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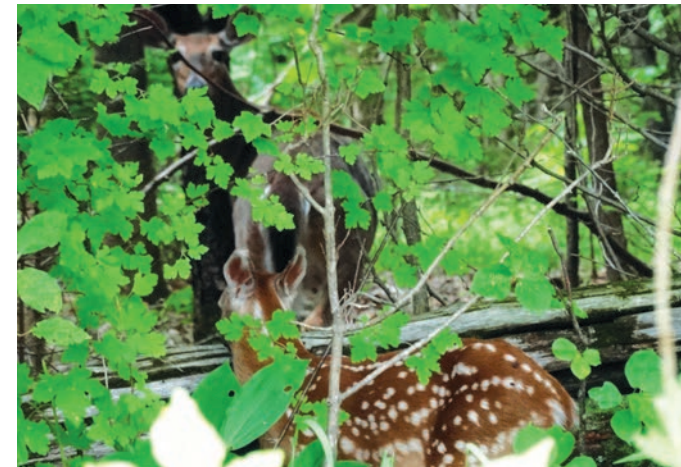


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Celebrating Cottage and Country Life in Madawaska & Addington Highlands of Eastern Ontario

After a long winter, the Highlands is coming alive with new life, fresh growth and another season of exploration and discovery.

## Welcome!



A doe waits for her fawn, blocked by a fence. Survival in the wilderness isn't easy. Do you know how to survive? Story Pg. 13

...Back after a long winter, to warm weather, fun and adventure on our winding roads, rivers, lakes and trails in the Madawaska & Addington Highlands, and to the Madawaska Highlander, now with expanded coverage to newsstands and retailers in Eganville and Northbrook. Welcome! (We can't say that enough!)

The Madawaska Highlander is all about country, rural, cottage, and vacation life and this issue keeps that coming. Once again our contributors amaze us, interviewing key players for stories that affect us all and digging deep into historical research or relaying fond memories of the way it was.

We bring you news of a new micro-brewery and new land development in Calabogie. We explore rumours you might have heard, of wind farms coming to the Denbigh area. And we bring you great news! Lakelands Family Health Centre welcomes a new doctor, serving Northbrook and Denbigh clinics.



Spring at last! Time to get out on the many waterways the Highlands area is famous for. Photo Steve Manders Story Pg. 12

Feel the calm and excitement of paddling and pick up some tips on survival. Fond memories of sugaring? We have recipes from Gramma's kitchen. Within these pages you will find memories that formed us - from the journey of three branches of a United Empire Loyalist family, to rediscovering a music icon, and a young girl's memory of furry animals that go bump in the night.

There's much more. Enjoy...

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Be sure to check the ads for important information, hours of operation, specials and ideas about things to do in the area. Tell them you saw it in the Madawaska Highlander!

We also maintain thematawatchan.ca website, which has a handy community calendar that is updated whenever new information arrives. We are building a business listing, featuring local food, artists, shops, businesses, places to stay and things to do, to help promote the area. The Tri-County area around Matawatchan, Griffith, Denbigh and Vennachar is the primary focus of this web site, but we do list events in Calabogie. Also check out www.greatermadawaska.com for events and information in Calabogie.

Our community paper depends on the community, so if you have something to offer that our readers would enjoy, please contact us to discuss.

## CONTRIBUTORS THIS ISSUE

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The Walter cartoon series premieres in The Madawaska Highlander and is a collaboration between Jens Pindal and contributor John Roxon. Jens attended Sheraton College in Oakville and has been an animator working in the industry for 25 years.

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**WORLD:**

100 years ago (7 May 1915) World War I: A German U-boat sank the British passenger liner Lusitania off the coast of Ireland. Over 1,000 passengers were killed (After U.S. diplomatic pressure the German naval blockade around Britain was lifted in September, but reimposed in Feb. 1917 leading the USA to join the war.)

70 years ago (8 May 1945) World War II: VE day celebrated as a public holiday.

Environmental part of Polar Code approved for ships transiting the North Sea Route, which takes ships over Russia between Europe and Asia. Shipping rose last year, with 71 ships in 2013, up from 46 in 2012. The trip is nearly 10 days shorter than the traditional westbound route through the Suez Canal.

NewClimate Institute Study finds action on climate change could create over 1 million jobs by 2030 across the EU, US and China, while preventing over 100,000 premature deaths each year.

Heinz and Kraft to combine forces in reaction to changing consumer tastes for fresh foods. Merger will cut costs and possibly jobs.

Tesla announces low cost wind or solar charged batteries that can power homes.

**CANADA:**

200 years ago Birth of Sir John A. Macdonald (January 11, 1815) One of the Fathers of Confederation and Canada's first Prime Minister. During his years as Prime Minister, Canada experienced rapid growth and prosperity. Manitoba, British Columbia and Prince Edward Island joined Confederation, while the last spike of the Canadian Pacific Railway's transcontinental line was driven into the ground. He also created the North West Mounted Police, the precursor to the Royal Canadian Mounted Police.

150 years ago (10 May 1865)  
The American Civil War officially ended.

150 years ago Frontenac County was formed. Watch for celebration events.

100 years ago (12 Feb 1915) Birth of Lorne Greene, Canadian television actor. Best known for playing Ben Cartwright in Bonanza and Commander Adama in Battlestar Galactica.

75 years ago (15 May 1940)  
The first McDonald's restaurant opened, in San Bernardino, California, USA.

50 years ago Canada gets a new flag. "The flag is the symbol of the nation's unity, for it, beyond any doubt, represents all the citizens of Canada without distinction of race, language, belief or opinion," declared the Speaker of the Senate at the Inauguration of the new flag in 1965.

50 years ago (1 Feb 1965) Toronto born Peter Jennings became the youngest network news anchorman in the USA at the age of 26, hosting Peter Jennings With the News on ABC.

10 years ago (16 Feb 2005)  
The Kyoto Protocol came into effect. The international treaty obliges industrialized nations to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions.

**ONTARIO:**

Strathcona Solar announced the creation of new job positions in the region — 50 in Napanee, and 120 in Belleville — thanks to its establishment of the manufacturing plant in Napanee as well as their acquisition of the old Nortel building in Belleville, which will become a new manufacturing facility for the Strathcona Energy Group.

Chinese telecom giant Huawei announced it will invest \$210 million to create 325 jobs in Ontario over the next five years.

Ontario invests \$50 million in The Local Poverty Reduction Fund. It will focus on innovative programs that encourage communities to collaborate on solutions that target groups disproportionately affected by poverty including women, single parents, people with disabilities, youth, newcomers, visible minorities, seniors and Aboriginal Peoples.

Since 2013, more than 150 Ontario schools have participated in Fresh from the Farm pilot project. Collectively distributing over 130,000 kilograms of fresh, local fruit and vegetables to Ontario families, and raising over \$125,000 for school initiatives.

51% of Toronto residents were born outside of Canada, Vital Signs Report finds. Toronto's seniors account for 14.5% of the population and the immigrant population continues to grow. It's likely that The Great Migration of Canada (1815 - 1850) resulted in the highest percentage of population born outside Canada to date. It's hard to know, as Native populations weren't counted. An estimated 800,000 immigrants settled in that short time span.

**COUNTIES:**

Renfrew County benefits from Ontario investment of Ontario \$9,627,900 in new construction and renovations for Renfrew Victoria Hospital's dialysis project.

Six groups are combining forces to become the Renfrew County Agricultural Water Quality Leadership Group to protect water quality.

Frontenac County Celebrates 150th anniversary. Celebrations at Centennial Park in Harrow-smith. August 28 - 30. Full event schedule coming soon.

**LOCAL:**

Calabogie & Area Business Association folds due to lack of member participation. Story Page 10

Two new subdivisions open up in Calabogie, bringing construction jobs and more. barrettchute.com and linwoodhomes.com Chris Flemming 613-433-7714 Story next issue.

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By Garry Ferguson

Here we are in May again. What a winter we just suffered through! Seems I came down with a touch of frost-brain back there at the beginning of the year and forgot about our four-month winter sabbatical here at The Madawaska Highlander and so wrote a couple articles for January. One was about snow tires (good idea) and the other about frostbite (bad idea). My timing for this edition was way-off - come to think of it, so were the plots - but those articles didn't go to waste. I started a couple nice fires in our Napoleon air-tight with the hard copies.

The crows returned to our yard on March 04 this spring, a day when the temperature edged above zero but they hightailed it right back south, that same night, so fast you'd think they'd read my "Frostbite" rant. That was a disappointment. Having been raised in Matawatchan, I'm conditioned by years of waiting - yearning even - for the first crow. That first "Caw," was music to our ears - still is. We knew that winter's back had been broken. Longjohns could come off, the time of bush flowers and scent of new grass was close at hand. Fortunately, our feathered friends returned on March 07 and are still hanging around loudly demanding handouts.

Before I get into any of my ramblings, I'll take the opportunity to welcome our latest contributor to The Madawaska Highlander, Marcella Neely. Through the Cloyne and Area Historical Society, of which she is a member and Chair of its Communications Committee. I've known her for several years. We are fortunate to have such a talented writer on board and the Cloyne/Northbrook area will be well represented. Welcome Marcella.

Sometime back in January, I was saddened when I read that **Aileen Cybulski (Belanger)** had died. I interviewed her once, at her home in Renfrew, while putting together a Madawaska Highlander story about the old Separate School still standing, near the junction of the Centennial Lake and Matawatchan Roads. She began her schooling in the second Camel Chute separate school, which was located on the site of the late sand shed along the Matawatchan Road. That school burned down, on a school day, resulting in the eventual building of the one still standing.

Alden Dodge, now of Edmonton, Alberta, Coral Kelly, who also attended both schools and Aileen came up with some great tales from those days. Some were quite humorous, some not so quite. One of Aileen's stories that highlighted a major shift in local culture from those days had to do with language. On one of their first days at school, little tots Alden and Aileen were outside, under an open window, chatting in French. Their very ample, and very forceful, teacher heard and leaned out to tell them, in no uncertain terms, to speak English.

The Belanger home, later owned by the late Francis and T. J. McLellan, was torn down a few years ago though the property where it stood is still owned by the family. Aileen's grandfather, Trefle' (apologies to the late Mr. Belanger for the lack of a real acute accent on this darned English

only keyboard) Belanger, owned the farm and house where J.P. DeGrandmont and Juliette LeGal live.

The series of pot-luck suppers held periodically in the **Matawatchan Hall** through last autumn and up until the Tree Lighting on December 13 was so successful that one almost had to make a reservation to get in the door. The last couple feasts drew over 60 warm bodies



Potluck suppers at the Matawatchan Hall are a huge success!

from as far away as Eagle Hill. When half the crowd had bailed out after supper on the same night as the Tree Lighting, tree-lighting revelers of all ages more than replaced them as they rushed in for a snack, a carol sing and a chat with the hairy old Saint himself.

Members of the current Hall Board (identified in our December issue) obviously have a great deal of energy. Seems it took a while to get slowed down after decorating the hall with one Christmas tree, so they decorated a second before skidding to a stop. I think that breaks some kind of Hall record. One might think that a bitter winter would dampen enthusiasm for these get-togethers but the success of the pot-luck and dance on March 14 would prove that assumption oh, so wrong. Folks in Matawatchan and area should resort to flattery, bribery or whatever it takes to keep that special group on board for, at least, the next couple decades.

Speaking (scribbling, whatever) of boards, **the Northern Lights Seniors Club's** 2015 executive is: Denny Barnes, President, Joan Jacques, V.P., Nancy Reid, Treasurer and Sandy Downs, Secretary.

All meetings are held in the Griffith Hall at 1 p.m. on the third Wednesday of each month - right after the Lions' sumptuous, noon-time Food and Fellowship Luncheon. Membership will cost you ten loonies but non members are welcome to take part with a donation to the food bank. A year-long schedule of rousing, after-meeting activities has been created to keep members alert. Such activities must be rousing because a group of seniors with full bellies and a hankering for an afternoon nap can be quite lethargic. I often wake up to catch someone dozing.

Also, **the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service** is there from 11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. to provide a wellness clinic and to give any who wish it a free and thorough going-over. You may keep your clothes on, (though no rule says you have to) so no need for timidity. They'll even give you a free booklet to record each visit. This can be used as a tool if you must keep reassuring yourself that you're good - at least until the next visit.

still a go for May 12th, 26th, and June 9th and 23rd. That should be plenty of dates to digest for now. We don't want to put our readers into info overload or have them resort to extrapolation again, but stay tuned and we'll dole out the summer schedule in our next issue of *The Madawaska Highlander*.

The group of dedicated local lasses who, every year, bring us **The Nu 2 U Store** threw open the doors for another season



A happy group of ice fishing enthusiasts at the very well attended Griffith & Matawatchan Fish & Game Club Ice Fishing Derby.

For years **Denny and Val Barnes** have been the Force(s) Major (use your own pronunciation) behind the **Seniors' Euchre Nights** at 7 p.m. in the Griffith Hall every second Friday evening. Participating families take turns in providing snacks and each player tosses a twonie into the kitty for prizes and incidentals. The dates for May 2015 are: 01st, 15th, and 29th. You can extrapolate (I think that means "figure it out for yourself") to determine the June schedule - or - if you're not the extrapolating type, wait for our next publication. For more info, call Denny or Val at 613 333 1488.

**The Denbigh Griffith Lions Club**, to no one's surprise, kept all its promises to make the Yuletide Season a bit of a blast for the citizenry with some caroling, a bazaar, a kids' party, a New Years hoedown and, of course, our once-a-year chance for instant fame and fortune - the Big Bingo Blowout. By spring, the Big Kitties were back up to speed with a Children's Easter Party on April 04 and the Daffodil Tea, complete with entertainment by local musicians, on April 26. On March 24 they began the chocolate **Easter Bunny Campaign** for funds to fight cancer. That's when they split up into two-person teams and take off down back roads daring the mud gods to sink them or that old saint, What's-His-Name, who protects the traveler to let them get lost. Who knows? Some might still be floundering around out there.

