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

Happy Thanksgiving! Turkey hunters in WMU 58, please report your Spring harvest to the MNR if you want a Fall hunt in the future. Article Pg. 4

## Welcome!



Male turkey displaying for a female, who doesn't seem impressed. Matawatchan May 2014

The Madawaska Highlands inspires artists of all kinds. Article Pg. 12



Matawatchan artist, Cathie Cooper, with one of her paintings, ready for Calabogie Artfest, one of many art events in the area.

...To a brilliantly coloured Autumn landscape shared by outdoor enthusiasts – artists, hikers, paddlers, hunters, fishers, musicians... Who doesn't love the Highlands in the Fall?

This issue is about art and the outdoors. It's also about remembrance and giving thanks, not just on the two holidays, but every day.

It is about remembering how we got here and being thankful for what we have. It's also about keeping vigilant about it all by electing people who share our values. It's up to all of us to pay attention. Be sure to vote in the municipal election on October 27.

This issue takes you to the peaceful places around Calabogie and on a day trip up and down the new Schooner Trail in North Frontenac. It commemorates sacrifices by people who went to war and those who were left behind.

We promise historical stories both tragic and delightful, a selection of issues that affect you, and a social calendar for residents and visitors to the Madawaska and Addington Highlands, as complete as we could assemble. Thank you for your input!

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## NEWS CLIPPINGS WE HAVE GATHERED

### WORLD:

Poor weather has ravaged the home of the majority of the world's hazelnut crops, driving up prices and stoking fears of a Nutella shortage.

Winnie the Pooh saga turns 100 years old. One hundred years ago a Canadian soldier adopted a black bear cub and named it after his adopted hometown of Winnipeg, launching the saga of Winnie the Pooh.

Lost 1845 Franklin Expedition ship found in the Canadian Arctic this summer

Once numbering in the billions, the last passenger pigeon died at the Cincinnati Zoo, 100 years ago.

200 years ago, British-Canadian troops occupied the Whitehouse in Washington, D.C. and burned many of its public buildings, including the White House, during the War of 1812. It was the only time in history a foreign power ever captured the American capital.

### CANADA:

Winnipeg's Ufology Research releases report of 25 years of UFO sightings in Canada - almost 15,000 since 1989. A combination of lights in the sky, flying objects, and human encounters with UFO's and alien species.

Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry celebrates 100 years of service. Founded by an act of philanthropy, by Montreal businessman Andrew Hamilton Gault. PPCLI's were the first Canadians on the field in WWI.

\$305 million rural broadband Internet expansion program called Connecting Canadians dedicated to expansion of high-speed Internet service in rural areas. Contact your MP to let them know where the gaps are.

Canadian beekeepers launched a \$450-million class-action lawsuit against seed/insecticide companies, charging that neonicotinoid seed coating is killing bees at an alarming rate.

Farmers' Almanac predicts nasty winter: 'shivery and shovely'

### ONTARIO:

Ontario launches free VQA Wines Mobile App to connect consumers with the Province's wine, now being sold at approved farmers markets.

Province allowing wood frame building up to six storeys. Safe and flexible building options help make housing more affordable, supporting our forest industry

### COUNTIES:

Frontenac County lost two of its most esteemed citizens in September with the passing of Warden (and North Frontenac Mayor) Bud Clayton and mining reform crusader Marilyn Crawford.

### LOCAL:

Municipal Elections October 27: Final list of candidates in Greater Madawaska Article Pg.10



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. Jens has been an animator working in the industry for 25 years.

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## by Garry Ferguson

**Well!** The folks of the Golden Circle, (Matawatchan, Griffith, Slate Falls, Denbigh, Vennachar and back to Matawatchan) sure know how to throw a benefit bash. On Friday evening, September 05, somewhere in excess of 110 neighbours, and folks from points well beyond our horizons, came to the old Matawatchan Hall to lend a hand in getting the Tomlin Family over a rough patch. Volunteers rushed to pitch in even before the call went out and ensured that the whole affair went off like clockwork. At one time, local folk who wished to describe a lot of food (a feed) at some get together, would say, "There was enough friggin' grub there to feed a thrashin' crew." Dishes for the potluck supper kept coming in until it appeared that there might not be room enough for the guests. Within minutes, there was enough "friggin' grub" to feed half a dozen "thrashin' crews."

Musicians from St. Andrew's Praise Band, the Thursday Night Crew, and the Windsor Wonders (a radical sect of the Hi-Way 41 band) provided a rousing variety of song and instrumentals to aid in the digestion of the well-fed crowd before ventriloquist Beulah Buchwald went on stage to keep them giggling for an hour or so. Thanks to the generosity of organizations, churches and individuals, the event surpassed even the most extreme expectations of the organizers – in every way.

The rain date of Sunday August 24 certainly wasn't needed – so forget that I mentioned it – for the seventh annual **Denbigh-Griffith Lions Club (DGLC) Show and Shine on August 23rd**. One hundred and four entrants came from places with names I couldn't pronounce, even if I could remember them. I wasn't able to get an accurate count of bodies because, much to my dismay, they kept moving around and wouldn't stand still for a few minutes, but I'm sure that there was close to 400.

A couple from Castleton, Fred and Arlene Carr, took the first place People's Choice Award (donated by Snider's Tent and Trailer) for their 1956 Ford Grenada. Larry Keller of Palmer Rapids took the number two People's Choice Award (by Griffith Building Supply) with his 1979 Ford Grenada and the number three People's Choice went to Jody Kelly of Renfrew (his address may now be Renfrew but you can't take the country out of the boy) for his 1968 Dodge RT. His father must be proud – because of that Dodge thing, eh. The Denbigh Recreation Committee donated the third place award. Awards are great for bragging rights but the big financial winner of the day was Marc Pichette of Airds Lake whose share of the 50/50 was \$1247.36. I should've bought more tickets. Thanks to the ongoing hard work of the DGLC Cats and the always-there generosity of travelers, the latest toll road was well worth the effort and there wasn't a black fly in sight. The good news is that all those loonies and toonies you folks out there dropped into the buckets will help to cover the \$5000 cheque destined for the Lakelands Family Health Unit in October.

**Don't Forget!! The Matawatchan Hall Board will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday October 14 at 7 p.m. in the Hall.** The same board has

soldiered on these many years and can use some help – even if it's just to show up as a show of support. A gaggle of warm bodies on the chairs is always encouraging at any AGM. The public is encouraged to attend and provide input at all board meetings but welcomed with hugs and kisses (figuratively - I hope) at the big one.



GM Lions Show & Shine Winners, Left to Right: 2nd Place, Larry Keller of Palmer Rapids, 1st Place Fred and Arlene Carr of Carleton Place, 3rd Place, Jody Kelly of Renfrew



Great food, entertainment and socializing at the potluck supper benefit for the Tomlin family was an inspiration for upcoming Potluck Socials. Check the dates in the article and join us! Everyone is welcome.

**A potluck supper - bring whatever you fancy - will begin at 5:30 before the AGM at 7 p.m.** Though President Mark Tomlin doesn't plan to run any marathons soon, at least until he's puts some time between him and his major surgery, he's out and about much to everyone's relief.

The idea of a series of get-togethers with **potluck suppers/socials in the Matawatchan Hall** – just for the heck of it – has been brewing for some time. Nothing complicated, just an informal evening of socializing and feasting with some cards, music, chit-chat, darts or whatever to finish off the evening. Hall Board members put their heads together (again figuratively) and came up with the dates for a series of four evenings before winter close-up – all at 5:30 on Saturday evenings. The dates are: September 20, (already come and gone: see below) October 25, November 22 and December 13. **The December 13th supper will be followed by the traditional, annual Christmas Tree Lighting and Carol Sing.** Saturdays were decided upon in order to avoid competing with card nights in Griffith and Denbigh as well as other weekly events around town. Each participant is asked to bring a dish of choice and, only if you're so inclined, one or more of the following: an instrument, song, joke, poem or game along with a smile. It might be wise to mount the mailed-out information flyer containing the details of these outings, or this paragraph, to your fridge (no nails, use tape) in order to remember those dates. After typing them a few lines ago, even I have forgotten them. There will be no charge, however, a donation jar is always available

to those wishing to plunk in a few alms for the **Hall Winterization Fund**.

