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Victorian Christmas in Canada

By Caroline Carver

When young Queen Victoria came to the throne in 1837, Canada was not yet a nation and would not be for another thirty years. Her reign started and ended with fighting but, with the exception of the Riel uprising, the period in between was relatively peaceful for Canadians. In 1837 the Rebellion of Upper and Lower Canada meant that many soldiers spent Christmas away from home. They were with their regiments again in 1901, the last year of the old queen's reign, this time not on the home front, but defending the Empire in South Africa.

When the Victorian period began, Canadians were too busy carving homes out of the wilderness to think of much except the basics. Nearly everything had to be made in the home — there were very few bought goods.

Footpads and drunkards

Life was hazardous in both town and country. Footpads, highway men, murderers, and drunkards abounded, sanitation and health care were primitive, and fire was a constant hazard. Bars were everywhere and drinking was always a problem, especially at Christmas.

December 25 was not a legal holiday then — an inquest was held in a Toronto tavern Christmas Day in 1856. But business closed on Boxing Day, December 26, which was riotously celebrated. As the *Edmonton Bulletin* put it, “the common round of pleasures leaves no room for thoughts of what is enduring.”

Streets of mud

Water travel was the best way of covering long distances, but it was seasonal. Roads were unpaved and terribly muddy in winter, or so deep in snow the turnpike gates jammed and could no longer operate — although that called for celebration of sorts, as it meant the tolls did not have to be paid. Corduroy road surfacing was just coming into general use, which made

stagecoach travel *slightly* less uncomfortable than it had been. In winter, people used sleighs in all shapes and sizes. The in-between seasons were the worst. A few of the sidewalks were boarded, but the streets were mud, and rich and poor alike had a difficult time getting around. In towns, traffic was often terrifying. There were no traffic signs or regulations, and people and horses often became very nervous. But enormous changes were just ahead, because the start of the Victorian period was also the beginning of great railway construction and the eventual opening up of the whole continent.

End of an era

By 1901 when the old Queen died and the Victorian era ended, Canada had changed so much that it would have been almost recognizable to us. Some roads were paved and electricity and telephones were coming into use. A greater preoccupation with health had started in the 1880s and the papers advertised hundreds of remedies for hair disorders, dyspepsia, women's “problems” and the trials of “lost manhood.” Nationalism reached a low ebb after the death of John A. MacDonald in 1891, but gained a new popularity in 1896 after Laurier's election. By the turn of the century, most of the people who lived in Ontario had been born there, though many schools were turning out boys who felt more English than Canadian in their loyalties; they were only too anxious to rush abroad in 1889 to fight in the Boer War.

Christmas

At the beginning of the Victorian period, Christmas was celebrated in many ways in Canada, reflecting the varied nationalities and backgrounds of the settlers. But by the end of the century, many of the old customs had disappeared and Christmas had come to be celebrated in much the same way across the country. Christmas evolved into the only truly national festival of the year.

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Dispatches from Afghanistan (2009-7)

By Major Ross Allan

Editor's note: This is the seventh in a series of dispatches during the 2009 Highlander publishing year. The events mentioned in these dispatches took place during 2008.

Insurgent activity this week seemed muted. Despite efforts to scare people away from the voter registration centres and the voting process, there have been few actual attacks and they were not particularly effective. In one attack, a wheelbarrow-borne bomb exploded outside a teachers college that doubled as a voter registration centre. The bomb destroyed the wheelbarrow, pock-marked the college's perimeter wall, and awoke a few residents (the bomb detonated overnight) but had no other materiel or psychological effects. Although Kandahar City is still a dangerous place, I like to believe that the Canadians on the southern and western approaches to the city are choking the insurgent supply lines as well as giving them a more immediate prob-

lem in their own backyards so they tend to leave the city for a later time: Sapper Greenfield died last week keeping bombs and bomb-planters out of Kandahar City such that others could live.

The Army spotted suspicious roadside activity, confirmed that it was a pair of insurgents planting a bomb, and decided to give them some munitions of our own. After expending more than a ton of ammunition, the Army had nothing to show for its efforts except a few more divots in an already well churned landscape. The Air Force stepped in, dispatched the bombers (ironically enough with a bomb of our own), and, for good measure, bombed the site where the insurgents were planting their bomb (the insurgents left behind equipment that we did not want reused in future IED plantings).

My favourite combat news of the week involves an insurgent who involuntarily joined the ranks of suicide bomber (warning — the faint of heart should skip to the next paragraph). When our forces went

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Dispatches (Cont)

to investigate the loud noise, they came to an obvious blast site and searched the area for suspicious people and items. A football field length from the blast site, they found the would-be IED planter... both halves of him. In an unrelated incident, two brave if misguided souls took on a pair of attack helicopters. If you were offered a bet on the contest between \$100 AK-47 and \$10,000,000 fighting machines, where would you place your money? There are two nominees for the Darwin Award who decided to play the long odds. In a way, they summarize the situation in the south of Afghanistan. The people are naturally suspicious of foreigners, they have a long history of settling disputes with violence, and they have a warrior/bandit culture that glorifies gunplay. Therefore, the two dead insurgents probably never even thought that discretion was the better part of valour and, instead, felt honour-bound to attack.

The Taliban are essentially a Pashtu political party albeit one with guns, no sense of compromise, and, like the communists whom they despise, no appetite for sharing power. The Pashtu code of honour, Pashtunwali, developed to regulate conduct between Pashtuns and to reduce conflict over the traditional sources of tension – land, gold/money, and women. Once the Pashtuns were able to reduce intra-tribal conflicts, and reduce the time & effort raiding each others villages

and stealing from one another, they were more able to direct their attentions at their non-Pashtu neighbours and, during the last 200 or so years, they spread out to cover parts of what are now Afghanistan and Pakistan. Within Afghanistan, Pashtuns comprise an estimated 40% of the population. However, for every Afghan-based Pashtu, there are probably another two living on the Pakistan side of the border. This explains why the insurgents receive such support from the lawless tribal areas of Pakistan – they share a common ethnicity and outlook. Pashtunwali is adequate to deal with disputes within a loose-knit, patriarchal society but it cannot cope with the demands of modern life and several of the precepts are out of touch with the Old Testament let alone the New Testament or the Koran. For instance, instead of ‘an eye for an eye’, traditional Pashtuns favour ‘several heads for an eye’, disputes drag on for generations, and one Pashtu may murder another for a slight made generations earlier by men who are themselves long since dead. With the cultural emphasis on honour and violence, Pashtu males are ready, willing, and able to fight both to prove their worth and uphold their honour.

Muslims the world over are questioning why they are less prosperous and less well developed than ‘the West’ and, increasingly, many Asian countries as well. The fundamentalists say it is because Islam lost its way and that Islam must return to

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the practises of the 7th Century AD when the first Muslims, nomadic tribesmen, were able to defeat both the Persian and Byzantine empires. The fundamentalists point to Saudi Arabia and Iran as examples of Allah rewarding those that practise properly – oil wealth benefits the pure while the unworthy remain poor. Add illiteracy to the mix, with a narrow world view, and unscrupulous leaders can convince Pashtuns to fight foreigners, murder perceived collaborators, and reject all aspects of modernity such as literacy; it explains why two men with AK-47s will attack helicopters with little hope of success. Privately, many Muslims and Muslim clerics will admit that Pashtunwali does not reflect the tenets of Islam; to say so publically is tantamount to suicide as you insult someone’s honour by questioning his honour system and, within Pashtunwali, you are not expected to respond diplomatically to questions of honour.

It is difficult to encapsulate the entire Afghan situation in a paragraph or two. Just as there are intelligent, uninformed Afghans who believe that fundamentalism will bring a reward on Earth and in Heaven, there are others who simply want to raise their crops and their children in peace. Unfortunately, the latter tend to be unarmed and the former are armed so the fundamentalists can impose their will. This week, one of my suppliers asked if I could get Canadian soldiers to his village because the Taliban were making offers worthy of those from the Godfather movies i.e. offers that could not be refused. The villagers are unarmed, not protected by police, and six villagers were recently murdered by insurgents because the villagers defied the fundamentalists. If they want to live in peace, either it has to be on Taliban terms or they require Canadian help; the Afghan government is not yet able to help.

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Victorian Christmas (Cont)

In French Canada, Christmas retained its religious significance, but elsewhere it was a remarkably secular holiday. Celebrations centred around feasting and present giving. Churches held special services and their congregations spent loving hours decorating them for the season, but on the whole, more time was given to earthly joys.

On December 28, 1846, the *Nova Scotian* described Christmas as a season of "festivity and thankfulness in every civilized country — a time of gratitude to Almighty God — a time for the meeting of families and friends — a time for 'gifts and greets' — and last (certainly not least) a time for a good dinner."

The Victorians popularized Santa Claus and family reunion, elaborate presents, the child cult and the turkey, and left us with an inheritance of Christmas with a flavour of almost unbearable goodness and sentimentality.

Perhaps the strongest role Queen Victoria played in the everyday lives of even her most far-flung subjects was her influence on family lives. At the beginning of her reign, children's feelings were considered only in the upper echelons of society; but by the end, Christmas was considered a special time, by even the most humble families.

