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## Chainsaws: A very short history

By Bill Graham, Editor

There are few tools that have changed our landscapes more than the chainsaw. Like people and events, chainsaws also have a history. Its common use is much more recent than you might think and its origins much older.

A chainsaw is a portable motorized saw having teeth on a looped (endless) chain. The chainsaw has evolved into a portable saw but portability is a relatively recent attribute. While the chainsaw is universally associated with the cutting of wood, its earliest incarnation was invented to cut bone.

The first chainsaw was called an osteotome and was invented by the German Bernard Heine around 1830. This surgical tool for cutting bone was actually the first recorded mention of a chainsaw. The links of the chain carried small cutting teeth with the edges set at an angle with the chain moving around a guiding blade by turning the handle of the sprocket wheel.

By the mid-1800s lumber was an important commodity and its trade was brisk. Finding a way to mechanize tree cutting would increase profits. The first mechanized saws for cutting wood were powered reciprocating (back and forth) saws. In those days power came primarily from steam. Bringing a boiler into the forest to drive a saw to cut trees had sufficient limitations to make it impractical.

The first documented saw that used a chain to cut wood was in 1905 in Eureka California. Driven by a two-cylinder, water cooled engine, the fuel and water supply from tanks were nailed to the tree trunk above the saw and removed when the tree was about to go over. This machine had no bar, but rather its chain encircled the tree trunk and cut inwards from every side. Evidently it would cut through a log ten feet in diameter in four and a half minutes, but it would take hours to set up for the cut—definitely not practical.

An early contender to chainsaws was the drag saw. This was basically a gas driven reciprocating saw, which was used in the bush from the late 1920s into the 1950s. A 1937 ad for a 4-hp, 265 pound Pacific drag saw promised to cut through a four-foot log in five minutes and produce 25 cords of firewood in a day. The most portable these saws became was 130 pounds. However, reciprocating saws like the drag saw had limitations also because of the need for a stop between each back and forth movement. However, a chain could provide continuous rotation in the same direction to allow greater speed and more accuracy in the cut.

It was not until the 1920s that someone invented a proper chainsaw. Three names should be mentioned: Wolf (USA), Westfelt (Sweden) and Stihl (Germany). The latter is the largest and oldest (founded 1926) chainsaw producer in the world. The Canadian market did not create a demand for chainsaws until 1937. The German inventor / manufacturer Andreas Stihl drove across Canada attempting to sell his 160-pound chain saw. He had little success until he reached western Canada where its potential was immediately recognized. But, with the onset of the Second World War importation of German machinery including the "Hitler" saw was curtailed.

Although the chainsaw made forestry work much easier it took decades for it to establish itself. The main reasons for this were the weight of the machines, their unwieldiness and susceptibility to breaking down, as well as the large amount of energy needed by two people. The first two-man chainsaw weighed over 60 Kilos. The aim was to develop a lighter, more powerful saw that could be used by one person. The first one-man chainsaw was produced in 1950 and it was still quite heavy. In 1959 they weighed about 12 Kg (today chainsaws weigh around 4-5 kg, heavy duty chainsaws between 7 and 9 kg). The components of the chainsaw have had constant improvement until the mid 1960s, since then few changes have been made to

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## Superbike event expected to bring 1000s of visitors to Calabogie

By Bill Graham, Editor

The Parts Canada Superbike Championship will open its 2008 season at Calabogie MotorSports Park (CMP), which is locally known as The Track. This is a motorcycle race event, which features many of the top motorcycle manufacturers. The event will run over four days between May 22 and May 25. It may also prove to be the most well attended event that Calabogie has ever had. John Hamilton, Vice-President, Operations for CMP, expects an influx of between 3000 and 5000 visitors over the four day period.

Canadian Kawasaki Motors factory rider Jordan Szoke of Brantford, Ontario will be bidding to win his third straight Parts Canada Superbike Championship when the 2008 season kicks off at The Track in May. He is also trying for a fifth national Superbike crown. Superbike racing motorcycles are derived from standard production models. While rules vary from series to series, in general the motorcycles must maintain the same

profile as their road-going counterparts, with the same overall appearance as seen from the front, rear and sides. In addition, the frame cannot be modified. Teams may modify some elements of the bike, including the suspensions, brakes, swingarm, and the diameter and size of the wheels. Superbike racing motorcycles must have four-stroke engines of between 850 cc and 1200 cc for twins (two cylinder), and between 750cc and 1000cc for four cylinder machines. The event at Calabogie is the first of eight races that will take place across Canada during the 2008 season, giving Calabogie national television exposure. TSN broadcasts the race on Tuesday, September 9 and Saturday, September 13.

Weather permitting, the visitors attending this event will have a huge economic impact on Calabogie and on the surrounding area. Accommodations are being booked in the local area and as far away as Renfrew and Perth. Local restaurants are preparing special menus and bringing in musical entertain-

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## Superbike (Cont)

ment just for the race weekend. Business interests will definitely be happy.

Others in Calabogie, however, are not happy that this event is taking place. The issue is noise; especially high pitched motorcycle noise. Opposing elements in the community did pressure for a denial of 'special events' status for the race. This status would have allowed CMP to raise the ambient noise level above the approved 45 decibels. But according to John Hamilton, VP/Director of Track-Corp Canada Inc., it was deemed by Township CAO John Baird that a permit was not necessary because of the sound engineer's critique, and the fact that the Superbike series runs under its own noise regulations, similar to daily operating limits at the Track. With cooperation of competitors and the addition of more earthen sound barriers, CMP feels confident that they can easily stay within the proscribed limits.

If there are complaints about the noise; and there will be, then complaints will be investigated to see if charges are warranted. Devices that measure noise will determine the validity of the complaint. To complicate matters, 1500 motorcycles taking part in the 'Ride for Dad' annual campaign for prostate cancer will be coming through Calabogie on May 24 while motorcycle race events are taking place.

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## 2006 Census Update on Greater Madawaska

By Bill Graham, Editor

Now, with most of the results from the 2006 Census released, the current profile of the Township of Greater Madawaska is becoming clear. At the beginning of this series of articles it was evident that major changes were happening. For example, with a 21.1% increase in population since the preceding Census in 2001, Greater Madawaska had the distinction of being one of the fastest growing municipalities in Eastern Ontario. Permanent residents, who number 2,751 persons, have known for years that the population more than triples in summer months when seasonal residents arrive at their cottages. In fact almost half of the dwellings in the township (1201 dwellings) are cottages.

Greater Madawaska is the most southerly municipality in Renfrew County and has the largest land area (1,011.67 square kilometres) in a county that itself has the largest land area of any other county in Ontario. These wide-open spaces account for the low population density of only 2.7 persons per square kilometre. This compares to 13.4 persons per square kilometre Ontario-wide.

Unlike urban areas, Greater Madawaska has few visible minorities. Only 8.7% of residents were born outside of Canada and all of these residents im-

migrated to Canada before 1991. Seventy-three percent of residents are third generation (or more) Canadian. Only ten residents are not Canadian citizens.

Of the 2,645 persons five years of age or over, 77.7% lived in Greater Madawaska five years ago. Of the remaining 595 residents, 480 moved into Greater Madawaska from elsewhere in Ontario, 95 persons moved in from another province and 20 lived in a different country 5 years ago.

The educational attainment of Greater Madawaska residents aged 15 years and over is comparable to that of the province, with 40% of these residents having either a college, other non-university diploma or having a university degree or diploma. At the Ontario level that figure is 43%. Interestingly, 15.3% of the population (15 years and older) have an academic (major field of study) background in Architecture, Engineering and related technologies. This compares to 11.1% in the same field of study province-wide.

Of the 2,425 persons 15 years of age and older, 45.2% were not in the labour force. The majority of these would be people that are retired. The unemployment rate at the time of the 2006 Census in May of that year was 7.2%.

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## Chainsaw (Cont.)

the chainsaw. The "scratch" chain was first developed and patented in 1919. It used the knife-tip principle to cut through the wood fibre, like a buck saw tooth, only attached to a flexible sprocket chain. This type of cutting was used until 1952 before being re-engineered to its present "chipper" style which uses more of a chisel cutting action.

The main phases in the development of the chainsaw were:

- 1926 Stihl developed the first electro-chainsaw
- 1927 Dolmar developed the first petrol chainsaw
- 1950 the first one-man chainsaw
- 1964 antivibration system
- 1972 chain brake
- 1982 quickstop (automatic chain brake)
- 1989 Catalyser
- 1991 Automatic start

One of the early claims in advertising for the chainsaw was its ability to do the work of five men. The claim was true and the impact on the labour

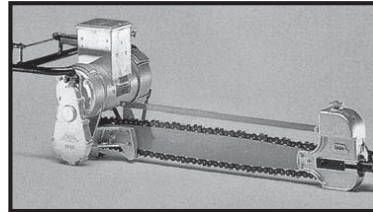


Andreas Stihl in Canada



Early reciprocating saw

force and on productivity was evident. As the forestry industry became increasingly mechanized, the number of logging jobs decreased accordingly. Census data for 1951 reported that 10,333 people worked as loggers in Newfoundland and Labrador; that number dropped to 6,711 in 1961 and to 2,385 in 1971. The number of machines used for logging purposes increased dramatically over the same time period. While these figures were for Newfoundland and Labrador, they were representative of what was occurring across the country. The first of these was the chainsaw, which quickly replaced the bucksaw and axe as the loggers' preferred means of felling trees after they began using it in 1954. By 1959, the chainsaw accounted for 93 per cent of all timber produced by commercial logging operations in the province. Although the chainsaw made loggers' work easier than ever before, the increased productivity meant companies needed fewer workers. Under ideal conditions, a single logger could harvest up to four cords of wood a day with a chainsaw, but only two with an axe and bucksaw. True to the history of chainsaws, it wasn't until the 1950s that chainsaws appeared in the Griffith-Matawatchan area. Roy Burndt of Denbigh claims to have had one of the first chainsaws in



Early Stihl chainsaw

this area. He is also likely to be one of the few still living in this area that knows how to run or repair, for example, a Mall Model 12A saw with a 31 inch bar and a weight of at least 30 pounds. It was a one-man saw, but he needed to be a strong man. Local saw collector Joe Lance has this saw and it is illustrated on this page. Today almost every rural household in our township has at least one chainsaw. Today's saw is light and reliable. Since the 1970s the chainsaw has graduated from an industry tool to a consumer household tool. It cuts the wood we burn and the logs we mill. If we had a coat of arms, it should be on it. Editor's note: Some of the material for this article was sourced from the book *Chainsaws: A History* by David Lee (Harbour Publishing). Anyone interested in knowing more about this subject should consider purchasing this book. As a full-colour hardcover book it is a bargain at around \$32 from Chapters.

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# Adapting to Climate Change: A Very Local Perspective

By Richard Copeland

Robert McLeman, PhD presented his report 'Adapting to Climate Change in Addington Highlands' in Denbigh this past April. The report was researched and written by McLeman with graduate student assistant Genevieve Gilbert, both of the University of Ottawa. Project support from the University of Ottawa and Natural Resources Canada was provided for its production. McLeman pointed out that the report does not reflect the views of Natural Resources Canada, and the report was the property of the residents of Addington Highlands.



Addington Highlands is a geographically large township of 2500 residents; its geography encompasses a wide band beginning just south of Kaladar and ending north of Denbigh, with Highway 41 corridor in its center. The project was designed to examine the extent to which observed trends in climatic conditions will, if they continue, affect the future economic and social well-being of the community.