**"It was a dark and stormy night" when the first of the pot luck suppers/socials** (from the previous paragraph) came to pass. Thirty six souls spun yarns and gossiped as they tucked into a hearty meal



**The Griffith and Matawatchan Fish and Gamers** were ecstatic over the success of the presentation made by the good folk from the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH). The meeting took place in the Matawatchan Hall on August 24, 2014 and, by all accounts, not a soul, not even the most lethargic, tired, medi-



OFAH President, Glenn Rivard addressing the crowd at the Matawatchan Hall



(enough grub to feed a thrashin' crew) in the cozy confines of the old hall on the evening of Saturday September 20. After dishes-done, folks had the choice of continuing the gossip, the yarns, euchre, darts, or going home. Judging by the enthusiasm for the first, the remaining socials (already marked on your calendars of course) should be smash hits.

**Sandy Downs** is still out there doing good deeds for others. By the end of last year, she had successfully raised \$500 for Wheels of Hope and another \$500 for The Grimes Lodge mostly through her calendar campaign which, by the way, produced 10 local winners. That was last year but this year, has she got another deal for? It's the new **\$20, 2015 Crimestoppers Calendars**. No ladies, there are no displays of bulging pectorals on stripped-down-to-waist criminals of the month (if male reader, substitute female criminals-of-the-month with whatever) but you do have a good chance of picking up some good coin. **Prizes of \$25** will be drawn for the 365 days of the year with special draws of amounts between **\$100 and \$1000**. **Two of those will be for \$1000**. The good part is that you're not limited to one win: you will have repeat chances. Proceeds will go to the Recreation Committee to sponsor Kids-to-Camp next summer. By the end of September, she'll again have **fresh cranberries for sale**. You could catch her at every gathering for a worthy cause from Pembroke to Matawatchan but if you'd like to get in touch with her at her home in Griffith, just dial 613 333 1932.

cated or hung-over yawned even once during the extended session. Yours truly had to do duty at the Cobden Fair so could not cover the event. However, one of my trusted informants, who usually judges events solely by the quality – and quantity – offered up in the feedback department, gave a glowing account of the day so we can rest assured that Brian and the gang made sure all were well-fed.

To keep abreast of events – past, present and future - watch for the Club's newsletters which, for members with an email address, appears magically on your computer monitor. Make sure to read Brian Sutcliffe's article in this issue. It contains a lot of good information with something of interest for most. For information or clarification, delivered with a personable touch, call Brian or Sandy Sutcliffe at 613 333 9564. Late-hour, after-midnight calls? Not so personable.



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.

**By Brian Sutcliffe**

By all accounts the OFAH Zone E Meeting, 24 August 2014 at the Matawatchan Hall was a complete success. They want to come back to Griffith/Matawatchan next year.

Some 40 plus folks attended, representing clubs from Oshawa to Bancroft, to Pembroke, Arnprior and clubs on the Matawaska river, and they were not disappointed.

Guest speakers: Glenn Rivard, President of the OFAH and Brian McRae, Zone/Member and Club Services Liaison, held the audience for an hour and a half... These guys really know their stuff. They covered everything from Turkey Hunting, reduction in adult moose tags (-2800 plus tags) for 2014, reduction of doe tags (-15,000 tags), Sunday hunting and anti-discharge municipal bylaws, cancelling the POL and grandfathering to PAL, stopping the CFO (Canadian Firearms Office) from acting independently, COs training at OPP college and more!

There are a number of things that will be of interest to residents of Greater Madawaska – turkey hunters in WMU 58, please report your spring harvest to the MNR. We need 200 turkeys harvested for three consecutive years before MNR will consider a fall turkey hunt in WMU 58.

- The OFAH is going to challenge the

reduction in moose tag allocations. The MNR survey sample in those WMUs was too small to provide accurate information.

- Parliament is going to do away with the possession only license (POL) for the possession and acquisition license (PAL). At this time it is not clear if the POL will be grandfathered or if POL owners will have to challenge the exam. First time gun owners will be required to take the PAL course.

The OFAH has set out on a new venture.... they have partnered with the National Archery Association (out of Tennessee) to bring Archery to our schools in Ontario. The program has been active in seven countries and Saskatchewan and has been a great success. The program is available to school kids from grades 4 to 12. They supply everything from equipment to a three day training camp for volunteer instructors. There is funding available from the National Archery Association, OFAH and OFAH Zone E to kick start this program at your school... and there is a bonus, this program is a high school credit for your youngster and is covered by the school's liability insurance. For details contact Tim Watts, Program Coordinator, OFAH, Ontario Conservation Centre, PO Box 2800, 4601 Guthrie Drive, Peterborough, ON K9J 8L5 – 705 748 6324.

And now for the big one. MNR is seriously considering charging senior citizens

for a fishing license beginning in 2016... This is simply not fair and is wrong!! Our senior citizens have paid their dues, they have put a ton of money over the decades through their hunting and fishing licences into this special purpose account which was ear marked for wild life programs.

The initial funding formula when it was established was 50% of funding for MNR Wildlife programs was to come from the SPA and 50% was to come from public coffers. The present day funding formula is 70% from the SPA and 30% from the province. The government has been double dipping!... and now they want our seniors to pay for their creative financing, why isn't the money there? This is important folks... the OFAH is mounting a challenge and requesting that the Ontario Auditor General conduct a forensic audit into the management and spending habits regarding this account... so please ladies and gentlemen, take the time to write, phone or email the Honourable Bill Monroe, Minister of Natural Resources, Honourable Michael Coteau, Minister of Tourism Culture and Sport, the OFAH and your local MPP and let them know that this is WRONG and demand a forensic audit be conducted by the Ontario Auditor General....this is your money, it came from your pockets to fund management programs that would ensure and protect wildlife in our province, so you, your children and your future generations would

have the opportunity to enjoy this rich outdoor heritage that we have here in Ontario. One of our seniors from Quadville said "at my age, if I want to go fishing, I have to think about it... by the time I have made up my mind it is too late to go fishing, and now the government wants me to pay \$25.00 to think about going fishing".

The year 2014 is winding down for us... we are going to end 2014 with a buck and doe contest and raffle off a combo shotgun and the Hunter's Ball is on again this year at the Matawatchan Hall, Saturday, November 8th from 8:00 pm to 1:00 am.

Year 2014 has been a hectic and very successful year for the Fish & Game Club, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every one of you for your support during the year and looking forward to 2015. We are looking at a number of new programs, unfortunately the boat launch on Flying Club Road is a no-go as the church is selling off its properties in Griffith. We will look at alternatives for a boat launch in 2015.

Hope to see you on the water, in the bush or on the ice!!

Yours in conservation  
Brian Sutcliffe, President



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## THE CADBURY CAR

### By Antonia Chatson

After my father's abject failure in the driving department, he turned to and perfected other modes of transportation. Loblaws was a mile from our home in Richmond Hill and he would often ride there on my JC Raleigh bicycle to purchase grocery items. He attached a basket on behind the seat and stowed his purchases in that. One day there was a special on large cans of dog meat. Being of a thrifty disposition, he bicycled to Loblaws and purchased ten cans of the stuff. He reckoned that even one more can would be a hazard to his navigational skills. It was at that time that the cost of groceries had taken a spike upwards and there had been reports in the newspapers of people on fixed incomes especially seniors, who had to resort to eating dog food as they could not afford to purchase other types of meat. Needless to say he got some strange looks from fellow shoppers with that and that only in his basket, and even stranger looks from the teller who rang him through. My father knew just what they were thinking - but he had the last laugh. He knew what they didn't know and nor was he about to enlighten them - that he was a vegetarian!