The royal family gathered at Christmas, so other families gathered too. The Queen

made much of her children, and many Canadian parents made even more of theirs.

As long as he got here, no one cared how

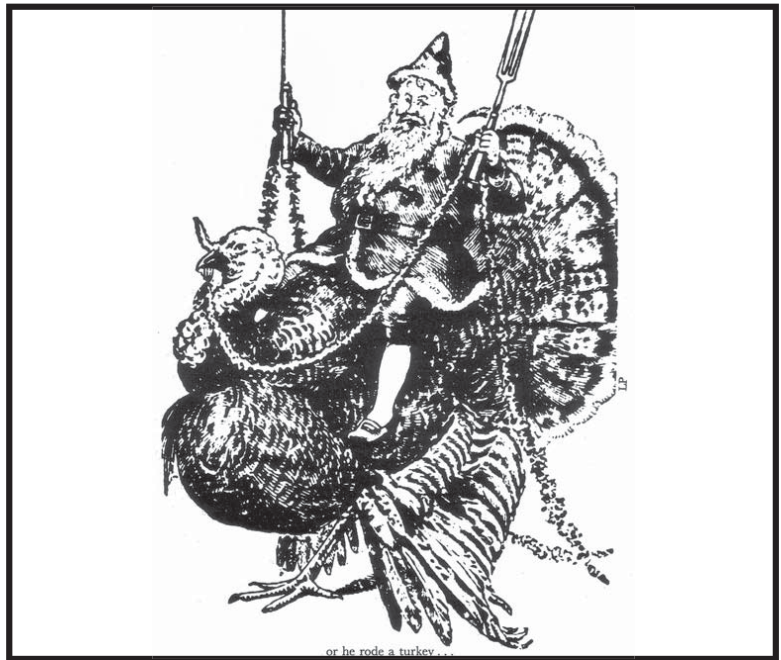
Santa Claus or Father Christmas or Kris Kringle or Bellschkle, developed out of the European Saint Nicholas and he originally arrived on any number of different dates, narrowing down by Victorian times to either Christmas Eve or New Year's. He came through keyholes, walked through the door or squeezed down the chimney.

The shops started mentioning Santa Claus in their advertisements in the 1850s, but nobody was quite sure what he wore or what he looked like, although it was agreed that he was fat and old and had a beard. The first Canadian pictures of him appeared in 1869 in several different publications.

In 'The Night before Christmas', written in 1823, Santa Claus arrived with reindeer but they were not standard transportation. He came to Canada on snowshoes, on a bicycle, by horseless carriage and riding on a turkey. Once he arrived in Montreal on a sled pulled by reindeer with Indians on their backs, and another picture shows him crossing the St. Lawrence on the back of a whale.

Santa Claus was usually expected from the North, the hyperborean regions. But after saying good bye to Mrs. Claus at the North Pole, he had to travel round the world to get to Canada. In 1901, according to a Montreal store, he stopped in Australia and Calcutta and at Napoleon's tomb, and visited Kitchener, the Governor of Jamaica, and President Teddy Roosevelt before arriving in Canada. The same year another store showed him having enough adventures to dazzle (and perhaps worry) the imaginative child: he had to fight off attacks from eagles, wolves and walruses on his way to Montreal.

Santa Claus usually filled stockings, although he sometimes just left things on the table, particularly things to eat, like sweets and cakes. Hanging up stockings seemed to be an almost national custom at one time, and a family had to be so poor that it had no stocking to hang up before the custom was ignored. But there was a period at the end of the



or he rode a turkey...

century when presents were exchanged in the family and stocking went out of fashion. Santa Claus presided over the shops and only gave anonymous parcels to children under the Christmas tree.

Santa and Christmas evolved over the twentieth century, but that is story that is best told next year. Merry Christmas!

End



He comes in snowshoes

Community Appreciation Concert

On the evening of December 15, at 7.30 pm, the Denbigh-Griffith Lions Club will present a Free Family Concert by World Renowned Harpist Eduard Klassen at Lions Hall in Griffith. You can find more about Eduard online at: www.eduardklassen.com

Eduard is in our community at the request of Sandy Downs, for a performance, at the Northern Lights Seniors Club. He has

graciously consented to do a Public Performance for the Community.

The Denbigh-Griffith Lions Club encourages one and all to attend this special evening. We hope the Community will accept this token of our appreciation for its support of our Fund Raising Events. In the event of inclement weather that would prevent Mr. Klassen's travel to Griffith, the concert will be cancelled.

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CABA CORNER

The Scoop on Land Development

The previous CABA Corner highlighted who was new to CABA in the past year. We now end the calendar year with what's new by focusing on land development by CABA members where the status quo changes so quickly it is hard to keep up to date. We start at Norcan Lake and then follow the Madawaska River through Calabogie Lake.

Hilltop Vacation Properties (www.hilltopvacationproperties.com) is a waterfront development company situated on beautiful Norcan Lake just north of Calabogie. There are both waterfront and lakefront access cottages and building lots for sale. In addition, there are fractional ownership, rental income properties and cottages for rent. Collectively, they offer some of the most spectacularly beautiful properties in eastern Ontario. The developments, which are predominantly waterfront, are on roughly 1,400 acres of land, only 15 minutes from the Peaks. The recreational activities available in the area - golfing, swimming, fishing, canoeing, hiking and boating in the summer and downhill and cross-country skiing, snowboarding, snowshoeing and snowmobiling in the winter add even more to the appeal.

We now move down the Madawaska to Calabogie Lake. **Calabogie Peaks** (www.calabogie.com) is actively planning the future development of residential neighbourhoods that will fit the character of the community, including the mountain, and will emerge over time at the resort.

Base Mountain Village will consist of over 200 townhomes in six, eight and twelve unit blocks nestled around Dickson Manor at the foot of Dickson Mountain. The townhomes will be the centre of the residential village at the resort. Planned unit sizes vary between 1,100 and 1,400 square feet.

Juniper Ridge will be a unique collection of ski in/ski out housing with both mountain scenery and long views of Calabogie Lake. This development requires elevated utility services and is planned to commence after the Base Mountain Village is underway. The housing types include a combination of townhomes and single family residential lots. The Peak's other surrounding land, "**The Highlands**", is being held for longer term development and growth.

Following the shoreline of Calabogie Lake we find Fawn Ridge Campground (www.calabogie.ca). After 37 years, Fawn Ridge is on the threshold of new beginnings as it plans to transform the campground into **The Ridges on Calabogie Lake**, a shared cottage ownership resort. Owner and developer, Robert Cloutier, along with Confederation Log Homes feel that now is the perfect time for frac-

tional ownership in Greater Madawaska Township. There's a new generation of vacationers - those who dream of owning their own cottage but simply don't have the means to buy and maintain one outright. For this reason, sales of fractional properties continue to soar in other areas of the country. With 32 acres of forested parkland, a beautiful beach, and breathtaking views, The Ridges on Calabogie Lake will soon become 'home away from home' for a new type of cottager.

For three generations, the Fleming family has been proud of the Calabogie area's accomplishments and its potential. Rick and Chris Fleming of the Highlands offer this status report as we move to the east shore of the lake.

With the Majestic Way Development in Springtown sold out, they now turn their attention to developing an exclusive neighborhood on Bluff Point Road which will include large waterfront lots with views of the Highlands golf course and the Peaks ski hill. Linwood Custom Homes and Triumvir Developments will partner in moving this project forward.

Building lots in other areas of the Calabogie Lake shoreline, sections of the Madawaska River, and large acreage properties fill out the mix of lands available to answer the current demand and attract new residents to settle here and enjoy all that our area can offer.

The Highlands will soon be offering Destination Club Properties in Barryvale which will be a perfect way to enjoy the region and will include privileged access to Highlands facilities and Calabogie Motorsports Park. This project provides a solution for those wishing to downsize their vacation property but still enjoy the privileges and amenities of ownership.

Linwood Custom Homes Ottawa Valley (www.triumvir.ca) is a strong proponent of the Greater Madawaska Township's Strategic Plan and is thrilled with the opportunity to be a part of the future of the Greater Madawaska Area. Co-Owner, Tama McCartney says it's an exciting time for Calabogie! The recent implementation of high speed internet, bold new commercial developments and a strong interest in the area, as many households contemplate how to spend their leisure and retirement time are all contributing factors to rural migration. Calabogie creates quite a nice solution for lifestyle seekers. The new and exciting concepts being developed will answer the increasing demands from newcomers seeking prime property, enhanced lifestyles and recreational amenities, all resulting in a unique social climate. Tama and her business partner, Chris Fleming, are focused on taking a holistic approach in uniting the right combination of planned, residential areas along with services to support the increasing demands placed on the area as it grows.

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Good News in Burnstown: Merchants continue to fundraise with sale of luminaries for worthy cause

Just in case you missed Burnstown's latest event the 5th Annual Magic of Candlelight, not to worry ... There are still a limited number of the merchant's handmade mason jar luminaries available to purchase at the shops of Burnstown.. The mason jars are a green solution to replace the original white opaque plastic bags.