If you happen to find a few extra twonies or loonies while rummaging under your couch cushions, please hang onto them in preparation for the Toll Road in Griffith and Denbigh on May 15. The next Food and Fellowship Luncheon is at noon on May 20 and the Tuesday night bingos are

on April 25 - 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Business will be conducted on Saturdays only until May 20. Situated in the smaller building next to the Lions Hall, the **Nu 2 U** is where we go to donate two boxes of "neat things" and go back home with three boxes of different "neat things." It exists only to raise funds for the Greater Madawaska Seniors Housing Corporation and has done that very well over the past few summers. Its doors will be opened for business - beginning May 20 - on Wednesdays and Saturdays so patrons can hit the dump before dropping around to the store. Two outings in one day may, in my case, may play heck (yes, I really meant hell) with the waist line since I tend to overeat when I get too excited.

Once again the **Pembroke District Office of the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR)** has approved the upcoming year's Ottawa Valley Inc. work schedule for our Ottawa Valley Forest. In case there's someone out there who feels up to planting trees for pay or cutting their own wood on Crown Land, we decided to pass along a few phone numbers. You may contact Ottawa Valley Forest Inc. at 613 735 1888 for tree planting opportunities and, for personal fuel wood, Murray Draves - 613 732 5571 - at the Pembroke MNR District Office. Those interested in fuel wood for commercial purposes, should dial the 613 735 1888 number.

**The Griffith & Matawatchan Fish & Game Club** is out there real big and getting realer and bigger. Membership probably surpasses that of all other organizations in this Township combined. The Annual Ice Fishing Derby, on March 07



## GRIFFITH & MATAWATCHAN NEWS

and the apré'-fish gala-in-the-hall, was one of the biggest ever. I couldn't make that scene this year but my snitches tell me that there was standing room only in the hall. Those nice folk even let me win a beautiful tote bag – in absentia even. (I think that means I wasn't there) The details of Derby winners (they don't announce losers) as well as plans for upcoming outings are included in a separate article in this edition.

There's a rumour that His Excellency, the Right Honourable David Johnston Governor General of Canada (GG) has been spotted in Matawatchan. Some investigation has found this to be untrue, though there may be good reason for the mistake. Seems some local lad and His Excellency resemble each other. We'll refer to this lad as **His Unexcellency**.

In aid of generating interest in the community and in this paper, we decided to launch a contest to see who might be the first to identify **His Unexcellency**. The publisher has graciously offered to present one free copy of the latest Madawaska Highlander to the winner.

This contest is **NOT** open to the following: employees (snicker) of The Madawaska Highlander, members of the GG's family, the GG and no person whose address contains the words "Hutson Lake Road." **All entries must be in by midnight, April 01, 2015.** The author, The Madawaska Highlander or any innocent

bystander **will not be responsible** for unforeseen scheduling problems, incompetence or miscommunication such as the chance that you may not read this until May, 2015. Please submit entries to [govgenlookalike@madhi.gg.ca](mailto:govgenlookalike@madhi.gg.ca). Judges' decision will be final – providing we can find judges.



Garry Ferguson was born at Black Donald Mines. After graduating from the one-room Miller and Matawatchan schools and the two-room high school in Denbigh, he joined the RCAF and the world of electronics. After 8 years, he became a civilian and worked in Montreal for the Navy. During this time he joined the Reserve Navy and trained at Cornwallis NS. In 1970, Garry joined Air Canada where he eventually dealt with flight simulators until retirement. He was asked to join the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires and spent six years in security at Toronto's Pearson Airport and Nav Canada's Air Traffic Control facilities. In 1960 he married Carol Pearsall and they had four children – now middle-aged adults. Carol and Garry live along Lake Centennial and try to keep up with the hectic local social scene.

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## 2014 a Busy Year at Greater Madawaska Public Library and 2015 is off to a Great Start! By Sharon Shalla, Greater Madawaska Public Library



Sandie Anderson and Sharon Shalla holding one of the Injury Prevention Kits that Angela gave out at the Injury Prevention to Babies and Young Children session.

The clock on our wall says "Time to Read" and our patrons certainly did that in 2014. We have seen a steady increase in the number of items being checked out of the library over the last three years and I'm happy to say that trend shows no signs of letting up in 2015. In 2012 we circulated 3,687 items, in 2013 that number rose to 4,456, and in 2014 we had a considerable increase with 6,320 items checked out of our library. That doesn't include the number of electronic books that our patrons downloaded from OverDrive through the Ontario Download Centre. In 2013 our patrons downloaded 1,064 electronic books and in 2014 they downloaded 1,497 items. That number will likely increase in 2015 as we are seeing an average of 150 electronic downloads per month by our patrons.

We welcomed in 2015 with a new Library Board, consisting of Mary-Joan (Skip)

Hale, Marnie Pratt, Hennie Schaly, Primrose Blair, and returning member Terrence Gnesko. I look forward to working with the new Board and continuing to promote literacy in our community. In March we hosted an Injury Prevention to Babies and Young Children information session. The County of Renfrew Child Care Services has partnered with CHEO to offer training for professionals and parents of young children. Presenter of the information session was Angela Kuehl, Early Literacy Specialist for the County of Renfrew. After the presentation Angela provided parents and caregivers with a valuable kit to take home filled with literature that included preventing burns and scalds, preventing poisoning, strangulation, and using the correct car and booster seat for your child. We have invited Angela back to do another presentation this summer.

### Recent arrivals in nonfiction books include:

20/20 Diet: 20 key foods to help you succeed where others fail by Phil McGraw  
Companion Planting for the kitchen gardener Tips, advice, and garden plans for a healthy organic garden by Allison Greer  
Fodor's Complete Guide to Alaska Cruises  
The Fundamentals of Drawing by Jim Dowdalls  
iPad: the missing manual by David Pogue  
iPad for Dummies by Edward Baig  
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What Makes Olga Run: the mystery of the 90-something track star and what she can teach us about living longer and happier by Bruce Grierson  
Party of One: Stephen Harper's Radical Makeover of Canada by Michael Harris  
The Gunsmith: Copper Canyon killers by J.R. Roberts  
Rick Steeve's London 2015 by Rick Steeves  
Simplified tai chi chuan: 24 and 48 postures with martial applications by Liang, Shou-Yu

### ...and in the Fiction department we've added

The buried giant: a novel by Kazuo Ishiguro  
The Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins  
Burn by James Patterson  
The Empty Throne by Bernard Cornwell  
Gray Mountain by John Grisham  
We have the following Canada Reads selections  
When Everything Feels like the Movies by Raziel Reid  
Ru by Kim Thuy  
The Inconvenient Indian by Thomas King  
Intolerable by Kama Al-Solaylee

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## Big Things in the Wind

### By George Ross

NextEra Energy Canada, a subsidiary of NextEra Energy, plans to install 100 or so industrial wind turbines in the Township of Addington Highlands in the Vennachar/Denbigh area and another 50 in the Township of North Frontenac. NextEra Energy headquartered in Juno Beach, Florida is the largest generator of renewable energy from the wind and sun in North America. They boast a market capitalization of \$46 billion and \$15 billion in total revenues.

If all goes according to plan, the generators are expected to be in service beginning 2019, providing an additional 300MW to Ontario's present wind power capacity of 3490MW. In the meantime, efforts are underway by NextEra Energy Canada to acquire land in Ward 1 of Addington Highlands for placement of the turbines. There has been no definitive description as to what qualifies a property as a potential turbine site, but generally, if you own 100 acres or more in the target area someone has been, or soon will be, knocking on your door with a contract in hand. As of the end of March 2015 some 12,000 acres had been contracted, possibly involving a minimum of 60 landowners. The exact number of landowners is not known. Initial expectations are that landowners will receive financial compensation somewhere in the range of \$10,000 per turbine per year depending on market forces and how the wind blows.

Should the wind farm be completed it is expected that associated tax revenue will bring in approximately \$450,000 per year to Addington Highlands. NextEra is offering an additional payment named the "Community Vibrancy Fund". The initial offer is \$350,000 per year. The final amount will, presumably, be determined through negotiation.

Although NextEra and its representatives have been active in Ward 1 of Addington Highlands for at least the past year collecting wind data and speaking with land owners, they had not met or spoken with the general population. Councillors Tony Fritsch and Kirby Thompson invited officials from NextEra and local residents to attend a public meeting at the Denbigh hall 9th April this year. The purpose of the meeting was to give NextEra a venue to introduce themselves and for residents to learn more about the company and their plans for the area. The Hall was filled with over 100 year round and seasonal residents. There was a two hour question and answer session with many residents expressing their concerns about health effects, turbine noise, set backs from houses, property lines, land leases and other issues. Whatever was accomplished during the meeting, beyond learning about who and what NextEra is, it served as a kick-off for what is sure to be a conten-

tious and divisive community debate.

It was important that NextEra present themselves to the community in that, for the most part until the meeting, their local image was one of a rather distant, shadowy operator. In truth they came across as being competent and professional. Residents were at a disadvantage being inexperienced in these matters; however, any and all questions can be answered by consulting NextEra's web sites. Complete and detailed information concerning all aspects of NextEra and wind farm construction is available and further inquiries can be made by contacting NextEra directly. NextEra has been number one on Fortune's "World's Most Admired Companies" for eight consecutive years. They were named to Dow Jones Sustainability Index for the last five years and named to Ethisphere Institute's "World's Most Ethical Companies" list for seven consecutive years.

Another community gathering hosted by Paul Isaacs was held at the Denbigh Hall 25th April. Notices were sent by Canada Post to local residents. The stated purpose of the meeting was to promote community discussion about the detrimental and beneficial effects of a wind farm and to compile a list of questions for perusal of Council. 33 people attended and while this was decidedly an anti-turbine gathering, they resolved to adopt an impartial approach. They agreed to organize a secret ballot referendum to gauge public mood. In addition a list of ten questions for Council were drawn up, centering on turbine issues. No Council members attended.

A second anti-turbine group, as yet loosely organized but gaining strength, is led by local resident Alice Madigan. The group, Addington Highland's Community Against Wind Turbines, is mounting a public campaign against the proposed wind farm. Ms. Madigan has plans for upcoming public meetings with guest speakers such as Parker Gallant of "Wind Concerns Ontario". Objections to the proposed wind farm are, among others, the possibility of the turbines causing adverse health effects, noise pollution, bird kill, property devaluation, and the belief that the turbines will spoil the natural beauty of the Denbigh/Vennachar area. Their numbers up to date seem to be drawn from among the 500 or so year round residents in Ward 1 minus the signed up land owners. Cottagers and other seasonal residents number around 1400. Other than a few scattered voices, they have yet to be heard from. It is expected they will soon organize and join the fray. The trend, so far, appears to be that a majority of residents are not in favour of a wind farm.

Most of the support for the project comes from landowners who have "signed", although a nascent, grow-

ing effort in the non-landowner group, touting financial benefits for the Township, is starting to develop. There is a strong underlying sentiment in the area, that if the community is to survive there must be an improvement in economic conditions. As someone said when commenting about the wind farm, "It's all we have!" It's early days yet. The balance could shift after the community has had an opportunity to properly digest and debate the proposal. If residents conclude, for instance, that a wind farm means that Denbigh could afford a full time ambulance service then no doubt the ranks of the "no" side would thin out. Or NextEra might



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at fault. This is an open question in that there are as many scientists who believe that global warming is man-made as there are those who do not. Whatever the cause, one of the effects is Ontario's Green Energy Act, resulting in wind farms. There are 69 separate wind farms approved or proposed in Ontario. As more and more communities are being affected there is an ever growing push-back against the Act.

Information obtained from the Canadian Wind Energy Association website suggests that Ontario is Canada's leader in clean wind energy with more than 3,500MW of installed capacity, supplying over 3.5 per cent of the province's electricity demand. As of December 2014 there were 1,852 industrial wind turbines in Ontario. CANWEA's submission to Ontario's Long Term Energy Plan review is that another 2,000MW be developed over the next four years.

An Oracle research poll commissioned by CANWEA indicates that 69% of Ontarians agreed that Ontario should be a leader in wind and solar energy production. Only 20% disagreed. IP-SOS Reid survey shows strong support for wind energy in Ontario saying that the vast majority of Ontarians support wind energy because of its environmental and economic benefits. Of course if the polled sample was weighted towards urban dwellers one might expect a skewed "in favour" response.

Whatever people think of wind farms, certain tactics on the part of developers, aided by the government, are seen

yet up the ante in some way that will win people over from the dissenting side. The deal is not done. The debate is ongoing and who knows what might be put on the table.

The Elephant in the room is Ontario's "Green Energy Act". It is quite pervasive and gives over-riding powers to the Provincial government. Township Councils are only bit players and concerned citizens who huddle together labouring against wind farms or government policy, are merely faint voices in the wilderness. Of course the prime mover here is "global warming", along with the theory that human activity is

province wide as being unacceptable. A common practice seems to be that wind farm agents conduct a stealth sales program whereby they quietly contact and sign up landowners in a proposed wind farm area and only after sufficient land has been acquired does the principle developer arrive on the scene and raise his flag. There are communities all across Ontario where family members are fighting other family members, friendships have been broken, neighbours are arguing with each other, and law suits are common place. In Canada today one would think that any community being targeted by its provincial government as a location for a wind farm should expect to be involved in the decision making and be able to reject or accept the project. To effectively render communities almost powerless in such important matters is viewed by many as reckless and high handed. A family's home and the land it sits on is not to be trifled with by distant politicians and bureaucrats.