My father also enjoyed going to Toronto where he loved to browse at Sam the Record Man and Britnell's Bookstore. Then he would stop at Eaton's and purchase potato cakes which was a treat for my mother and Halvah for me. He would take the bus down Yonge Street to Eglinton Avenue then later to Steeles where the subway began. When he got off the subway, he would take a streetcar to his final destination. He knew the workings of the city well and on occasions that he took me with him I was amazed at how he navigated his way through large crowds, up and down stairways, in and out of the subway and street cars, doling out tickets, tokens and transfers at just the right time and place.

On the long rides home on the bus, he found a unique way to utilize his time. At the school where he taught, he also conducted drama classes and produced a play every year, so he was always on the look out for character types. He would scour the other occupants of the bus till his eyes rested on an unsuspecting person whom he considered an interesting person to analyse. He would



The Cadbury Car, a beautiful and very big Chevrolet Belair - Second Prize

peer at them from various angles, imitate their facial expressions, then write down his observations and any tidbits of conversation that he could overhear. Then when he came home, he would reenact how this person spoke and acted for the rest of the day to get it set in his mind. I often wondered what would have happened if any of these subjects of his observations ever caught him in action and what would have been their response to his rather far-fetched explanation.

One day as he was returning home on the bus, as there seemed a lack of potential character material to study, my father decided to study the ads that ran around the top of the bus over the

windows. There he noticed an ad by Cadbury's dairy milk chocolate. He ripped off a coupon under the ad and read that they were sponsoring a contest as to who could write the best limerick advertising Cadbury's dairy milk chocolate. For a suggestion, they had written the first four lines and asked the candidate to write the last line. My father thought he could do better by writing the whole thing. So the rest of the journey home wards was spent in composing chocolate limericks! He wrote about half a dozen and sent them off to an address in Montreal and thought no more about it.

Three months later, early one afternoon, my mother received a phone call from a man whose name she did not recognize,

asking for a Roy Clifton. My mother was rather short with him, considering that he should be aware that at that time of day most self-respecting citizens would be at work! The man said he would phone back at supper time. He did - and informed my father that he had won (my father always insisted he had 'earned) second prize in the Cadbury competition. They would not tell him which limerick it was that they had selected but here are two of the six that he submitted.

**Said the cow to her little wee calf,  
"Now this will NOT make you laugh,  
'Cause you have to save some  
Of the milk from your Mum  
For a Cadbury's dairy carafe".**

**Said the calf to Bossy her Mum  
What is it that's making you glum?"  
"Your meal's are reduced  
And I feel seduced  
'Cause Cadbury's gets it - the scum".**

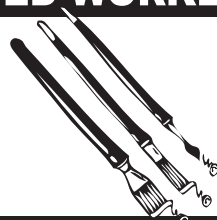
AND - the second prize in the competition was a Chevy Bel Air car!!! How ironic can you get? Three days later there was an official presentation on Yonge Street in Richmond Hill during which several big wigs from the Cadbury company in Montreal handed over the keys - to me!! After having driven Uriah and an Austin mini for years, my mother said that there was no way she would drive such a monster. She did concede that my father should sit in the front seat with me and for the first time ever she took a back seat. I tentatively drove it home, thinking all the while that the darned things must have taken up at least seven eighths of the road. I was just glad that there were no bovine bystanders to moo me on. They'd have had a good chuckle at my expense.



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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## Greater Madawaska Public Library By Sharon Shalla

Have you visited your local library lately? October is designated as Canadian Library Month. Throughout Canada, the month raises public awareness of the valuable role that libraries play in the everyday lives of Canadians. The theme for Canadian Library Month and Ontario Public Library Week 2014 is “Libraries Inspire.” During the month of October we will be holding weekly draws for book prizes. Ballot boxes will be placed at the General Store in Griffith, the Mt. St. Patrick Transfer station, and in the library. Be sure to enter your name in these free weekly draws for a chance to win. Locally, we have many reasons to celebrate and be inspired by our library which include:

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- Free public computer and WiFi access within the library
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- Free CNIB audiobooks and loan of Victor reader which allows the listener to adjust the tone, and speed of the CNIB audiobooks
- Interlibrary Loan program
- Faxing, photocopying, and scanning services for the public
- an ongoing book sale with replenished fiction and non-fiction material
- Tuesday Book Chat group
- TD Summer Reading Program
- Early Literacy Centre and Nancy Gorra Baby Book Bag programs - both sponsored by the Calabogie Women’s Institute
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Although October is Canadian Library Month, the week of October 19th – 25th, specifically, is Ontario Public Library Week. The Ontario Library Association states that: “A strong library system is the cornerstone of a strong community. It contributes to education, literacy and life-long learning in Ontario communities. Municipal bylaws create Ontario’s public libraries and public library boards govern them.”



Children’s Programmer, Sandie Anderson, in the forefront, enjoys mingling with parents and caregivers during Storytime.



Sam and Myles, have fun on the mats. In the background, older children are participating in a craft during the Storytime Playgroup program



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But one voice at the table is just that. As residents of Ward 3, it’s up to you to get involved, ask questions, make comments and vote. Then, if you elect me to represent our communities, I will sit at the table knowing the strong voice of the community is behind me. Likewise, I promise to keep you informed throughout the process.

- Mark Tomlin

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## FAST FACTS from the Ontario Library Association and the Canadian Library Association :

- Ontario's first free public libraries established in Toronto and Guelph in 1883.
- Between 1903 and 1922, 111 Ontario libraries were constructed with more than \$2.5 million in funding from American businessman and philanthropist Andrew Carnegie
- Over 5 million Ontarians, or 40% hold a public library card.
- More than 98% of Ontarians live in communities served by a public library
- Ontario libraries have more than 31 million volumes in circulation. That's equivalent to 2.5 books for every Ontarian.
- Virtually every library branch in the province also provides Internet access.
- Over 21 million Canadians hold a public library card, making public libraries the most popular cultural institution in the country.
- Over 97% of Canadians live in communities served by a public library, and the library adds to the vitality of every one of these communities.

I'm pleased to report that our statistics at Greater Madawaska Public Library have been steadily increasing. Patron and guest visits to the library, items checked out, and the number of downloaded electronic books has increased over the past year. Our Children's Storytime program has also enjoyed an increase in attendees. Programmer, Sandie Anderson, has done a great job by providing stimulating, themed activities each Thursday. Children too young to participate in the craft are often seen interacting with other infants on the floor mats and at the Early Literacy Centre. Parents and caregivers enjoy chatting and networking with each other. We welcome all newcomers to the Storytime program; no child is too young. Our newest attendees include three infants under the age of 5 months.

Greater Madawaska Public Library is open Tuesday from 1 p.m. – 7 p.m., and Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday – 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. We are closed Sunday and Monday. For more information on any of our programs and services call 613-752-2317, email [gmpl@bellnet.ca](mailto:gmpl@bellnet.ca), or drop into the library at 4984 Calabogie Road, across from the Calabogie Pizzeria. Membership is free for all residents and taxpayers of Greater Madawaska Township.