The research performed was both extensive and innovative. Information was gleaned through an interview process with 150 local residents; Bancroft weather data, snow pack information from Bon Echo, and maple sugar tap removal data from a local sugar bush going back to 1966. The recommendations of the report are considered to be applicable to similar 'seasonal-economy' Ontario communities. The proximity and similarities of our own community to this geography make this report relevant to Greater Madawaska.

**From the executive summary:** Significant changes in local climatic conditions include a trend toward milder, shorter and less snowy winters, hot and dry summer conditions occurring more regularly; and a general increase in windiness with more frequent microbursts of destructive high winds. These trends have negative impacts on winter tourism, retailers, forestry and road maintenance and repair. They also serve to reduce winter recreation opportunities for residents and increase risks of road accidents, property damage, power outages and fires. Some sectors of the population could experience beneficial outcomes from lower heating costs in some winters, greater access to seasonal properties, and more reliably warm summer conditions for tourists.

Adaptation to these trends are complicated by factors, which are non climatic, such as lack of cell phone and broadband internet service, health care services, and rising fuel and energy costs. The strong dollar negatively affects tourism and forestry. The downloading of infrastructure and service costs to municipalities and restrictive land use policies are also seen as barriers to adapta-

tion. Further obstacles are indicated with the winter closing of Bon Echo Park and unsettled First Nation land claims.

McLeman suggests that the proven resilience of the people of the area can deal with adaptation through strong local community and social organizations but that the barriers need to be removed to make it all happen.

With recommendations directed to policy makers of each level of government, McLeman advises municipal governments that budget planning will become more challenging with increasing costs for road maintenance, volunteer fire departments and ambulance services. Municipalities need to build on 'social capital' (social organizations, networks and community trust) by investing, giving administrative support and any assistance by any means. Municipalities need to lobby higher governments hard.

For the province, McLeman cites the need for an all season Bon Echo Park as an economic engine; the need to take back the infrastructure cost offloads that were done in the past; invest in emergency medical services; reduce burdensome regulations and reporting requirements (used for large corporations) but also imposed on family or individually operated businesses; improve communications between MNR and conservation authorities and local organizations; provide durable funding for tourism; provide greater support for alternative energy systems and work with the federal government for land claim resolution.

McLeman sees the federal government's role in resolving the land claim issues; using its leverage with telecoms to provide cell phone and internet broadband service; improve collection of weather data and to subsidize investments in alternative energy.

McLeman's data and graphic representations exposed the nature of what we are experiencing and what we can ex-

pect. Even a chortle or two about less snow was met by a downward trending graphic that could accommodate this year's stellar precipitation. But the philosophy of the second mouse getting the cheese may not work for us. Our capacity to adapt may be eroding too quickly in real terms and relative to urban areas as the quality and availability of essential social services and physical infrastructure decline. The demographic indicates a high top end of older residents and this

will be exacerbated with 'boomer' retirees seeking this area as their new home.

It's not too late to begin adaptation planning and policy making, although it is a late start. We can not afford to be complacent in addressing changes that have already begun.

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# Bernie Bedore

By Garry Ferguson

I'm pretty sure that anyone who has ever driven through the Ottawa Valley has heard tales of Big Joe Mufferaw. Anyone who has heard about Big Joe has surely heard of Bernie Bedore. He not only created the large body of mythology surrounding that tough old giant from the square-timber days but has also given us a wealth of songs and stories about other Valley characters and places.

Bernard Vance Bedore was born on March 03, 1923 in a place called Crow Lake, Ontario. When he was six months old his parents moved to Renfrew to operate a hotel. After purchasing the Central Hotel in Arnprior when Bernie was six, they moved to that town. It was here that Bernie grew up.

When he was 12, his father died leaving his mother to carry on with the hotel.

Bernie managed to make a reputation as an athlete during the years that he was working on his formal education in Arnprior. He loved the rugged game of rugby but it was in track and field that he excelled. At one time he was the Eastern Ontario Champion for the 100, 220 and 440 yard dash. It was however, in his home, the Central Hotel, that he received the informal education that gave him the grounding to become a playwright, poet, writer of songs and one of Canada's foremost spinner of yarns.

His fascination with history and his sense of humour were fired up by tales from the pensioners living out their old age as boarders in the hotel. They had been shantymen and river drivers and never hesitated to share the stories of their adventurous lives with anyone who cared to listen. Bernie was a good listener. He listened, as well, to the "old lads" who came in to belly up to the bar or "set" around the stove on cold winter nights, smoking their pipes and trying to outdo each other in the fine art of "yarn swappin."

This environment kick-started Bernie's literary journey, resulting in 11 published books. Along with the many humorous tales about a variety of fascinating Valley characters, he wrote a book of poetry titled "Wonder Things" as well as two historical publications, "The Broad Valley" and "The Shanty." Added to this body of lore are over 100 songs. Some years ago, Bernie collaborated with a fine Valley musician, Bill Bernt, who wrote music for and recorded a number of them.

Bernie remembers his mother telling of a couple who, during the horse and buggy days, made a living by travelling the area as peddlers. They were known as Fiery Kate and Dickory Dan. From this memory came a great song called—of course—"Fiery Kate and Dickory Dan" in which the setting included Renfrew, Mount St. Patrick and Fergus Lea. This

song, among others such as "Along The Opeongo," were recorded by Bill Bernt.

In August of 1947, Bernie married Vera Lewis—they celebrated their sixtieth anniversary this year—and the couple raised two boys and one girl. The three, now adults, live in close proximity to Arnprior where Bernie and Vera have an apartment in a comfortable retirement home.

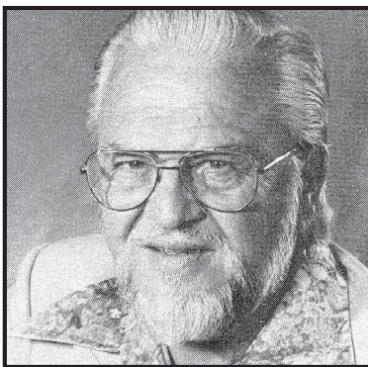
Vera remembers the years when Bill and Bernie had a weekly radio program from Pembroke. She would often ask, as they were leaving for the broadcast, if they had material prepared. The answer was usually, "No. But we'll think of something." They always managed to come through and make up another song and another Joe Mufferaw story during the drive to Pembroke.

Of all his tales, the story of Barrum, Joe Mufferaw's pet frog, is still Bernie's favourite. Barrum could sing in seven tongues, run a 100 miles and measured 20 feet from tailbone to the neck. Sadly, Barrum was killed at the age of 25, near Eganville, by a train on the old Kick and Push Railway line.

Bernie notes that he created all the Mufferaw stories long before he discovered that a tough, real-life lumberjack named Joseph Montferrand had once created a reputation along the Ottawa as a logger and a scrapper.

The inspiration for this treasure-trove of folklore may well have vanished with the turn of another generation. It's fortunate that Bernie Bedore came along when he did.

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## Second season for the Matawatchan Market approaches

Yes, there will be a Saturday market in Matawatchan this summer. This answers a question that many have asked over the last few months. Like last summer, the market hours will be 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday morning with coffee and baked goods in the early morning and lunch beginning at 10:30 a.m. The location is once again the grounds of the Matawatchan Community Hall or in the Hall depending on the weather.

A pre-season market day will take place on May 31, with the regular season beginning on June 21 and running every Saturday until October 11. Like last year there will be a Christmas market, this year on November 29.

The pre-season market day on May 31 is meant to stimulate the community for another season of Saturday morning market days. If the weather cooperates there will be some early season vegetables such as lettuce, onion, radishes and herbs. Possi-

bly, there will be asparagus for sale. There will be bedding plants such as tomato and pepper plants and possibly flowers. In the event of rain or if the bugs are too fierce activities will move into the Hall.

To accommodate these plants there will be very reasonably priced locally-made cedar planters that have been designed for climbing plants such as tomatoes, peppers, strawberries or vine flowers. For anyone not wanting to put in a full garden, these cedar planters provide the alternative of growing vegetables on your deck.

Market organizers say that many of the same vendors will participate this year but new vendors are always needed. As last season, tables are available for \$10 per market day or \$125 for the entire season. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, call Joanne Murray at 613-333-5534.

Whether you are a buyer or a seller, come out on May 31 to celebrate spring and a new market season.

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## Community concerns about security are answered by OPP

The OPP has answered the security concerns of Matawatchan residents with a greatly increased presence in our area. There have been increased RIDE programs in the village, increased surveillance of suspect individuals and increased patrolling.

After the March 1 community meeting that was reported in the March/April issue of the Highlander, a small group of citizens, some with police experience, formed a committee to represent the community in liaisons with the OPP.

In early April this small citizen's committee met with Sergeant W. Shawn Mulvagh of the Renfrew Detachment of the OPP. He is the liaison officer with the community (Griffith and Matawatchan). He will meet with the committee when necessary. He explained just how thinly spread patrol officers are in such a large country as Renfrew. He indicated that because Griffith-Matawatchan is remote and that it borders on other OPP detachment, it may have been neglected in the past. He promised to remedy this.

Since then there has been an observable increase in police presence in our area. Sergeant Mulvagh pointed out that local residents asked for a greater police

presence and they will have to accept everything that goes with that. The OPP can not be expected to just watch out for suspected 'break and enters' and thefts and ignore traffic or alcohol infractions.

This should be a word to the wise. For short local jaunts to the store or the dump, maybe you should wear your seatbelt and leave the traveller brewski at home.

The Highlander has been promised that it will be sent announcements about incidents and convictions that concern our area. In the interim, we have published an OPP Rural Crimes Prevention TIPS article and a reference card with OPP contact numbers and a section in which you can put the telephone numbers of your closest neighbours in case of emergency. This card can be cut out of the paper and put on the refrigerator or near your telephone.

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**The Letter to the Editor in the last issue of the Highlander, concerning thanks to the Griffith and Matawatchan roads crew, failed to mention that the letter was from Annabell and Gerry Marshall. Our apologies!**

## Looking back...



*Steam - powered sawmill near Springtown*

## Feed the World

**By Ole Hendrickson**

Global food prices are soaring, along with energy and fertilizer costs. Commodity price experts see no prospect for cheaper food ever again.

Economists acknowledge the need to decouple economic growth from energy consumption in the industrial sector. But they forgot the agricultural sector.

Governments of rich countries around the world are giving out huge amounts of taxpayer dollars to subsidize the production of automotive fuel from foodstuffs - ethanol from corn and wheat, biodiesel from soybeans and canola. Canada alone announced \$1.5 billion in subsidies in the 2007 federal budget.

This money was supposed to develop a renewable biofuel industry, reduce fossil fuel consumption, and slow the release of carbon dioxide that causes global warming. They used to say "Agriculture feeds the world". Now it's "Agriculture feeds the cars."

Crop-based biofuels actually have very limited potential to offset greenhouse gases. Growing and harvesting grain, converting it to ethanol, and transporting it to the pump all consume lots of fossil fuels. The net return of biomass energy for fossil fuel energy invested is small. Growing corn with nitrogen fertilizers releases additional greenhouse gases. Total greenhouse gas emissions from burning corn-based bioethanol can be greater than from burning gasoline.

But grain farmers love the biofuel bonanza. If prices slump in food markets, they can sell to energy markets. And energy prices are headed to the stratosphere. After many lean decades, farmers are actually making a profit.