The circumstances of a proposed NextEra wind farm in the Hardy Creek area is almost identical to what Addington Highlands is experiencing. There a protester has written:

"Eat, drink and sign your property away! NextEra serves a buffet to people with land in Hardy Creek Wind Project area (Middlesex/Lambton). Notice that a public meeting hasn't happened yet for this project. NextEra needs to get all the land signed up first, then they'll tell the rest of you about it (maybe).

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This invite was sent to some landowners, but not all. Those with a few acres are still left out of the loop on what is happening in this project. Can you see how this way of 'doing business' DESTROYS communities?"

The "invite" the writer refers to is for a "Buffet Dinner" sponsored by NextEra, to which all signed up landowners were invited. A similar dinner was hosted by NextEra in Flinton mid April, for "signers" in the Denbigh area. A regular at the local "41 Stop" coffee shop in Denbigh was heard to proclaim, "It's the last supper and 30 pieces of silver!"

Common sense dictates that affected communities should, by whatever fair, well reasoned and democratic means, be able to arrive at a consensus and make the final decision themselves concerning wind farms in their area. The turbines will then stand or fall on their own merits. This is not the reality we are faced with today. What is being questioned by many people who are both for and against wind turbines is the decision making process.

Addington Highlands Township Council is presently attempting to gauge public opinion through public meetings and by inviting written submissions. Residents of Addington Highlands who wish to express their opinion can send a letter to the town-

ship office, inquire about downloading a "feedback form", or speak with their local Councillor.

Sometime in June Addington Highlands Township Council will negotiate a community benefits agreement with NextEra after which they will take into account the agreement and the overall wind farm proposal before voting to support NextEra's bid or to not support it. If Council chooses not to support the bid NextEra will still tender their bid for development of the wind farm. The final decision rests with the provincial government. The project bid submission to the government will be at the end of August 2015. Contract notification in whatever form or decision is expected by the end of 2015.



George and his wife Joan moved to Denbigh from Ireland in 2007. He is semi-retired and presently does work for the Township of Addington Highlands as well as volunteer work within the community. George & Joan own and operate the 'Wildwood B & B' in Denbigh. His interests include photography, writing, gardening and ocean sailing among others. George met Joan in Ireland after he departed Canada on an around the world solo sailing trip. He decided to postpone the rest of the voyage and has now set his anchor in Denbigh for the foreseeable future.

**GRIFFITH & MATAWATCHAN FISH & GAME CLUB NEWS**

**By Brian Sutcliffe, President**

The Griffith and Matawatchan Fish and Game Club has got off to a great start in 2015. The Ice Derby was a huge success, with over 100 people on the ice and great turn out in the hall... thanks to everyone who supported the club.

Nick Lapage was the winner for the largest fish with a pike weighing in at 11.1 pounds

Jim Toll, grabbed second place with a 6.7 lb pickerel

The Hunter Safety Course was also a success... held the weekend of April 24-26 at the United Church in Ma-

tawatchan. Seventeen people took the course and the club sponsored 7 junior members with the assistance of OFAH Zone E... We would like to thank the OFAH for the sponsorship of the junior members. New this year was the addition of the Turkey exam for those who had purchased the DVD through OFAH (\$35.00) which included the cost of the exam.

Our lake clean-up is planned for Saturday, 20 June... Anybody out there who knows of a lake on crown land that needs some TLC, please let me know and we will look in to it.

The Kid's Fishing Derby is on Satur-



The Matawatchan Hall is packed with people and prizes after the Ice Fishing Derby.

day, 11th July at Hudson Lake from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm...this event is free, you don't have to be a member and is for kids under the age of 17... All youngsters get a prize!

On Saturday, 1st August we will be hosting our Annual Pork Roast and Red Neck Golf Tournament at Pat and Cliff Holleran's Holmstead on Hudson Lake Road... Again this is a free event open to the public, you don't have to be a member of the club... It's our way of saying 'thank you' for the support you have shown to the club over the course of the year.

The Annual Deer Seed Plot Program is up and running in April... One bag of seed will be provided to hunt camps who are members of the club (seed plot mill and seed spreader are available at the Griffith General Store). To reserve please contact Dave VanInderstine at 613 432 0452.

As most of you have heard there are

changes to the Moose Hunt in Northern Ontario for Oct. 2015 and it looks like there are more changes coming up for 2016... Folks keep your eye on the province's EBR (Environmental Bill of Rights) website at [www.gov.on.ca](http://www.gov.on.ca). It is too late to make a comment for 2015, but any changes coming up will be posted on the web site... You do count, your opinion is important, it is a numbers game. There are always two sides to a coin... For more information visit [www.ofah.org/moose](http://www.ofah.org/moose) or twitter using #ONmoose, to join the conversation or express an opinion.

The Walleye Watch is on again this year if we can find a spawning bed with water.

For those of you who have problems with your wells going dry this year, or your water systems please contact Brian Sutcliffe at 613 333 9564.

Hope to see you on the water or in the bush, yours in conservation.



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## Good Things are Brewing in Calabogie

By Skippy Hale



Beer brewing equipment newly installed by the Calabogie Brewing Company, in the former Fire Hall. Soon we will be able to sample their first batches at local restaurants.

When you read this, my wish is that it is warm and that there are no black flies or mosquitoes; that your gardens are in bloom; that there are sounds of tiny eggs cracking and little peeps and squeaks from fresh new nests. It has been a long, cold, hard winter and we deserve a beautiful spring and summer. Since I have been away, all be it for part of the winter, many things seem to have happened. We have lost a Councillor in Ward 1. I have been unable to get any information other than what has been in the newspaper. Nicole was young and enthusiastic and many are sad that things did not work out. I am sure that

I am not alone in wishing her well. A request for applications has been sent out to fill the vacancy.

There are two new housing developments happening and I will expand on them in future articles. One hopes that these new houses are filled with young children who will populate our village school. We have already lost one with the closing of Calabogie Public School. The combined efforts of the citizenry and school parents were unable to keep it open. Let us not let that happen to St. Jo's. We have a vibrant school under the leadership of Principal Rory Dona-

hue. He and his staff are aided by a very active Parent Council in providing the best education for the students. Things are looking up since 'Bogie families have welcomed a fair number of wee new citizens. We need to keep our young families here.

One new development in my neighbourhood is the Calabogie Brewing Company. Mike Wagner, one of the partners, dreamed of developing a Craft Brewery for 30 years. He has owned a Cottage here for the past 15 years and decided that Calabogie is the place to realise his dream. The other partners are Greg Wilson and Ken McCafferty. It is located in the old Firehall, on Larnark Road. Over the past few months, the hall has undergone a make-over. Five fermenters and three staging tanks have been installed. The company is starting with ales first since the turn-around time is only two weeks. All seven styles are named after local places or have a relationship to the early settlers in our area. I had an interesting interview with Jamie Maxwell, the Head Brewer with many years of experience in the business. In the next issue, I will expand on the story of this interesting new endeavour.

With spring comes the exposure of litter on our streets and pathways. Since it is a good time to get the stiffness from the joints and the stale air out of the lungs, I suggest you take along a clear garbage bag on your jaunts. Pick up the debris left by the litterbugs. You may even find enough beer bottles to buy yourself a six-pack! If you are really keen, call the County Roads' Depart-

ment and register to adopt a section of Highway 11 or 508. The best thing would be if we all were stewards of our community and kept it clean and free of bottles, paper cups, cigarettes, cigarette, chip, candy and other wrappers. It is also a good idea to stoop and scoop the poop! We should treat our area as we would our home, because that is what it is.

I have put away my SENS jersey and T-shirt until next season. It has been such an exciting time since the Ham-burgler joined the team. To go from no chance of a play-off position to Game 6 was so amazing. I sat on the edge of my couch during every game. My poor cat Avocado, who loves to watch TV with me, was spooked every time a goal was scored and I roared my approval. Alas, all good things must come to an end and the series ended tonight for our Senators. We can argue until next year about how the outcome could have been different without Stone's injury or the Ref blowing the whistle early tonight and the SENS goal not counting, but it really does not matter. We had a good run and the team is well placed for next year.

Please send me news to include in this column. Call or email me if you know of an upcoming event so that I can write a report. The Fourth Annual Calabogie 2-5km Walk-Run is on May 9, Shooter's Bar and Grill at 9 am. It is a fun event and so far has raised \$22,000.00. Registration is at 8:30.

Until next time, my friends.

## CLOYNE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS

By Marcella Neely

The Pioneer Museum is closed until June but the work of the Historical Society continues.

Off season the focus is on building the area archives. To date we have over 6000 entries.

One day our descendants will be searching archives and museums for hints of how we live and work and think. To make it easy for them it's important to keep photos, write names and descriptions on them, save letters, documents, diaries, mementos. All those things we wish our parents and grandparents had saved.

In the Cloyne Pioneer Museum and Archives, volunteers have managed to collect and preserve a good amount of local history. Families continue to donate artifacts, photos and documents. We want to share this information and these collections and invite everyone to take advantage of our work. Archival information is available and historical photos can be enjoyed on our website. We can also answer questions to help with genealogy searches by letter or email.

We have history related outings and informative talks with long time residents

and descendants of Pioneer families.

At our Jan 2015 meeting we were discovering what lurks in a box of memories that was donated to us by a resident who found it when cleaning out a house in Vennachar. In the box were a few photos and some air force documents but not much information. The box did reveal that at some point one Dylan Francis must have had a connection to this area around 1955 and that he was probably married to Marjorie Francis, possibly from the Toronto area.

In Feb we learned about the Sedore Family of Flinton. The first Sedores to come to Canada came to Kaladar in the early 1800's. They had large families and descendents still live in the area.

**Our meetings are held on the third Monday of Jan.Feb. March, Apr. May and Sept. Oct. Nov. at 1:00 in the Cloyne Hall.**

There is no obligation from anyone who wishes to join us. Our web site is [www.cloynepioneermuseum.ca](http://www.cloynepioneermuseum.ca) and is regularly updated. We continue to build our historic photo gallery on Flickr, accessed from the web site.



Road Signs outside Hotel Kaladar

### Spring 2015 Events:

On Monday, April 20th 1p.m. C&DHS general meeting, Barrie Township Hall in Cloyne. Presentation by Dr Gray Miriam on the importance of Cloyne to the Salmon River system. All welcome.

Saturday May 16th 9a.m. we are having a Mammoth Yard Sale (indoors) at the Barrie Township Hall. All proceeds to the collection and preservation of local history. Please save gently used items for us. Call Carolyn at 613 336-6858 for pickup.

Monday May 18th 1p.m. C&DHS general meeting, Janice Powell speaks



Denbigh Grist Mill. You can see both photos and many more online.

about the history of the Fritsch Family of Denbigh. Everyone welcome.

Saturday, June 13th, 10a.m. to 4p.m. the museum will be open in conjunction with "Doors Open, Ontario" to celebrate "Frontenac County 150".

Saturday, June 20th, official Season Opening of the Cloyne Pioneer Museum. BBQ 11a.m. to 1p.m. Entertainment by Pickled Chicken Band. Museum open 10a.m. to 4p.m. Seven days a week all summer.

Sunday, June 28th, Members' annual bus trip to Tamworth/Erinsville Irish Festival. Guests welcome. Call Carolyn 613 336-6858 to reserve.

<http://pioneer.mazinaw.on.ca/about.php> (about the museum)



## CABA Windup, Thanks for Everything!

By Lois Thomson

In January, Calabogie and Area Business Association President, Byron Herman, sent his report that lists some of the accomplishments CABA has achieved over the years and the reasons for dissolution of the organization. He did this without bitterness, acknowledging that times are changing, the old guard is tired, the next generation is too busy and networking in our broad geographic area is moving to the web.

Although there were plenty of members in the listing, there were few who could, for whatever reason, volunteer for events and do the work that is required to keep the association viable. No one came forward to pick up the reins, held so competently by Byron.

Byron continues to represent the area at local chambers of commerce, Renfrew in particular, and the Renfrew County Economic Development Team with "Bridges to Better Business", Fund-

ing Forums", Trade Shows and other events.

Through Byron, CABA was represented at the Ottawa Valley Economic Development table and with Ontario East Economic Development. He is a member of the Ottawa Valley Tourism Association and on the board of directors with the Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization. He kept members up to date on current trends, opportunities and potential partnerships. He did all this while running his own family businesses.

All of the organizations named above represent a great body of work done for the benefit of regional economic development, but businesses have to engage to benefit.

On behalf of all CABA members, thank you Byron, it was well played, but the ball is, as you say, is now in our court.

## FROM UP THE LINE TO THE FRONT LINE

By Howard Popkie



The house in Black Donald.

It was not necessary back then, to buy land to build a home. A man and his wife came up the Madawaska and built a cedar log stable and house from square pine with dovetail corners. They had a boy and girl and all the food had to be grown in the little field to live through the winter.

Pork was salted in a brine in an oak barrel and potatoes filled the earth cellar. Cabages were hung from the cellar ceiling on a nail with a string like Christmas stockings.

The little stable was home to cows, chickens and pigs. One day their home burned to the ground, leaving some bottom logs. Remains of broken dishes and old rusted pots marked the spot where the old cellar was, now grown over with green grass.

I came to this place in 1939 when I was 5 years old and watched the men build the second log home where I lived until I left home when I was fifteen.