## RECENT ARRIVALS:

### Fiction

- The 9th Girl by Tami Hoag
- Change of Plans by Nora Roberts
- Eyes on You : a Novel of suspense by Kate White
- Now and in the hour of our death by Patrick Taylor (a novel of the troubles in Northern Ireland)
- The storied life of A.J. Fikry by Gabrielle Zevin
- Written in my own heart's blood by Diana Gabaldon
- Op Centre : out of the ashes by Tom Clancy
- Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline
- The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion
- The Rosie Effect by Graeme Simsion (sequel to the Rosie Project)

### Non-fiction

- Crazy Town : the Rob Ford Story by Robyn Doolittle
- The newborn sleep book : a simple, proven method for training your new baby to sleep through the night by Dr. Lewis Jassey
- Parenting on the go : birth to age 6, from A – Z by David Elkind
- Gluten-free baking by Alex Christie
- Gordie Howe's son : a Hall of Fame life in the shadow of Mr. Hockey by Mark Howe

### Travel Books

- Fodor's 2014 France
- Fodor's 2014 Complete Guide to Caribbean Cruises
- Fodor's 2014 Complete Guide to Alaskan Cruises
- High Peaks Engineering : the Rocky Mountain marvels by L.D. Cross
- The Lonely Planet Guide to Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island

### Junior

- Coral the Reef Fairy by Daisy Meadows
- Lily the Rainforest Fairy by Daisy Meadows
- DK Star Wars Rebels : the Visual guide
- Kung Fu Panda : legends of awesomeness by Kung Fu Panda
- The official Ninja Turtle handbook
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## Griffith Terry Fox Run, September 14, 2014

### By Geoffrey Cudmore

Photos by Edgar Cudmore



The hum of a generator and nippy four degrees Celsius temperatures greeted the 40 participants and volunteers for this year's Terry Fox Run in Griffith when they arrived at Griffith Building Supplies to register. The Run, held on Sunday September 14th, once again enjoyed the support of our hosts, Griffith Building Supplies, the Denbigh-Griffith Lions Club, whose members walked, gathered pledges and volunteered as course marshals, and Snider's Tent and Trailer Park who donated the bottled water. With a 50% increase in registrations over last year, organizers were encouraged that the Run is continuing to grow. The 32 participants, who ran, walked and cycled the picturesque 5km or 10km course along the Madawaska River raised close to \$3,300 on the day, although online fundraising is ongoing and there is an expectation that we will meet or surpass last year's total.

Top fundraiser was Scott MacDonald from Griffith Building Supplies, with \$630.00, followed by last year's top fundraiser, Denbigh-Griffith Lion, Brigitte Hoffman who raised \$600.00. Once again the top team was Team Cudmore which raised over \$1,200.00.

This was the 34rd year that runs have been held in Canada and around the world in memory of Terry Fox and his Marathon of Hope, to raise funds for cancer research.

Next year's run will be held on Sunday September 20th, so watch for Terry Fox Run details next summer, and mark your calendars now!

Paid Political Announcement

## THE WAY FORWARD: by John PRATT, Candidate for Mayor of the Township of Greater Madawaska

**SOLUTIONS** to the following key financial issues will be critical to the long term prosperity of the Township of Greater Madawaska:

**DEBT:** The township debt is 1.7 Million. All financial decisions will be made with debt reduction a clear consideration.

**ROADS/INFRASTRUCTURE:** reassess the economic needs and prioritize well-travelled roads for upgrade.

**INCREASED POLICING COSTS:** Will impact budget across the board. A stronger collective position with our rural neighbours must evolve to counter the clear disparity of the OPP costing formula. This formula will double costs in four years. I have the experience to work with rural Renfrew and Lanark Counties. I look forward to this important economic work.

**DECREASED PAYMENT BY HYDRO IN LIEU OF TAXES:** By 2017 these payments will be reduced by 187K placing this township in more economic disadvantage. It seems that the Government of Ontario has not consulted with the rural areas of Ontario in this regard. These payments ought to be increasing and further strong positions must be made together with our affected township neighbours.

### HOW DO WE GO FORWARD: HERE IS ONE WAY

It will be essential to develop a more effective volunteer program, given limited financial and staff resources. There have been community frustrations and lost volunteers and a sense of not being heard. The new Volunteer Program must be reenergized and people empowered. It is important to listen to and engage the expert advice of our volunteers. By revisiting the original Strategic Plan would be a good start. Considerable funds were expended during Phase One: Situational Analysis, problems, opportunities and key issues were identified. This plan was abandoned prior to Phase 2 and was shelved.

This plan involved community excellence assisted by an outside expert. Dust it off in 2015. It was well done.

Concerning a Private Road Assistance Program. Several townships in Eastern Ontario have such programs and they are working. Indeed, we need to be frugal, but our neighbours on private roads do not get much service from the township and they pay property tax too. Such a program would be driven by a committee of people from all three wards. For example, people on private roads would appreciate a visit by the township grader. Beckwith Township has had a yearly budget of 30 K for private roads since 2008. I am encouraged by the response to this suggested program.

The way forward will be more inclusive of Griffith, Matawatchan and Dacre areas (Wards 1 and 2). I will work with their elected representatives to ensure parity.

### SOME HISTORY:

When I left Council four years ago I was encouraged that on my watch Council had approved two new fire trucks, one tandem, a brushing machine, two pickup trucks, a salt shed in Matawatchan, Mill St., Calabogie and Pucker Sts. upgraded and paved, three transfer stations up and running and the road to the Norway Lake transfer site upgraded and paved, a needed roof on Barnet Park Cottage, 66 K to commence the Calabogie Rink Project and more.

Please consider the progress of the current Council before you vote for Mayor.

Thank you

**John Pratt for Mayor**  
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# CHURCH SERVICES & COMMUNITY EVENTS CALENDAR

## CHURCH SERVICES: Denbigh, Vennachar, Griffith & Matawatchan [www.matawatchan.ca/Events](http://www.matawatchan.ca/Events)

**St. Andrew's United Church**  
Sunday Worship  
Aug to Jan. 11:30 a.m.  
Feb. to July 8:30 a.m.

**Hilltop Tabernacle**  
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  
Sunday service time returns to 11am  
the weekend after Labour Day

**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**  
Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

**Calabogie**  
**The Calabogie Bible Fellowship  
Congregational Church**  
The Mill Street Chapel at 538 Mill St.,  
Regular service – Sundays 10:30 a.m.  
Information: 613-752-2201

**Most Precious Blood Catholic  
Church**  
504 Mill St., Rev. Ric Starks  
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 8:45 a.m.  
Communion 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month

**EVENTS:**  
**Calabogie**  
**GM Library** Pre-school Storytime  
Thursdays 10:30 am to 11:30 am  
at the Greater Madawaska Library.  
It is aimed at children from 0 - 6.

**Calabogie Seniors** Dinner & Meeting  
Last Thursday of the month - 5 pm  
Oct. to April at the Community Hall  
May to Sept. Barnet Park  
All seniors 55+ welcome. 752-2853

**Renfrew South Women's Institute**  
[www.rsdwi.ca](http://www.rsdwi.ca) CalabogieWI@  
gmail.com Branch meetings held at  
Calabogie Community Hall  
2nd Thursday of the month at 7:30  
Contact: Marg MacKenzie, Pres.  
613-432-3105 or Hennie Schaly Sec.  
613-752-0180  
Guests and new members welcome!

**Calabogie Arts and Crafts**  
Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday  
(If holiday, then 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday),  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Community Hall,  
prospective members most welcome  
(\$15 per year), 752-1324

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

**The Calabogie and Area  
Ministerial Food Bank**  
538 Mill Street,  
2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month  
9:00 am to 10:00 a.m.  
For emergency situations, please call  
752-2201

**Denbigh, Vennachar, Griffith  
& Matawatchan**  
**Matawatchan Hall Potluck Socials**  
1677 Frontenact Rd.  
5:30 pm on these SATURDAYS:

Oct. 25, Nov. 22, Dec. 13  
and Tuesday Oct. 14 (followed by Hall  
Annual General Meeting)  
FREE. Donations to the Hall  
Winterization Fund appreciated.  
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**Matawatchan Hall Annual General  
Meeting** Tuesday Oct. 14

**St. Andrews Hunter's Supper**  
Church Hall, November 8, 5pm  
**Hunter's Ball**  
Matawatchan Hall, Saturday, Nov. 8th  
8:00 pm to 1:00 am.