For developing countries, biofuels are a catastrophe. Famine was once a rural phenomenon, tied to natural disasters such as droughts and floods. But now poor families in cities can no longer afford to feed themselves. Riots are destabilizing governments from Bangladesh to Haiti.

Regional food shortages are nothing new. There's always been enough food as long as there was some way to spread it around.

But starvation is now becoming globalized.

The United Nations World Food Programme buys and distributes food in response to regional shortages. Canada is a generous donor. But the money we give doesn't go nearly as far as it used to. United Nations officials are warning of a crisis and asking for more.

Do we tell them that our cars need grain more than poor people? Do we tell them, "Sorry, our need to pretend we're doing something about climate change is more important than your survival"?

Biofuel subsidies link food and energy prices by funnelling grain into transportation fuel markets. As the price of a barrel of oil goes up, so does the price of a barrel of bioethanol. Arguably, this is the main driver for the rapid current rise in food prices. But it is by no means the only one.

As family incomes grow in countries like China, people want more meat in their diets. Cattle and hog feeding operations consume huge amounts of grain that could feed people directly.

We may love those hamburgers and bacon, but their price is also now tied to the price of a barrel of oil. With feed costs skyrocketing, the prospect for smaller hog and cattle producers is grim. Even large producers are feeling the pinch.

Avoiding global starvation and destabilization of poorer countries will require policy changes. Canada's federal and provincial governments should rethink crop-based biofuel subsidies. Wood-based bioenergy is a much better investment, particularly during the current slump in the housing market.

As individual consumers, we can drive less, walk more, buy local foods, eat grass-fed rather than grain-fed beef, and generally reduce the percentage of meat in our diets. You can improve your health while helping feed the world.

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# Rural Crime Prevention

## Don't let down your guard just because you live in the country

Rural communities have their own unique crime problems - like theft of crops, timber, livestock, and expensive farm equipment. Vandals do more than break mailboxes, they can destroy crops and fields. Alcohol and drug abuse problems plague rural youth as well as those in the suburbs and cities. And of course, crimes like burglary, rape, assault, and auto theft happen in rural areas, but less frequently than in cities. Invest some time and money in prevention now. What's the payoff? Better security around your property, less worry about crime and your family's safety. Be a good neighbour - when you're out and about, keep an eye on neighbours' homes, livestock, and equipment. Tell them and the police about anything that makes you uneasy or suspicious.

### CHECK THE DOORS AND LOCKS

- \* Make sure external doors, in your home and outbuildings are solid wood or metal and have dead bolt locks.
- \* Use the locks!
- \* Secure sliding glass doors with commercially available locks or with a broomstick or wooden dowel in the track to jam the door in case someone tries to pry it open.
- \* Insert screws in the upper track going into the fixed frame, to prevent anyone from lifting the door from its track.

- \* Secure double-hung windows by sliding a bolt or nail through a hole drilled at a downward angle in each top corner of the inside sash and part way through the outside sash.
- \* Secure basement windows well.

### CHECK THE OUTSIDE

- \* Thieves hate bright lights. Install outside lights and keep them on at night.
- \* Keep your house, driveway, barns, and other buildings well lighted at night. Use timers that automatically turn on outside lights when it gets dark.
- \* Consider motion sensors that

- set off lights or alarms.
- \* Prune back shrubbery that hides doors, windows, lights, and would-be burglars.

- \* Keep your fences in good repair. Secure all access roads with gates or cables stretched between posts cemented in the ground. Make them visible with flags or streamers.

- \* Warn thieves that you're on the alert with "No Trespassing," "No Hunting," and other signs around your property.

### PROTECT EQUIPMENT AND LIVESTOCK

- \* Operation Identification - marking tools, guns, and equipment with a permanent identification number such as a license plate number - has helped reduce theft in many rural areas.
- \* Work with law enforcement to determine the best methods, and make it a community project.

- \* To help stop modern rustlers, tattoo all livestock (usually on the ears). Although it's easier to use ear tags or neck chains, these can be removed. Mark young stock soon after birth. Take regular counts of all livestock. Secure gas pumps, gas tanks, storage bins, and grain elevators with sturdy padlocks or dead bolts.

- \* Keep small equipment - like mowers, bikes, snowmobiles - locked in a barn or garage.

- \* Keep guns locked and unloaded in a secure place away from curious children and would-be thieves.

- \* Never leave keys in vehicles or farm equipment. Always lock your trucks and other vehicles when they're not in use. And don't leave tools in the open back of a pick-up truck or in an unsecured truck bed toolbox.

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- \* If machines must be left out for long periods of time, disable them by removing the rotor, distributor, or battery.

### HELP YOUR NEIGHBOURS

- \* Get together with others in the community to start a Neighbourhood or Farm Watch group. Involve all ages, and work with law enforcement. Recruit from churches and civic

groups. Use CB radios or cellular phones to patrol and report suspicious activities to the police.

- \* When you go away, stop delivery of your mail or newspapers or ask a neighbour to pick them up. You want to create the illusion that someone is at home following everyday routines. Have neighbours check your property, and return the favour when they leave on business or vacation trips.

Source: OPP

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# Denbigh Checking In

By Angela Bright

\*A good number turned out to savor a fine meal at the Irish Stew Supper at St. Luke's United Church on March 14<sup>th</sup>. Always a nice time to get together over dinner. Thank you to all who organized and took care of the preparations.

\*The maple syrup was flowing and the sausages were sizzling at Denbigh Recreation's Pancake breakfast on March 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Hall was bustling and everyone attending had a grand time chatting with their neighbours. Then in the afternoon, the Hall was absolutely hopping with children at the Easter Party. It was nice to see a good number of children (close to 40) from the community as well as family and friends who were back for the long weekend. Eggs and cupcakes were decorated, and there were crafts and colouring to work at, and a fishing game to win some neat prizes to take home. The children also played a few team games, divided into two teams, rabbits and bunnies, getting them warmed up for the big egg hunt that was being prepared for them outside. Once the all eggs were discovered, it was back into the Hall to trade them in for a loot bag full of chocolate and other treats. A few were lucky enough to get a hold of a prize egg that won them a stuffed bunny of their very own. It was a long day for the organizers and helpers who worked the breakfast and the children's party, but thoroughly enjoyed by those who came out. A very big thank you to the volunteers for their time and energy spent so the children could have a fun afternoon in the village.

\*April 5-6, the New Apostolic Church in Denbigh welcomed the Bishop. He invited the ministers and their wives from Eastern Ontario to join in the festive occasion. On Saturday with 18 present, he conducted a meeting for the ministers and wives to encourage them and offer Godly support in the various ministerial functions. A supper fellowship in the church followed. Then on Sunday, during the divine service, he reminded all, "that as New Apostolic Christians, we have the wonderful opportunity to demonstrate this fact at all times wherever we are". Even the grave community concern, the

future of the ambulance service, was placed under his supportive prayers. The organist from Kingston added her musical talents to the occasion. A hot lunch for the entire congregation allowed additional moments of fellowship with the Bishop and guests, a visit enjoyed by all.

\*Two full school buses left Denbigh late afternoon on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, bound for the County Council meeting in Napanee, a trip organized by the Community Ambulance Committee for Denbigh and the surrounding area. At least half a dozen vehicles added to the contingent, meeting up with the buses at the destination point. The group was a good representation of people serviced by the Denbigh Ambulance base, including neighbours of counties other than Lennox and Addington, and so, the gallery in the Council Chambers filled quickly. Warden Schermhorn did comment at a later point the last time there was such an audience, was in 1997 leading up to amalgamation. The meeting came into session at 6:30pm and opened with an address delivered by Yorck Lindner, on behalf of the Committee. The first line, "Small communities can do amazing things", set the tone. While a service review would be County wide, it was asked of Council to, "join us in trying to convince the Province to allow us the room to exercise the innovation, flexibility and creativity necessary to adapt to the economic stress that Denbigh, the County and the Province face." The obvious goal is to be as involved as possible - proactive and to hit home the fact that ambulance service is vital. We must work together. County Council will forward a copy of the presentation from the Committee, as well as other correspondence sent by residents requesting adequate ambulance service, to the consultant conducting the review. Once the business surrounding ambulance service concluded, a short recess was given, and the delegation headed for home. Thank you to the bus drivers, to those who supplied the transportation and also to those who donated money for gas expenses.

\*On April 10<sup>th</sup>, six children attended the program at the Denbigh Library. The evening started with the reading of "Mud Puddle", by Robert Munsch, a rather fit-

ting story for springy weather. Then it was to the tables to design two different styles of book marks and work on some activity sheets. Cookies were handed out for a snack as everyone headed for home.

\*Piping hot pancakes, sausage and baked beans were on the menu at the New Apostolic Church's annual Maple Syrup Breakfast on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. The batter was whipped up, poured and ready hot off the griddle right in front of you within minutes. It was a good time to see familiar faces and do some catching up. And if the gesture of a wonderful breakfast was not enough, donations to our local food bank were also accepted. The basket in the foyer had a healthy mound of groceries early on. To all the kind volunteers whose efforts made for such a successful event and to those who donated foodstuffs and money to the food bank, the community thanks you!

\*Denbigh has a craft club! On the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of every month, the Hall is the place to get creative. Bring whatever craft you are working at on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, knitting, crochet work, etc. Then on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday, a specific project will

be arranged. It's a great opportunity to get some tips from others or share your skills. Everyone who attended the first meet seemed very excited to see what others were working on. There is no fee. Coffee and tea is supplied courtesy of Land O'Lakes Community Services and the Hall provided by Council. On May 14<sup>th</sup>, a guest will be coming to speak about Project Linus and bringing samples of blankets and quilts that have been made for children who are seriously ill. Contact Karen at 333-1428 or 333-2221(Swiss Inn) if you have any questions or need any further information.

\*Concession 23 hit the stage at the Hall on April 28<sup>th</sup> with some great traditional bluegrass sounds. There was a really good number out and many toes-a-tappin'. Denbigh Recreation is always happy to have a group of this caliber come to the village to play and the community is quite happy to oblige.

\*May 17<sup>th</sup> is the big Indoor Garage and Craft Sale at the Denbigh Hall. Doors are open from 9am to 3pm, so plenty of time for you to find a treasure, or two or three. Lunch will be available at the canteen.

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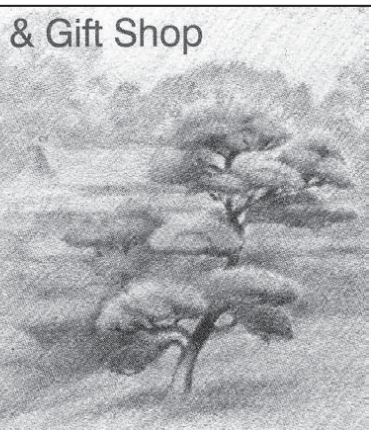
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# The Internet is not for everyone, unfortunately

By Richard Copeland

The internet has been around now for quite a while, decades I would think. It is a remarkable vehicle for research, workplace communication, instant data transfer, purchasing stuff and the all important communications with friends and family; even including photo and video exchange. It has changed so much in our daily lives. In all of the other media to which we are exposed; such as advertisers and government communications, almost universally give out that 'www' name and away we can go the information we seek. Folks in airports or big cities can sit themselves down on a bench, flip open a laptop or some formidable looking hand-held thing and access the net at extremely high speeds of data transfer.