We lived like the back woodsmen, frontier types. In the winter when baby



Howard's mother and sister, 1940s

pigs were bor, they spent the first two weeks in our home, away from the cold stable. The little pigs in a cardboard box had to be taken to the stable so their mother could nurse them and then back home. The little chicks lived on a blanket spread out on the living room floor, drinking from a saucer of water and eating bread crumbs. At night a coal oil lamp was set on the floor and my little sister, Betty and I would lie on our bellies admiring the little yellow chicks with their shiny eyes.

We live like the people did 100 years ago.

I got my army records from the archives in Ottawa and read what the recruiting officer wrote on a paper. He said, "This man is definitely a back woodsman frontier type and would be a good man to have in a pinch. He is very strong and large of body and would be an asset to the infantry, so I am sending him to the PPCLI in Wainwright Alberta.

My Dad got the first deed for the house in 1950

## The Making of a Vacation and Adventure Destination

By Walter Willet



Wilderness Tours whitewater rafting on the Ottawa River in Foresters Falls

When Horse Country Campground founder Walter Willett teamed up with Mr. Kowalski of Wilderness tours in 2012, they created a vacation and adventure destination and the ultimate "Ride & Raft" weekend. Together, they can attract larger and more diverse groups than if they worked alone and they can share resources, marketing, ideas and energy. Horse Country Campground is a short walk from Wilderness Tours' main lodge area, known as "Rafters". All Horse Country guests receive resort passes as well as discounts for meals and rafting trips. Rafters features a restaurant/bar, swimming pool, hot tub, volleyball courts and mountain bike rentals, and live music every weekend. The resort features a range of accommodations from basic cabins to luxury chalets, and is also home to the Ottawa Kayak School and Algonquin College outdoor training facility.

Wilderness Tours began as a dream in 1975. A shared appreciation for white-water and the limitless beauty of Canada's Ottawa River inspired Wilderness Tours founder Joe Kowalski to create the finest adventure resort in Canada and preserve the last wild section of the Ottawa River, the Rocher-Fendu, for generations to visit and enjoy. The addition of Horse Country Campground will help ensure continuing success for them and other area businesses and attractions.

Set on a sprawling site of 5,800 acres along the Ottawa River, Wilderness Tours and Horse Country Campground are in Foresters Falls, an hour west of Ottawa. Each campsite has its own miniature corral, and much like the "Old West", you will find hitching posts and dirt-covered roads, and a 30-station "Cowboy Challenge" agility course for horses and riders. The campground welcomes horse owners as well as adventurers and families seeking a unique camping experience. Your guided trail ride will feature beautiful wooded scenery with hills, straightaways, bridges, water crossings, and depending on the time of year, lush flowers as well as amazing views from the Eagles Nest overlooking the Ottawa River.

Horse Country offers guided trail rides for riders of all ages and levels on wonderfully trained trail horses, in collaboration with Renfrew-based Almosta Farms. This is the perfect way to have your first equine horseback trail riding vacation. The "Learn-To-Trail Ride" program is a two-hour educational experience that's safe and fun.

The Horse Country Campground mission is to value and promote the equine way of life that has been woven into the fabric of our history, and preserve and protect both private and publicly accessible lands for people and their horses to use in a sustainable and environmentally responsible manner.

Working with local partners including Wilderness Tours, the Beachburg Off Road Cycling Association, Ottawa Valley Tourism Association and County of Renfrew, Horse Country Campground plays a key role in maintaining, clearing and sharing the beautiful trails of the whitewater region with all of its neighbours. As a partner of the Ontario Equestrian Federation and member of numerous equine organizations, Horse Country Campground is a strong supporter of the equine community in promoting equestrian sports and horseback riding recreational activities. A sponsor of many charitable causes including the "Pink Ribbon" trail ride for breast cancer and the Canadian Foundation for Animal Assisted Support Services, Horse Country believes in giving back to the community through the power of horses with therapeutic healing and positive living. Horses are a gift for everyone to enjoy and cherish and Horse Country Campground is focused on preserving and protecting horses, equine trail systems and the equine lifestyle.

Future plans include developing a functioning dude ranch facility, guided packing trips to remote "cowboy-style" campsites along the Ottawa River, building an equine residential community development, and expanding trail riding programs and special events to become one of Canada's premier equestrian recreational facilities.





Trail riding at Horse Country Campground along the Ottawa River in Foresters Falls

The future is bright in the Ottawa Valley for Horse Country Campground! Investors and partners who share a passion and vision for this area and the equine lifestyle are welcome.

Horse Country Campground is open from the May 16 long weekend through the first week of October, and has a lineup of special events for Summer 2015 which includes a number of clinics (workshops) for experienced riders on themes such as Extreme Mountain Trail, Cowboy Challenge, and Man-tracker and Mounted Search and Res-

cue... Spectators are welcome! Check the website for the complete event schedule and pricing, trail maps, map of the grounds, and rules and regulations. Remember your bathing suit to enjoy the kayaks, canoes, pool and hot tub, which are all included with your campground site. The bungee jumping costs extra.

www.horsecountrycampground.com  
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## World Knife Throwing Championships Coming to Micksburg, Near Pembroke

By Lois Thomson



Ward "Hightower" Wright vs Rick Lemberg in IKTHOF Fast Draw in 2013

If the name Ward "Hightower" Wright means anything to you, then you likely already know about the 2015 International Knife & Tomahawk Throwers Hall of Fame (IKTHOF) World Championships that are coming for the first time to Canada, to the Wright Farm near Pembroke, June 19 to 21.

Throwers and spectators are coming from all around the world to see people like Guinness World Record holder Dr. Michael "Alamo" Bainton, Master of Ceremonies Top Shot's Jack Dagger, and of course our famous Canadian

thrower, Ward Hightower Wright.

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**My Paddle Sings**  
By Ernie Jukes of Camp J



Painting by Ernie Jukes (REJ)

*And oh, the river runs swifter now; The eddies circle about my bow. Swirl, Swirl! How the ripples curl In many a dangerous pool awhirl!*

*And forward far the rapids roar, Fretting their margin for evermore. Dash, dash, With a mighty crash, They seethe, and boil, and bound, and splash.*

*Be strong, O paddle! be brave, canoe! The reckless waves you must plunge into. Reel, reel, On your trembling keel, But never a fear my craft will feel.*

Part of a poem by Pauline Johnson

There is evidence that dugout watercraft were being used on our St. Lawrence River over 8000 years ago. By the time Etienne Brule explored the Ottawa and continued into our Great Lakes during the early 1600.s, the natives had developed the birch bark canoe. Larger, lighter and faster.

The French explorer Champlain lost his astrolabe in June 1613 perhaps while navigating the Madawaska and other rivers joining the Ottawa. It was found in rapids near Cobden in 1867. And we know LaSalle travelled by canoe down the Mississippi to French Louisiana on the Gulf of Mexico in 1684. That was

about 150 years before our Fathers of Confederation were even born.

The marvellous canoe must be considered an Algonquin legacy. A remarkable craft renowned for exploration, travel, trade, hunting, fishing, and today it's a tripper's delight. My personal attachment to this historical vessel commenced when I somehow acquired an old beat up, cedar strip, canvas covered, Peterborough. I was about 11 years of age, but with the help of my Dad we brought it back to life. I was taught how to "read white water" by former river man and old friend, Joe McLaren. We later ran many of the chutes he knew from his log drives on the Madawaska, long before I was born. I also learned to float through rapids knees up if your canoe swamps.

I soon understood that canoes are not dangerous. Some ginks will fall off a cruise ship. It's the water - rapids and waterfalls that we must learn to respect. Make the time to first learn the Jay stroke among a few others and kneeling for safe maneuverability. A fellow painter and tripper Bill Mason does a sweet job at showing you how, in his video "Path of the Paddle. He has others. But unlike him I would recommend having a partner for safety, more fun and a lot less work on the portages.

Fortunately, when it comes to water our Province of Ontario is the last frontier. Larger than Alaska, with 250,000 lakes, containing one third of the world's fresh water, our waterways have remained basically the same as used by those early paddlers. In our far north and Hudson Bay the Inuit once stretched seal skin over a frame of bones to create the early Kayak. Today as you well know most all watercraft are formed by laminated fiberglass.

In whatever form, the Canoe still maintains its romance. From the adventures of yesterday's fur trade and exploring our continent, we can still travel the same routes of the Voyageurs. So much so that today's longest journey of almost 20,000 kilometres was made in



Ernie Jukes proudly paddling home with a moose on board.

1980-82. A fellow about my age and my wanderlust, Don Starkell travelled with his son from Winnipeg, Manitoba to Belem on the Amazon. What a trip. His book is an interesting read for anyone.

We have come a long way since we patched our boats with heated pine pitch or spruce gum as we plied our waters in three seasons. Or the mode of travel during snow time was horse, dog sled or snow shoes. Gradually a choice was available as the leisure watercraft industry developed. Names some older folks will recall are Lakefield, Peterborough, and Chestnut of New Brunswick. Today's trade names include Scott, Carrying Place, Swift, Clearwater, Canadian and interestingly the Madawaska Canoe Co. They make Algonquin Canoes in St. Catharines and have a sales outlet near us in Whitney at the east entrance into Algonquin Park.

I personally prefer a 16 foot Kevlar with a 36 inch beam, about 15 inches deep, flat bottom with a river keel. I like Beavertail maple paddles. I also carry 50

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feet of ¼ inch rope for tracking through a canyon or tying down camp on a windy shore. You will find that knowing knots will be helpful and studying topo maps will become enjoyable. Carman just doesn't do it all.

You may agree that whole families are becoming too sedentary due to all the "screen time" with computers TV, IPods etc. It may be time to consider a canoe trip with a friend or relative. OK, a mobile phone is an acceptable modern "security blanket" in case you have an accident, illness, get lost or storm stayed. The natural wilderness wanderings available by this wonderful manner are simply not offered by any other way. The criteria of a successful canoe or kayak trip is good companions, good food, good gear and not too long or tough a route. Weather and bugs are just part of nature, right? Look under "gear".

This form of recreation is first about being outdoors enjoying nature. As we become more skillful we can take on the perils of roller coaster haystacks and rooster tail waves of white water. Certainly our family has appreciated many relaxed canoe-camping and fishing trips. Our moose hunting expeditions have also been enhanced by the Canoe. Its simply a great way to get there and back. Try it.



R. Ernest Jukes  
For 65 years, Ernie has been an artist in residence in Matawathan at Camp, collecting a rucksack of tales and preserving stories of people and happenings in the Highlands through many publications including his books and for The Highlander since its inception. His donated paintings of our valley and records of our fire tower may be seen in "The Wall in the Hall Museum" in the Matawathan Hall.

**Suddenly Alone in the Wilderness: Would you know what to do?**  
**By David Arama**

After another cold Canadian winter, hordes of adventure seekers are looking forward to a warm summer with outdoor experiences, including cottaging, RVing, fishing, boating, hiking, enjoying nature lore, campfires and swimming.

You're out for a fun afternoon of fishing some of the world famous fishing hotspots, or outside enjoying a nature hike in one of many pristine forests in the Frontenac region, or paddling a canoe through a wetland, or just traveling en-route to a destination.... The last thing you are thinking about is what to do if disaster strikes! We venture into the great outdoors for fun, adventure, challenge, for therapy, to enjoy a crackling campfire and the sound of a loon. The thought of dying is just not on our minds!

As a nature enthusiast, I am often amazed by the ways wildlife adapts and survives in difficult environments and changing weather. I love how beavers construct a lodge that is cozy, warm, and safe from predators. Or how many waterfowl build comfortable nests, how bears approach making a den, and how wasps build a paper nest. We can learn much about survival priorities from nature. We can learn a lot from the animals.

In recent Ice-Storms and floods, I witnessed many helpless folks who tried to find an "app" on their Smartphone to solve their survival dilemma. There is no app and often, so cell service. As the Scouts have been saying for decades, "be prepared". Remember, you are biodegradable!

If you become lost or stranded, it's a good idea to stay put, and build a shelter and a fire, and then locate and purify water. This was one of the basic premises of each episode of the "Survive This" TV Series, whereby eight teenaged contestants had to survive against a variety of environmental conditions. It's also a basic protocol for most "Survivorman" episodes (Les started his survival train-



David demonstrating various ways to start a fire.

ing with us at Humber College). The search & rescue would echo these sentiments.

There are food provision suppliers online that cater to survival preparedness. \*Bug-Out Survival Kits: survival and safety packs should have choices based on the "Survival Game Plan" that stresses shelter, fire, water, signals and visibility, food, first-aid, navigation and communications. The game plan stresses the notion of admitting that you have a situation, then S.T.O.P. (acronym for sit, think, observe, and plan)

and calm down, assess your scenario, and make a logical decision not based on panic.

That means in many cases, stay put and look after your physiological and psychological needs. Most lost individuals panic, walk in circles, and make no attempt at building a fire or shelter.

Basic survival kits should at the very least contain a topographical map, compass, knife and/or folding saw, flint-magnesium and storm-proofed matches, a tin can for boiling, a tarp







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**Survivor guy**  
**Continued from page 13**

and/or solar space blankets, signal flares, some rope or duct tape, some granola bars and gorp (trail mix), and communications devices.

The most basic essentials that we all should consider for the auto, cottage, RV, camping, and at home, include wool blankets (100% wool), all-season sleeping bags (rated minus 20 Celsius or lower, Polarguard or Thinsulate fill), wool and fleece layered clothing, water purification (chlorine drops, iodine tablets, and/or a water pump or ultraviolet system), high-energy food provisions (granola bars, trail mix, ready to eat MRE meal packs etc), 12-hour candles, high lumens headlamp or flashlight, and some form of communications device.

Here are some specific ideas for survival gear choices:

**Communications:** There are many excellent communications devices available today! The irony is that the technology has never been better, however, one problem is over-reliance on technology at the expense of common sense!

