When the timber was all cut the house was too large for a family to live in so it was made into a tourist resort named Camonto Lodge.

Hilton owned it. When he came to the side of the river across from his new tourist resort, he would just park the car and swim across the river.

Then the day came when it was time to make a scow so he could get his car across the Madawaska and also the cars owned by his tourists.

He had a big old row boat with a large outboard motor on it. He tied a steel cable on one side of the river and threaded two pulleys through the cable to later fasten to the scow. The cable was stretched with a team of horses and tied to the other side of the river.

Then he built a scow made from two inch planks about five feet high, twelve feet

wide and twenty feet long. He chinked between the planks with ship's caulking and a type of rope and then tarred the bottom and sides.

The scow was built on dry land on log rollers so it could be pushed into the river when it was finished. There was a man hole on top so the water could be pumped out by using a pump run by a gasoline motor.

They built a dock on each side of the river where the cable was stretched. The new scow was launched and the pulleys fastened to the side of the scow. I looked in the man-hole and it looked like the inside of a very low house.

The signal to cross the river when a car came was blowing the car horn and Hilton would jump in his car and drive to the dock on his side of the river and push the scow across with his big boat and motor. They would have big planks to put from the dock to the scow for the car to drive on. Then he would push the scow across the river to the lodge.

I often saw them do this at night because most of the tourists at Black Donald came from the United States and arrived late. There were no electric lights in those days so everything was done by car lights.

I was ten or eleven years old when all of this was going on, but I was never one to miss much.

End

CABA Corner

By Debbie Knaut,

Hi everyone, my name is Debbie Knaut and I am your new President of CABA. I enjoyed meeting the members who attended our General Meeting and Awards Night on November 29th and hope to meet the rest of you in the coming year. I am quite proud to be associated with such a diverse group of business owners and will do my best to represent your interests in 2011. Best Wishes for a Happy Holiday Season and a prosperous 2011.

The 2010 Calabogie & Area Business Association (CABA) Awards were presented on November 29, 2010 at the CABA general meeting, which took place in the Madawaska Room of Dickson Manor at Calabogie Peaks Resort.

CABA Award for Excellence in Customer Service

To: Griffith (Tim-br-Mart) Building Supply, 25937 Highway 41, Griffith
Recipients: Scott MacDonald, Sue Lafleur and Brigitte Hoffmann

Griffith Building Supply was established in 1989 by Scott MacDonald. The store was operated part time in these early years since Scott also had a building contracting business. In 1997 Sue Lafleur and Brigitte Hoffmann became partners in the business and ran the store while Scott concentrated on the contracting business.

In the years that followed, the building where the store is located, grew in size and in stock that was carried. Much of this expansion was at the suggestion of customers. When the Dacre Nursery closed, the Griffith Building Supply once more expanded their stock to include gardening supplies, soil, manure and plants. It was their customers that they had in mind and the long drive to Renfrew that these customers would have needed to make. Their last expansion was into the

tool rental business, again at the suggestion of customers.

In the last fifteen years that I have shopped at the store, I have not had a single bad experience. The residents of Griffith, Matawatchan and Denbigh are very lucky to have such a well stocked store run by very knowledgeable and helpful owners and staff.

Nominated by Bill Graham

CABA Award for Excellence in Ambiance for a Commercial Venue

To: The Library Guesthouse, 12637 Lanark Rd. Calabogie
Recipients: Tama McCartney and Chris Fleming

I am pleased to introduce my Calabogie neighbours to you. Well, actually Tama and Chris do not live in the neighbourhood, but they are excellent neighbours never-the-less.

Up the street from us is a red brick building with quite a history. It was built in 1924 as a convent for The Sisters of St. Joseph teachers at the school next door. Over time, they sold the building to the township to house the library. Eventually, it was sold to the Kennedy family as a vacation spot for family celebrations. In 2008, Tama and Chris formed a partnership and purchased the building to serve as a guest house for Calabogie Motorsport customers and other visitors to the area.