**Denbigh Hall, Oct. 3 8pm**  
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years with Stompin' Tom  
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**Denbigh, Children's Halloween Party**  
October 26 at the Hall

**Denbigh – Griffith Lion's Club:  
Bingo:** Every second Tuesday night  
August 5, 19, etc.

**Euchre:** First & Third Friday of each  
month at 7:00 p.m. at Lions Hall

**Fellowship Lunch** at Noon-Third  
Wednesday of the month Contact  
Mary McKinnon 613-333-2791

**General Wellness Assessment** by  
local Paramedics available from  
11:00am until after lunch

**Diabetes Outreach Program**  
every 3 months

**North Lights Seniors:**  
Third Wednesday of the month  
at 1:15pm at the Lion's Hall after  
Fellowship Lunch

**Euchre** First and Third Friday of each  
month @7:00pm at the Lions Hall  
Contact Sandy Suthcliffe 613-333-  
9564 or Sandy Downs 613-333-1931

**The Pickled Chicken String Band**  
Mondays from 5 pm to 7 pm  
At the Pine Valley Hwy 41, Griffith  
**Bert's Music Jam** Every Thursday  
5 to 7:30 p.m.

**Denbigh Music in the Park/Hall**  
Every second Sunday of the month  
from 1 to 3 pm

**Denbigh Diners**  
Full Course Meal \$7.00  
Take out Irene and add Nancy Dafoe  
613-333-5164

**Denbigh Hall Exercise Group:**  
Monday classes at 10:00 am.  
Thursday classes at 1:00 pm.

**TOPS** Tuesday at the Denbigh Hall  
Basement @8:30am Contact Mary  
McKinnon 613-333-2791

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**MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS, October 27**

By Lois Thomson

Please note that *The Madawaska Highlander* will only be covering municipal elections in Greater Madawaska Township. The paper reaches all of Greater Madawaska, but only parts of other townships and we don't have the resources to cover all 6 townships we touch. That work is being done very well by daily and weekly publications. Of course, we welcome candidates throughout our coverage area to advertise here. Rates and deadlines are available through [www.matawatchan.ca](http://www.matawatchan.ca).

The list is final and the race is on. It's time to connect with your local candidates and make an informed decision on October 27. We have not heard about any all candidates meeting as of publication date.

**Final list of candidates (alphabetical)**

**Mayor – 1 to be elected**

McKay, Glenda  
Pratt, John

**Councillor, Ward 1 – two to be elected**

Easton, James  
Guthrie, Nicole  
Hunt, Brian  
Mercer, Donald

**Councillor, Ward 2 – one to be elected**

Murphy, Harold (Acclaimed)

**Councillor, Ward 3 – one to be elected**

Burton, David  
MacPherson, Glen  
Tomlin, Mark

We printed material supplied to us by Mayoralty candidate John Pratt in the July issue and will do the same now for Glenda McKay, (I apologize to John for getting his first name wrong in the September issue.)

The following is what Glenda Sent me. If you would like to know more, I'm sure she would like to hear from you:

I enjoyed working with the other Members of Council and want to thank those choosing not to run for their support, dedication and efforts to improve our Community over the past four years. As a Councillor, I was committed to remaining open and approachable to the public and will continue to do so as Mayor."

"I feel it important for our community to have a Mayor, who can offer leadership and who knows our communities, understands its strengths and is willing to listen and communicate with all residents. I also feel confident that after you review Council's record of progress in many areas of our business that you will feel comfortable in electing me as your Mayor.

I am committed to being available to my

constituents. In addition to working with council and committees, I seek out opportunities to meet with community groups, cottage associations, businesses, and to represent our community at business fairs and festivals. Listening to your concerns and making you feel connected to Council is important to me. As I do not go away for long periods of time, I am available to give whatever time and commitment is necessary to this important role.

My priorities are to work with the new Council, Office Staff, Committees, Residents and Businesses to develop new ideas and opportunities in the areas of economic development, internet access/high speed coverage, culture and heritage, improving services for Seniors, new revenue streams including alternate energy sources, and maintaining our taxes as one of the lowest in Renfrew County.

Over the next few years, the Ontario Provincial government will struggle to balance and/or reduce their budgets and it would be reasonable to assume that municipalities should expect more downloading of costs and services. As Mayor, I will continue to seek with other municipalities shared service opportunities which would result in cost reduction but still maintain professional levels of service to our residents and businesses.

In the last term, both a Roads Needs Study and an Asset Management Plan were completed detailing the condition of our roads, equipment, buildings and waste sites. Grant money will become extremely important to our township as it will free up township dollars to complete the necessary repairs to all of our assets.

I look forward to meeting with the many residents and businesses within our township to better understand the uniqueness of each community that makes up our beautiful township and use this understanding to better serve the Community at large.

Glenda can be reached at [glenda.mckay@bell.net](mailto:glenda.mckay@bell.net), or [www.glendamckay.ca](http://www.glendamckay.ca)

Glenda feels that with her collective experience gained from four years on GMT Council, 15 years owning and operating a Consulting Business in Canada and Europe and having held various other management positions in the private and public sectors, she can provide the leadership needed to support our Township through the next four years.

**Township of Greater Madawaska Cenotaphs**

The Township of Greater Madawaska has two cenotaphs. The Calabogie cenotaph is located at the corner of Madawaska Street and Gladstone Street. The other cenotaph is located at the Matawatchan cemetery at 2549 Matawatchan Road. The Township would like to ensure that all the names of Greater Madawaska Residents who served in WWI and WWII are included on the cenotaphs.

If you have any information on names that should be included please contact:

Victoria Thomas  
Community Development & Public Relations Officer  
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## PLACES OF PEACE AROUND CALABOGIE by Skippy Hale

We are so lucky to live here with our lakes, hills, rivers and woods. Sometimes, we need a special place to relax, get away from the troubles of this world or our lives; we just need to go to a quiet place to think or just be quiet and not think; just be. There are many such 'Places of Peace' around Calabogie.

Hank and Henny Schaly have retired from their Nursery at Spruce Hedge and have moved to Mill Street in the village of Calabogie. They brought their Master Gardener skills with them when they built their retirement home. As you travel up to the house, and past the vegetable garden full of a bountiful harvest, tree stumps full of flowers line the driveway. This is a tiny hint of what is ahead. Take a path around the house, but first, look at the garden on the right which is a cascade of colour down the hill to the vegetables. Ahead of you is Mom's Teahouse, one of many, built by Hank and his sons from reclaimed lumber. Go in, sit down and rest awhile. Listen to the cicadas, the bees and the birds as they go about their business. Your journey has just begun. Walk out of the Teahouse, over the patio and down the winding staircase to the cathedral below. Take in the scents of thousands of flowers on either side as you travel. Below, is a large circular space with a fire pit surrounded by logs on which to sit. It is cool even on the hottest days. Close your eyes and just be.