The following are available at Bass Pro Shops and Radioworld (and many other camping-outdoor retailers):

-SPOT or Delorme tracking devices, that utilize satellites to allow you to send pre formatted messages to friends or family, and/or send an S.O.S. Distress message; some models allow for pairing with some Smartphone models to allow



David telling a CTV reporter what he has packed for a winter wilderness trip.

texting messages! Costs vary from \$99. - \$399. + annual fees \$99.+

-ACR- PLB (Personal Locator Beacon) allows you to send a high-level frequency emergency distress signal that is picked up by Aviation and Marine radio waves. Costs vary from \$99. - 499., and there is no usage fee.

-Iridium or Globalstar Satellite Phone, that allow you to call out or receive calls anywhere on the planet. Costs vary from \$399. - 1799. Per phone + air time packages.

-Rhino Garmin GPS-GMRS Radio, whereby 2 units can communicate via walkie-talkie and updated Latitude/ Longitude locations of each other. They are popular for hunting and fishing. Costs vary from \$200 - 500 per unit,

and no air time fees.

-GMRS Radio Walkies, do well in open areas or on the water, but are limited in thick forest and topography. Cheap ones start at \$50/pair, superior Motorola models are in the hundreds apiece, but have increased range and reliability.

Wilson Cell Phone Amplifiers (available at Home Hardware, and the Source) amplify your cell phone signal by 20 - 50 times the normal signal! Cheaper models go for \$100. For the auto or boat, more expensive directional models are \$200 - \$500 and are free to use.

Not all cell or Smartphones are equal for calling and texting capabilities. My experiences have shown that the Blackberry regularly is superior in these aspects.

**Navigational Aids:** For many outdoor pursuits I would recommend Garmin Hand-held GPS Units 60/62/64/76/78 models, the Montana Touchscreen, and Lawrance and Garmin with several excellent Boating GPS systems.

Silva and Suunto produce excellent Magnetic Compasses, including the Silva Ranger and Suunto MC-2 models. Costs vary from \$14.99 to \$64.99.

Mapping Software includes Fugawi and Softmap, Backroads, Navionics, and GPS proprietor mapping. Costs range from \$99 - 199.

**Digital Sine Wave Invertor Generators:** Digital generators offer pure electricity, and eco-sensors that determine the watts output needed, so they are very efficient and quiet (due to the muffler encasing). There are several excellent and affordable knock off brands, including Kipor/Champion, and Powermate. For many applications, a 2000 watt generator will do, and the Powermate-2000 retails for \$549 at Costco. A key factor is to calculate the wattage needed, and to install an "inlet" to your electrical panel for direct hookup.

**Solar Powered Invertor Generators:** the Arkpak-2 is an invertor pack that allows you to drop a marine deep-cycle battery inside the casing and also to hook up portable or flexi solar panels. It retails for \$399.

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tripod and 120 watts of solar panels. It's excellent for RVs and cabins. The portable Sherpa model with folding solar panels is great for boating and fishing.

**Water Purification Pumps, Ultra Violet and Gravity Filtration:** There are many systems available at popular camping stores, such as the MSR Water-Works ceramic pump that filters a liter per 3 or 4 minutes, (\$99 retail) and the Katadyne Hiker models that are very fast pumping systems, whereby some models have a lifetime filter (most pump filters require periodical filter replacements at \$40 per). Gravity filters allow for large Platy bags holding 10+ liters, and require no laborious pumping. A new concept is portable ultraviolet systems, that usually also involve usage of pricey tablets.

**Food Supplies:** For survival purposes, foods high in fats/oils and carbs (carbohydrates) are preferred as replacement for calorie loss. Granola bars, trail mix, meal packs with pasta, peanut butter, cheeses and preserved meats e.g. jerky and salami, have tons of calories. In general, freeze dried and easy to use meal packs are the easiest since they have long expiry dates and high calories.

A few years back, there was a case whereby a middle-aged couple driving their van from British Columbia to Nevada in March, became stranded in the the mountain back country. They apparently decided to trust their automobile GPS to guide them down a remote road to go sightseeing. They ended up being stuck up to the axles in mud and snow. 49 days later, they found her still alive, however, her husband decided to try to go for help. Searchers discovered his body a year later. By all accounts, they had no emergency survival gear in the van.

At first glance, the. Investment in survival gear and preparedness seems like a bad investment. The gear is rarely used, sometimes collects dust and takes up space. However, what price would you place on a compass or tracking locator that saves your life?



**David Arama**  
David is the owner of Marble Lake Lodge, and WSC Survival School Inc. David has appeared on numerous outdoor survival reality shows eg. Survive This YTV, Bad Trips Abroad T + E, and offers a variety of training courses and camps.

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### CHURCH SERVICES:

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

Vennachar Free Methodist Church  
424 Matawatchan Rd. 613-333-2318  
Services June to August 10 am  
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the weekend after Labour Day  
**Cemetery Memorial Service  
June 7, 2:30**

St. Luke's United Church  
Sunday Worship and 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.

Burnstown  
St. Andrew's United Church  
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Sunday Worship 11 a.m.

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

Calabogie  
St. Andrews United Church  
1044 Madawaska Dr. (on the  
waterfront) Sunday Worship 8:45am  
Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the  
month

**SPECIAL EVENTS  
GRIFFITH & MATAWATCHAN**  
Also see GM News, Page 4

**Ham Supper, May 16, 5 - 7 pm  
St. Andrew's United Church,  
Matawatchan**

(This was incorrectly listed in the  
print version of the paper)

Plant Sale, May 23, 10am - 1pm  
Matawatchan Hall  
1677 Frontenac Rd.

Canada Day Picnic in Matawatchan  
Saturday, June 27  
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News

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Calabogie  
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Thursdays 10:30 am to 11:30 am  
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Last Thursday of the month - 5 pm  
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**Livestock and Furry Animals on the Farm**

**By Antonia Chatson**

It was my mother who took the initiative in practical matters. Since she had had a rural upbringing she had been the one who fenced off our personal twenty acres with a snake rail fence. Grant Phillips, who owned the farm opposite to us, quickly enquired if he could rent the 80 acres for pasture. My father agreed, upon the conditions that he maintain the fence on the outside of the 80 acres which alternated rail with page wire, and that he pay the taxes which amounted to about \$250, per year. Both parties felt they had made a good deal.

After I had made this observation, I went down to the ditch one day, and sure enough there was lots of water for the cattle. But oh, how much better did the freshly pumped water taste! An advantage to having the cattle come up for water was that it ensured we became up close and personal with them, at a cost, of course. My father would spend hours hanging over the fence exchanging sniffs with especially the calves, thus ensuring a lasting friendship with them.

Early on, in our stay at the farm, my parents were awakened one night by an awful row in the attic. They guessed it was a coon who had climbed up the

ladder after shutting the attic door and went to bed.

My mother was the first one up in the morning and I heard her stop dead at the doorway of their bedroom. After several loud and long sighs, I heard her say, "Wouldn't you know it, he stepped in every bit of poop that coon produced all the way along the hall and down the stairs." And as the coon was in a rather agitated state of mind, the amount he produced, was copious!

There were groundhogs everywhere. There were so many holes, it was no safer walking there than through a mine field. We tried pouring buckets of water down the holes, we put arsenic poison down the holes and we put bombs down them, then quickly covered up

the farm, we heard Dora scolding us from a long way off, but getting closer all the time. When she came in sight down the driveway, we noticed that she was walking rather lob-sidededly. As she angrily approached us we noticed that her one front paw was sticking straight out in front of her. Somehow she had got her paw caught in her collar and the collar had then slipped down her arm, till her elbow was hooked in it. There was no way she could have got her paw out by herself. Somehow she pinned the blame squarely on our shoulders!

They sure kept the mice down, but not all of them. You can't be everywhere at once! Sometimes I would sleep on one single bed in one of bedrooms and my mother would sleep on the other. She always pulled the sheet up over her head when she slept, with just her nose sticking out. One night, I was awakened with her screaming twice in succession. In a split second, I too had uttered two screams, as first a mouse then a cat scrambled over my bare face. I then heard a smaller then a louder thump as first the mouse then the cat, banged their heads on the wall behind me, then there were another four screams, as the mouse, hotly pursued by the cat, ran back over my face, then over my mother's. After that I also covered my head with the sheet. We became a little more diligent about setting mouse traps, in places not in the direct line of fire of the cats.

On the other hand, all these incidents provided a welcome change and added interest compared to the humdrum life we led in the city.



Grant always put about 20 head of Hereford cattle there from early spring till late fall. The small drainage ditch that ran through the farm was supposed to provide the cattle with water, but it usually dried up by August. My mother was once again prevailed upon to make a corral which would be surrounded by her by now famous rail fence, that allowed the cattle to come the 300 feet from the pasture to the water trough, without the benefit (to them of course) of being side-tracked.

Grant supplied a large drinking trough which we kept filled when we were there, and when we were not, he pumped the water for them. I am sure that the cattle never drank as much water from the drainage ditch as they did from freshly pumped water in their trough. They seemed to enjoy watching us labour at the pump handle.

stone wall of the house and got into the attic through a hole in the eaves. Not finding what he assumed might be there, a midnight snack, he was anxious to return to terra firma, but was too afraid to descend the stone wall. (That is, if coons are afraid of anything.) My parents hit upon a plan of action. My father put a ladder against the wall and opened attic trap door.

Leaving the ladder there he went and opened the house doors. On his way back upstairs, he shut all the doors into other rooms in case the fellow decided to make a detour. Then they went back to bed. Sure enough, after a suitable interval, they heard the coon scuffling down the ladder, padding along the hallway and down the stairs. Seemed he had had enough of indoor living and was glad to get back outside. My father then went out with a lamp, removed the

the entrances to the holes, hoping to poison the brutes. The only thanks we got were more holes.

When I was ten years old my mother thought we should get some cats. She got two kittens from a friend, one was all black and the other a tabby with a lovely white bib. Since I had been reading 'Pirates of the Deep Green Sea' by Eric Linklater, I decided to name the cats after two of the pirates in the book, Dan Scrumbrill and Inky Poops. My mother threw a spanner into the works when she ascertained that both kittens were females. Well Inky could stay, as I guessed it was a fairly neutral name but I had to change Dan to Dora.

We would take them up to the farm at the beginning of the summer and leave them there even if we had to return to Richmond Hill for a few days to see to things. One day when we returned to



Antonia studied at The Royal Conservatory of Music and at York University. She taught in all levels in the public school system as well as giving private lessons in music. Her passion is the land. She loved her experiences growing up on the farm in Shelburne and twenty-two years of farming in Denbigh with her husband, Francis. She plays the piano at the services at the Vennachar Free Methodist Church, and lives on the homestead with her daughter Irene.

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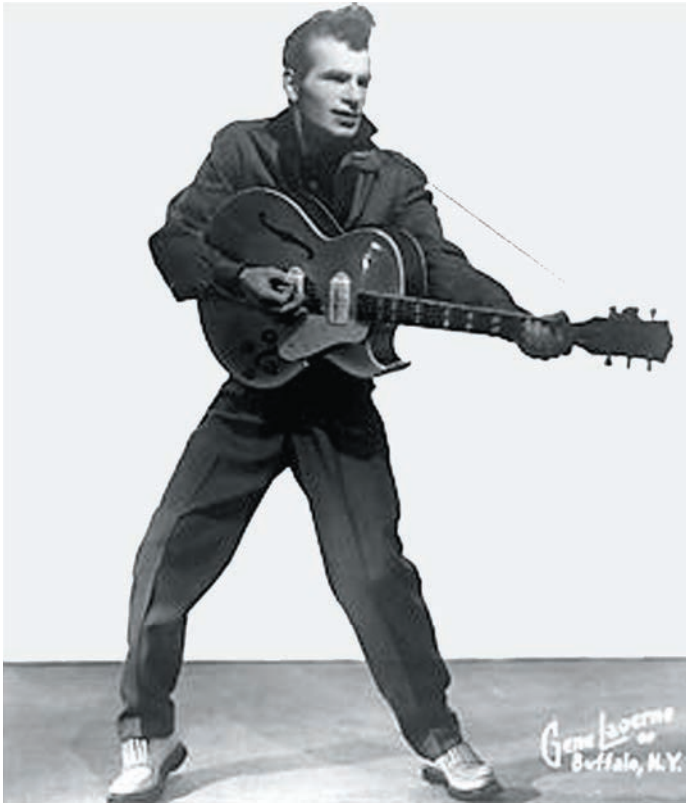
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## Every Picture Tells a Story, Don't it? Rediscovering Ersel Hickey

By Peter Chess



The iconic promotional picture of Ersel Hickey

The old adage “a picture is worth a thousand words” applies in spades to the photo you see accompanying this article. The picture was taken in 1957 and over nearly six decades it has survived and grown into the most iconic photo of the “rockabilly” craze ever published. As popular as the photo is in itself, the story of the man whose image we see has faded into near oblivion, known only to a few dedicated fans and musical archivists of the 1950’s rock and roll revolution. This photo has been reproduced countless times, plastered on walls, nailed to telephone poles, stamped on everything from wristwatches to T-shirts to lunch pails. Made into posters and hung in mansions over marble mantles. There is no way I could not have seen this picture at least once in my life, but I had no clear, vivid recollection of it. As if in it’s ubiquity it had become invisible.

That changed this past winter, hunkered down beside the woodstove, looking for something interesting to divert my attention from the oppressive monochrome scene outside. In pursuit of such a diversion I came to be leafing through a file folder of black and white photocopies that I had rescued from the bottom of a box at the bottom of a pile of other boxes in a corner of a closet. Boxes that had been packed five years ago and contained mostly useless “stuff” that for whatever reason we couldn’t throw out. The kind of useless stuff that we imagined might someday regain it’s usefulness, if only to pull out and look at on a winter’s day.