They named their place 'The Library Guest House'. Needless-to-say, there was much confusion during the renovation when tradesmen would arrive at the township library on Calabogie Road with a load of lumber, plumbing supplies or shingles looking for Chris. The renovations and decor are superb and welcoming. Restored historical photos of Calabogie and area deck the walls. The gardens and backyard patio with sauna, BBQ and gazebo provide a restful ambi-

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As I look back...

By Susan Veale

Wellness Natural Health Centre

As the year draws to a close, we're all preparing for Christmas deadlines yet at the same time, what have we accomplished in 2010? What have we learned? What do we need to learn and what changes do we wish to entertain in 2011 as a New Year's offering?

When I look back and reflect on my time with clients, I stand in awe of the positive changes I've seen in people's health. When I look further at my 30 years in practice as a Natural Health Practitioner, I have been privileged to be part of a growing field of medicine that works in harmony with the body through the chemistry of nutrition, natural supplements and hands on healing and modern scientific knowledge.

One change for many of my clients during the course of the year has been more vitality.

Last January, I started a fun class "Stretch & Breath" program for adults and seniors that ran for eight weeks. When spring arrived, everybody wanted to continue so we moved to the outdoors and did our stretching in the fresh air of Barnett Park with music provided by new families of mallards and the soft breezes that strummed along the lake. In April, with a 5 iron in hand, we began a special four week "Golf Stretch" program concentrating on muscles and joints that are predominantly used in the golf swing; neck, shoulders, back, hips and knees. In the summer, when the hot August sun sweltered overhead, we headed for a pool class of "Stretch & Breath" using the water as resistance where we stretched and strengthened our arms, shoulders, back and legs. In the fall, I added Pilates as a second component to our regular stretching program. This one hour session is a mat workout emphasizing the core muscle group to strengthen, stabilize and support the pelvis and spine.

Turnouts for "Stretch & Breath" and "Pilates" have been very enthusiastic. New classes will be starting in January 2011 including an evening class. For more information on how to register, call my office at 613-752-1540 or go online at www.wellnessnaturalhealthcentre.com

In my clinic, we've added new laboratory services such as *The Glucose Breath Test* to measure insulin delivery to screen for diabetes and *The Thyroid Urine Test* to measure for certain thyroid hormones that help in detecting early hyperthyroidism or hypothyroidism. Another test is the *Omega-3 Fatty Acid Blood Test*. This test measures Omega-3 fatty acids to determine if the body has adequate levels of certain omega-3 fatty acids which help

guard against cardiovascular disease.

One other accomplishment was creating, preparing and launching our new web site, www.wellnessnaturalhealthcentre.com.

Healing Programs, Woman's Health and Lab Services are three new areas of information. Tests, workshops, exercise programs and resources are some of the other. If your health vitality is not where you want it to be, I invite you to read my information and then contact me to discuss how I may help you onto your natural path to wellness.

To all our readers, I wish you a blessed Christmas and may those things you treasure the most be next to you. For 2011, may good health be in your body, peace in your mind and joy in your heart each and every day.

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Library Board	6 members of the community
Emergency Management Committee	7 members of the community
Canada Day Committee	5 members of the community
Mississippi Valley Conservation Authority	1 member of the community
Madawaska Highlands Advisory Committee	1 member of the community
Livestock Valuers	3 members of the community
Line Fences Act Inspectors	2 members of the community
Trails Committee	6 members of the community
Parks and Beautification Committee	4 members of the community
Ward 1 Outdoor Rink Committee	5 members of the community
Ward 3 Outdoor Rink Committee	5 members of the community
Medical Services Committee	6 members of the community

Please submit your name and committee you are interested in by Monday Dec 13, 2010 at 4 pm.

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CABA (Cont)

ance for the enjoyment of quiet summer evenings. The Library Guesthouse is also a haven for hunters in the fall and skiers in the winter. A welcome addition to our street is this home away from home.