The new luminary style have a certain Burnstown charm & make great hostess gifts or a simply lovely welcome light on your window sill, walkway, porch, or dining table. You will find them at Neat Coffee Shop, Somethin' Special Gifts & Clothing, Bittersweet Fine Craft & Art, & The Riverstones Gallery. The cost is just \$5 each. The proceeds go to a very worthwhile local cause, an ecumenical program of the Burnstown St. Andrew's United Church (The little church with a big heart) called " Good News". The outreach program helps local families or individuals in financial crisis - typically the working poor.

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This makes them very vulnerable to unexpected events such as unemployment, illness, and simply a history of bad financial decisions by persons who otherwise have good character. Often what is required is support, competent advice, and the means to financially get through a short-term problem. The working poor typically do not have good credit history or assets, such as owning a house, to pledge

as security. Thus, they are perceived as risky borrowers by financial institutions.

GOOD NEWS MANAGER

Jane Flain, a retired bank manager, manages the program. While working, Jane often encountered loan requests which did not meet bank lending criteria -- one was a request for \$5 -- a gentleman wanted to borrow the money to buy some rubber boots so he could start a job. Jane personally gave him the money never expecting to get it back, but to her surprise, the \$5 was repaid within two weeks. The truth is there are many people in similar situations. Without a 'helping hand' these people end up falling through the cracks.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

The program started in November 2006 with a \$5,000 anonymous donation. The funds have grown with further donations from the congregation and other generous individuals, and several fundraisers. They are also grateful for a \$10,000 grant in 2008 from the "Watkins Fund for the Poor" through the United Church of Canada. As well, the funds are replenished as the loans are repaid. The program is entirely run by volunteers and presently there are no expenses.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS SO FAR

As of September 2009, with nearly three years experience, they have worked with a total of 28 families. Presently, eight of those families are enrolled in the loan program. All of the families have benefited in some way - for many it is simply advice or a referral. Besides financial counselling, they have helped with utility reconnects, denture repairs, a hearing aid, and even provided hands-on assistance to an individual who needed to change residence. The really Good News is that a

couple of "graduates" are now helping others!

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The Madawaska HIGHLANDER

Bells will be ringing on December 13

By Bill Graham

During the afternoon of Sunday December 13 bells will be ringing in Matawatchan. The church bell ringing in Matawatchan will only be one small part of a chain of bell ringing that will circle the world over a 24-hour period as it moves from time zone to time zone.

The World Council of Churches is calling on all churches around the world to ring their bells 350 times on December 13 at 3 p.m. to coincide with an ecumenical service they are organizing in Copenhagen at the height of the meetings on climate change.

Why church bells? Because for thousands of years, they've been used to warn

people of imminent danger ... and also to call people to action. Got no bells? Gather outside with pots and pans, cowbells, whatever you have that can make a holy racket!

Why 350 times? Because according to climate experts, 350 parts per million (ppm) is the upper limit for carbon dioxide (CO2) concentration in our atmosphere. Until about 200 years ago, our atmosphere contained 275 ppm of CO2, but now the concentration stands at 390 ppm. Unless we are able to rapidly reduce, we risk irreversible impacts on all of Creation. St. Andrew's United Church (Matawatchan) invites everyone wanting to take part in the bell ringing to join them at 1:00pm - refreshments follow.

Drawer 12: Archiving our past

By Bill Graham

The drawer 12 project was initiated by Ernie Jukes in mid-November. It is a first step in creating an archive that gathers in one place records, photos, etc that are glimpses of the past in the Village of Matawatchan.

Why 'drawer 12'? Well that was a whimsical choice of name on Ernie's part. He had documents relating to the Matawatchan Fire Tower that had been in his care. Now in his mid-seventies, Ernie wanted these documents put into the public domain so that they would not be lost to the community. This is a very important thought and act on his part. Too often family photos and other relics become lost or destroyed when they come into the hands of descendants who do not know their significance. This is how the past becomes lost.

In addition to an actual white drawer with a handle marked "Drawer 12", there is a file folder for the documents and a pictorial display of prints and watercolours of the Matawatchan area, which Ernie donated to the "Wall in the Hall Museum", as he calls it.

The caption on the watercolour painting showing the early tower and Lakes Angus and Belleview below (now Hutson Lakes) says "See who climbed the Tower Yesterday" 1922-1962. Look in Drawer 12. There they will find records of those that climbed the tower over the years. These I collected from Harvey Malcolm a former tower man and Lillian MacPherson whose father-in-law, Roy MacPherson was a tower man. The other large painting shows a Sawmill on the Madawaska River...and the caption expressing our heritage evolving from loggers and the river men who worked it.

Another document in Drawer 12 is a letter from Lindsay MacPherson, who is now 94 years old to his cousin Paul MacPherson, who now lives in B.C. but who has purchased Dan's Mountain, the ancestral family land in Matawatchan. It is a fascinating 4,000 word letter that reveals the past in this area through the memory of one long-lived individual. We hope to share that letter with you next year.

In today's world it is so easy to create a true facsimile copy of documents or photos through computer scanning. There is no need for anyone to lose possession of family treasures when they can be easily copied. For example, I had access to documents relating to the Matawatchan Cemetery (deeds and subscription lists) that I scanned and which will now be added to Drawer 12. The owner of the documents can then retain the originals but everyone can share in the content.

In the coming year it might be an idea to set up a few computers and scanners in centres around the Township and invite residents to bring their photos and family histories to be scanned and added to their community collection. In Matawatchan, we hope to add a few more drawers to the "Wall in the Hall Museum".

We will keep you posted.



Looking back...



The world-wide depression that started in 1873 affected even Santa Clause according to this 1875 drawing by french-Canadian artist Henry. Ragged and empty-handed he stands.

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News "We Serve"

By Barbara Doyle

Amongst the many Community Services that the Denbigh-Griffith Lions Club participates in, we carry numerous medical aids that are available *For Loan-Free of Charge*.

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The Denbigh-Griffith Lions Club is now over ten years old. I do not know if the community is aware of the many activities that the Lions Club is involved in. So here is a short history of Community at large deeds that which have been achieved by the Lions Club with the help of the Community.

In the past 10 years, a donation of \$25,000 (over 5 years) was made to the Renfrew Victoria Hospital. We are also part way through a \$25,000 (over 5 years) pledge to the Renfrew Hospice. Another \$5000. was donated to Renfrew Victoria Hospi-

tal towards the new Cat Scan. There is a yearly Bursary made to a young person in the Community.

Every Christmas, numerous Christmas Baskets (Turkey and Trimmings) are given to the needy in the Community.

None of this would be possible, if it were not for the generosity of time and funds of the members of the Community. There are never enough ways to show appreciation and gratitude.

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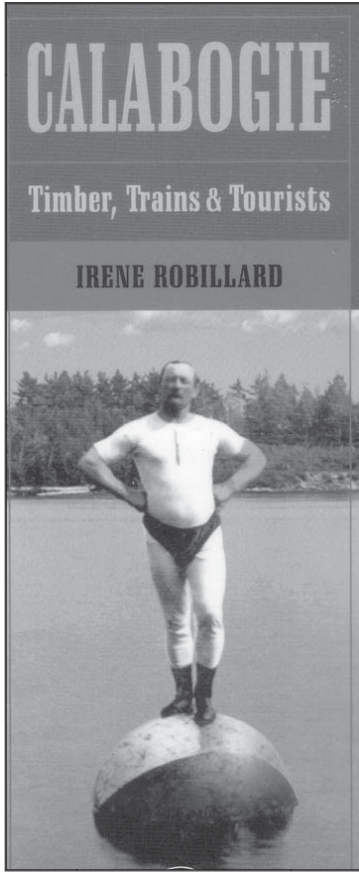
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St. Andrew's United Church
Christmas Eve Service 9 p.m.
Aug to Feb Sunday Worship 11:30 a.m.
Feb. to August Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Holy Rosary Catholic Church. 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
Christmas Eve candle light service – 7 p.m.
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

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
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.

CALABOGIE

The Calabogie Bible Fellowship Congregational Church
The Mill Street Chapel at 538 Mill St.,
Regular service – Sundays 10:30 a.m.

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Sundays 10:30 a.m.