The folder contained maybe 50 sheets of articles and photos from old music and fan magazines featuring early original delta blues players from the 20’s and 30’s, rhythm and blues artists from the 40’s and 50’s along with interviews and such with “rock and roll” pioneers...



Gene Lavern burlesque photography

the rockabilly dudes. This collection of info had been compiled and given to my wife, Gitte, nearly 40 years earlier by a friend of

hers. A manic, ponytailed, one eyed music fanatic from northern Quebec, intent on spreading the gospel of rock and roll which he had adopted as the whole truth and nothing but. I had just finished reading an interview with Fats Domino, you know who I mean, and the next page I flipped had “The” photo down in the lower left corner... all 2 by 3 inches of it. Despite it’s size it was graphically arresting but there was no text on the page to justify it’s presence. Looking at it more carefully, I could see what might have been a name written or stamped in the lower right corner of the page. But due to the size and lack of clarity, it was illegible.

I continued flipping pages, stopping at things that caught my eye and whiled away a couple of pleasant hours lost in the past as it had appeared in print in it’s own time. A week or so later I received an email from a friend to which there was attached a copy of a poster for an upcoming “Rockabilly Revue” to be held in my hometown. When I opened it, to my great surprise, was a larger version of the same photo I had wondered about just a short while ago. But there he was again, only this time he was brightly colored and covered in the details of the upcoming event. I’d say the odds of seeing this same image twice in one week after all these years of sitting in a box warranted consideration that more than just coincidence was at play. It was one of those “Who is that guy?” moments. In retrospect I might have called my friend to see if she had a name for the guy in the photo... but I didn’t. I went back to the box, found the page and cut out the picture.

I took it to the print shop in Renfrew and had it blown up to 9 by 11 and what was previously just a black squiggle now revealed a name... “Gene Laverne” and below the name, a place...



Signed, Gene Lavern of Buffalo, NY

Buffalo New York. Buffalo was a place I was familiar with. The name ‘Gene Laverne’ didn’t register. Luckily for me, in this digital age, I could just type in the name, click, sit back and be amazed. So, I did, and

that’s just what happened.

Right there, at the top of the page was the picture again and just below it in google script “Gene Laverne. Glamour Photographer, best known for his iconic photo of rockabilly pioneer “Ersel Hickey”. Now I had a name and what a name it was! I said it out loud. More than once I said it, thinking to myself that this was a strange name. The same kind of strange as “Elvis Presley” was strange. There were similarities in the number of syllables, how both first names started with “E” and had five letters. The two syllable last names ending in “ey”. It was eerie how they seemed connected in the way they both rolled off the tongue. I had never heard of anyone called Ersel before and was convinced it must be a stage name. Then there was the last name, Hickey, ...I thought, “come on now, I know what a hickey is... those purple spots that appeared in the morning, usually on the weekend, on my older brother’s neck. Things that he had to hide from my mother”. If ever there was a stage name for a Rockabilly singer, this was it.

As I was pondering all this newfound knowledge, I inadvertently clicked the mouse so that the page scrolled down to reveal, to my delight, a dozen or so black and white photos of what I immediately recognized as strippers, or as they were more politely called back then, burlesque dancers. Now, these were very professional publicity shots and were a testament to the photographers skills. It was top quality calendar girl, inside the locker pin up fantasy.

Momentarily distracted from my quest as to the real identity of the guy with the guitar, I read on, curious now to look a little further into this marginal slice of 50’s culture I had only a passing acquaintance with as a kid looking for kicks and adventure on the streets of Buffalo, underage and self medicated on bad draft beer and cheap rye whiskey. This turn of events, discovering that Gene Laverne was not an obscure singer whose publicity shot far out-

shone his musical career, but was in fact a successful and prominent photographer of “show business” personalities, some of whom I may have encountered or at least stared at all those years ago was a minor revelation. Further weirdness ensued as I read on to discover that Gene Laverne was also a cross dressing “exotic dancer”.

That was about as far as I felt comfortable going down that road but it led me to speculation.

Just who is Ersel Hickey and how did he come to be in Gene Laverne’s studio? What sequence of events and happenstance conspired to produce the most recognizable image on earth of the musical genre we call “Rockabilly”? Although I was eager to pursue the story of Ersel Hickey I lingered a while on the images of those lovely young ladies in their scanty outfits. How they were able to invoke the joyful, innocent memories of my youth. How by today’s standards the photos seemed archaic, tame, almost naïve. Today I could pick up a newspaper or a magazine in a dentist’s office and see more erotic photos of women’s bodies in an ad for toothpaste. Whatever happened to these ladies who performed in the shadows and on the margins of polite society as they grew into middle age and their time in the sun turned to faded glory?

By 1960 the adult entertainment lounge had almost disappeared from the cultural landscape, supplanted by the new wave of greasy haired guitar slingers. With one click of a finger I left my reverie, singing quietly to myself “Every picture tells a story don’t it”. The voices of Rod Stewart and Ronnie Wood floating in my brain over the music of the seminal British Folk Rockers, “The Small Faces”.

Stay tuned...



Peter Chess immigrated to Canada from Leeds, England at the age of 9 weeks. The family settled into a converted barracks at the local airport near St. Catharines for a couple of years before moving into a wartime house. After serving in the Canadian Army Signal Corps, Peter restored antique furniture in St. Catharines, which is where he met his wife Gitte, her daughters Sheri and Belinda. They now live in Matawatchan and have two granddaughters, Emma and Natalie. Peter is a member of The Pickled Chickens String Band.



## The Ball Family, Spreading Out and Reconnecting - A United Empire Loyalist Story

By Bill McNaught and Doug Richardson

The Tri-County Circle, where the 3 counties meet, Frontenac, Renfrew and Lennox & Addington, has a rich history. The pioneering families who tamed the rocky wilderness of this part of the Canadian Shield 150 years ago were strongly independent and adventurous. They settled here and made their homes while keeping their independence, creating the villages of Denbigh, Griffith, Matawatchan, Plevna and Vennachar. For these pioneer families brought a long family history of self-reliance tempered by community involvement. One of these families was the Ball Family.

The 1881 census for the County of Lennox and Addington reveals that two Ball brothers, John (1837-1915) and Fred (1834-1911) settled in the Vennachar area after 1881. They each obtained land north-east of the village on the road to Matawatchan. John subsequently donated land for the Free Methodist Church and his grandson, Lorne Ball (b.1910), was ordained as a Minister in the Free Methodist Church. Lorne wrote several historical articles on the early history of Vennachar and the Tri-County Circle.

While John and his wife, Alice (Wainman) Ball were raising their family, in 1886, Frederick married a young widow Nancy Jane (Gregg) Hughes and started a second family. The Greggs formed another prolific pioneering family in Vennachar, Denbigh and the surrounding area who married into the Bebee Family, the Grant Family, the Stalker Family and the Flake Family, among others. There are many descendants of John and Fred living in the tri-county area.

This article relates to the long and historical journey of the Ball Family, before John and Fred arrived in Vennachar. It begins in Wiltshire, England in 1635, when John Ball left his home to become one of the first pioneers of the Massachusetts Bay Colony. John and his family were founders of Watertown, Massachusetts, on the Charles River which he helped to develop from a simple trading post into a thriving village. Watertown is now part of Greater

Boston. This article follows the pioneering spirit of the Ball Family from Watertown to Lancaster, where an Indian Massacre on February 10, 1675 almost destroyed the Ball Family, then to Framingham to Brattleboro and New Fane Vermont to Knowlton, Quebec and Ernestown, Ontario to Brantford and Manitoulin Island and to Verona and Vennachar.

Doug Richardson, a direct descendant of John Ball of Watertown Massachusetts, has researched the adventures of this wandering family. He has chronicled in his new book, Chasing Balls, their itch to leave home behind for the perils and satisfactions of new starts and new challenges to conquer. Through the chapters, Doug has captured the ongoing pioneering spirit of the Ball Family, over almost 400 years here in North America, a spirit which infected so many pioneering families in the Tri-County Circle and a spirit of which many of us are beneficiaries today.

In this article, Doug recounts the exploits of the Ball Brothers during the Revolutionary War and explains why the 3 Ball Brothers, Shadrack, Solomon and Jacob Jr., their sister, Susannah, with their parents, Jacob Ball and Deborah (Belknap) Ball were forced to leave their homes in Vermont in 1783 for the wilds of Lower Canada and Upper Canada. John and Fred Ball were grandsons of Solomon Ball and Deborah (Belknap) Ball.

Prior to the American Revolution, the Ball Family had settled nicely into life in Brattleboro, Vermont. Jacob Sr. and Deborah, along with their daughter Susannah, and their youngest son, Jacob, lived on the family farm. Their first born, Shadrack, had set out on his own and owned a 400 acre property which he farmed. Samuel was the second oldest boy in the family. Another son, Solomon, was a farmer and tailor. With the onset of the American Revolution, all of their lives were about to change.

Shadrack joined the Continental Army and in 1776, he was in the 2nd Regi-

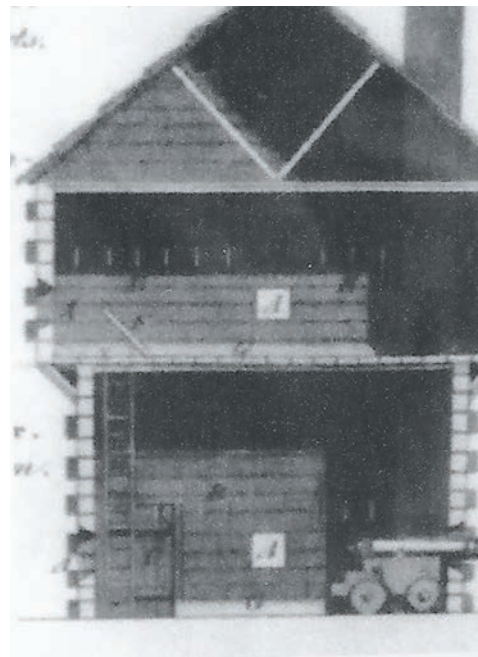


Diagram of the Blockhouse on Blockhouse Point on Lake Champlain. It was maintained it until 1794, 11 years after US independence in 1783.

ment of New York stationed at Fort Chambly, which had been a British fort but was now in the hands of the Americans. This would have been a natural fit for Shadrack because the unit contained many of his friends and acquaintances from Vermont. It did not take long for some of them to feel uncomfortable in the Continental Army and they left it. Many, including Shadrack, eventually joined the British side. The entire Ball Family in Vermont supported the British side for the duration of the Revolution.

Samuel first enlisted with the 49th Regiment of New York. He enlisted again on July 4, 1780 with the 2nd Battalion, King's Royal Regiment of New York.

Shadrack and his brother, Solomon, joined the Queen's Loyal Rangers in May 1777. They were in Colonel John Peters' Corp. The two brothers were part of British General Burgoyne's campaign later in 1777 which ended badly for the British. Shadrack and Solomon survived. Shadrack joined his brother, Samuel, in the 2nd Battalion, King's Royal Regiment of New York from August 21, 1780 to the Spring of 1781. Except for this brief time, Shadrack and Solomon served together under Colonel John Peters until the Queen's Loyal Rangers was reorganized on November 12, 1781. The new unit was called the Loyal Rangers and both brothers served in the 4th Company under Captain Justus Sherwood who had served with Shadrack back in early 1776 with the 2nd Regiment of New York in the Continental Army.

[[Jacob, the youngest brother, joined Shadrack and Solomon in the Queen's Loyal Rangers on November 1, 1781 and transferred with them when the unit was reorganized and became the Loyal Rangers. These three brothers remained with Captain Sherwood's 4th Company until they were discharged on November 24, 1783.

In late 1780, Justus Sherwood was put in charge of all scouting parties that left



Detail of "A View of Ticonderoga from a Point on the North Shore of Lake Champlain". 1777 Watercolour and pen and ink, by James Hunter. National Archives of Canada

the British outpost, Ile aux Noix. But Sherwood was not happy about the difficulties of keeping operations secret so in July 1781 a new outpost on North Hero Island at the north end of Lake Champlain was erected. The Loyalist Blockhouse was located on the western side of the island with a good view of the comings and goings on Lake Champlain.

When Sherwood was later put in charge of the 4th Company of the Loyal Rangers, members of the Loyal Rangers helped man the Loyalist Blockhouse. The Blockhouse became the headquarters for intelligence gathering in Quebec and the north-eastern United States. Shadrack and Solomon became active players in this activity.

Even before the Loyalist Blockhouse was erected, Shadrack had been used as a spy to seek out his British sympathizing friends in Vermont in order to gather information on the activities of the Continental Army. He was also entrusted to carry secret dispatches to and from the British outposts in Quebec and the north-eastern United States.

During 1779 and 1780, Shadrack and many others lost their lands in Vermont through confiscation because they had joined the enemy, the British. Further to this, if Shadrack had been apprehended during one of his missions into Vermont and identified before an Assistant or Justice of the Peace, he would have received 20 to 40 lashes on his back and expulsion from the state. To be caught a second time would have meant death. Shadrack was never caught. He was certainly a thorn in the side of the Americans and we can add Solomon to that list when he began spying and carrying dispatched for the British.