Nominated by Mary Joan Hale

CABA Award for Excellence in Ambiance – Home-based Studio

To: D. MacNabb Studio, 5377 Calabogie Rd. Calabogie
Recipient: Dwyene MacNabb

Dwyene and Ron have created a new entrance to their property which is appealing in design. The tree-lined driveway opens to a delightful, beautifully landscaped home with expansive patios on three sides of the building including a beautiful lakefront view creating a relaxed atmosphere. An inviting studio entrance is located at the side of the house where Dwyene tastefully displays her recent work in both her studio and her living area. The ambiance is warm, inviting and friendly. Her well-honed skills as an artist in oils and watercolours are evident in her cheerful, local scenery; clients are enchanted with her scenes from the past of the old Calabogie waterfront. Definitely worth a visit or why not even register for one of her art classes.

Nominated by Carolyn Jakes

CABA Award for Excellence in Community Service, Nov. 29, 2010

To: The Matawatchan Community Market Committee

Recipients: (Organising Group) Ken Birkett, Joanne Murray, Audrey Copeland, Richard Copeland, Adam Copeland, Filipa Martins, Sandy Downs, Juliette LeGal and Bill Graham

This farmer's market has returned a sense of community to Matawatchan. A number of residents saw the need for a source of local vegetables, baked goods and crafts, as well as a venue for residents to meet. Other than the local church, there was no place where people could gather on a regular basis.

The market committee originated as a result of community meetings designed to gather ideas and to designate those who would bring the idea of a local market forward. When no outside seed money was forthcoming, the committee proceeded without it. Working on a shoestring budget the market was soon financially viable without outside help.

After four years of operation, the Matawatchan Community Market has become very popular in western Greater Madawaska. Market vendors and customers come from Denbigh, Griffith, Matawatchan and the surrounding cottage country. A very popular element

is the serving of a hot lunch. Not only is it an important source of income for the market and for the individuals preparing lunch, but it is a place where people can meet friends and make new friends. The market and its lunch component have brought together full-time and seasonal residents, campers and other visitors. With its presence, the Market creates a welcome and successful focal point for our community. Nominated by J.P. De Grandmont

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Griffith/Matawatchan News

By Garry Ferguson

Lacourse's Mini Mart is no longer Lacourse's Mini Mart and Duane and Linda Lennie no longer live in Renfrew. The Lennies purchased the business from Avery and Judy, moved to Griffith with their three boys (aged 22, 17 and 13) and, as of November 19, became the new owners of the now renamed Griffith General Store. They plan to carry on as usual except for the business hours which will be extended. The store will now be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays and from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

Though Duane and Linda originally came from the Minden area, they lived in Renfrew for 17 years where Duane was in the waste water and water treatment business. Linda who has been employed in administration at Renfrew's Groves Park for some time will continue her duties on a three-days-a-week basis. They will reside in the living quarters over the store. We welcome them to Griffith-Matawatchan and wish them all the best.

On the evening of November 18, the Pine Valley Restaurant was jammed to the rafters with seniors who came out to tie into a free feed of jigs dinner (a Newfie version of boiled dinner), sponsored by the Matachushie Committee, and listen to an enjoyable musical program featuring a very professional, down-east band, Ryan Cook and Friends. Thanks to the ongoing Nevada ticket sales at the Pine Valley, the Matachushie Community Development Committee donated the proceeds from the last three months of sales to this evening of entertainment for area seniors. It was its way of showing appreciation to the community. Lou Johnson, a talented ex-army cook, who originally hailed from Newfoundland, was there to help out with

the cooking and to lend a Newfie flair (including his accent) to the proceedings.

Members of the Fish and Game Club will get together at the Matawatchan Hall at 11 a.m. on December 11, 2010 for the club's Annual General Meeting. A slate of officers will be elected, so anyone out there who may be craving a little respect shouldn't miss the opportunity to land a position (unfortunately unpaid) of responsibility and status. I'm wondering if my wife, who chucks up another birthday on the twelfth, would consider me cheap if I suggest that we celebrate by going to the meeting. In all sincerity though, the club provides a means of exerting a positive influence on our precious wild-life resources and on our beautiful local environment. It deserves our support.