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

Calabogie St. Andrews United Church
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Christmas Eve service 7 p.m.
Church Services Sunday Mornings at 8:45 a.m. Communion
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COMMUNITY EVENTS Calabogie

Christmas play (No room for Jesus)
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Sunday, Dec. 13th @ 2:00 p.m.
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Pre-school Program, Tuesdays, 2-3 pm,
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Calabogie Seniors' Dinner & Meeting,
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Lion's Club Bingo
December 5th -Christmas Craft Fair

Dec. 8th - Monster Bingo

Dec. 15, 7.30 pm - Community Appreciation
Concert, at Lions Hall
Dec, 16th - Fellowship Lunch

Dec. 20th - Children's Christmas Party

Christmas Caroling, - Tuesday, Dec. 8, 1pm
Dec. 31st - New Year's Eve Party

January - 5th Bingo
January 19th Bingo
January 20th Fellowship Luncheon

February - 2nd Bingo
February 16th Bingo
February 17th Fellowship Luncheon

March - 2nd - Bingo
March 16th - Bingo
March 17th - Fellowship Luncheon
March 28th - Children's Easter Party

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Cottage Corner

By John Roxon

Man's Best Friend

I was getting "the look". You know, that look you get as if the other person is saying "I know what you're thinking, and don't even think about it", or something to that effect. The problem is that I wasn't getting "the look" from the usual suspects that a married man with children gets, namely his wife and kids. No, I was used to getting the look from my family and in many cases its completely justified. What I'm not used to is getting the look from Walter. From what I could figure, the reason, and the only reason for the slightly cocked eyebrow was that I had suggested that Walter help us bring supplies into the cottage in the dead of winter. Whoever enjoys all that a cottage affords should be willing to help out, after all. At this point I should point out that Walter is an insolent dog. And "the look" was the direct result of the insolent dog seeing me adjust the straps of a harness. To really add insult to injury, not only is the dog highly insolent, but he can talk as well. No one believes me when I say that he can talk, for he talks only to me and gives a blank stare around everyone else. It's like that Chuck Jones, Looney Tunes cartoon from 1955 called "One Froggy Evening" in which a talent scout discovers a singing frog only to learn, to the promoter's chagrin that the frog only performs in front of him. To everyone else, he's just a normal frog. Well, that's Walter. And I realized how insolent he was from that first fishing excursion I took him on when he was highly critical of my skills as a fisherman.

So I'm trying to find the right fit for this leather harness I have when Walter gives a kind of sideways glance to me. "What are you doing?" he asks casually. "Oh, not much", I reply, "Just figuring out which adjustments to make so this harness will fit you properly". "And why, exactly, would I be wearing that contraption, asks Walter. "You're not into that weird stuff, are you?"

"No, no, no," I say, "This is so you can pull things more easily". This prompted Walter to sit up and reach for his pipe, which he casually stuffed with some cherry Amphora tobacco, lit, and took a long draw. "What kind of stuff, exactly, do you expect me to pull", he continued. "Oh, not much", I lied, "Just some food and supplies - nothing major". Walter was getting a panicked look on his face now, but to his credit was remaining calm. "But why do you need me to pull stuff in? We get in the car, I take up the whole back seat while sleeping and releasing 3 gallons of slobber and then we're right at the door of this so called cottage." "Yes, that's true", I say, "In the summer. In the winter we can't get the car all the way in so the last kilometer or so we must walk". Walter's calm façade was quickly

dissolving; not so much at the prospect of pulling in all of our supplies; that has sunken in yet. Walter was more horrified that the car wouldn't ferry him right to the door, like a prince that's he's become in his own mind. In a very resigned tone, Walter acquiesced and let out a soft sigh. "Oh all right", he said. "I guess a week-end's worth of food is no big deal. That's all there would be, right?". "Absolutely, Walt old boy", I lied again, "except..." "No! Don't tell me I also have to drag in the boy's supplies and..." "And what?", I innocently asked. "And those evil liquids I see you consume while at that cottage. I see how much you consume of those and there's no way I'm going to bring all that in!" "But Walter, aren't you man's best friend?" Man's, yes, but not necessarily yours right now", Walter replied with great indignation. "Listen", I reasoned, "Why do you think that we got a 150 pound behemoth that not only eats about ten pounds of food a day but also consumes socks, extension cords, lighters and Kleenex like they're potato chips?" "What would your alternative be", asked Walter with a confident tone. "One of those Chi-Chis or miniature this or that's that you could kick around like a soccer ball? I'm a good sized dog, right?" "Well, yes, you are", I replied. "And a good sized dog can provide better protection against everything from coyotes to mothers-in-law, right?", he went on. "Agreed", I said. "Well, all that comes at a cost and I think you get the idea what the cost is", Walter schemed.

This kind of banter went on for about another ten minutes. We reached a compromise and I suppose it's a compromise I should be happy with.

We arrive at the cottage, or rather as far as we can drive to the cottage. We still have the harness, we still have the toboggan and we still have supplies to bring in. As I proceed to unload the car, I eye Walter packing that damn pipe of his with more tobacco. I pull out the harness and put it on while Walt slowly rambles to the toboggan and gets in. We pack a few non-edible supplies around him while my wife and son don backpacks for the long walk to the cottage. Man's best friend indeed!

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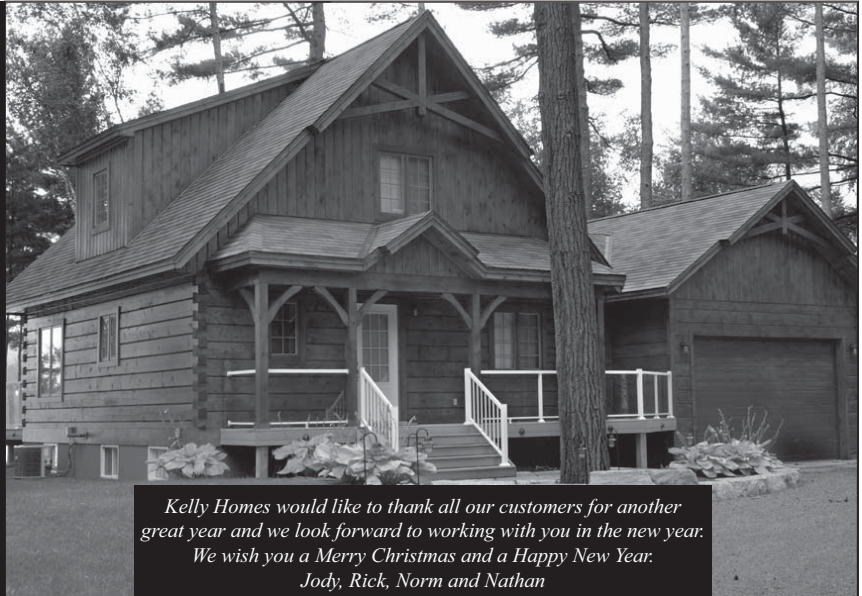
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By Chris Cobus, Executive Director

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As our name would indicate, "Renfrew and Area", we want to remind people that we extend home support services to residents of communities beyond the borders of Renfrew, to people living in Horton, as well as parts of: Admaston/Brougham, McNab/Braeside, Whitewater Region, and Greater Madawaska. Over the years, we have noticed a trend that indicates those living within or closer to the town of Renfrew, have a greater tendency to approach our office for a broader range of assistance, than those people living farther afoot. Those who live closer to

our office seem to be more apt to seek help in any/all areas of service: Transportation, Friendly Visiting, Telephone Security Checks, Home Maintenance, Frozen Meals and Intervention & Assistance. As people reside further away, particularly in the more remote/rural regions, they have primarily connected with our program for Intervention & Assistance, particularly 'forms assistance' through our annual income tax program or when applying for pensions/various drug benefits; and at times, for Transportation, when needing help to get to essential services (health appointments, shopping, banking, etc.). It would appear that in the more remote areas of our region, smaller communities often develop local 'networks of family and friends' to visit with or chat on phone, and to address practical day-to-day needs such as house-keeping, home maintenance, yard work, grass cutting and snow removal.

Having said this, we also recognize that just as individuals' needs change over the years; communities' needs can also change. Therefore, we would like to remind those people who live in our more remote/rural areas that we want to help if you should be interested in hearing more about any of our services. Simply call the office at 613-432-7691 to discuss your needs, and we will do our best to provide assistance. We may not always have the resources to immediately address your concerns; however, with the help of our volunteers (who reside in areas throughout our region), the help of neighbouring home support programs (who are also ready to assist if able) and the help of other health and social service agencies throughout Renfrew County, we will do our best to respond to your needs.

One example of how our program has responded to a need expressed by a more

remote community is the rather unique Transportation service we have set-up for residents of the Griffith and Matawatchan area. Once a month we have a volunteer driver who lives in that area, bring several seniors into Renfrew for shopping, medical appointments and to complete other essential errands. If her vehicle becomes full, there are additional volunteers willing to assist, so that we could look at expanding this service if more people need to take part. While we have not had many requests for help with home maintenance from these areas; if there is a need expressed, we would be willing to look at recruiting some local individuals to help. Remember: We are just a phone call away (613-432-7691) and would be pleased to help.

End

Reindeer or Caribou

By Floris Wood

In 1939, in his poem "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer" Robert L May introduced Rudolf to the mocking herd. And, as always happens, once they got to know him as a reindeer, they accepted his disability and embraced him. Robert May was a copywriter for the store chain, Montgomery Ward. Wards wanted May to write a poem they could give away to their customers as a freebie. By 1947 Wards had already handed out six million copies of May's popular poem. May's brother-in-law was the composer, Johnny Marks, who put the poem to music, again, at the request of Montgomery Ward. Two years later Gene Autry recorded the song which in the ensuing decades has sold over 30 million copies.