Internet technology continues to grow at the speed of light. For example, Comcast Corp (serving the TV/Net side of things) in the USA will allow subscribers to download movies at no extra charge, as well as provide videos on demand. At this year's Las Vegas electronics show they downloaded a High Definition copy of Batman Begins in four minutes. That same four minute download would take six hours on a current high-speed connection. They said that if you were on dialup, (that Neanderthal technology on the dust heaps with Flat Earth Society memberships) it would take more than a week. However, I don't think anybody has tested the lapse time to download this movie using dial-up. Why waste time on technology that would only exist in selected desolate areas in Third World countries—and of course, in rural Ontario.

During energy reviews with rural councils in 2006, I learned that 4 of 5 local councils put internet speed as their number one hit to conserve energy. We were astounded with this revelation, since we were there to talk about transportation, heating, electricity and that kind of stuff. Even more astounding was the knowledge that there was no inter-council collaboration. These elected officials know that people working from home have to drive time-sensitive data into town. Workers who want to settle in rural areas and work from home are diminishing because it is too difficult, too costly and too time-consuming. They may as well stay in the city. The files for this newspaper are driven to Renfrew, a 150km round trip, for printing. Sending it by internet has proven futile. Rural people travel too often to make purchases they could easily make over the net and by doing so are relinquishing savings in gas and increasing pollution.

Rural areas have an allure for many city folks. Pristine country, peaceful settings and fresh air provide a respite from the noisy bustle of the city. Where we live is a very attractive destination at face

value for tourism, but tourism today requires interconnectivity with work and family, communication provided by cell digital technology and broadband. Many now seek quick getaways, that 3 or 4 day hiatus made possible by communication access through laptops and hand held PDAs. With declining forestry, tourism is now a very important component of our rural economy; this area is becoming less attractive due its communication dead space. Further complicating any growth in tourism is the requirement for emergency medical services whose delivery times are lengthened greatly by poor access to cell technology. Interestingly, China has taken a different approach to its rural communications technology. To quote from Jan Wong's Beijing Confidential: "Anyone who has been to China knows you can get a clear signal anywhere, including the Gobi Desert and the grasslands of Inner Mongolia."

You have to live dial-up to understand, and you have to live it today, not relive it as a memory from the 1990s. Beyond the home office activity; today you can bank, upgrade software, shop and purchase, research your way through an education, search and apply for jobs, communicate with governments, get reports, read newspapers, rerun visual and audible news ... on and on. But dial-up is leaving our rural citizens in a social and economic vacuum. Electronic files are too large to deal with: try to upgrade your operating system or virus protection, download a web page with images, acquire a family photo through email and you will likely wait a long time, then have your phone dropped and have to restart. We have to call our provider to delete large emails at the host computer so we can download the rest. A service that most of the country takes for granted is creating a backwater in the rural areas. Today we are experiencing unnecessary energy use, declining tourism, inability to attract young people to rural areas, exclusion from prolonged web searches and frustration from dropped phone lines plus our students are left with the technological equivalent of the corner stool and the dunce cap. This is the current state of rural internet service.

We have had governments in the past make election promises for supplying rural high speed; a logical suggestion from a nation that once created national cohesion by building a coast to coast railway. If we look at other countries with great land area and low population density, say Australia, we find that their Minister of Broadband and the Digital Economy (honest they have this!) oversees such issues and you find high speed networks available on the rural phone lines and where lines do not exist the government subsidizes satellite service. Canada needs a political solution for this rapidly growing disparity. Our phone companies

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# CABA Corner

By Karen Warren

CABA Corners' business reviews this month are sure to inspire you. First I visited the Creative Glass Studio & Gift Shop owned by Amber Lapierre Gorra. Originally from Arnprior, Amber has been here for twenty years enjoying beautiful Calabogie with her husband and two lovely girls. Self taught and always a crafty person, her hobby has become her passion. Her mission is to create one of a kind works of art. Amber's home studio provides the setting and her heart provides the rest.

I know from personal experience that Amber is knowledgeable, talented and very patient. She specializes in jewellery, mirrors, windows, doors, garden glass art and a variety of unique items, such as pet grave markers. Amber's daughter, Jordan, who is nine years old, is following in Mom's footsteps and has her own line of kids' jewellery. Jordan is also working on a new line of mosaics and beadwork.

Amber accepts commission work in private homes and has done work for a housing development in Orleans. Amber has created and donated "Bob's Angels" to the Renfrew Victoria Hospital in memory of her uncle Bob Villeneuve. She has also

## Burnstown Shops Host 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Arts Affair!

Burnstown's "Affair of the Arts" is held yearly on the last weekend of May. This is Burnstown's time to shine, with both local and visiting artists located around village core, each displaying their talents. The galleries and shops of Burnstown proudly host this year's event on May 31<sup>st</sup> & June 1<sup>st</sup>. The village is home to well known, accomplished artists like clay-relief sculptor Richard Gill, marquetry artist Stephen Haigh most recently watercolour painter Karen Phillips Curran of The Riverstones Gallery. Karen is also set painter for the NAC.

Photographer James Hutchison and his wife Moira a healing arts practitioner of Hutchinson Healing Touch have recently joined the artistic locale and will display their services and talent during this community inclusive affair.

A perennial Affair of the Arts feature is the fine paintings of well-known local artists John Webster, Valerie Roos-Webster & Hugh Malcolm and the cutting edge contemporary textiles of Vallery Miller. These artists are represented by Burnstown's Bittersweet Gallery year round & the Affair offers a great opportunity to see their latest new works & meet them when purchasing their art as well as the wonderful creations of 20 invited artists collectively.

donated a large window entitled "Going Home" to the Palliative Care Unit in his memory as well. Amber's classes are ongoing until June 30. She takes the summer off from classes and restarts in September with new choices.

Amber's motto is summed up in her own expression... "Life is full of true beauty. It is our job to capture its true essences."

Amber and her family enjoy Calabogie and consider it a hidden paradise. Friendly, peaceful and quiet, it's a great place to live and raise a family.

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The next stop in our review will also inspire you—Kevin Carnegie of Carnegie Custom Construction, Calabogie Ontario. Kevin is originally from the CFB Petawawa area and has been in the Calabogie area since 1984. Kevin started in the construction field right out of high school. He enjoys the creative side of

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Dave and Adrianna Card return to the Affair this year with their whimsical and joyful creations in wood and paper as does Brenda Lister with her "baudacious baubles" (flame torched beaded jewellery). The accomplished Arnprior painter Kevin Dodds is also returning with his nostalgic renditions of the Ottawa Valley. Les Spurrell is back also with his designs in rustic furniture including his signature rocking chairs.

New this year, from the Renfrew art guild, is Jack Stekelburg (artistic metalwork designs) and painters Pam Cunningham, Kim Carnegie, Lisa Dirrocco, Nancy Baily and Diana Wakely. Marvel at the vast array of talent, styles and media on display, including watercolours, oils, photography, artistic metalwork, handmade jewellery, rustic furniture, relief sculpture and marquetry.

This celebration of art will also include food tasting, the nostalgic notes of a Scottish Piper, & mobile-making workshop for kids Saturday from 1 to 4pm. Other activities for kids include Hair braiding and Henna tattoos. Renfrew's HeartSong Yoga & Pilates Studio joins the Affair with a line of designer fitness wear, accessories and jewellery

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# Reflections of the Past

By Beulah Snider

**Editor's note:** It was back in 1997 when Betty and Karin took over the Matawatchan Country Store and not too many years later when Beulah and Emile Rham passed over.

Beulah Snider was a diarist and collector of community history. She wrote this text by typewriter and circulated photocopies to the local community. This is one of those copies that Orval Strong has brought to my attention. I know Beulah only through her daughter Gail Holtzauer but I'm very sure that were she still alive she would be a contributor to this paper.



stockings. One day a lady came in with a pail of eggs and asked Mr. Hunter to change them for his eggs. Being always his obliging self and wondering why she wanted them changed, he took the pail of eggs to the back room and returned it with her same eggs. The lady went on her way and he remarked, "She didn't put those bad eggs over on me!" Someone asked if he knew why she wanted the eggs changed - "No", he replied, "Well" answered his friend, "she has no rooster and she wants to hatch chickens!"

Mr. Hunter was very interested in photography and there are many fine photos taken by him. He suffered a severe stroke and never recovered, his widow sold the store to my father Charlie Strong in 1924.

I have fond memories of growing up there; the store was kept open until everyone left at night, perhaps as late as 11 or 12 midnight. It was a local gathering place for young and old. Many a romance and fine marriage had its beginning at the old country store.

It's hard to image today the items that we didn't stock, such as milk, cheese, fresh fruit, Kleenex, Pampers, just to name a few. My father stocked a shelf with toilet paper and with many people in the store, a lady asked, "Charlie, what is that?" Toilet paper he relied.

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This past week our local store changed owners. Emile and Marion Rahm have owned the Matawatchan General Store for more than 35 years. The new owners are Betty MacPherson and Karin Lehnardt both of Toronto, Betty is a former resident, the daughter of Neil and Melinda MacPherson.

There have been many owners since W.D. Wilson opened his doors around 1900. Mr. Wilson only operated it for a few years and then moved to Calabogie where he bought another store.

John Hunter was the next owner. He had been operating the store in Camel Chute. Mr. Hunter was a very excitable man and many pranks were played on him. He operated the store during the First World War and was very generous about sending cigarettes and treats to the boys overseas. He was a very bashful man and if ladies came into the store to shop, he would tap on the ceiling to summon Mrs. Hunter to wait on them as they sold all kinds of dry goods; perish the thought that Mr. Hunter would sell them underwear or

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# Community Calendar

## CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

### GRIFFITH AND MATAWATCHAN

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

**Our Lady of Holy Rosary Catholic Church**  
Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.

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

### DENBIGH AND VENNACHAR

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

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

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

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

### CALABOGIE

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Bible study: Wed. at 7:00 p.m.

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Sundays 10:30 a.m.

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Sundays at 9:00 a.m.

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(on the waterfront)  
Church Services Sunday Mornings at  
8:45 a.m. Communion  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.  
Bible study every Wednesday evening  
7:15 – 9:00

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### Burnstown

**Affairs of the Arts**  
Events throughout Burnstown  
May 31 and June 1

**Bake and plant sale**  
Burnstown United Church  
May 31 – starting at 10 a.m.

**Music with Valley Soloists**  
Burnstown United Church  
Two performances  
2 -4 pm & 7 -9 pm

### Calabogie

**Calabogie Seniors - Monthly Dinner Meetings**  
Dinner at 4:30 followed by meeting last  
Thursday of the month.  
May pot luck dinner at Community Hall  
and June to Sept. catered dinners  
at Barnet Park Cottage.