A number of very successful Christmas-related events have already taken place around the community. The Christmas Craft extravaganza in the Matawatchan Hall on Saturday November 20th kicked off the Season with a good number of vendors offering wares to a large crowd of early-bird shoppers. It was the general consensus that there were more vehicles in the yard than at any other event this year. The staff lost track of the meals – featuring turkey donated by David Guest and Linda – served up. Two hundred and seventy dollars plus a large box of groceries gathered for the Denbigh food bank was the icing on the cake. Needless to say, market organizers were pleased with the results. The Free Methodist Christmas Banquet in the Denbigh Hall on December 03, the Denbigh Santa Clause Parade on the 4th, St. Luke's United's Sing, Sing, on the 5th and the Lions Craft blowout in Griffith have also been put to bed for another year after scoring praise from record crowds at all four events.

The Matawatchan Hall Board's annual Tree Lighting will again light up the night

sky over Matawatchan as of 7 p.m. on Friday December 10th and will continue to add a festive air to the old downtown area over the Yuletide Season. The hall will be open for those wishing to call around, after the lighting, for some hot chocolate, a chat with Santa and maybe some carol singing. Everybody's welcome.

According to my (imbedded) informants, all the programs from here to the Big Day will be church-related. John Starnes, a famous gospel singer, will be a special guest at the Hilltop Pentecostal Christmas concert on December 09 at 7 p.m. The Vennachar Free Methodists will present a Sunday school concert along with the morning service on December 11th and the Carol Sing at the New Apostolic Church on December 18th at 7 p.m. will again, for sure, attract a large crowd. You should be there early to get a ringside seat and remember to warm up your vocal cords before leaving home.

According to those same *imbedded*s, all other events will take place on **Christmas Eve**. At the time of this scribbling, no time had been decided for the service at the Lutheran Church in Denbigh but the Free Methodist congregation will conduct its Candlelight Service at 7 p.m., Father Legree will conduct a 7:00 pm mass at Griffith's Holy Rosary and the Uniteds will observe Christmas Eve in their usual triple-barreled fashion with a 4-p.m. celebration at Denbigh, a 7-p.m.'er at Schutt and 9-p.m.'er at Matawatchan. The pastor, Jon Williams, may have to wear heavy (heavier than usual) boots to stay on that schedule. Let's hope that the roads will be dry enough to allow a Ford pick-up, traveling at mach one, to remain pointed in the right direction.

Since this is the last edition of *The Madawaska Highlander* for 2010, here's wishing our readers a **HAPPY HOLIDAY** and **HEARTFELT BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR.**

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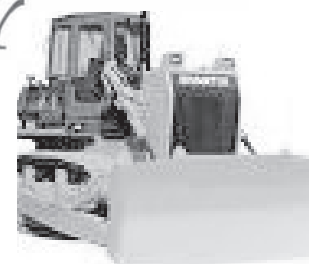
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Fire News

By Betsy Sayers, Fire Chief

First thing we'd like to express is our appreciation to the Madawaska Highlander team for all of their support, patience and assistance in 2010. We are very, very pleased to hear that you will be publishing for at least one more year. Thank you for working so hard to provide our communities with such a quality publication.

WOW! It seems like Halloween was yesterday and already we are into the Christmas season.

Speaking of Halloween, the Griffith station started a new tradition this year with their Haunted House and lots of goodies night. Almost all the kids in Griffith and some from Matawatchan attended. At times I wasn't sure who was having more fun, the fire fighters activating the ghostly effects or the children excited about the big bowls of candy. Many thanks to Dave Parkes and Chris Peters for organizing and doing all the heavy lifting in preparation for the event, and to Gary, Dave Van Iderstine and family for helping with setup. Thanks also to Melissa for loaning us lots of decorations. Watch out for next year, now that these guys have done it once and figured out how things can work I'm hearing some pretty impressive plans for next year!