So, kids, Santa's reindeer get hungry and they have to circle the Earth several times to make sure no child gets left out. We know that they have to pull at least one sleigh, but I have heard, and my sources could be wrong, but I have heard, that they pull more like a train of sleighs. And, in the very last sleigh, the caboose, so to speak, is a load of coal. Need I say more? So to show what a nice child you are you should leave the reindeer something to eat. What a reindeer really likes best is Lichens. Lichens are moss-like plants that grow on the ground in the tundra and northern woodlands. You can find them in Ontario but maybe not just where you live. Lichens are very rich in carbohydrate energy and reindeers' stomachs are well designed to take full advantage of the energy found in lichens. However, should you not be able to find lichens in your area, the reindeer will gladly accept an apple or some hay, especially alfalfa.



Some people who raise reindeer eat partially digested lichens from a slaughtered reindeer's stomach. But Santa does not favour this dish, gourmet delicacy that it is. You can give Santa the usual cookies and milk.

We might not have known very much about reindeer were it not for the aforementioned poems and songs, since we North Americans usually refer to them as caribou. The word caribou seems to be a French interpretation of the Mi'kmaq word *qalipu*. While caribou and reindeer are of the same family there are certain differences. In fact, within each of these two groups there are several subgroups with certain differences. Within the North American caribou population there are five distinct or nearly distinct subgroups of caribou. Because the climate has so much influence on the caribou they are also classified by where they spend their lives. There are those who live in the tundra and those who live in the more southerly woodlands. The tundra caribou are the ones we usually associate with the large migrating herds,

while woodland caribou can sustain their herds in a small geographic area.

Some North American caribou herds travel as much as 3000 miles a year over the longest migration routes of any terrestrial animal. European reindeer have fewer square miles of territory to roam over, so migration routes are necessarily shorter. Normally caribou can cover as many as 12 to 34 miles a day and run up to speeds of 50 mph. With their splayed hooves designed for walking on snow and soft tundra, caribou can also swim well and fast, enabling them to include large lakes and broad rivers in their migration paths.

Why do reindeer and caribou migrate so much? With herds ranging from 50,000

to 500,000 hungry animals they can eat all the available food, mostly lichens, in a very large area in a short time. They must save the places where food is most abundant as calving areas, where they have to remain in one place for the longest amount of time. Even during the two week period when 90% of the does give birth, the herd never really stops, it just slows down for a while. Mating too is affected by the caribou migratory life style. The mating season, which takes place at different times for different subgroups of caribou, but generally around October, is also short. Energy used by males in other species to fight for the right to mate with a harem of females must be conserved for migration in caribou. Hence, in the interest of conserving time and energy bull caribou tend to be less aggressive in their mating encounters and each male settles for one or two females, although some may end up with as many as 20.

Healthy caribou can keep up with the herd that is under wolf attack so that animals weakened by disease, injury or aging are the most likely candidates for predatory culling. By running, caribou can find some relief from the bane of tundra and taiga life, mosquitoes and black flies. These insects can so plague a caribou as to interfere with its feeding, thus leaving it weakened and vulnerable to wolf and other large mammal predation. While Grey wolves are the major caribou predator, Golden eagles, wolverines and

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Brown bears are a threat, especially to calving does.

An interesting article I read in 'LiveScience' told how caribou, which live in a constant state of twilight in winter, constant state of daylight in summer and varying degrees of both in spring and fall, have very weak biological clocks. During the spring and fall, when there is a semblance of normal day and night they tend to follow a daily routine based upon the presence or absence of sunlight. But during summer and winter they are not bothered at all by the lack of these daily markers. Their own ruminant digestive systems seem to drive them to eat when the stomach calls for it and to rest or travel when not hungry. Rest during this period takes the form of irregular, short naps.

While doing research for this article I misspelled reindeer as "reinder" in a Google search and came up with information about, and the e-mail address for, someone named Reinder Zonderman. Having known a person with such a name in my high school in Western Michigan where there are many descendants of Dutch immigrants, I e-mailed him just to see if it was the same person. It was, and he sent me some pictures of a caribou he had photographed while boating along the coast of northern Lake Superior. I was surprised to see caribou so far south but there was photographic evidence of them on the Canadian Lake Superior beach. Like so many animals I have written about for the Highlander, caribou are diminishing in numbers throughout their range, as much as a 60% population decline over the past 30 years. Part of this decline is caused by part of the tundra becoming a vast swamp during this period of climate change. Part is due to habitat destruction through deforestation of Boreal forests and mining and associated road construction.

Where reindeer herding is practiced, mostly in Northern Europe and Asia, herds are also declining. While the Saami people of Lapland in Europe and Russia, and the Tsaatan and Orochan people of Eurasia were once fully engaged in

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Griffith Matawatchan News

By Garry Ferguson

We have acquired two more neighbours in Griffith. Derek and Sue Cale, who hailed in from Edmonton, are about to take over what was the Rapids End Country Store. The reincarnated business will be known as "Calvyn's." They are renovating the premises and hope to be fully operational in the near future. Meanwhile they'll be open for business from 4 to 8 p.m., Fridays to Sundays.

The Matawatchan Christmas Market and Community-Appreciation Dinner on Saturday November 14, 2009 drew a large number of people who came and went during the day, but most stayed for the delicious, complimentary turkey dinner. The market folks went all out to lay on what was the first-of-this-season feast featuring done-to-perfection festive fowl donated by David Guest. A large hamper of food items and \$225.75 was raised for the Denbigh Food Bank. A great start to our 2009 Christmas Season.

Buck and Doe contests were sponsored this year by three local businesses; the Pine Valley in Griffith, Stop 41 in Denbigh and Mill Valley in Dacre.

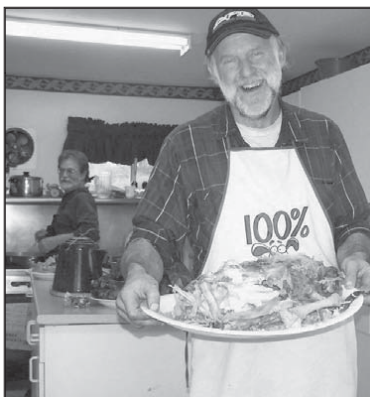
Stop 41 ran a contest for each week of the season. On week one, prizes went to Wayne Rosien for the largest buck (217.5 pounds) and Doug Gregg, largest doe. (120 pounds) After week two, Norm Stein's buck (187 pounds) and Riley Moussean's doe (132.5 pounds) were tops.

Winners at Mill Valley were Todd Risto and Blake Griffith for a 227-pound buck and a 165-pound doe. Ken Verch won the biggest-rack honour by bagging a 13 pointer.

Gordon Kauffeldt (first) and Dennis MacPherson (second) won out over the others at the Pine Valley with



Christmas market in Matawatchan.



Ken Birkett and David Guest prepare the turkeys.

bucks of 204 and 201 pounds while Tony Morin and Terry Holtzauer took first and second respectively with does that tipped the scales at 124 and 123 pounds. Close, eh? Sean Barker nailed the 165-pound mystery weight.

The annual Matawatchan Tree Lighting, followed by a festive Gathering-At-The-Hall, is scheduled to begin, around the Christmas tree in the village, at 7

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Denbigh news

By Christi Schroeder-Laundrie

Yours truly would like to wish all the readers a very Merry Christmas and a most Happy New Year!!

A new ExpressVu channel, # 273 called Amber Alerts (Info), seems to partner the C.H.I.P. Program. There, parents can follow the Alert on TV if their child is missing and the police have the child's CD

The Nov. Denbigh senior's luncheon was delectable as always. Pam Lemke from the L.O.L.C.S in Northbrook gave some valuable information from the Health Dept in Kingston regarding the H1N1 virus. You can call 613-336-9834, or the pH1N1 Info Line at 613-549-5923, Monday to Friday from 8:30 to 4:30. You can also call Karen at the Swiss Inn for website info.

Yours truly returned from the moose hunt up north with very delicious moose meat. Had a grand time, even though our brand new generator broke down, but the weather there wasn't any better than here. We had wet snow, clouds, cold nights, and one night the temp dipped to -15. We got only one day of deer hunting in ourselves, but others in the area were successful, and I trust everyone had a safe season. In the first week, winners in the buck and doe contest were Wayne Rosien with a buck weighing 217.5 and Doug Gregg with a doe at 120. In the second week, Riley Moussean tagged a doe at 132.5 lb and Norm Stein bagged a buck at 187. Looks like there will be venison on their menu this season.

Open House, in recognition of the Trillium Grant to upgrade the Denbigh Recreation Facility took place Saturday, 23 Oct at 1 pm at the Ball field. Speeches, Ribbon cutting, and a very yummy luncheon were the highlights of the day. Recreation Denbigh wishes to recognize and thank the speakers who travelled here and to all the volunteers who helped make this venture possible.

Children of all ages had a wonderful time at the Halloween Party at the Denbigh Community Hall. Games, games, games.... crafts, chocolate making, pumpkin carving, etc. and tons of fun for everyone. What delightfully diverse costumes showed up. Witches, warlocks, clowns, princesses in all colours, a strawberry shortcake, pirate's maid, skunk, dinosaur, cheerleader, mermaid, mummy, punk rocker, grim reaper, a few I wasn't sure of, and a McDonald's Hamburger and Fry, who were both threatened with a ketchup bottle a few times. Costume prizes were: in the 6 and below age group, prettiest went to Diana Weichenthal, 6: most original to Hailey Mieske, 5, and scariest to Kaelan Ball, 15 months. In the older group, prettiest went to Brittany Silva, 12 (granddaughter of yours truly) most original to Mitchell Bennett, 10, and scariest to John Bennett, 7. Hats off to the Denbigh Recreation Committee for all their hard work in putting on this super party.