**Calabogie Women's Institute**  
meets second Thursday monthly,  
7:30 pm. For info 752-2598.  
New members welcome.

**Lions Club Bingo**  
Every Wednesday, 7:15 pm.  
Calabogie Community Hall  
Info 751-0234

**The Calabogie and Area Ministerial Food Bank**  
538 Mill Street,  
2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month  
10:00 am to 12:00 noon

### Griffith & Matawatchan

**Pre-season Matawatchan Market Day**  
Saturday May 31 – 9:00 am to 1:00 pm  
Bedding plants, early vegetables, Planters,  
etc.  
Lunch will be served

**Fish and Game Club General Meeting**  
Election of new officers  
Saturday May 17 at 1 pm  
Matawatchan Hall

**Friday night Euchre**  
Matawatchan Hall – 7 pm  
Every second week  
May 16 and 30, June 13

**Lion's Club Bingo**  
Every second Tuesday at 7:30 pm May 13,  
27 / June 10, 24  
Community Centre, Griffith, 613- 333-1489

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July 11 – 9:30 a.m.  
St. Andrews Church (Matawatchan)  
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and Matawatchan. For information  
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### Denbigh

**Indoor Garage and Plant Sale**  
Saturday May 17 – 9 am to 3 pm  
Lunch will be available  
Denbigh Hall

**Family Cards Night**  
Friday June 13  
Denbigh Hall

**Diners Club**  
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month at the Denbigh Community Hall  
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# Learning to Love the Red Squirrel

By Floris Wood

I have seen both Red Squirrels and chipmunks in my yard and both will sometimes try to harass me with loud, aggressive sounding chirps, foot stomping and tail jerking when my presence displeases them. Given the difference between my size and theirs, their efforts to intimidate me seem slightly ludicrous. It is a credit to their bravery that they even try. They coexist very well with each other, since they do not compete very much for food or shelter. Both love to raid bird feeders. Good luck with trying to keep them out.



Red Squirrels can be found in abundance in most parts of Canada, including the Madawaska Highlands. They love pine trees because they are seed eaters (granivores) and pine seeds are among their favourite foods. Red squirrels are not usually found in groups because of their fierce territorial nature. You will hear them a lot because, by raising a clamour of loud chirping and assorted other sounds, they try to ward off competitors, including people. The little Red squirrel takes its name from its fur colour, although it sports a white under belly and side stripes in summer. In winter they grow prominent ear tufts. But the Red Squirrel is not the only species found

here in the Valley. We have all three of the basic types of squirrels: ground squirrels, tree squirrels and flying squirrels. The latter is seldom seen because they are very nocturnal. Of course, they don't really fly, they glide, which they do very well, sometimes carrying their whole litter on their backs while doing so.

Squirrels are rodents and comprise the family of rodents known scientifically as Sciuridae. The Red squirrels have the genus and species names of *Tamiasciurus Hudsonicus*. The first name identifies them as pine squirrels since they frequently nest in pines and feed extensively on pine seeds. The latter name arises because they were first identified

by explorers of the Hudson Bay area. Little did these explorers know that this squirrel's range covered most of northern North America, including the northern states of the USA. One of the areas of North America where the Red squirrels do not exist is the Pacific Northwest. In that area the only other species in the genus *Tamiasciurus*, the Douglas squirrel, has found a home primarily in, you guessed it, the Douglas fir trees.

However, there is another Red squirrel in the world but far away in Eurasia. Hence, our Red squirrel is most frequently referred to as the American or North American Red squirrel. In some locations people will refer to the American Red Squirrel as the Pine squirrel or as a Chickeree. There are about 25 sub-species of Red squirrels so colouration and other physical and social characteristics can vary from location to location.

A female Red squirrel will often maintain several grassy nests, typically in a spruce tree cavity, and move their young from nest to nest. Occasionally they may confuse your house or cottage with a tree and borrow a little insulation for a nest. They are good at finding small holes in buildings and trees and making their nests small cavities. They use their small size as defence against predators, of which they have many, such as wolves, lynx,

coyotes, foxes, martens, weasels, owls, hawks and domestic cats. Mortality rates are very high for the young Red squirrel. Only about 22% live to the age of one year with the average age, should they survive the first year, being around 2.3 years. The maximum life span is about eight years.

Their own feeding habits centre on Pine tree seeds but they have been known to eat pine buds and needles and products from a variety of other trees and bushes as well. For variety or lack of pine products they may eat mushrooms, willow leaves, poplar catkins and buds, some berries and, however rarely, birds eggs.

Females usually have one day of oestrous. As the oestrous time nears she will leave her own territory and venture into the territories of several males. During that day she may mate with 4 to 16 males. The mating ritual involves a merry, chaotic chase by one or several males competing for a chance to mate. Having met with success the female will produce a litter of from 1-5 young (usually 3-4) in 31-35 days. The babies are hairless, pink and blind at birth and weigh a mere 10g. After nursing for around 42 days the young will venture out of their birth nest but continue nursing until they are about 70 days old. Occasionally a female will come into oestrus a second time in one year but it is usually an annual affair.

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## Burnstown (Cont)

for yoga by BC artist Sonja Picard.

Opening May 31<sup>st</sup> the latest addition to the village mix of fine venues is the Neat Coffee Shop, a bakery and local food market located in the old school house (formerly Florella's Antiques) adding further interest to the historic and picturesque locale. Be the first to try their fine quality in-house roasted speciality coffee, artisan baked goods and savoury wood-fired pizza and stock your pantry at the local food market. They will graciously host a variety of artists during the Affair. Their venture is sure to compliment beautifully the much-loved fine casual cuisine of Burnstown's Blackbird Café. The last teacher of this old schoolhouse venue will be on hand to tell stories with historical photographs from the old school days.

Events at the Burnstown St Andrew's United Church include 10 am – Bake sale and Plant sale, on Saturday morning, May 31 followed by a Concert from 2 – 4 p.m., featuring the sweet sounds of 4 valley soloists. Andrea Bahm-Barker Denis Coulterman, David Galbraith, Lisa Webber. The emcee will be Dai Bassett of Valley Heritage Radio CJHR 98.7. From 7 to 9 p.m a repeat of the 2 p.m. concert, with the emcee being Vic Garbutt of Valley Heritage Radio. Tickets for the two concerts are \$15 each and are available at Bittersweet Gallery and Somethin' Spe-

cial Gift Shop in Burnstown, Aikenhead's Drug Store in Renfrew, the Armprior Library & the Nick Smith Centre as well as McNab/Braeside Township office or by contacting Jane Flain at 613-433-3389. All proceeds from the two concerts to support the church's "Good News" Program, an outreach program providing no-interest loans and budget help for the working poor.

Also at the beautiful venue of the St. Andrew's United Church a Quilt and Floral Art Show and Celtic Tea is in the works for Sunday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from 1 to 4pm. Co-ordinated by Kathryn Lindsay of Renfrew, several floral art designers from throughout the Ottawa Valley will create unique floral arrangements inspired by the colours & patterns of the personal collection of quilts from founding president of the Renfrew and Area Quilters Guild, Dorothy Jackson of Renfrew. High ceilings & light pouring in through the church stained glass windows is sure to provide an ambience befitting the exhibition.

The Tea will be hosted by Glendochart B & B (in the heart of McNab Country) who will offer tea, tasty sweets and savouries in the Celtic tradition for \$5 a plate (a portion of the proceeds to benefit the church)

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## Griffith Matawatchan News

By Garry Ferguson

Congratulations to the Denbigh Griffith Lions (DGL) on the upcoming tenth anniversary to be celebrated in June. In those 10 years, its members have invested thousands of hours toward helping individuals and making improvements to our area.

One of the recent local aid projects is the \$25,000.00 pledged to Hospice Renfrew. Unlike the many countries around the globe that pledge and forget, the DGL always pays up. On May 14, 2008 it will present the second \$5000.00 cheque to the Hospice. By the way, all funds raised on the "Toll Roads" along Highway 28 in Denbigh and the Matawatchan Road near Rapids End on May 14, 2008 will go toward the Hospice pledge. The Lions are just itching to give away an additional \$500.00 in the form of a bursary, so all you brainy grade-twelveers who are going on to more book learning

next year should check for the forms at your high school. You may remember that Paige MacPherson, who is now attending Queens University, won this prize last year.

The "Pride" is very pleased with the results of the recent annual Daffodil Tea. Seems they did very well and asked us to pass along a sincere "thank you" to the patrons, musicians, the breast cancer survivors who served and to all who worked to make it a success. All proceeds have been sent to the Cancer Society.

There are a few events coming down the pipe that deserve a notation on your calendar. They are as follows: (1) The fellowship luncheon on May 21, 2008 at St. Andrew's in Matawatchan. The cost is still \$5.00. (2) Station Two's annual Four-wheeler Rally on May 24, 2008. Registration starts at 8 a.m. and there will be a lunch and prizes. (3) The DGL's BBQ at the Matawatchan Picnic on June

28, 2008. (4) The Antique Car Rally at the Lions Hall on August 16, (our family jalopies could probably qualify) 2008. A BBQ lunch will be available. You bingo-holics should mark these dates in bold. May 27, June 10 and 24, July 8 and 22.

There will be a general meeting of the Griffith-Matawatchan Fish and Game club on Saturday May 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Matawatchan Hall. Two executive members, Treasurer Jackie Jenks and Secretary Marlene Smith are resigning. It will be necessary to fill these positions to keep the club functioning properly.

The municipality is again asking citizens from each ward to nominate individuals whose sense of community and willingness to volunteer have added to the good of the community. The Township will select two people to be recognized from each ward. To get your licks in at nominating some deserving soul, just fire off a

short letter or email to GM's CAO John Baird with your nomination and the reasons for submitting it. John's address is, 1101 Francis Street, PO Box 180 Calabogie, ON, K0J 1H0. His email address is johnbaird@on.aibn.com. For more details he may be contacted at 1 800 347 7224. Results will be announced at the Matawatchan Picnic on June 28, 2008.

Matawatchan is now on CBC's "News at Six" weather map. Each weekday, Monday to Friday, Richard Copeland reports the 5 p.m. temperature, wind speed and direction along with general conditions to climatologist Ian Black of CBC. Perhaps the CBC coverage will enable listeners to, at least, pronounce the name correctly. Who knows? Maybe we'll even get some relief from our repeated attempts to answer that age-old question, "Where in hell is Matawatchan?"

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*My name is Howard Popkie and I was born on 29th of September, 1934. I joined the P.P.C.L.I. (Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry) in July, 1951 when I was sixteen years old at London, Ontario, although their main headquarters was Wainwright, Alberta. Soon I was SA 1751 Private Popkie H.J. I was with the 3rd Battalion, Vickers machine gun Platoon training for the Korean conflict. I served there until I was honourably discharged in July, 1954. This is my story.*

### KOREA 1952: Going to the Front Lines

We landed by ship at Pusaun, Korea with the P.P.C.L.I. and Colonel Woods was the first off the ship to be presented with a bouquet of flowers by a Korean girl dressed in a formal gown. We boarded an ancient train that looked to be right out of an old cowboy movie of the 1850s. The military police had to throw stones at the small children to get them off the main railroad tracks so the train could get started. Poor kids, they were hoping to get some food from us soldiers.

The officers told us that if the train came under fire from the enemy, the train would stop and we would take cover under the train. We had our first meal on the train which consisted of a scoop of potatoes and black tea with a slice of lemon. This food and the girl who presented the flowers to the Colonel was their way of saying, "Welcome to Korea".

As we made our way to Seoul, the train would just leave one village and it seemed we would be entering another with mud huts and straw roofs all along the way. The toilet on the train was just a hole in the floor. The seats we sat on were black greasy planks looking about one hundred years old. We saw box cars in the ditches that had been blown off the tracks recently, and bridges that were blown to bits.

In Seoul, the big brick buildings were all blown down in the streets from enemy artillery, and old ladies with shovels and wheel barrows were trying to clean the streets up from the terrible mess; I saw a young girl wearing a soldier's shirt for a blouse and an army blanket for a skirt.

We got off the train and boarded trucks that took us to "B" echelon where we were to spend our first night. A small truck was parked there with the boots of three Canadian soldiers showing in the back of the truck, their bodies covered with army blankets. They were on their way to the cemetery in Pusaun.