On Calabogie Road, across from Barnet Park is The Fans of Calabogie, a B&B owned by Cath Reynolds and Byron Herman. Go up through the tree-shaded driveway. Ahead of you is an archway, the entrance to a large Medicine Wheel, based on the teachings of the Ojibway people. We stand on Algonquin land and in Cath's words, 'We acknowledge and honour the spirit keepers of the 4 directions in their language.' Cath describes the journey far better than I: "As you slowly walk the path leading to the wheel, breathe deeply, allow your daily life to dissolve as morning mist in sunlight and open yourself to allow Mother Earth to enter your very pores. At the end of the path there is a stone bowl in which you will find sage, the plant most used in smudging. Light some and allow the smoke to carry away all negative energy and leave you cleansed and pure. Pass the smudge bowl on the left (exit on the right) and enter the medicine

wheel by the east gate, directly in front of you. Travel the wheel in a clockwise direction. Walk slowly. Breathe in the energy. Notice the rocks, the moss, the ferns, the gentle movement of the earth and the powerful strength of the trees. The outer circle is made up of the 12 'moon' stones, similar to the signs of the zodiac. The inner circle represents Mother Earth, Father Sun, Grandmother Moon and the 4 elemental clans; Frog, Turtle, Thunderbird and Butterfly. In the centre is the Creator Stone, represented here by the Inuksuk,



Mom's Teahouse at the Schaly's



Eagle's Nest Sacred Site



Dock at Stillpoint House of Prayer



Cathedral at the Schaly's

an Inuit symbol of 'welcome'. Four spirit paths lead from the outer circle to the centre stone. Each position on the spirit path holds a lesson for us such as love, courage, patience, understanding and other such desirable qualities we may be seeking." I watched the work on the wheel as it progressed and participated in the blessing by Skip Ross, an Algonquin elder. On 11-11-11, women of the area participated in a Drumming Ceremony for Peace. All are welcome to enter and experience the power and peace in this beautiful space. Go, enter and just be.

During the hectic logging days when all rivers led to the mighty Kitchissippi (Ottawa) River, logs floated past a Stopping Place on the Madawaska in Springtown. The McCrea farm also served as an inn for the weary loggers who could get a nourishing meal, a place to sleep and even go to Mass on Sunday. The Madawaska is calmer due to a series of Hydro dams and the logs no longer float by. When we first moved to the area, as we came past St. Gabriel's Church, Rich would always say, "This is the most beautiful view on 508!"

by Sister Patricia Amyot, Liz Loten and a wonderful staff. A visit to Stillpoint will cleanse your spirit and nourish your body and soul. Visit; walk the grounds; sit in the chapel or by the river; pray or just be.

The eagle is a symbol of spiritual power, illumination, healing and creation in many cultures past and present. Eagles' Nest on Calabogie Road is a special place to see the beauties given to us by the Creator. You do not need to be religious to feel the power of the place. Above is the sky with eagles soaring and hunting food

Indeed it is as beautiful as it is peaceful. This peace envelops you as you enter. Silence and soft voices erase the tensions of the outside world.

In 1987 Sr. Maria Mousseau of the Sisters of St. Joseph said that she was struck by a serious need in society. "I got a sense that most people are on a rat race that they don't know how to get off. In order to have a relationship with our God we need solitude and silence and there is no place for this." Stillpoint House of Prayer was opened in 1989. The Mission Statement says it all: "Stillpoint House of Prayer is committed to enabling persons of all faiths to grow in relation to self, God, and others by offering a quiet space to 'Come aside and rest awhile' (Mk 6:31). In a contemplative atmosphere, the availability of Spiritual Direction and the support of a praying community, Stillpoint nurtures life, growth, and healing to foster holistic well-being."

Sister Maria is retired now and still lives on the property in an apartment in the converted barn. Sister Betty Berigan is the present Director, ably assisted

for the families in their nests. Below is a canyon with flowing waters. All around are the hills and trees. I have acrophobia, so I do not venture too close to the edge, but my family have sat on the rocks. I prefer a natural seat in the rock to take cleansing yoga breaths. The views are overwhelming. Yet powerful as this place is, it is peaceful. Take a rest after the climb up the winding trail with its occasional flat areas of respite from the steeper parts. Sit, breathe and just be.

Shalom. Peace. Just be.



Skippy Hale moved to Calabogie with her husband Richard Hale Christmas '99. She has been active in community and church activities. She loves children and brags about her three grandchildren, 'Preschool Storytime' and school visits when she was the GMPL CEO/Librarian, and weekly Sunday School classes at Most Precious Blood Church in Calabogie.

Elect **Glenda McKay** Mayor  
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Ward 1



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**Take a Day Trip to Schooner Lakes to See Autumn Colours**  
**By John Neale**



Starting the climb on the Schooner Lake Hiking Trail



Looking South from half-way point on Fortune Lake



Descending toward Schooner Lake



Looking South to mouth of the creek that drains Fortune Lake



Long Schooner Lake

If you want to enjoy the autumn colours, consider a day trip to the Schooner Lakes. This cluster of four lakes (Long Schooner, Round Schooner, Mackie and Fortune) drain into the SE arm of Centennial Lake via Mackie Creek.

On September 6, we took our canoe directly to Fortune Lake by road. Otherwise, it is a tough slog in a canoe up Mackie Creek portaging over one weir, two logjams and one swift. To get to the Schooner Lakes by car, take Mountain Road north from Plevna to Schooner Road. From Plevna, it takes about 30 minutes on a very curvy dirt road to reach Fortune Lake. You need to purchase a day pass for \$12.50 from the North Frontenac Park Lands website or at the North of Seven Post Office in Plevna. We launched our canoe into Proudfoot Bay near Campsite 29.

Fortune Lake is a very beautiful lake surrounded by Crown Land. It is very deep with high hills on either side, particularly on the east side of the lake. I suspect it is an excellent habitat for Lake Trout. Only two cottages and a Fishing Lodge encroach on this pristine mountain lake. We paddled to the northern tip of the lake and found the

mouth of the creek that flows to Mackie Creek. We also discovered a beach on the west side of the lake where we had our lunch and went in for a dip.

Since our canoe trip only lasted just over two hours, we also had time to go for a hike nearby. The Schooner Lake Hiking Trail is a newly marked hiking trail through natural forests, on the west shore of Long Schooner Lake. The trail starts beside the outhouses in the Long Schooner day use area. The trail first heads north, then zig-zags northwest up the "The Climb", and swings back east along the "Upper Ridge Walk" toward Long Schooner Lake. There is no lookout per se. You can't see the forest for the trees!. The trail finishes with a steep descent to the lakeside along Long Schooner Lake. The entire loop is about 3 kilometers, and covers over 100 meters of elevation. This trail takes about an hour to complete and is of intermediate difficulty. There are two stands of red pine along the trail in addition to white pine, red oak, aspen, birch and maple. A map of the trail is available on the North Frontenac Park Lands website.

**CALABOGIE ARTFEST October 4 and 5**

Perhaps it's the beauty of the Madawaska and Addington Highlands that attracts so many talented artists to create so many works of art, or perhaps it's the peaceful, small town and rural experience, but one thing is for sure, artists abound in every part of the Highlands. On October 4th and 5th in Greater Madawaska, you can meet 18 of our amazing local artists at Calabogie Artfest 2014 at the Calabogie Community Centre from 10 am to 4 pm, daily. They will be showing a dynamic array of paintings of all subjects in a variety of media including jewellery, figurative fiber art, paverpol fabric sculpting, glass fusion, stained glass, hand-blown glass and more in a Tea Room atmosphere provided by Shooters Local Pub.

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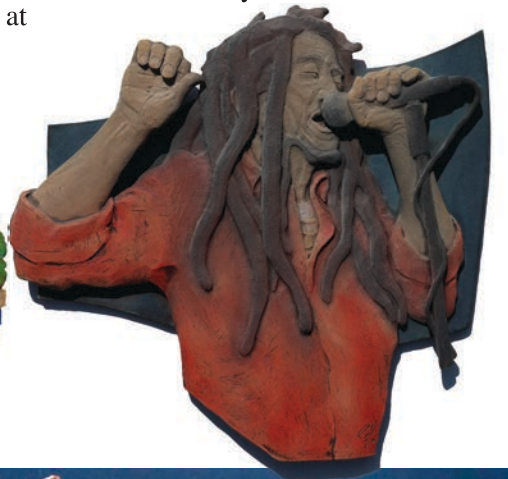
From bottom left: Ann Merla, Denise Jasmin, Barbara Price Brown, 2nd Row: Pat Fiskvatn, Reggie Armonas, Dwyne MacNabb and Joanne Coughlan 3rd Row: Leslie Cross, Sheila Fletcher, Cathy Cooper and Kim Lepine Absent: Nancy Leigh Smith, Julia Winn, Carol Mundy, Shirley Corneau, Rick Brown and Sharron Bonnar

**Richard Gill's "Rhythm & Vine" ART SHOW OPENING October 3rd**

Another must-do event is the opening of Burnstown artist/sculptor, Richard Gill's "Rhythm & Vine" art show on October 3rd at his Fog Run Studio at Bittersweet Gallery Friday, October 3rd with an afternoon preview at 2 pm, & vernissage until 9 pm. Tastefunatics Gunnar and Bettina Guckes will create gourmet canapés to compliment the show theme and delight the senses. The show continues daily 11 to 5 until October 13. Images of some new works can be seen at [www.burnstown.ca/bittersweet](http://www.burnstown.ca/bittersweet). For more information call 613-432-5254 or 613-433-9990.