Yours truly had to attend a family funeral in TO and was unable to attend the Remembrance Day Service at the cenotaph by the Denbigh United Church on Wednesday, 11 Nov, 2009, put on by the Northbrook Legion Branch 328. On November 11, at 11 am, in a town in France, the Armistice was signed. That's why we celebrate that day and time. Here is a synopsis from Ruby Malcolm as handed to me. "... Under a beautiful sunny sky, a large crowd gathered at the Denbigh cenotaph to honour the fallen from several conflicts. The singing of O Canada and God Save The Queen floated through the village. Reverend Shirley Shouldice led the service. Several wreaths were laid, and a moment of silence was observed. Following the service approximately 60 people met at the community hall for lunch and conversation."

Looking for some social interaction, emotional support and lose a bit of weight at the same time? Come out to TOPS (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) a monthly meeting held in the basement of the Denbigh St Luke's United Church every Tuesday, starting at 9 am. There is also a social drop in time at 10 am following the exercise program. For more info call Mary McKinnon at 333-2791.

Christmas is around the corner, folks, so watch out for elves doing early shopping for Santa's workshop. The Annual Denbigh Santa Claus parade will be held December 5th, starting at Berndt's Garage at 6 pm, and ending at the Denbigh Community Hall. Refreshments and entertainment will follow the parade. Come one, come all. And if you wish to participate in the parade, and/or enter a float, contact Tony Fritsch at 333-2224 or Janice Kerr at 333-2797. Matawatchan United Church will hold a Christmas Eve service. Denbigh New Apostolic church has their annual hymn sing at 4 pm on Sunday, Dec 14th. Bring an item for the food bank, come and sing along.

Denbigh St Luke's United Church apparently has a hymn sing also, but I have not yet been informed as to when.

Vennachar Free Methodist Church will hold a Christmas Eve Candle Light service starting at 7pm. Come enjoy the beauty of Christmas and God's gift to us, through song, readings and special musical numbers. Bring your family and friends along to celebrate with us.

Pictures of Canada Day, Countryfest, and the Halloween Party all on one CD are available to anyone interested for the cost price of \$3 per CD. Call Yours Truly at 333-2376 for more info.

Thought of the week, "...those who have the ability to take action have the responsibility to take action..." ("*National Treasure*").

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It seems that a fitting way to end this article is to quote statistics. Number of permits per year in Greater Madawaska for new residential, new commercial, renovations and additions from 2005 to 2008: 115, 91, 89, 119. Number of new residential permits per year included in total above: 34, 31, 21, 23. Number of new commercial permits included in totals above from 2005 to 2008: 0, 0, 0, 0, 1. January to October 2009, 88 permits issued which included 22 new residential and 2 new commercial permits. The remaining 64 permits were for renovations and additions to residential property.

To close, Mike Labelle of REMAX, Town Centre Realty, who tracks our residential and commercial property sales using MLS data, reports that at the end of 2002, the average sale price was \$156,488. Since then, the sale price has increased more than 10% each year. As of October 31st, 2009, \$247,579 was the new average in the Calabogie area.

Hard numbers speak volumes.

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GREATER MADAWASKA LITERARY MATTERS

By Mary Joan Hale

Certainly, the recent weather has not indicated that winter will be blowing into the Valley very soon. Unfortunately, it is hard to get into the Christmas mode when pansies are blooming in the garden. The idea of putting up Christmas lights and other outside decorations seems remote when piles of leaves abound. Even the sound of carols in the stores has failed to stimulate me to 'Deck the Halls'. I grew up in a time when decorations went up Christmas week and the tree, Christmas Eve, so getting ready in November is still foreign to me. However, memories of frostbitten hands and icicles on the eaves-troughs in past years should be enough to urge me to get on with it!

I am very excited and pleased to congratulate author Irene Robillard on the publication of her third and latest book of local history. After the successful histories of the Burnstown United Church and Springtown, Tim Gordon of General Store Publishing, asked her to do one about Calabogie. Now there is a well-researched history of the village. The launch was at Calabogie Peaks on November 7, 2009, with a further visit to the GMPL on Saturday December 5,

2009 for purchase and signing by Irene. For those who missed those days, copies will be may be bought at the library as well. The price is a modest \$25.00. Christmas is coming and what a wonderful memento for everyone in your family. Send a copy to friends and family who have moved away. What a treasure!

As usual, life in the library has been very busy. We are undertaking many initiatives (some old, some new) as a result of our analysis of the Strategic Plan 2005. We have already put wireless Internet in place. We could not operate without our corps of volunteers, so an effort to attract more people is underway with our 'Bee A Bookey' campaign. We are presently creating a 'Welcome to new residents' package as well as a 'Welcome Baby Bag' for newborns as part of our efforts to reach out into the community. Other items are in the works and hope to be well underway in the New Year. Meanwhile we would appreciate names of the 2009 babies.

The Premier of Ontario spoke through video at Symposium 20/20 which I attended in September. He emphasized the need for libraries to be the cultural hubs of the community. Many of the presenters spoke about our reaching out and being part of the immediate and greater neighbourhoods of our municipalities.

At GMPL we have already begun to do so, but the job is in its infancy stages.

As part of this community outreach, we hope to host many speakers. By the time you read this, the first in our series will have occurred on Thursday November 26, 2009. Tim Yearington, a local Madawaska wilderness guide, took us on a colourful journey into the teachings of the Medicine Wheel and the philosophy on which it is based.



We have started our 'Food for Fines' and 'Mitten Tree' again. Please bring in non-perishable food, mittens, hats and scarves to help feed and clothe others this Christmas. The Food Bank is co-ordinated by Pastor Bill Griffith for the three churches in Calabogie. Please let him know of anyone needing assistance.

Gary Guilmette travels 'up the mountain' every Wednesday to drop off books and a/v materials to folks in Ward 3. We are still working on a viable venue for our Outreach to the residents of Ward 2 since the previous volunteer is no longer able to do so. Eagle's Rest is unavailable in the winter, so Lacourse's Store looks after Griffith and Matawatchan in the off-season. We are concerned that this service, which we provide through

a Trillium Grant, is not being used to its capacity. Now that Hi-speed Internet is more widely available, books and other materials can easily be ordered on line, both from GMPL and other libraries to be delivered weekly to your area. You may also send items to the Library as well as the Township Office in the courier box and our friendly guy, Gary (aka the Dump Dude), will TKB (take care of business).

We'll meet again in 2010. Until then, have a wonderful time caroling your way through Santa Claus parades, Christmas parties, the mad shopping rush, and the joys of watching faces of the wee ones who still understand magic and make-believe. Enjoy all of the beautiful church services which celebrate the 'Reason for the Season' even if you prefer a secular holiday.

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We serve (Cont)

It is a long list, and you might think that the amounts given would be inconsequential but when you consider that most of these charities are on many a Lions Club list you can see that there is good work being done for those in need. The Denbigh-Griffith Lions club has a website the address of which is: www.lionwap.org/eclub/sites/denbighgriffithon. Please check it out and should you want to offer your services to the Community at large, please get in touch with one of our members.

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On the First Concession

By Wes Bomhower

UNCLE JOHN

Uncle John Urquhart, one of my mother's younger brothers, had completed high school but there was no money to send him to university and there was little work of any sort to be found. We were in the throes of the Great Depression. Desperate to obtain employment of some kind, Uncle John twice rode the freight trains out to the west coast and did manage to find work during the harvest season for the big farmers on the prairies, but that only lasted a short while and he was back to small town, Ontario again. His travels were not a total loss, however; he learned to play guitar from some of the other hobos on the freights and the songs he could sing were endless. Mom said he also picked up a lot of profanity along the way but Wilma and I were not certain what that meant. It meant cussing, of course, and though we had heard Dad use some pretty choice words on occasion, Wilma and I were not prepared for Uncle John's outburst one morning, even though he had good reason to swear.

The Christmas concert at our one room school was always a big event and Jenny Joe (McDonald), the teacher, often asked some of the more talented adults in the area

to put on a skit or sing a song or whatever. Uncle John had just arrived home from the west, a whole repertoire of new songs ready for our entertainment, so he volunteered his services. It was arranged for Uncle John, Uncle Albert and cousin Les to sing 'The Three Old Maids of

Lynn, a crazy little ditty they all knew, and they even were dressed up as old maids. It went over quite well and Uncle John returned with us to the farmhouse to stay the night instead of going to Grandma's in the village. Uncle John also promised Dad that he would help haul firewood from the bush next day.