When it was dark, we could see the flash of artillery fire from the front lines. One of our soldiers shot himself in the foot. They said it was an accident but I heard the rifle discharge and I think the flash from the artillery guns caused it.

We all wondered what it would be like when we got to the front lines. Well, we went there the next day, and during the next 12 months we found out just what it was like.

### Korea 1952: Living in a Bunker

We would dig a hole 12 feet deep in the side of a hill away from the enemy, lay 8 foot long timbers on the floor of the hole that was 8 foot square along each wall, then stand 8 foot timbers on end at each corner. We put corrugated steel roofing between the sand and the oak timbers in the centre of each wall, and on the end also to support the roof. We laid oak timbers to make a roof, then corrugated steel to complete the roofing. We covered this all over with four feet of sand bags. We dug a trench to get into the bunker with an "L" shaped wall in front of the door to keep shrapnel out. The door was an army blanket! We made beds in the bunker out of left over steel fence posts and signal wire and empty machine gun web belts to form a sort of lawn chair type bed, one above the other, like double bunks. It made an excellent bed! We always slept with our clothes on, including our boots, and never in a sleeping bag, just an army blanket.

A stove in the bunker we made from a steel mortar shell can. We put holes in



Howard Popkie at age 16

the can for air and cut a three inch hole in the back for an exhaust pipe and that extended right up through the roof of the bunker. Then we placed a jerry can of gasoline on the roof for fuel and ran a quarter inch copper line from the gas can to the stove. We had a tap on this line which we turned on just enough to allow a small drip, then light it. It worked well.

We shaved in our mess tins and when it was time for a bath, we would take the lining out of our steel helmets and use it for a wash dish. I would strip off all my clothes and stand outside on a towel in the snow and take a bath from my steel helmet. Someone, somewhere, has a photograph of me taking a bath like that.

We dug trenches six feet deep leading to the machine gun pits so the enemy could not see us. These gun pits would be on the enemy side of the hill and when a patrol was out at night, they would sometimes call for supporting fire from our machine guns. We fired through as many as four army blankets to kill the flash from the Vickers machine gun in the darkness.

The only light we saw at night for a whole year on the Jamestown Line was from 3 inch wax candles in the bunker. Our Vickers machine gun was a good water cooled gun that fired without getting hot, and we did a lot of harassing fire to make the enemy's life as miserable as possible. Our pay was one dollar per day.

### T'was the night before Christmas in Korea.

Captain Bennett is pouring our daily ration of rum and Sergeant Christy and I are looking after the Vickers machine gun on Christmas Eve, 1952. This Sergeant Christy is from the north, not a very tall man but he surely has a lot of nerve, or guts you may call it. We all admire him.

Some of the other lads leave Christmas cards and cans of tea for us, Merry Christmas spelled M.A.R.Y. Lots of singing later on that night in the bunker, and I guess we all could have been

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## Internet (cont)

won't even take a small step to upgrade their switches to improve dial-up service, despite racking up quarterly profits in the billions. Ontario rural residents need access to broadband without major start-up investments in equipment and without excessive monthly charges. MP Cheryl Gallant, in her Spring 2008 issue of *The Communicator*, stated "The issue of high speed, affordable internet continues to be of considerable interest across the Riding." This understated assessment has led to future improvements in places 'like' Petawawa, a far cry from the lakes and bush where seasonal residents, tourists and sportsmen aggregate spring through fall, and retirees reside year round. The CRTC has directed Bell Canada to improve internet service. Bell recently mailed out a CD for their dialup service to my home, finally a local number, allowing me to change from one slow speed to another, an opportunity reminiscent of the foreign joke about changing your underwear. Thanks Ma Bell, but I'll remain an orphan.

We created cities of social density to serve our jobs and expanded that to build suburbs for the car. Let's quit being foolish by clustering humans around internet signals that could easily be repeated across our nation.

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**Popkie (Cont)**

killed quite easily. We are so lonesome, being away from home on Christmas Eve in this Godforsaken land.

There are U.S. troops and men from the Black Watch Regiment nearby, some of them celebrating Christmas with canned ham, army issue. Some artillery whistles by occasionally.

Later on I lay in the bunker in the middle of the night, and I dream. In my dreams I travel all the way home in less than an hour. In only five minutes I reach the shores of the Pacific Ocean, board a ship for Vancouver, and then I'm on a train bound for Renfrew, Ontario. A taxi takes me to Black Donald Mines and my old log home in the bush. I arrive there in the dark of night and stand outside looking through the window. My father is in his rocking chair, my mother working by the light of a kerosene lamp.

The Corporal calls, "Popkie, get up. It's your turn to stand to on the Vickers machine gun"! What a rude awakening from my pleasant home coming dream.

I head down the trench to the gun pit which is much like the bunker with a long narrow opening to fire through and a table made of sand bags to set the gun on, then sand bags on the tripods to hold down the gun. Sometimes

we fired that Vickers so much to help the rifle companies that we had to dig the empties out from under the gun with a snow shovel. We put the empties into sand bags ,took them outside and landscaped the surrounding area with them.

It is Christmas Day and I remind myself that I am now S A 1751 Private Popkie, H.J. of the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry, 3rd Battalion, Vickers machine gun Platoon. I am seventeen years old now, but have seen more than my share of life and death. Many things are left unsaid.

**Editor's note: To be continued: Next-Coming home to Renfrew & Black Donald. Thanks to Wes Bomhower**

**Census (Cont)**

Of the 1,230 residents who were employed, 160 worked at home and 140 had no fixed place of work. Of the remaining 925 employed residents, 175 worked in Greater Madawaska, 495 worked elsewhere within Renfrew County, 240 worked outside of Renfrew County but in the province and 15 worked in a different province.

Most of those who didn't work at home got to work in a car, truck or

van: 835 as a driver and 180 as a passenger. Forty employed residents got to work by walking or by bicycle.

Income statistics are broken out by earnings (employment income) and total income, of which earnings are one component and other sources of income such as government transfers, pension income and investment income are also components of the total.

Calculated from the 1,460 persons age 15 and over who had earnings, the median earnings were \$26,944. This compares to median earnings of \$29,335 Ontario-wide. For Greater Madawaska this means that 50% of the wage earners made less than \$26,944 and 50% earned more. When the 570 persons who worked full-time and full-year are considered, the median earnings climb to \$40,322.

When the total income (earnings, transfers, pensions, investments, etc) is considered, the median income in Greater Madawaska in 2006 before taxes was \$25,050.

While income in Greater Madawaska was generally marginally lower than that reported province-wide, the incidence of poverty was less. Only 8% of households in Greater Madawaska would be classified as 'low income' before taxes compared to 14.7% in Ontario.

With the rapid growth occurring in the Township the statistical profile of the area will be somewhat changed by the time of the next census in 2011. There is not great disparity within our borders and overall most would say that it is a pretty good place to live.

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## Out on the First Concession

### A BAD EYE FOR LOW FENCES

By Wes Bomhower

My Dad had a saying to fit most situations and though he did not always say them in public,(some are unprintable), he would use these little phrases quite frequently when conversing with my mother. Probably he did this so that our young ears would not grasp the full meaning of his conversation and therefore we would be unable to repeat what was said. In later years, as an adult myself, I questioned him on some of his old sayings. He chuckled and tried to explain one phrase that he used fairly often: "he(or she)has a bad eye for low fences: This is the story of how it originated."

Many years ago when Dad was just a young buck himself,there was an older widow who farmed a bit back on

the next concession, a Mrs. McPhee. She was of Scottish descent with a strong Scottish accent in her speech and she kept a few red Ayrshire cattle for milk and butter making, and in fact that was her main source of income.

The farm next to her was owned by a real old Scrooge type and he had a large herd of black Holstein cattle He was continually on the prowl to make sure the widow's section of "line fence" between the farms was in good repair. Of course in those early years, most of the fences were constructed of stumps and roots as they cleared the land for the planting of crops. Mrs. McPhee had a young yearling bull,(the wee bool she called him) which ran loose with her cattle. The 'wee bool' wasn't that big yet but his hormones were certainly working well and he managed to find a low spot in the root fence, crossed over to visit Mr.Scrooge's cattle, then returned to his own side of the fence. No one was any wiser until the following spring when Scrooge's cattle

began to calve. Nearly every one of his black Holsteins gave birth to a red calf?

Well! Mr.Scrooge went inspecting the widow's section of fence, and yes indeed, he discovered where the 'wee bool' had been crossing. He immediately sued the widow for the bull's indiscretion and demanded a large sum of money as compensation, hoping no doubt to expropriate part of the widow's farm. The widow had no money to even hire a lawyer and she said she would speak for herself on the day set for the court case against her.

Mr Scrooge hired a high paid lawyer of course and things were looking pretty bleak for the widow until she was called to tell her side of the story. The lawyer with a smug expression on his face, demanded, "Mrs. McPhee, is it not true that your bull crossed over into my client's field to be with his cattle"? The widow shrugged, "Wu1, Ah niver observed the wee bool in Mr. Scrooge's field whatsoever-r" The lawyer tried in vain to make her admit to the bull's

indiscretion, but getting nowhere, he called Scrooge himself to the witness stand. Under questioning, Scrooge had to admit that he had never actually seen the bull in the wrong pasture field either.

It was a hot day in the makeshift courtroom and the old magistrate presiding began to tire of all these goings-on. He rapped his gavel loudly and proclaimed in his rasping voice for all to hear. "Mrs. McPhee will keep her bool, ahem, bull, tied in the stable at all times and the plaintiff, Mr.Scrooge, will pay all court costs! Case dismissed!"

As the widow left the courtroom, she whispered to a friend, "Ah canna hulp it if the wee bool has a bad eye for low fences".

Mr.Scrooge was livid but had to pay his lawyer plus the court costs as ordered. The next year he sold his farm and moved to parts unknown.

Times have surely changed.



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**Council Meeting:** Thursday June 19/08 Council Chambers – Calabogie



# Cottage Corner

By John Roxon

## You Know You've Arrived

Another season of fun, entertaining black-flies, deerflies and wasps, is almost upon us. Now before we curse the assorted pests and gnats too much, I thought we should count our blessings and reflect on what makes the Madawaska Highlands so special. Throughout this short essay, for purposes of clarity and comparison, the "other" area I will be referring to is The Muskokas. The Muskokas would make an apt comparison point because, while it's certainly beautiful with many very nice lakes and natural forests, that's pretty well where the similarities end.

I bring this to your attention now because typically at this time of the year with camping and cottage season just beginning, it's a time when there are lots of visitors to our fair area who may not come up at other times of the year. We can't forget about the big Superbike races at Calabogie Motorsports Park May 22-25, which will also attract many people unfamiliar with our slice of heaven.

Let me start by addressing the location of the Madawaska Highlands. The truth of the matter, which is both wonderful and distressing at the same time, is that no one knows where the Madawaska



Photo: John Roxon

Highlands are. Even when I'm relaxing at the cottage on a nice summer's eve, I don't have a clue where I am. I know I'm not in Toronto. I know I'm not in Ottawa. It feels like I'm a lot further north than I am. Where exactly, I don't know. Nor do I know precisely what encompasses the Madawaska Highlands. Lots of trees, that's for sure. Lots of water and crows and bass and black-flies and well, lots of life. There is also lots of rock—water, trees, animals and rock.