Richard Gill's sculpted clay-relief captures the rhythm of cascading vineyards of Tuscany and expressive body language of Jazz musicians. This year's show highlights lamps that shed a soft glow through village windows.



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## WOODS, WOODSMEN & WOODSY THINGS

By Ernie Jukes of Camp J.



Tools of our Bush from Yesterday, painting by RE Jukes

Pileated Woodpeckers  
Painting by JR Lansdowne

In fact, our area of Renfrew and Lanark counties historically take top honours for the world's best tasting Maple Syrup. The global competition includes Scandinavia, Vermont, New Hampshire and Quebec, but evidently there's more sweetness in our woods.



fire study results across North America prove that we should try to avoid smoking in the woods and reduce open fires along our waterways for camping or shore lunches. To do your part in preservation, try to keep a bucket of sand and a pail of water handy by any campfire to nip threatening sparks before they turn into a raging, uncontrollable bush fire. And don't hesitate to tell your negligent neighbour that we care and how much we value the forest for its beauty, its source of enjoyment and for the income it provides to a large number of Ontarions – especially right here in our own attractive Madawaska Highlands. Let's all try to keep it green.



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.

Since men of our valley went to the rigorous camboose shanty camps to cut and skid logs to the river and in the Spring ran the torturous Madawaska log drives down to the Ottawa mills – we have been close to wood. Our forests produced great legends like Joe Monferrand 1802-1864, a real life hero of the logging camps whose hob nail boot imprints could be seen on 8 foot ceilings of taverns along the upper Ottawa. There was also Pete (or Joe) Muffraw and his mythical pet White Moose, a very long time before Bunyan and blue ox Babe were created. Today, some men still derive a living from trees, while there are considerably less hardwood stands in Ontario, there remains a reasonable market for lumber and firewood. On the other hand, some of our larger softwood forests across this huge nation are increasing to the point that Canada has replaced Brazil as the major renewable provider of oxygen to the planet. But lets talk about more simple logging and woodcutting in our neck of the woods.

bang of their large beaks removes a large chunk of wood. These large woodpeckers were perhaps the first wood cutters. A dashing bird to be sure and the largest woodpecker in North America. Pileated is derived from Latin "pileus", a comical hat or cap. It's a memorable occasion to spy a pair and you must be in the forest to see them, for they require mature growth with big dead trees. A protected species, they happily are making a comeback. Usually wary, furtive... singularly approachable. They are difficult to observe in spite of their size of 17 to 18 inches high, with a large wing span. An unusual and breathtaking bird.

In winter, however, they can be unbelievably tame – perhaps too busy surviving to be bothered by man or beast. As if to announce the Spring, you can hear them hammering their long beaks into hollow dead trees searching for ants and grubs. You can also hear their loud, resonant flicker-like calls ring through the woods at breeding time. Both sexes bang out a nesting cavity, often in an old beech, sheltered by a dense canopy of forest. It's bright red crest, white scarf on a jet black boey has inspired artists and writers. One such poet, Robert Service, wrote an ode to the bird he called – The Cock of the Woods. (Illustrated Poem on page 23)

In our valley, we are still noted for fine hardwoods and pinery, and that our woodsmen are among the best workers in logs and lumber anywhere. Forest products play a major role in the economy here as it does across our great country. Ontario woods of every species are used around the world for construction, plywood, paper and furniture and of course, nothing burns better in the old Findlay stove than maple, beech or oak during those cold fall winter days. Let's not forget too, the gigantic harvest of Christmas trees, annually. But in the Spring, as the snow begins to melt and the nights remain chilly, an additional industry of enjoyment and commercial value is gained from our sugar maple trees.

Aside of hard work and lots of sweat, our history of woodcutting holds a romance to the folk that call themselves woodsmen. The old Crosscut saws, Swede saws and Bucksaws have been replaced by the fast, more efficient portable gas chain saw to bring the trees down. Splitting, too, has been advanced by automatic wood splitters and better mails. Old names for wood holders like the sawbuck, sawhorse or saw jack, as well as the peavey and cant-hook, still remain fairly common terms with the older resident and cottage woodcutters as they gather their autumn and winter fuel. The work becomes enjoyable amongst red leaves, a nip of frost and the superb aromas of the woods. There is nothing quite like the smells and sounds of fresh wood being cut and gathered and piled in a dry, but airy woodshed.

When you hear what seems like the ring of an axe from the woods, but find no one there, you may, if you are quiet enough, come across a pileated woodpecker. Each

Many landowners today are managing woodlands to maximize the potential returns from not only forest-related products, but to improve wildlife habitat and environment. This means long term benefits for our grandchildren and society as a whole. With greater access and sometimes abuse by the public, forests require more protection than ever before. For example,

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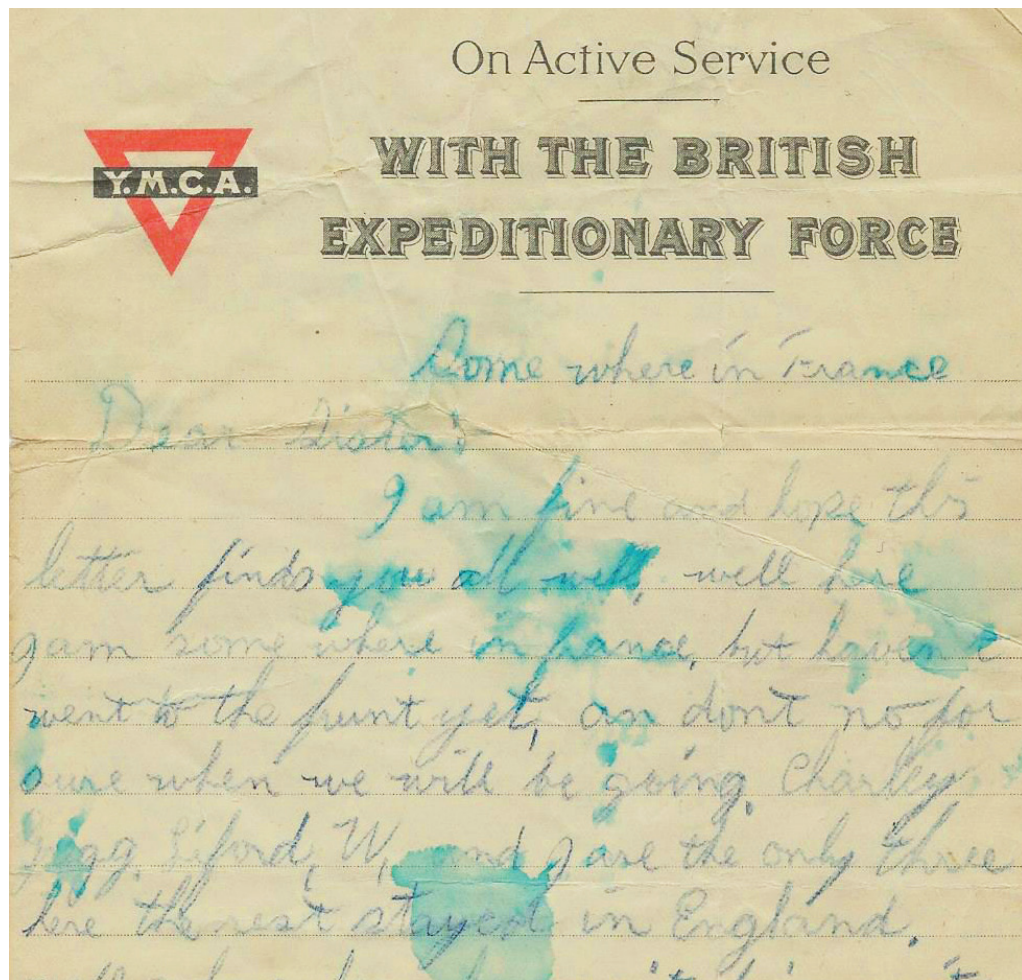
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**IN MEMORY OF A SOLDIER, JOHN LESLIE BALL**

By Bill McNaught



One of many letters home from John Ball, "Somewhere in France". Raindrops describe the day.