In conjunction with the haunted house we had a Sparky colouring contest. We are pleased to say **CONGRATULATIONS!** to:

- Kirk Inwood (6 years of age and under)
- Ebonie Kauffauldt (7 to 12 years of age)

Kirk and Ebonie will be treated to lunch with the Fire Department, a ride around the village in the fire truck, and an opportunity to join us in the Santa Claus parade in Calabogie and at the Christmas craft sale in Griffith.

The Christmas season is a very busy one for us both for fire calls and our Fire Prevention and Public Education activities. We'd like to take this opportunity to remind you of some fire safety precautions that just might save a life:

HEATING SAFETY – Watch your ashes

Check your chimney- Creosote is a major cause of chimney fires – have chimneys and pipes cleaned regularly.

•Allow the ashes from your woodstove or fireplace to cool, then put them into a metal container and keep the container outside.

•Make sure your ash bucket has a tight fitting lid so the wind does not spread sparks

- Have all chimneys cleaned and inspected every year by a qualified service person.
- Check your chimney regularly for signs of damage or corrosion
- Install a carbon monoxide (CO) alarm to alert you to deadly gases
- Give space heaters space – keep them at least one metre (3 feet) away from anything that can burn
- Protect your home from sparks – use a fire screen
- Watch for smoke backing into the room, this could mean a blockage in the chimney or a faulty damper control.

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Denbigh News

By Christi Landrie

Janice Kerr, on behalf of Denbigh Recreation, wishes to thank all who attended the October 15 Music Fest. Everyone had a fantastic time and the music was superb.

Playgroup is here in Denbigh! Every Tuesday from 10am to noon, parents, grandparents and caregivers are welcome to bring children ages 0 to 6 years of age to the Denbigh Hall. There are toys for every age group, a book nook, activities, toy & book lending and more. The best part is it is absolutely free of charge.

It's Kaffee Klatsch every Friday morning at 10 am at Stop 41. Why not come on out, have some of their superb coffee and a chat with friends. You can order breakfast too, and I must say, they make the absolutely best Western sandwiches I have ever tasted. We laugh, talk, exchange ideas, recipes, stories and enjoy the social time. New faces are always welcome. When yours truly asked the owner what would happen if we have too many people, he just grinned and said, "We'll put up a tent."

The area residents always extend a hearty welcome to all the hunters we see coming in from all over, as they help to boost the local economy. We would like to ask them, though, to please not throw your coffee cups and other debris on our roads and highway. For you, this may very well be the outback yonder, but please remember, we live here and to us this is our backyard.

Mayday, Mayday!! Citizens beware. Seems we have hunters out here who either don't know the rules of hunting or who believe those rules don't apply to them. Just around 6pm Wednesday, Yours truly was out walking our new puppy between the house and the pond, when 2 shots, at very close range, whizzed by me less than a foot from where I was standing. I actually felt the wind pressure from both shots on my left elbow. The first shot thunked into our shed, and before I could react, the second shot blasted by. I turned my head just in time to see the leaves fly up where the second bullet hit the small hill behind me. I let out a very loud and angry holler as I ducked behind the smaller shed. I then heard voices from across the field. Had I been standing just a step or two more to my left, I would have been hit. I stayed behind the shed for a few minutes longer, then made my way back inside around the other side of the house. Griswold came home from work about 15 minutes later, and boy, he was NOT impressed. The shooters were firing in an area of several residences, after dark, and across/near/beside the road, all of which are not only unsafe, but illegal. Of course the police were called and a full report made. Some people should never hold a gun, let alone shoot one. Yours truly will tune those guys up

if and when I find out who they were. We live in an area surrounded by hunters. Almost everyone around here owns at least one high powered rifle, but those shooters were either drunk or they were not from around these parts. The people who live here would never act that way. And I was wearing an orange vest, too.