Everyone seems to know where the Muskokas are. Most people are aware of the Kawarthas and the Laurentians. Even the Gatineau Hills are vaguely familiar. People ask me where our family

cottage is. Of course, if asked this question anywhere outside Toronto, most would nod in quiet appreciation when told that we're close to the Ottawa Valley, in the Madawaska Highlands. Naturally, in Toronto this response just garners a glazed look. I may as well say the cottage is in Tucumcari for the reaction I get. No, in Toronto if your cottage isn't in the Muskokas or at least the Kawarthas, then it's nowhere. Tucumcari, New Mexico or Matawatchan, Ontario makes absolutely no difference to the average Torontonian. Of course I can't help them understand where the Highlands are since I don't quite know myself.

Once you do find yourself in the High-

lands – most often by accident - I can assure you as it's not mentioned on any map, the first thing you may notice is – nothing.

Nothing as in no buildings, no people, no cars no shopping malls, no gas stations, just nothing. Unlike that "other" area where the cottages, sorry, monster homes, are cheek and jowl with each other and the roads are plugged with traffic from the Friday of the Victoria day weekend to Labour day, the Madawaska Highlands seem positively empty. I can assure you that there are cottages and people and shopping and cars. It's just that they are invisible. There are enough gorgeous vistas and pristine lakes that the people who do build and own cottages – and yes, the vast bulk of them are cottages in the Canadian sense of the word – tend to build and own them away from other people and away from roads. Travelling through the area is like travelling through the Yukon wilderness. Probably 90% of the lakes aren't even visible from the road and those that are seem empty of human life because there is so much tree cover that the cottages that are there are largely hidden from view. Yes, in Muskoka your nearest neighbour is always ten feet away. In the Highlands they're ten miles away.

The differences don't stop there of course. A meal in that other area

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## ERNIE'S MUSINGS

Down Mexico way

by Ernie Jukes of Camp J

It was still pitch black outside, the music had finally stopped from the cantina and the mission bells had clanged their tempo four times- "all was well." But it was 3 a.m.! We must remember that sounds are some of the many flavours of Mexico that present an active, warm and fun loving people. No, we're not in the noisy touristy beach areas of that beautiful country, 2500 miles south of here. But in a small central village on a mountain top that has never seen snow with many other "Canadiense".

At 5 a.m. the cock o doodle doos of the roosters started with the barking dogs, and the church bells only a block away could chime forty times with a tiny little "ding" at the end of each group. Of course being in a devout Catholic parish the bells may continue to ring for a variety of unknown reasons. We are in a country of more Saint's days, religious fiestas, in fact any kind of celebration such as birth, death, or anniversary that call for loud music or fire works These bells sound again and again before 7 a.m. and then the trucks and cars would travel up from lakeside to the Carreterra, the main highway, destined for their various jobs. Next come the sounds of gauchos with their horses "clipclopping" on the cobblestones, driving their cattle and horses to the lake for water and grazing. Soon the daily garbage truck and another trucker hollering "GAZ" would be along and then loaded with large bottles of safe purified water by reverse osmosis would come on the agua truck. Later the pleasant flute playing, knife and scissors sharpener would be waking the tourists in our neighbourhood. This small attractive pueblo called San Antonio may otherwise be called a small sleepy town.

After a month or so these may be considered simply "the sounds of Mexico".

The traditional colonial style of architecture in the region has not given way to large chains or high rise buildings. Better suiting our bonito casas, behind the walled gardens, most looking as they have for a hundred years. We are quietly taught by our local amigos to be patient and tolerant. It seems they never quieten a noisy child or a barking dog. Kids are allowed to play on the streets till late, about the time we are watching Star Choice TV news with Lloyd Robertson. Mexico is a peaceful place in spite of these comments and some occasional bad press. We have never encountered a "bandito" although I have thought a few on horseback would make an interesting painting. Any negative differences may be overlooked by the almost constant blue skies, bright yellow and orange tulip trees, fushia of the bougainvilleas with the poinsettia growing wild in this super climate of never ending Spring. Every form of entertainment is offered from live theatre, folklorico's, horse back riding, golf, cinema, dancing and shopping, and colourful street markets. There are groups for every interest of sports, art lessons, swimming, photography, writing and hiking.

While boating and waterskiing are also activities of locals and cottagers from Guadalajara on the water of Lago de Chapala for it is the largest lake south of the great lakes, it's poor quality is normally ignored by the rest of us. The pelicans also winter there flying all the way from Lake Winnipeg. However it certainly adds to the beauty of the attractive, lush shoreline and the moisture content is a major ingredient to the ecosystem resulting in possibly the world's finest climate.

This is an artist photographer and birders paradise and a cosy winter haven for old crocks. If you love people it's a place of mutual respect. Here an amigo is a dedi-

cated friend and we have been fortunate to enjoy these relationships. In fact if you meet our next summer guests from way down south you will understand why.

Mexico is much larger than you think and would hold Ontario, Manitoba, and New Brunswick combined. Or for American readers, it is 14 times the size of Florida. One quarter of its population, 32 million, lives in or around Mexico City. Last time I checked that was the population of all of our great nation. Drive or fly south to any of Mexico's 31 states. We have and after 15 years of travelling many of its mountains, beaches, giant cities, quaint villages all on good roads and without encountering a problem. Ancient cultures await you and yet this is still a young country that has many of the growing problems we have. The land has come a long ways since we crossed Mexico on our honeymoon in 1955. The town of Mexacali was covered in dust; today their expressways are second to none. (Mostly due to NAFTA). They are growing and improving, but always carry toilet paper when touring. Main highways offer a free road service called "The Green Angels". There are state controlled cash-only Pemex gas, food and parking stations throughout the country

We seemed to settle in the state of Jalisco in central Mexico. Wherever you go you will find the people vibrant, colourful, creative and gregarious, not as solemn as their Spanish cousins. You will make friends if you try their language and good manners. Dining can be an occasion with generally fine food and wine. A ceremony is made with food served more slowly to



allow you time to discuss the day's activity and when you finally, much later, do ask for your bill it's less than you expect.

Let common sense be your guide to personal safety and health concerns. Of course that statement is clear today at home or away. While we must be more cautious everywhere we go, certainly Mexico is as safe as any other country.

They seem to have a high regard for us and Mexicans generally like Canadians. This partly stems from those that are permanent and long term residents being involved with the community. Our fundraisers support a variety of needs. We help to maintain orphanages, support poor families, assist the aged and recently

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## EULOGY TO JOHN LOWERY OF PARHAM

By Wes Bomhower

If he liked you, it was "Giddy, giddy, If he didn't, you'd better stay out of his way. It was black and white, there was no grey, That was John.

We worked together, shared many a laugh And his light hearted way cut the day in half. In those years we were part of Hydro's staff, John and I.

We finally retired, but stayed in touch And I would enjoy his calls and such.

All the Hydro news was never too much For John.

The years went by, but John it seemed Never changed very much and he seldom leaned On anyone, his family e'en, That was John.

We all grow old and we all must go For death is part of life, we know. May his soul find rest where good line-men go. Farewell John.

**Editor's note:** John, who died very recently, was a long time subscriber to the Highlander and a friend & former co-worker to author Wes Bomhower.

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# Sugar Bush Bird

By Ken Birkett

How often do we leave a loved one behind? Can love exist between a person and a wild creature? Every night after working in the sugar bush, I ask these questions. You see, our sugar shack has become the territorial centre for this Partridge. We call him "Sappy".



Garry Ferguson & Sappy

Early every morning when I start the evaporator, out of the bush he trots with little whistling noises to say: "am I glad you're here!" He proceeds to sit on the firebox door, hop on my shoulder and peck the beanie atop my hat. I start the fire, adjust sap levels and then prepare him treats. Friends drop by to see us at the shack. Usually a five minute chat with us and then a half hour feeding the bird. He slurps slivered grapes, nibbles quartered apples and ravages celery tops all the while chirping and burbling in glee. Sappy befriends all comers and always delights with head hops and ear pecks. I'm sure there are more photos of him around than in our family albums all combined.

How can one little bird make every chore more fun but so time consuming? We humans, so busy around our sugar shack, all caught up in our narrow focus on achieving, are taken aside every day by this feathered buddy and reminded that

nature's rhythms are more important and so much more beautiful than all our little plans. Sappy wants some food, he wants some attention and he takes his time with both. Are we looking after him? Is he looking after us? Are we his family or is it the other way around? These questions just do not have answers.

The relationship between such differing species reminds us that although we are big players in the natural world, we don't know much about how it all works. When we enter into nature's timetable we learn that our desires are unimportant relative to all the life around us. At the day's end, we leave the bush. Sappy with head down runs after us, then stands forlorn as we walk away. Evening descends over a day of magical connection and we learn that if we look after nature with humility, she will respond with love.

# Red squirrel (cont)

eat the sap. The normal sugar content of maple sap is about 2%, but, after evaporating in the sun for a while the sugar content can increase to about 55%. The same creativity can be seen in nest building. Although grass is a favourite building material sometimes strips of grapevine bark and a variety of other materials are used. Even paper, cloth and insulation have been found in Red squirrel nests.

Red squirrels will migrate if their territory is disturbed too much or food becomes scarce, in doing so rivers are not a problem. These talented little critters

can even swim. If they become a nuisance around your yard or buildings you just might have to tolerate them. They are hard to get rid of. Even having an outdoor, hunting cat will not assure their leaving. This tree squirrel's climbing agility will frustrate most cats. So you might as well learn to enjoy them. You will be rewarded by hours of entertainment just by watching their antics as they go about their lives parallel to yours. The more you learn about them the more you will enjoy watching them.

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## Cottage corner (Cont)

but mostly it's represented by wilderness.

wouldn't be complete without a fennel and orange salad with orange flower dressing and a nice wine, perhaps a 2004 Bouchard Pere et Fils Beauce Clos Saint-Landry to wash it down.

In this neck of the woods (wherever it is) a fine meal is pan fried bass washed down by a nice 2008 Bohemian Lager. Naturally, after this fine meal in Muskoka, your hosts would invite you to sit in the teak or wicker furniture and thumb through Cottage life magazine. Here, you'd be invited to sit on a plastic lawn chair (only \$9.88 each at Canadian Tire) while flipping through the latest issue of Heavy Trader. I think it's the sheer vastness and beauty of the area which forces us to be much more humble in its presence.

The funny thing is that the Madawaska Highlands are represented on a world stage. When Russia's national airline, Aeroflot, flies from Toronto to Moscow the Highlands are clearly identified on the seat-back monitors as the flight crosses the Madawaska airspace. I believe this is also the case with other international carriers as well.

Yes, in Muskoka they know they are two hours from Toronto. In the beautiful, majestic Highlands, we know that we've arrived.

"I look forward to receiving any comments you may have. Please email me at [cottagecorner@xplornet.com](mailto:cottagecorner@xplornet.com)"

End

Look at Bell Mobility's map depicting their coverage area. The green shows cell towers and cell service, the white shows where there is no coverage. Guess what? That other area is awash in green - solid green right from Toronto through the Muskokas and on to Sudbury. The Madawaska Highlands? Mostly a vast sea of white. In fact, it's the hole of a doughnut encompassing Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, North Bay and Sudbury. Now let's take a peak at an Ontario road map. A very similar pattern emerges. There are highways, roads and concessions all around the aforementioned areas. The Highlands have a few lonely roads winding through it

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## Reflections of the Past (Cont)

"Now, she said, "I have heard of everything, but imagine little rolls like that to wallpaper the toilet with." I don't think he ever explained that it was to replace the Eaton's catalogue in the 'two-holer'.