Next morning, Dad had finished the chores, ate breakfast and was on his second cup of coffee, but Uncle John still slept. Dad looked at Wilma and I with a little smile and he said, "You fellers go see if you can get Uncle John awake". Well!! We surely didn't need to be asked twice to perform such an important task. Quiet as mice, we slipped up the stairs, climbed up on the foot of the big bed, and on the count of three, we both

pounced on our unsuspecting uncle who was curled into a fetal position and probably dreaming pleasant dreams. He came awake with a startled cry and a string of profanity neither of us had heard before exploded from his lips. Our great Aunt Kate came running from her bedroom at the commotion and we could tell from her expression that most of his words were a revelation to her also. We left Uncle John as he got dressed but we were dumbfounded from what we had just heard, and it took Wilma and I the best part of a week to fully decipher those new cuss words. They came in handy in later years.

Some things never change!

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ONE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS



By Susan Veale BSc

T'was one night before Christmas and all through the body excitement was mounting so keen and so naughty

The mouth it was watering the nose it could smell, the brain could remember, the mind it would tell

The man he was nestled all snug in his bed while visions of trans-fats bounced 'round in his head

He dreamed of the turkey the gravy so thick the pies and the squares his choice he could pick

When all of a sudden an occurrence took place, his body did something to avoid a disgrace

Away in his mind the organs they told how they worked for the man and how things would unfold

The mouth to decipher what nutrients came in, the calories, the salt, the sugar – how grim!

First stop is the stomach its juices confused too much all at once it felt so abused

The liver, it tried good fats to produce in an effort of safety to fight the misuse

Now on to the blood stream with energy failing pancreas is shouting, "I'm flailing, I'm flailing"

Oh insulin stop I can't reproduce as sugars too high, it's over abuse

The cells screech at once, "Pancreas be quick" for if sugar stays high we'll be comatose sick!

Pancreas, we're grateful but wait it's too much as all refined sugars exceed your kind touch

Sorry my friends these sugars play havoc; there's no way to remove this manic of colic

The buns and the stuffing, the cookies and pies, its "overload city," a sewer of lye's

The fats in the gravy, the lard in the crusts they clog up the arteries, the heart, it's a must!

The brain had to comment as master control, "You'd think he would learn how we guard and patrol"

The colon congested, the belly now thick, his pants are too tight, he looks like St. Nick

The stomach it tries, it rants and it roar's, antacids are chosen, the message ignored

He feels after dinner a soft drink would help, if only he knew how pancreas just felt

More teaspoons of sugar to process and hoard, the cholesterol rises, there's too much on board

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Denying the future

By Ole Hendrickson

If you care about your well-being, the fate of your children and the environment, please read James Hoggan's new book, *Climate Cover-Up*.

Hoggan owns a successful Vancouver public relations company. He chairs the Board of Directors of the David Suzuki Foundation and is a trustee of the Dalai Lama Centre for Peace and Education. He founded a website "DeSmogBlog" to, in his words, identify unethical public relations tactics and expose the public relations people who are trying to confuse the public about climate change.

At a recent University of Ottawa talk, Hoggan noted that public relations experts know far more about how you think than you do. He documents all the tricks they, and other climate change deniers use to induce you to deny the reality of climate change.

The basic strategy of the deniers is to create doubt about the scientific facts. Some falsely pose as climate scientists, misrepresenting their research and teaching backgrounds. They speak about areas out-

What's the Buzz?

By Lois Thomson

To a bear, a dead tree plus a buzzing noise, plus a grey beehive-like lump half way up the tree can only mean one thing - and that's honey. But if the dead tree is really a hydro pole, the buzzing sound is caused by a hydro transformer and the beehive-like lump is really a telephone junction box it can only mean a very disappointed bear.

When our recently installed phone line stopped working we used a cell phone to call Bell who sent out a repair person the next morning. He checked the line, determined where the break was and drove down our road toward it only to come back almost immediately saying "You've got to see this." He said he had heard about bears attacking junction boxes on poles, but he had never seen it before. Either had we. Bears hear the buzzing noise and bash the box open looking for the bees. Finding the box empty except for a few wires, they dig into the pole. I didn't know hydro poles hummed, but when I put my ear right on the hydro pole I could

side their fields of expertise. They accept money from oil and coal companies. They sow doubt, mistrust, confusion, and delay.

These false climate scientists are backed up by an army of public relations specialists and corporate lobbyists, representing companies whose profits are tied to fossil fuels. Hoggan says there are four climate change lobbyists for every elected official in Washington D.C.

I thought that after the Nobel Prize was awarded to the thousands of scientists who write the reports of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, climate change deniers would slink away with their tails between their legs.

I was wrong. The deniers are more active, and better funded, than ever.

Why do so many of us continue to deny climate change, when the scientific evidence is so strong, and the risks are so high?

Some answers are simple. We don't want to change our lifestyle. Retooling to a zero-carbon society would disrupt powerful and profitable industry sectors and require significant government intervention in the economy. If apparently credible spokespersons tell us there is scientific

hear a distinct hum like the buzz of a million bees, which would be tantalisingly exciting to a hungry bear. We learned something and we hope the bear learned something, too - if you hear a buzz on the line it could mean a bad connection.

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Reindeer (Cont)

of Eurasia were once fully engaged in reindeer herding, only about 10-15% of these people are now engaged in reindeer husbandry. The attraction of other, easier lifestyles has threatened to permanently end the herding way of life, relegating it to case studies in anthropological journals.

The tentacles of human civilization reach into every nook and cranny of the Earth. As we build that civilization we change forever the face of the Earth . . . We consume it. As we consume the Earth, it shrinks and withers. We hear talk of space exploration for the purpose of finding another planet to inhabit when we lose the Earth. If we lose the Earth, through our own neglect, what sense does it make to move on to another planet only to do the same there? I cannot believe that the sum total of our human evolution here on Earth is to make it uninhabitable for ourselves and then to look for a new start elsewhere. If we cannot preserve this planet we do not deserve another.

But you deserve a Merry Christmas!

End

doubt about the reality of climate change, we are only too happy to believe them.

Deniers aim their propaganda at smaller media outlets where reporters lack the resources to check their facts, sources, and credentials.

They take advantage of the fact that climate change is complex. We agreed to ban ozone-destroying substances because it's easy to understand the dangers of a hole in the ozone layer that lets in harmful radiation. But how can scientists communicate the dangers of climate change?

I'm a professional ecologist. I've published peer-reviewed scientific articles on the carbon cycle. Part of my work involves reading studies of how climate change is impacting life on the land and in the seas. Every peer-reviewed scientific study on climate change published in the past decade has confirmed that human-caused greenhouse gas emissions are warming and destabilizing our fragile atmosphere, and causing significant damage to living systems.

The world is headed, faster and faster, for climate disaster. If we fail to act to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, hundreds of millions of people will abandon the world's coastal areas during this century, never to return.

Even worse scenarios involving total

melting of the icecaps and stoppage of ocean currents are possible. These could leave oceans devoid of oxygen, covered with purple bacteria, filling the atmosphere with poisonous green clouds of hydrogen sulphide. Earth has experienced such episodes, but not for hundreds of millions of years. Most species would perish - certainly all humans.

Avoiding these catastrophic scenarios will require strong measures and leadership. Consider a global ban on fossil fuels. Could people live happily in a zero-carbon society? Absolutely. As caretakers of the planet, and each other, we would lead full and meaningful lives.

If we lead, politicians will follow.

Ole Hendrickson is President of the Ottawa River Institute, a non-profit, charitable organization based in the Upper Ottawa Valley. For more information please visit www.ottawariverinstitute.ca

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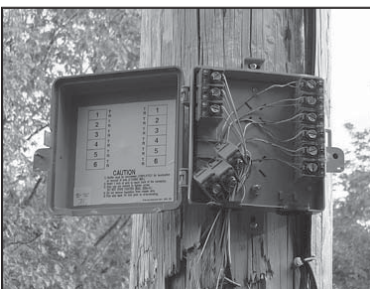


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DIRECTIONS: Read the title and introduction to each fire safety topic. Then, taking turns, each player identifies one fire safe practice. Pass if you can't think of one. You get one point for each fire safe practice you can identify before anyone else does. The player with the most points wins.

WATCH WHAT YOU HEAT – Stand by your pan!



- Always stay in the kitchen when cooking – especially if using cooking oil
- Keep a tight fitting lid for your pot near the stove. If the pot catches on fire, do not move the pan – put the lid on it and turn off the stove.
- Do not wear loose, dangling clothing while cooking
- Keep dishcloths, paper towels and other easily burned kitchen items away from the stove.

HOLIDAY SAFETY



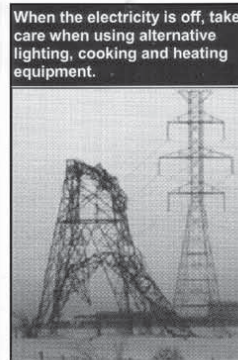
- Make sure your tree is fresh
- NEVER place lit candles near or on a Christmas tree
- Check all lights before putting them on the tree – get rid of any sets that are old or appear damaged
- Christmas parties and fire are a dangerous mix – be aware of anyone who may not be as fire safe as they usually are
- Encourage smokers to smoke outside and provide a sand-filled bucket for them
- Before bed, check furniture cushions for burning cigarette butts
- Practice your family fire escape plan once every season

ALCOHOL & FIRE



- Make sure all cigarettes are properly extinguished and the stove is off before going to bed.
- Make sure your fireplace or woodstove is properly tucked in for the night.
- Check carefully if you think a cigarette may have fallen between the cushions. It can smolder in furniture for hours before igniting.