Our very own Samantha Rosentblath and Trevor Tryon were married in Punta Cana, Dominican Republic on 9th of November on a sunny tropical beach they exchange their vows, surrounded by family and friends. The 6 people in the wedding party and several family and friends spent the week of Nov 5th – Nov 12 in the sunny south with the happy couple. Congratulations and very best wishes, Samantha and Trevor. May you always see only the best in each other.

St Luke's United Church wishes to thank all the willing volunteers who helped to prepare, serve, and clean up after the Hunter's Turkey Supper and the Remembrance Day Luncheon. Not all angels are in heaven, you know. There are angels all around us, but we call them neighbours, and that comment comes straight from Ruby Malcolm. That sure is the truth and I couldn't have said it better myself, Ruby.

Music in the Hall was very well attended, and I'm sure the strains of it echoed through the village. A new tentative date has been set for 9th January, 2011. You can call 333-1449 for more info.

Happy Birthday wishes to Charlene Keller who will be celebrating her day on Nov 30, and also to hubby Morris, who follows shortly after with his date on Dec 06. That's St Nicholas' day for all who observe that tradition.

On Dec 12 there will be a children's Christmas program at the New Apostolic church in Denbigh. It will feature 2 plays, with musical numbers in between. The children will also play the bells and sing a doo-doo-doot song. Haven't heard one of those in a very long time, and it sounds like a lot of fun.

The New Apostolic Church will also hold their annual hymn sing on Saturday, Dec 18, most likely mid afternoon, but time yet unknown.

Vennachar Free Methodist Church welcomes you to celebrate the true joy of Christmas beginning with the Annual Sunday School Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 12th at 11:00am. There will be special music, skits and singing of Christmas hymns. And following the concert you are welcome to stay for potluck lunch at the Fellowship Hall. Then on Christmas Eve is the Candle Light Service at 7pm, with many special numbers in song, readings and the lighting of the candles.

Yours truly has an old but very good fridge, free for anyone. Griswold tested it and it keeps a temperature of 45 de-

grees Fahrenheit, just perfect for veggies, stews and/or your favourite beverages. If you come and help load and unload, Griswold will even deliver, as long as it's not to Timbuktu.

Griswold is once again planning his annual Christmas Light show here at the corner of Slate Falls Rd and Clear Lake Rd. He had about 12,000 lights out last year and has already bought another 140 and a crystalline sled to add to the melee. We welcome any who would like to come and see. Stop by the house for a coffee and say hello.

Finally, yours truly wishes to remind everyone about the numerous Christmas shows, activities, hymn sings, etc, that are happening in every community within driving range. Make sure you find out what's happening where and when, as Christmas is a special time of year, and it is both soothing and enjoyable to attend the festivities. Puts one right into the Christmas spirit.

Merry Christmas to all and to all a very good, prosperous and Happy New Year.

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Thank you

Gerry, Annabell and the Marshall Family wish to extend our very sincere thanks to all of our wonderful friends and neighbours who gave us such good support when our son and brother passed away on October 13, 2010 on his walk through the local bush to bow hunt: doing what he loved best.

So many came to visit, brought food, phoned, sent sympathy cards and attended the service in Ottawa.

We also want to give a huge thank you to our minister, Jon Williams, organist Carol-Anne Kelly and our U.C.W who provided such a delicious lunch after the service.

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CHRISTMAS...and Our Traditions

By Ernie Jukes of Camp J

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From Gutenberg's first printed Christmas card in the 1400's and the German Tannenbaum that gave us the aroma and decorating of the spruce tree our Yule continues to grow with our own personal additions. Importantly our annual best wishes of good will to fellow men continue to be part of our spirit. Along with the churches of so many denominations Christmas is also associated with snow and bells and carols and family. In our neck of the woods, perhaps sitting around a wood fire...poking at it as we all do...sipping a warming Yule drink with an old friend...listening to the crackle and smell of the seasoned maple. Yep, it's that time of year again.