Election day was a 'red letter day' in the Country Store. Many arguments and other forms of persuasion were used to change some votes.

We bought a 'De Forest Crosley' radio and put it in the store, with the wood stove going it could easily have been the original 'hot stove hockey league'. On Saturday night it was the Grand Ol Oprey from Nashville. People sat on benches, counters, the floor or just any place to hear the program. It was on Christmas

morning that King George gave his first Christmas message and my father called Joe McLaren to run down to hear the king. Mr. McLaren came in and very quietly remarked, "Charlie, it really is the king", and promptly removed his hat.

My father was killed in a car accident near Napanee in 1934. My mother and I operated the store till 1940 then sold it to John A. Thompson. He had a lumber business and sawmill, which he continued to operate with the store. He had a lumber truck and was perhaps the first man to truck the finished product to market in Toronto, Ottawa and Kingston. This was a great advantage for the local people, it not only created jobs but provided a better market for their lumber.

John Thompson started to build houses in Renfrew and some time later he and his wife the former Gladys MacPherson moved to Renfrew and Marion and Emile Rham took over the store.

Marion was very active in C.G.I.T. (Canadian Girls in Training) work and gave much of her time to the group. Emile, was very interested in hockey and he provided a rink beside the store where many young people learned to skate and had a lot of fun.

Emile has run the school bus for many years and is now drawing the second generation of riders and if he hangs in a little longer, he might make it a third generation.

## Ernie's musings

(Cont)

entirely built a tech school. Retired professionals in numerous fields have been making life better for locals and expatriates for decades. The short time visitor in turn helps by enjoying the fundraisers. The Canadian Club also offers an agenda of interest to members and tourists. Before you drive your car or RV down Mexico way, take a short get-acquainted package by flying into a place like Puerto Vallarta on the Pacific or to places south of Cancun on the Caribbean side. These quick trips will provide you with an opportunity to become familiar with the people, the food, the money, and the country, without the cost or planning of a longer adventure. We have enjoyed the ancient cities of the Aztecs and Maya; they can also be reached by tour groups. Some ruins are older than the Egyptian pyramids or Rome, or our totems of Haida Guaii on the Queen Charlotte Islands. While the northern border of Mexico does not present an appealing view of truly beautiful country there is a lot more to see as you travel south. So much to explore, like the Copper Canyon---four times larger than the Grand Canyon. Enjoy the many places which you have never heard of before.

So start by obtaining some recent maps, talk to Mexican travellers, visit the CAA and tour groups. If you have a computer there is a wealth of info on the internet. Plan your trip carefully so that you get the maximum in return of your time and investment. Mexico could also be called the land of enlightenment that welcomes you at the end of a long but educational and enjoyable journey. It's a different world!

End

Emile had many hard trips to the Renfrew Hospital and no matter how late or how bad the storm, he never refused. He had a few races with the stork, but the poor old stork was no match for Emile when he got behind the wheel and mothers always arrived on time at the hospital. I'm sure he set some records.

So now they hope to take life a little easier and we are all happy they are going to remain in our community. We would be poorer if they left.

Good luck to Betty and Karin, we trust you will continue on as your predecessors have.

There is a lot of history and a few ghosts rambling around in that old building, but they are friendly ghosts.

End

# People helping people: Senior's Support

By Judy Ewart, Coordinator of Volunteer Services

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed it's the only thing that ever has." (Margaret Mead). Back in 1987 in Renfrew and Calabogie, two small groups of concerned citizens did just that – they created the Renfrew and Area Seniors Home Support and Calabogie and Area Home Support and to this day their volunteers and staff continue to change the

world for many local individuals by providing them with services that help them to remain in their own homes and communities as long as possible as they age.

April 27<sup>th</sup> to May 3<sup>rd</sup> was Volunteer Week - the week when we celebrate volunteers and all they have done for us. Volunteers definitely shape the world in which we live. I would shudder to visualize our community without the support of not-for-profit charities, service clubs, sports organizations, youth groups, creative art councils, and in general, the many hands of community volunteers who enhance so many local programs by raising the dollars necessary to complement our health, education, and social service efforts. Our community's "safety net" would crumble without them!

When we look at what volunteers give to the community, we can quantify their contribution in economic terms, but that does not really capture the true benefits of volunteerism. How do you measure the gift of friendship that a volunteer brings to someone who is lonely and isolated or the thrill of a first goal, first shutout, first home run? We can put a price tag on improvements to our community, but can we measure the joy and pleasure that children get from playing in the local water park on a hot summer day? We are fortunate that volunteers give so much of themselves: their time, talents and gifts to enrich the community for all of us! We consider ourselves blessed with the wonderful array of volunteers who give of their time and talents on behalf of Home Support. Yet, when you talk with our volunteers, they are quick to acknowledge that they

feel they benefit from volunteering as much as the people they help. Through their volunteering, our volunteers have met new people and heard their stories, learned the history of the area, shared their skills or learned new skills, been a part of a team and have been given the opportunity to 'give back' to their community. For these gifts they are grateful.

Research supports the theory that volunteering keeps people healthy. Volunteering has been shown to increase energy, lead to a healthier cardiovascular system and a stronger immune system, provide a heightened sense of well-being and a decrease in feelings of loneliness, depression and helplessness. For retirees, volunteering can help them make a healthy transition from working to retirement.

If you have some spare time and would like to make a difference in your community, why not explore a volunteering opportunity. Your local seniors' home support has a number of opportunities for you. To find out more about volunteering for Home Support, you can call the Renfrew office at 613-432-7691 or the Calabogie office at 613-752-2828 or visit the website [www.volunteering-inrenfrewcounty.org](http://www.volunteering-inrenfrewcounty.org) for information about various volunteer opportunities.

"Volunteering can be an exciting, growing, enjoyable experience. It is truly gratifying to serve a cause, practice one's ideals, work with people, solve problems, see benefits and know one had a hand in them." Harriet Naylor (pioneer in the field of volunteer management)

## CABA (Cont)

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# Keeping the Denbigh Ambulance Service working for all of us

By Bill Graham

When it comes to emergency response there are no borders. Denbigh, in the most northern reaches of the Addington Highlands in the County of Lennox and Addington closely borders Griffith and Matawatchan in Renfrew County, Frontenac County to the east and Hastings County to the west. Residents living near the borders adjacent to Denbigh in all these counties depend on the ambulance service stationed in Denbigh.

During 2006, the Denbigh ambulance service registered 253 calls: 104 were in Lennox and Addington; 73 in Renfrew County; 60 in Frontenac County and 16 in Hastings County. Clearly the whole area depends on the service regardless of borders.

In 1981, twenty volunteers commenced classes that extended over the course of the next year. Trainers came from the Renfrew Ambulance Service to instruct at the Denbigh School in order to prepare for the founding of the Denbigh Area Volunteer Ambulance Service (DAVAS). DAVAS came into being in July 1982, one month after the class graduated.

Recently there has been concern about the future of the ambulance service as it exists today. In 2003 the service was taken over by the county to amalgamate Napanee, Denbigh and Northbrook. There was no concern at this point as everything operated as it had in the past. As of February 2008 new procedures were enacted that moves the Denbigh south down Highway 41 to Northbrook when the Northbrook ambulance is out on call. When in Northbrook, emergency calls in the Denbigh area are subject to longer response times. While this administrative move is understandable, it worries local residents.

More recently the County (Lennox and Addington) has put out tenders for review of the county's ambulance service. Local people find some of the language in the proposal troubling. Among the listed components of the review are the following: "Assess the Northbrook - Denbigh Division and its current use of volunteer staffing in order to determine the future viability of service delivery due to rapidly escalating costs, low call volumes, difficulty to attract and retain staffing and competing demand for resources to be applied elsewhere in the County. "Assess the dependency of neighbouring municipalities on the Northbrook - Denbigh Division from a service and fiscal standpoint and explore with them new partnership arrangements in order to provide an appropriate level of service in a remote, sparsely populated, low call volume region." Residents from Denbigh and the surrounding area beyond the borders

were sufficiently concerned that 150 of them filled the Denbigh Community Hall on March 27 to discuss the matter. This is a significant number of people for this area and it attests the underlying concern that exists here. One outcome from that meeting was the decision to organize a bus trip to Napanee for the April 9<sup>th</sup> sitting of the Lennox and Addington County Council. Residents from Denbigh and the surrounding area, including Griffith and Matawatchan, expressed their concern with their presence. Well over two hundred people in two buses and in private vehicles arrived in Napanee after a two hour journey to absolutely fill the spacious Council chambers. The incredulous looks on the faces of officials was a small victory in itself.

County Warden Schermerhorn did comment that the last time there was such an audience, was in 1997 leading up to amalgamation. The meeting came into session at 6:30 pm and opened with an address delivered by Yorck Lindner, on behalf of the Denbigh Ambulance Committee. The first line, "Small communities can do amazing things", set the tone. While a service review would be County wide, it was asked of Council to, "Join us in trying to convince the Province to allow us the room to exercise the innovation, flexibility and creativity necessary to adapt to the economic stress that Denbigh, the County and the Province face." As Addington Highlands Reeve Henry Hogg remarked, "Our quality of life is going to be adversely affected if the ambulance is taken away. Remember we are also short of doctors so the ambulance is key to our medical service as a whole." Greater Madawaska Councillor Karin Lehnhardt, who attended the session in Napanee, told me and a member of the Lennox and Addington Council that she had heard from Reeve Emon that Renfrew County Ambulance Service head Mike Nolan looked favourably on providing financial support to our neighbouring county to ensure emergency support for Renfrew County residents living in proximity to Denbigh.

It is understood by local people that vigilance on their part will be necessary over the next six months to ensure that they are not forgotten. Another trip to Napanee is a distinct possibility. If the various bureaucracies and levels of government can communicate in a timely fashion, maybe the situation can be salvaged.

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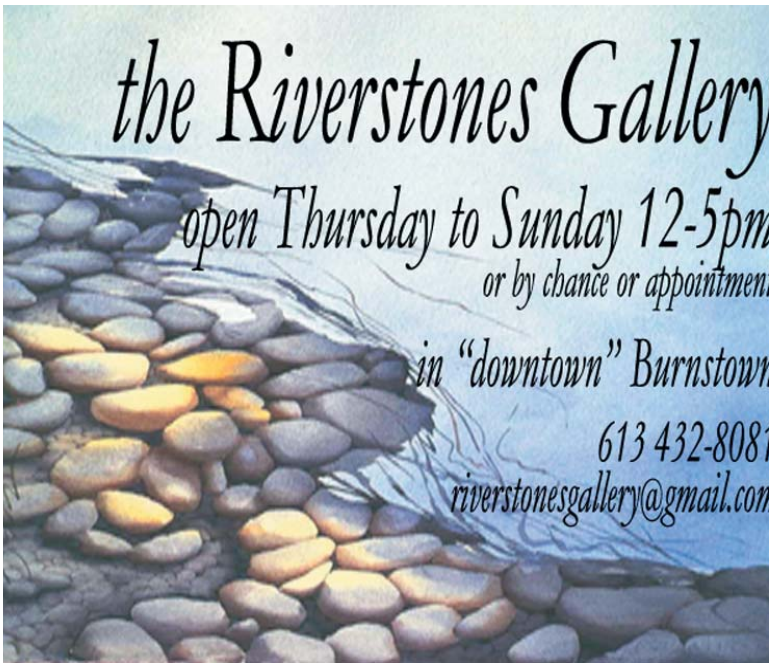
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