When it became apparent that the Revolution was coming to an end, soldiers began thinking about life after the Revolution. All British units were informed that as of August 25, 1783, all enlisting of new recruits was to stop. Young Jacob Ball and others requested that they be allotted land in the Missisquoi Bay area in what is now the Eastern Township of Quebec. The request made its

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Fred Ball in 1886



Reunification of three branches of the Ball family in Kingston, Ontario, July 31, 2014.  
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Back Row L - R: Bill McNaught, Lynn Bell, Gordon Ball, don Ball, Linda Richardson  
Front Row L - R: Doug Richardson, Carol Davy (UEL President, Odessa Branch), RJ McNaught (Several of his memories of Vennachar have been printed in The Madawaska Highlander, as told to Bill McNaught)

way to the Governor, Sir Frederick Haldimand, who rejected the idea. Haldimand wanted to leave these lands for future French Canadian settlement but for now he wanted the lands uninhabited. Governor Haldimand had three reasons for this: a wilderness was the best defense against an invasion from the south, settlers in the area could create problems with the new Republic and new settlers had the potential to develop smuggling operations.

Jacob accepted this decision, but others did not and moved there anyway. They were squatters and received support from the British even though they were former soldiers. In 1784, Jacob received 200 acres in Ernestown Township, Lot 20, Concession 4, but he never settled there. Instead, he made his way to Vermont, married Elizabeth Stone on May 28, 1785 and settled on South Hero Island and later on North Hero Island, where the Loyalist Blockhouse was still being garrisoned but by a different power, the Americans. In 1792, Jacob, Elizabeth and their two sons, James and Darius, moved to Missisquoi Bay area. This is the same land that he wanted to move to when still a soldier, but his request had been rejected by Governor Haldimand. Jacob's family settled on land at Brome Corners (now Brome) south of Montreal, not far from the Vermont border.

Solomon received 300 acres in Ernestown Township, Concession 6, Lot 27, and the W. half of Lot 28. He and wife, Esther Walker, farmed the land and raised a family consisting of Esther, Solomon Jr., Susannah, Philip (father of John & Fred Ball of Vennachar), Mary Rachel, Sarah and Lucinda.

Shadrack received land in Charlottenburg Township but refused it and

accepted land closer to his family in Ernestown Township. He was actually Solomon's neighbour having received the east half of Lot 28, Lot 29 and half of Lot 30, Concession 6 for a total of 400 acres. Shadrack and his wife raised Timothy, Angel, Cyreneus, Sanford and Belknap.

Susannah married Amos Martin (when he fought for the Americans at the start of the Revolution he was Amos Tanner). They had land on Concession 2 in Ernestown Township. They raised Elisha, Amos, Anne, James, William, Susannah, Deborah and Simeon.

That leaves Samuel (of the 4 Ball Brothers). He married Eve during the Revolution and they had one daughter. Eve and her daughter were on the Provision Lists in 1781 but on the United Empire Loyalist Supplementary List, Eve is a widow. Samuel either died during the war or shortly thereafter. IN 1785, Eve was living in Catarqui Township 3 (Fredericksburgh).

The parents, Jacob Ball Sr. and his wife, Deborah, probably moved from Vermont to one of the British loyalist refugee camps and were provisioned during the Revolution. It was too dangerous to stay in Vermont with the people there knowing that they were British sympathizers. When the Revolution ended, they moved to a 100 acre plot of land in Ernestown Township and farmed it.

Many descendants of the Ball Family still reside in the United States, eastern Ontario and the southern part of Quebec. Others have continued in the pioneering spirit and moved on to new adventures in other parts of Canada, the United States and elsewhere.

*We have to admire the courage, determination and fortitude displayed not only our Ball Family but by the thousands of other families who pioneered this great country of ours.*

Doug Richardson and Bill McNaught are descendants of Jacob Ball Sr. and Deborah (Belknap) Ball.

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**Lakelands Family Health Team Gives A Warm Welcome to Dr. Dumas**  
**By Jenelle Rosenblath**



Dr. Dumas, dark haired man in the center, with politicians from Frontenac & Addington Highlands Townships & Lakelands FHT management and staff

April 1st was an exciting day for staff at Lakelands Family Health Team as they welcomed Dr. Matt Dumas, the newest addition to the clinic. He was surrounded by local politicians and staff members while he signed his 5 year contract with the townships of Addington Highlands and North Frontenac.

Dr. Dumas, who is a recent graduate of Family Medicine at Queen's University in Kingston, is a familiar face to some, as he's been working under contract as a locum physician since late 2014. Dr. Tobia, the lead physician at Lakelands Family Health Team, is starting to de-

crease the size of his practice. In doing so, some patients have been transferred to Dr. Dumas.

Matt Dumas originated from North Bay and is a member of the Dokis First Nation. He spent some of his summers on the French River, which runs between Lake Nipissing and North Bay, residing with family on the Dokis Reserve.

"The land around here is pretty similar to where I grew up, near North Bay."

"The landscape there is very similar to what I find in this area, lots of lakes and

swamps, a Canadian Shield wilderness area," he said.

Both North Frontenac and Addington Highlands Townships have provided recruitment incentives for Dr. Dumas over the course of his five year contract.

Lakelands Family Health Team consists of a large number of professionals including five family physicians, two nurse practitioners, social worker, foot care nurse and nursing staff. Dr. Dumas, being the newest physician, is currently accepting patients in both Northbrook and Denbigh locations. He will travel to the Denbigh site on

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Mondays, and will remain in Northbrook for the remainder of the week. Aside from his patients, Dr. Dumas will continue to teach at Queen's University on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

**To enroll as a patient in please contact the Lakelands Family Health Team to register.**

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**Bittersweet Gallery Presents "Twenty / Fifteen" Spring Open House In Support of Burnstown Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope**

**By Cheryl Babineau**

Bittersweet Gallery's seasonal spring open house marks the 4th annual event in support of the Burnstown Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope to help raise awareness of the organization's goals and objectives. Cheryl is collaborating with Burnstown resident and walk chair Denyse Campeau, who will be present to answer questions and raise awareness of Ovarian Cancer Canada's goals and objectives.

Refreshments will be served and there will also be door prizes of an exquisite Chagnon piece as well as a relief sculpture by Richard Gill and painting by resident painter John Robert Bradley.

As in the past, Bittersweet will donate 10 % of Chagnon sales to launch the 2015 Burnstown Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope which will take place on Sunday, September 13, 2015 in the Bennett/ Lindsay labyrinth on gallery grounds. Participants of last year's walk raised more than \$12,000 a 50% increase from 2013.

Gallery owner, Cheryl Babineau, is once again planning to showcase the popular designs of jeweller Anne Marie Chagnon with a spring trunk show featuring her latest new works. Collec-

tion 2015 marks twenty years of design for the Montreal artist and Bittersweet gallery is celebrating fifteen years representing Canadian artists and artisans hence the moniker twenty/fifteen. Cheryl is grateful and proud to remain standing in the wake of other fine craft gallery closures over the past few years. She is especially grateful to loyal gallery patrons and to the over 50 artists who have entrusted her to represent their work with due respect and reverence for their craft.

The event will also feature new works of the gallery's stable of artists and introduce some new ones. Sculptor Richard Gill will open his studio where visitors can preview some intriguing current works in progress. It's a good opportunity to discuss custom work or sign up for a workshop in clay-relief.

**About Anne Marie Chagnon**

Cheryl recalls her first encounter with Chagnon's work when scouting for original designs at a show in Montreal 15 years ago when she was conceiving Bittersweet Gallery along with her husband, sculptor Richard Gill. It was actually Richard who first spotted Chagnon's designs - Cheryl embraced them

and believes she was the first to represent her work in Ontario. Bittersweet Gallery now boasts the largest collection of the designer's work outside of Quebec.

Anne Marie Chagnon's work is prolific. Every year Chagnon conceives & manifests an entirely new collection that merits a celebratory launch.

In her own words...

"While this collection has invited me to abandon everything familiar to me, it rests upon the foundations of my very origins. It pays tribute to what has moulded me in the past and to what drives me today. Each piece bears the name of people who are part of my history, even if there are many more people dear to me than there are pieces in this collection. Twenty years of creation, inspiration, encouragement, pitfalls, and successes - an epic journey of which I am proud." - Anne-Marie Chagnon

**Why Ovarian Cancer Canada?**

In Canada, approximately 2,600 women are diagnosed with ovarian cancer annually, and 1,750 lives are lost each year to it. Currently, there are 17,000 women living in Canada with the disease.

It is also very important to note Cheryl and Richard's personal commitment to this cause with Richard's daughters genetically at high risk. Ovarian Cancer Canada is the only registered Canadian charitable organization whose mission is to overcome

ovarian cancer, providing leadership by:

- Supporting women living with the disease and their families
- Raising awareness in the general public and with health care professionals
- Funding research to improved treatment and, ultimately, a cure.

With more than 250 cancer charities in Canada, Ovarian Cancer Canada stands out for its notable efforts to reduce duplication, focused and strategic implementation of the mission, as well as a collaborative and partnering philosophy.

The Walk is the largest one-day event in Canada that raises awareness and money solely for the fight against ovarian cancer. The Walk of Hope began in 2002 by Peggy Truscott, an ovarian cancer survivor. Peggy planted the seed for what is now known as the Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope. The Walk has since sprouted across Canada and has raised more than \$17 million for ovarian cancer support, public awareness, research, and education for health care professionals.

Collection 2015 opens at Bittersweet Fine Craft and Art on June 6- starting at 11am to 5pm at 5 Leckie Lane in Burnstown. The Bennett/Lindsay Labyrinth will also be open to visitors to explore.

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## Sugaring Season By Joanne Murray



Joanne pouring maple syrup onto snow at their sugar shack in Matawatchesan

Amongst happy memories as a youngster in Matawatchesan, my neighbour, Corrine McLaren Parks recalls helping in the sugaring season. A team of horses driven by her father and drawing a sleigh with a wooden barrel was soon filled with sap by Corrine and her

brothers and sister. The sap was cooked down outdoors in a steel pan over a pit fire box. Once the syrup reached the house Corrine's mother took over. Syrup was set aside for pancakes and baking and then there was always sugar to be made. Many times, Corrine watched her mother while she cooked the syrup on the woodstove over a hot fire stirring constantly and watching 'til it dripped "just so" from the spoon. Then came lots of vigorous beating with a wooden paddle 'til the syrup formed crystals. Soft sugar was reserved for spreading on bread and toast. Hard sugar was eaten like candy. Both were stored in muffin or bread pans. Today there are many cookbooks devoted to recipes using maple syrup or sugar. We pass along some favourites to you as we celebrate March, the sweetest month of the year.

### Maple Syrup and Pear Pie

Prepare your favourite (unbaked) pie crust for a large Pyrex pie plate

#### Filling

1 egg  
1/4 cup flour  
1/4 cup whipping cream  
2 cups maple syrup  
Sufficient fresh or canned pears

- With an electric mixer beat the egg and flour 'til smooth and light
- Add the cream and maple syrup. You may dry the pears on paper towel to absorb excess liquid
- Slice and arrange the pears evenly on the pie crust.
- Pour the maple syrup and cream mixture on top.
- Bake at 375 degrees F. for 30 mins. or until knife comes out clean

### Japanese Chicken

6 legs or half-breasts of chicken  
Flour the chicken pieces then brown in 2 Tbsp. butter

Pour the following over all:

1/4 cup soya sauce  
1/2 cup water  
1/4 cup maple syrup  
2 Tbsp. wine vinegar  
two cloves minced garlic  
1 tsp. powdered ginger or  
1 to 2 tsps freshly grated ginger

Cover and after bubbling starts, turn to very low heat.  
Simmer for 1 hour. Serve with rice.

### Maple Baked Salmon with Chopped Almonds

The delectable flavour of baked salmon marinated with sweet maple dressing and topped with almonds makes this dish taste so good it will definitely become a mealtime staple.

4 skinless salmon fillets (each fillet should be about 3 ounces or 85 grams)  
1/2 cup (125 ml) almonds, chopped coarsely  
1/4 cup (50 ml) maple syrup  
1/4 cup (50 ml) orange juice  
2 tablespoons (25 ml) fresh lemon juice  
2 tablespoons (25 ml) light soy sauce  
2 cloves garlic, crushed

- Preheat the oven to 425°F (220°C). 8-inch sq. pan lined with parchment paper.
- Place the four salmon fillets in pan, leaving 1/2 inch (1 cm) between pieces.
- Chop the almonds by hand or use a hand-held blender or chopper.
- Distribute the chopped almonds evenly on top of the fillets.
- In a small bowl, mix together maple syrup, orange juice, lemon juice, soy sauce and crushed garlic.
- Use a spoon to gently baste the marinade over top of each fillet.
- Bake salmon for about 15 to 20 minutes or until fish is just done.
- While the fish is baking, baste top with marinade at least once or twice.
- When removing fish from the pan, leave the leftover marinade and discard.
- Serve the fish with brown rice and a green salad or vegetables.

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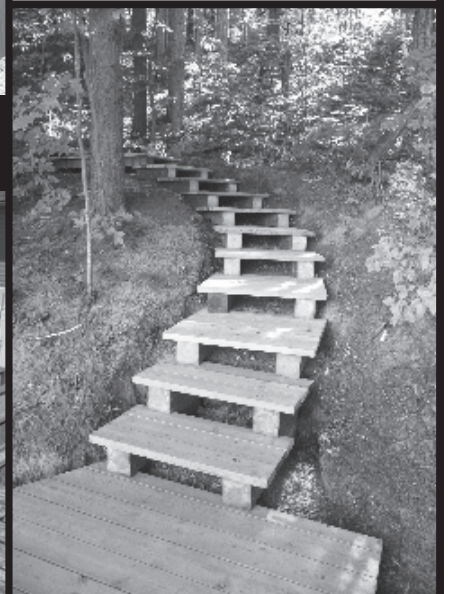
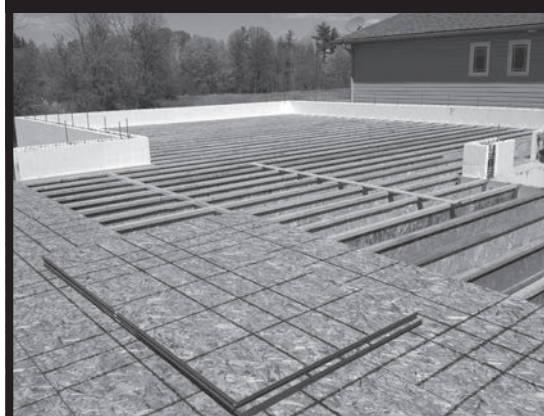
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## Where Does the Water Go?