Birthdays have been celebrated since our first Canadian-Viking child "Snorri" was born in Newfoundland in 989. Mother's and Father's days are rather nice too. Christian values are also presented with Easter and even Thanksgiving which we have celebrated in Canada since 1578. Of course the whole world swings with each New Year always hoping for a better one, or at least one without a war. Imagine the good that could be done with the vast amount of money that all countries waste.

Today, there is another festivity that is far from being a religious event. However it is probably our oldest natural tradition. It is called "The Hunt". I will mention that season with affection and without apology. We hunters love the annual experience. We enjoy the game, we enjoy our comrades and sharing our great outdoors. We each have our own valid reasons to carry our favourite gun into the bush and to hunt with a favourite friend. Isn't it a caution however that one day this special season may be lost? Some of our people abuse our conservation laws in the name of arguable and moral "rights." Think about it.

Perhaps our Noel gathering may be in a snug log cabin, looking out at flakes falling. Maybe see blue jays flitting amongst the hemlocks, perhaps even a deer or grouse reminding us of our devotion to surrounding nature. And that amazing food, followed by gifting and Audrey's sumptuous desserts. Do you mind the old days when part of the community would hop on a horse drawn sleigh and skim along our country roads? We snuggled under wool blankets to protect us from the night's cold and snow sliding off the branches, sometimes down our necks,

as we went through the wooded tote trails. Later we would return with our guests to party after a full Christmas day. Tell me, do folks still enjoy being under the hanging mistletoe to give a Christmas kiss, or do they send a card or even give a Christmas wish? I am quite sure most everyone must enjoy unwrapping that specially cared for gift? Do you recall hanging deer and moose decorations on your tree? I even had one that resembled my old bird dog "Spot." Who was outlined in my last book "My Road To Matawatchan". How about you?

Of course there are many happenings connected to our Christmas fun that are simply extensions of our varied culture. Like the time I facilitated Santa's footprints in the soot of our fireplace hearth, or making his sleigh marks in the snow at our country house. It wasn't easy spreading my ski's wide and punching reindeer hoof prints with two canes into the snow...especially when I went to back up...at the take off point. Not Hollywood authentic but sure got our four year old Dave, and much later grandson Dalton and his young friends, really wondering.

And that is perhaps still the joy of this festive season...the wonderment of children, also that recollection of family and many a Christmas past. Even though I never did get that electric train that I kept asking for in those letters to old St. Nick...I reckon the music, the wishes, the food and other gifts always made up for it...sorta?

When all is said and done we know it brings contentment...even for a short time...it's our own peace on this earth. Let us value this holiday that is named after Christ. To be Canadian is to be proud of all our values and all of our traditions. To be Canadian is to defend our heritage. To be Canadian is having fun in doing it.

By the way, since the North Pole is in Canada, does that make Santa Claus a Canuck?

Merry Christmas to all...everywhere....
Audrey and Ernie

End

Cafe (Cont)

At this time the Café is open from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. from Wednesday through Sunday and a light breakfast and lunch is served. By the time that you read this, the Café will also be licensed. Daniel and his staff expect to serve dinner on a regular basis early next year (March Break). That said, special group bookings for dinner are available immediately. The Calabogie Lion's Club has already booked a dinner as a special booking. If you are interested in a special group booking, you should call the Café at 613-752-2676 extension 311.

The full lunch menu, which is served between 11:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., has no item costing more than \$11.00. In addition

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tion to homemade soup, salads, vegetarian quiche and Nachos, there are numerous platters featuring a number of wraps, chicken quesadillas, smoked meat, fish & chips and a finger food combo to mention a few.

To encourage patronage for the Café, Daniel is planning a meal plan option for Lodge guests, special menus for holidays such as Christmas and New Years, a regular dinner menu and even take-out, but it will take a little

while before everything is in place.

The ambiance of the room with its view over Calabogie Lake remains. In fact it has been enhanced with the display of colourful art by local artists who call themselves Bogie Arts. If you see something that you like, you can purchase it. This really is a comfortable and restful place to meet a friend for coffee or to share a meal.

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