POWER OUTAGES



Electrically connected smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms will not work when the power is out, unless they have battery backup. Make sure your home has a battery-operated smoke alarm on every level and a battery-operated carbon monoxide alarm

- Use flashlights or battery-operated lanterns instead of candles or hurricane lamps
- If using candles, place them in a secure holder and cover them with a glass chimney
- Place candles where they can't be knocked over and are out of reach of children and pets
- NEVER bring propane or charcoal BBQs inside
- Make sure electric stove elements and small appliances are OFF or unplugged to prevent fires from starting when the power comes back on
- Only use space heaters designed for indoor use and follow manufacturer's instructions
- During the power outage, conduct regular safety checks of each room in your home
- While sitting in the dark, remind everyone about your home fire escape plan and how to get out and where to meet

SMOKE ALARMS THAT DRIVE YOU CRAZY



Only working smoke alarms save lives.

- Keep stove burners and ovens clean
- Adjust the timer setting on the toaster
- Use a range hood fan
- Install smoke alarms with a 'hush' button that will temporarily silence the alarm and reset itself after several minutes
- Move smoke alarms to a different location
- Try replacing ionization smoke alarms located near kitchens with photo-electric smoke alarms
- Replace smoke alarms completely at least every 10 years

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OUR CHRISTMAS

By Ernie Jukes of Camp J

MERRY CHRISTMAS-- If we can say that anymore? It has been bashed repeatedly by commercial marketing and sales promotions of products galore, especially in urban centers. Then spread like a pandemic by TV networks everywhere. The sanctity of the season, however, and that longed for gentle quiet can still be found in small back wood's places such as in our own villages throughout the Madawaska Highlands.

That tranquility may be found in just a short walk through the snow after your Yule breakfast. Slowly up a nearby hill, where the hemlocks or pines tower and you simply breathe in the quiet. Or after dinner you can stroll along that little brook, you know where you can listen to the silence as it bubbles by your feet. This communion with nature at this special time of year is in fact a communion with your maker. Be thankful that we can still do it.

I guess we each have our own kind of Noel and Peace in mind--it's inside each of us. It probably will not include big crowds and noise and bright lights and plastic. We know it seems the festival of nature still has the biggest drawing power and most lasting appeal to many of us. It's like a year round gift isn't it?

Of course inside our home we enjoy the laughter and excitement of children and that cozy feeling of having family or friends of all ages around us. We soak up the wonderful aroma of turkey cooking and dressing with raisins in it and Audrey's pies cooling on the sideboard. There may be the smell and sounds of logs crackling in the woodstove or fireplace and Christmas music in the background. Ahhh, and the whole place has the scent of a Spruce tree. So many simple things come to mind—all comforting.

There are plenty of legends and stories about Christmas wishes. We could wish that our old and favourite deer hounds – like "Dobie" – could run these hills and runways again. Or that the old guys could get out on the hunting trail, or canoe a wilderness stream with old companions again like they did in younger days. You may consider an enjoyable way to transport these aging outdoorsmen from their armchair to the deer watch could be the

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One night (Cont)

So brain said to all, "If he eats in this way, he'll soon be alone in a state of dismay"

So before he woke up a decision was made to change his food choices to a healthier way

His dream now ends happy, the organs delight, Merry Christmas to all and to all a Good Night!

Wishing an enjoyable Christmas Season to you and your family

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and a Happy New Year



Pat Strong (Lovey the Clown) wants to extend a heartfelt "thank you" to all those area residents who supported her in the 'CIBC Run for the Cure.

Special thanks to Grace Pullun who walked with her. Lovey had a great time and loved the energy of 9600 people walking together raising \$1.2 million. Lovey raised \$2000 of this.

Christmas (Cont)

gift of a real good hunting book. You might look in on them from time to time, possibly with a Cabela's catalogue, and talk old times and new gear. Lots of ladies would love a visit too and talk quilting, share that recipe for Christmas Cookies, and review how their gardens did last season.

Do kids still send a letter to Santa with their Christmas wishes? We have all heard the expression "be careful of what you wish for - because it may come true. Well, I am sure most wouldn't abuse that unreality if it were true. The oink - oink folks usually get what they deserve. I may in jest, however, still ask for that electric train that I always wanted as a kid. But more importantly I would rather stretch those old friendships with those former hunting and canoeing partners over many more years to come - sort of have those precious yesterdays become tomorrows. Wouldn't that be a great gift to our selves? But let's get real. Robert Service our bard of the Yukon rhymed "The Joy of Little Things" to remind us again of how fortunate we are. "Take wealth, take fame, but leave to me, O Lord of Life, just the little things."

A fun activity we enjoyed during the holidays from not so long ago was the sleigh ride. We all bundled up with blankets on the hay filled flat-bed sleigh. And then we would sing along to the jingling horse bells of a team or later times to the putt - putt of a tractor. But if the air was crisp and there was a full moon on the snow covered trail, it was always a night to remember. Another pastime, after testing the thickness of the ice, we would clear a patch on MacPherson's Lake for ice skating or a game of shinny. About where Judy Clark and Kevin Flynn have their cottages today. We tried to get finished before the sun set behind Dan's Mountain so we could see the improvised net. If you are in shape for it, Cross - country skiing is still exuberat-

ing but tough to control coming down Tower Hill or any other steep slope. We usually "lost it" at the sharp turn where the path goes into Waddy Hutson's old sugar shack, now Ken Burkett's.

Most families probably have some Yule traditions, depending on their ethnic background. It could be as simple as "When do we open the gifts"? or "When do we go visiting"? It could be a special kind of breakfast, like ours, we enjoy an old country coffee cake called "Stollen". Then we have a humorous reading of Stephen Leacock's "Hoodoo McFiggen's Christmas". The use of passed down tree decorations in themselves may be considered a tradition; some of ours go back to Gramma's time. We also enjoy pull - crackers at dinner with their funny hats and jokes inside. Then the whole group will usually play games afterwards. Your traditions must be worthy or they would not have lasted. Many have come down to us through hundreds of years and travelled from distant lands to our great country.

Quite a good writer and country philosopher once said: "If a thing is old, it is a sign that it was fit to last. Old friends, old customs, old styles survive because they are fit to survive. That guarantee of continuity is quality. Old fashioned hospitality, old fashioned politeness, old fashioned honour are all qualities of survival and qualities becoming to man and his ambitions. Let us think about that.

When you examine those old family albums many of their names will be sadly forgotten. Their faded brown pictures will however, bring forward many other reflections of yesterday. You may even find yourself humming an old tune. Better still, sing me an old song. Tell me of a Christmas past. Tell me more about the man who is still the reason for our favourite season. Yes, it is still "Our Christmas".

End of the Yule log

G/M news (Cont)

p.m. on Saturday December 12, 2009. Saint Nick, will drop (literally) into the Gathering where he'll favour the wee ones with surprises from his sack and share some hot chocolate and cookies with us non-saints. Parents who plan to bring anyone from the younger set are asked to call Dave at 613 333 2285. He's the only person in Ward Three who is privy to Santa's email address, so he'll pass on the information.

Earlier this fall, Sandy Downs launched a fundraiser to help purchase a CT scan for the Renfrew Victoria Hospital. Each donation provided a chance to win an afghan donated by Greater Madawaska's Chief Administrative Officer Angela Yolkowskie. Carol Ferguson can thank Kay Kelly for drawing her winning ballot out of the hat. In aid of the same cause, Sandy is selling fifteen-dollar cookbooks until Christmas. They contain recipes submitted over

the years to the *Renfrew Mercury* and are supplied by the owners of J.J. Chocolate of Renfrew. If ever the Renfrew Victoria body mechanics decide to take a good peek into any of our carcasses and have the proper tools to do it, we'll, for darn sure, appreciate Sandy's efforts.

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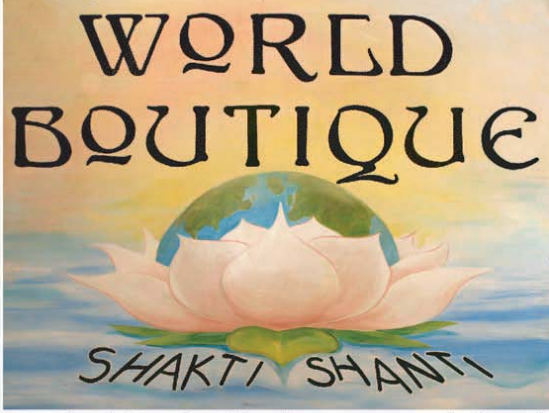


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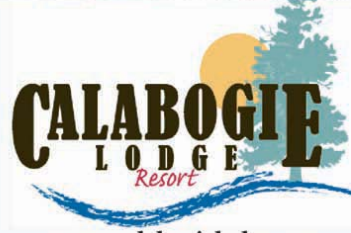
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