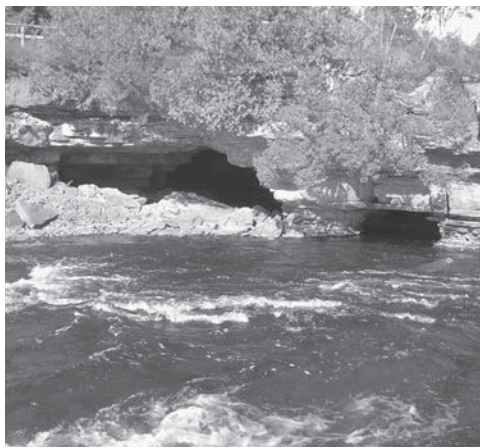
By Ole Hendrickson

Did you ever follow a stream to its source? Maybe you have walked uphill through a forest, or pasture, and reached a point where there is no longer a defined channel. Sometimes a stream plays hide and seek, alternately running along the surface and going underground.

In urban areas, flowing waters (including streams themselves) may be hidden underground in storm sewers. On the one hand, this infrastructure prevents flooding of roads and buildings. The sewers of Paris are one of the world's great engineering marvels, enabling the dense urban architecture of the City of Light. On the other hand, all that water running through buried pipes doesn't just vanish – it must be discharged to the surface.

While storm water management is essential in the downtown core, there is a trade-off between urban intensification and risks of water pollution -- particularly where cars and trucks are a main form of transportation. The greater the density of hard, impermeable surfaces (such as streets and paved driveways), the greater the need for storm drainage infrastructure. Storm water discharges are polluted by leaking oil and gasoline, brake lining fragments, lawn fertilizers, dog excrement, etc. Sometimes unscrupulous businesses or homeowners make illicit discharges to storm drains.

Some municipalities now provide incentives such as tax breaks to homeowners who take measures to reduce their discharges to storm sewers, thereby improving water quality and saving on maintenance costs. These measures can be as simple as ensuring that water flowing off a roof doesn't



Water goes in and out of the ground. The Bonnechere caves at 4th Chute on the Bonnechere River were formed this way.

end up in a storm sewer. Water can be stored in a rain barrel for use during drier periods, or discharged directly to a vegetated portion of the yard. Many urban residents plant trees and shrubs instead of lawns: permanent woody vegetation captures more rain and recycles it to the atmosphere through the process of transpiration. Green roofs, rain gardens, and bioswales are coming into vogue. And rather than "sealing" their driveways, enlightened homeowners are finding ways to make them permeable.

Larger scale options include constructed wetlands and storm water ponds, restoration of natural streams that were once confined to storm sewers, and narrower streets lined by urban forests.

"Green infrastructure" is a catch-all term for use of natural landscapes and water cycling processes to replace artificial water infrastructure. A central tenet is to use vegetated/permeable surfaces and natural watercourses in preference to hardened surfaces and pipes. This holds great promise for reducing pollution, beautifying urban landscapes, increasing property values, reducing long-term maintenance costs, and lowering property taxes and water fees.

## Events for ORI Members and Friends!

Annual General Meeting  
Sat. June 20 - Ottawa River Institute  
Annual General Meeting - 1:30pm at  
The Sands on Golden Lake

Join us for a paddle on the Bonnechere River in the morning, (see Group Paddles section below for details), or simply join us at The Sands at 1:30pm. Hope to see you there. For more information, please email us.

Some Coming Events

Saturday May 9 - Renfrew County Woodlot Day - Woodlot Management and Biodiversity - 1646 Lake Dore Road, 9am

Live music by Terry McLeish, children's nature walk, walks with Field Naturalists and tour of the woodlot. \$5 entrance fee for a fun day for kids and adults.

<http://www.pafn.on.ca/Woodlot%20day%202015%20lo.pdf>  
woodlotconference@yahoo.ca

Sunday May 10 - The Pembroke Area Field Naturalists' Mother's Day Weekend Wildflowers and Nature Walk - Shaw Woods, 2pm. The purpose of this outing is to enjoy early spring in the beautiful Shaw Woods. The main focus will be to see woodland wildflowers. We should see Cohosh, Trout Lily, Trilliums and several other species. The walk is for all ages and is an introduction to Shaw Woods, an old growth forest. The walk will be easy to moderate on well maintained trails. The participants will determine the pace and will take about 2.5 hours. Trip leaders: Rob Cunningham, forester and naturalists (732-8402) and grant Bickle, orchid and sage aficionado. Due to limited parking at Shaw Woods, we will meet at the Wilberforce Twp Beach and Picnic area at the intersection of Hwy 41 and Lake Dore Road.

Friday May 29 - Active Transportation Summit - Marguerite Centre Pembroke

Local Active Transportation champions, partnership with the County of Renfrew, are hosting an Active Transportation Summit on May 29th to bring together planners, politicians, municipalities, recreation, education, health organizations, businesses and the public interested in promoting the benefits of cycling, walking, paddling and other non-motorized modes of recreation and transportation. The day will increase knowledge

of the connections between Active Transportation and economic development, health, well-being, community development, environment and tourism. Participants will highlight and learn from success stories in Renfrew County and elsewhere in Eastern Ontario. Attendance at the event costs \$55, including lunch. Registration is online at <http://www.eventbrite.ca/e/eastern-ontario-active-transportation-summit-tickets-15995091750>

Group Paddles - This Spring and Summer

The Ottawa River Institute is partnering with the Bonnechere River Watershed Project (BRWP) this summer to bring group paddle opportunities to residents and tourists. Along with these paddles, listed below are some other local paddles and paddle related events. Some of the events also feature local food and entertainment, and all feature lots of fun!

Fri. June 5 - Bill Mason Film Fest with Paul Mason  
6:30- 10pm at the Eagles Nest, Eganville Arena.

Sat. June 6 - Wilber Lake to Eganville Paddle - \$10.  
Followed by local entertainment and music. Organized by BRWP and Bonnechere Valley Twp. Register at: [www.celebrateourriver.ca](http://www.celebrateourriver.ca)

Sat. June 13 - Bonnechere River, Renfrew to Ottawa River Paddle and Clean up - \$10. Organized by BRWP and the Ottawa River Institute. Register by email to: [info@bonnechereriver.ca](mailto:info@bonnechereriver.ca)

Sat. June 20 - Bonnechere River, Round Lake to Golden Lake Paddle - \$10. Organized by BRWP and the Ottawa River Institute. Register by email to: [info@ottawariverinstitute.ca](mailto:info@ottawariverinstitute.ca)

Sat. July 18 - Bonnechere River, Eganville to Fourth Chute Paddle and Fiddle - \$10. Followed by Bonnechere Caves BBQ (\$5) and Music (\$10). Organized by BRWP, Bonnechere Caves. Register by email to: [info@bonnechereriver.ca](mailto:info@bonnechereriver.ca)

Sat. Aug. 8 - Madawaska River, Cherry Point Park to Burnstown Beach Paddle - \$10. Organized by BRWP and MacNab Braeside Township. Register by email to: [recreation@mcnabbraeside.com](mailto:recreation@mcnabbraeside.com)

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## Local Food & Local Energy

First Nations peoples sustained themselves in North America for tens of thousands of years before first contact. Now they join the conversation about the “new” phenomenon of sustainable living and renewable resources.

All of our ancestors would shake their heads in wonder, hearing talk about our “new” efforts to grow and eat local foods. (Howard Popkie’s story on page 10 explains it from a settler’s point of view.)

We don’t have to go back to the way things were done before fossil-fuelled vehicles, ships and aircraft made transportation of people and goods so easy, but we do have to find new ways to supply and power our lifestyles, because it’s just not... sustainable.

Google “eat real eat local video” to see Hellman’s amazing video description of why eating local, fresh foods is so important to Canadians and the economy. I couldn’t explain it better. This thinking has created a strong local food movement. A new shop

in Renfrew is simply called “It’s Local!”. Restaurants are serving local foods, craft beers and Ontario wines due to this demand. The Valley Food & Drink Co., newly opened at Calabogie Lodge, goes beyond that by delivering not only local food, but local heritage and the whole valley experience. That’s the best way to compete with big box chain stores and mass produced items, especially in an area that thrives by creating a memorable tourism experience.

With better high speed internet access, online networks are forming and creating new systems to source local feeds and livestock, to sell and process locally, and ultimately help us feed ourselves. Social media like Facebook is also connecting small farmers with information and creating “farm to table” networks. One such network was started in Vennachar by Kelly Tooley a few months ago and already has almost 900 members. Look for “Small Farm, Sustainability & Homestead Living in Ontario”.

Local energy has strong benefits, too.

Every cent we spend on fossil fuels leaves our community. Electricity loses power over long distances, so the closer your source of energy, the more efficient it is. Local energy is the way to go.

Tesla’s recent development of affordable, smaller, wind or solar charged batteries that can power the average home is exciting. Can you imagine a day when we are all off grid, heating our homes with geothermal energy and driving electric cars?

It has begun!

Cities are closing the production loop, converting waste heat and matter into energy. Money spent on local power also recirculates within the city.

We know fossil fuels are not sustainable, but as we develop ways to store wind and solar locally, one has to wonder if large wind and solar farms are a stop-gap measure based on an old system and will go the way of the main frame computer.

## TO THE EDITOR

### DEMOCRACY – CALABOGIE STYLE

*In October, 2014, Nicole Guthrie was elected Councillor in Ward 1, Township of Greater Madawaska. Through a queer turn of events, she has been dismissed from office some 5 months later for failure to file financial statements on time. No other explanation has been provided.*

*As reported in the Renfrew Mercury, April 23, 2015, Council has now decided to fill this vacancy by appointing a person of their choice in a secret process behind closed doors, even one from outside Ward 1.*

*In ignoring the two candidates who already gained Ward 1 voter support last October, Council is making a statement to the effect that their judgement is superior to that of Calabogie voters.*

*Voters can now rest assured that their best interests will be looked after by GM Council for the next 3 ½ years. Clearly, they feel that Council’s secret judgements are best for Calabogie voters, whether they like it or not.*

*It would appear that democratic principles of representative government no longer apply in Calabogie.*

J.P. De Grandmont, Griffith, ON

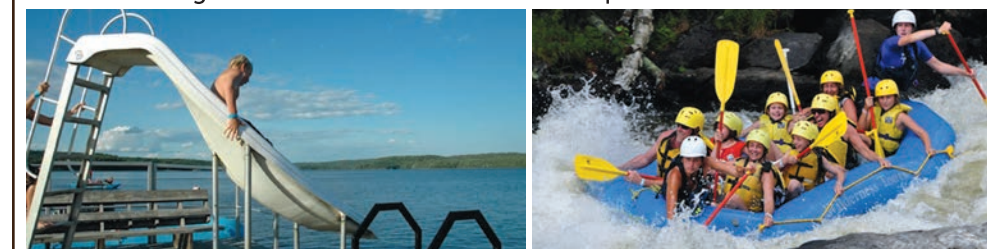


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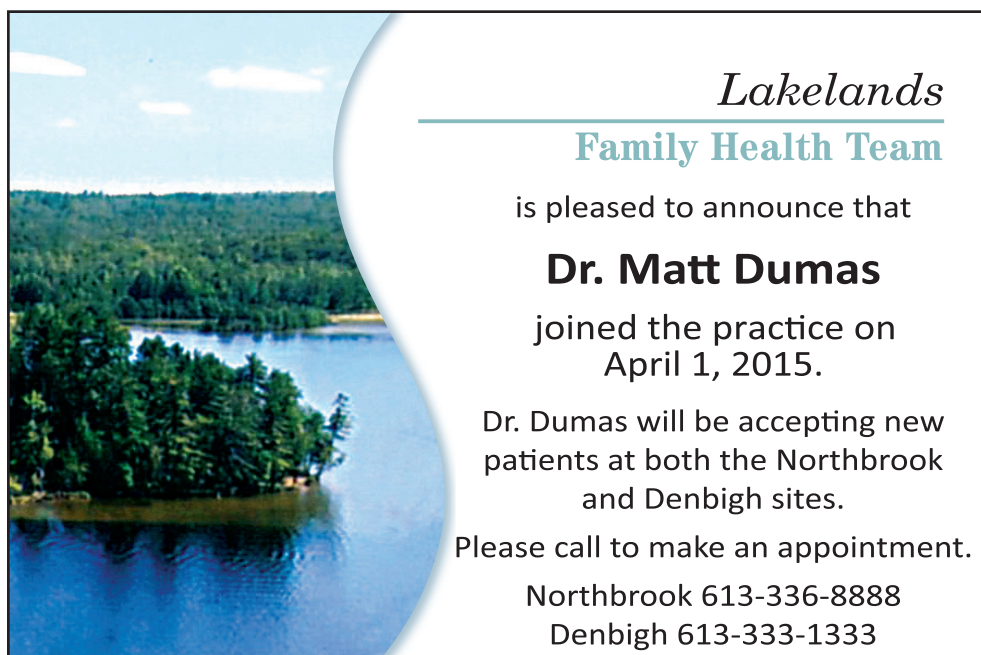
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