Fair haired, grey eyed John seated on the right

John Leslie Ball (July 5, 1891-April 12, 1917) was the son of 2 pioneer families in Vennachar, Ontario. His mother, Nancy Jane Gregg (August 4, 1855—1934) was part of the large Gregg Family, which owned many of the farms surrounding Vennachar. The Gregg Family are first recorded in the Abinger area in 1868 and were connected to many events in early Canadian history. They had left Ballymena, Ireland in the 1820's to help construct the Rideau Canal and later opened up the lands near Kincardine for farming

before arriving in Abinger. John's father, Frederick Ball (1834-1911) was the grandson of Loyalists from Vermont, who fought on the British side during the Revolutionary War. They settled in Bath, south of Napanee, in the 1780's. Fred and his brother, John Ball (1836-1915) came to Vennachar to farm in the early 1880's. In 1886, Nancy and Fred married, a second marriage for both. Together, they had 5 children, Minnie, Lillie, John, Martha and Herb. When Fred died in 1911, John took

control of the family farm. Family memories of John recall a brother who was loyal to his Mother and family, struggling each day to tame the rugged land in Vennachar. John, with the assistance of his brother, young Herb Ball (1899-1963) was successful in an era when being a successful farmer was a notable achievement. John had a girlfriend, Eva Rodgers. When it became apparent that WWI would not be "over by Christmas", as was the overly optimistic opinion in 1914, the Canadian Government

called for more volunteers. A recruiting drive took place in the fall of 1915 in Northern Lennox and Addington, Northern Frontenac and Western Renfrew Counties. John, and his young cousin, Charles Gregg, farming south of the Ball farm, volunteered, as part of the Plevna Platoon. They assembled in Sharbot Lake and became known as the "Lake Boys".

From there, the platoon moved to Kingston in early 1916, where both John and Charlie signed their Attestation Papers for duty in France. They agreed to serve in the Canadian Overseas Expeditionary Force "for the term of one year or during the war now existing between Great Britain and Germany should that war last longer than one year."

On February 4, 1916, John received his medical examination. He was described as having a height of 5 feet, 4 inches, with a fair complexion, fair hair and grey eyes. He had no distinctive marks or marks indicating congenital peculiarities or previous disease. Having been found "fit" for overseas service, John was sworn into the 146 H Battalion, No. 835576. The battalion moved to Valcartier, Quebec, for initial training in September and to Shorncliffe, England for further training in October. Both John and Charlie were in the trenches in France in late November 1916.

John and Charlie participated in the Canadian attack on Vimy Ridge, which began on Easter Monday, April 9, 1917. It was successful. Charlie Gregg was killed on April 15, 1917. His body was never located and his name is engraved on the Vimy Memorial in France.

**Elect Glen MacPherson – Councillor, Ward 3, GM Township**

**Roots in the Community**

I was one of eight children born to Floyd and Helen MacPherson. I was raised in Matawatchan, enjoying the freedoms of country living. I was taught at a very young age to work hard and take responsibility for my actions.

I lived and worked in Renfrew County into my late thirties teaching at Algonquin College followed by 10 years in IT at Atomic Energy. My final year at AECL resulted in a move to Mississauga.

I was 10 years in the GTA with the majority of that working as a Management Consultant, assisting businesses across North America with the implementation of Financials and Human Resources software.

I felt the tug of home and moved back to the homestead in Matawatchan where my wife and I have lived for the past eight years. We are the proud parents of three married children and have been blessed with four grandchildren.



Glen MacPherson

**Desire to Serve**

I have a strong desire to see Ward 3 (Griffith and Matawatchan) well represented and believe that I have the skills required to fulfill that responsibility.

I want to work with the rest of council to ensure that sound business practices are followed and critical needs are addressed, being fiscally responsible in the process.

I have no predetermined agenda other than a desire to ensure that this township is managed with the best interests of its residents at the core.

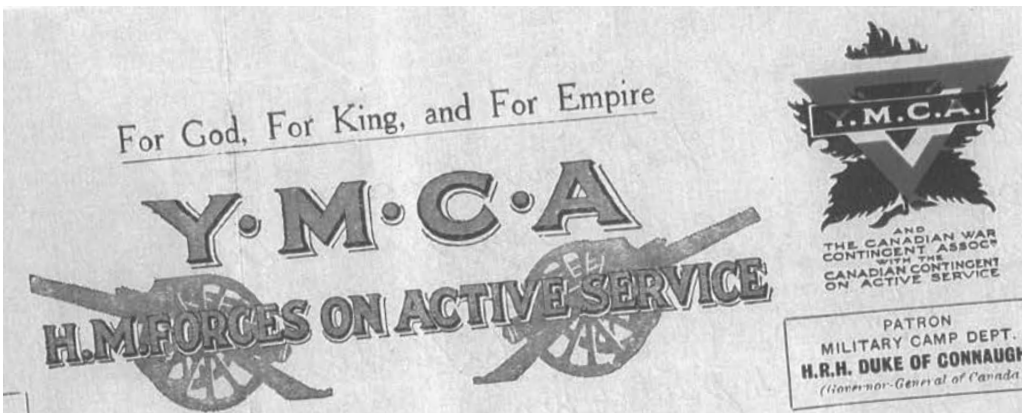
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John Ball on the left with two unknown young "Lake Boys". What became of the others in this photo? Were they local lads or friends found along the way?



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London, England

Dear Mother,

would write another letter, Charley an I are the two letters together, We are all fine at Present overwintered in yet, but don't think there is any of us, we are drilling we have been since we last think I will seem a little better

Editor's note: This is the story of one soldier from Vennachar who was in WWI. A group of us got together to compare notes about others who grew up nearby. Gail Holtzhauer and Garry Ferguson provided us with some new names. If you know of others or can identify the other two men in the photo, above, please contact The Madawaska Highlander.

- Duncan MacPherson
- Colin Thomson
- Norman Babcock
- Gave Whiteduck
- David Ferguson



David Ferguson

in here from me, they until spring, we are in the thirty fifth Ball next over Cornwall and all the head men above the front out of their rank, and lefts other go back to Canada Sergeant, be a hard slap on the Cornals, Eh Eh,

A third volunteer, with ties to Vennachar and a relative of both John and Charlie, George Draper Quackenbush, was killed on April 9, 1917. His name has been added to the gravestone of his mother, Joanna (Bebie) Quackenbush in Vennachar Cemetery.

John Leslie Ball was killed on April 12, 1917. He lies buried in Quatre Vents Cemetery in northern France.

The Cemetery appropriately occupies a small corner of a farm field. His stone bears the simple words that his Mother requested: IN MEMORY OF MY DEAR BRAVE SON.

Neither John nor Charlie have been forgotten. Their names adorn the Cenotaph in Napanee. Each Remembrance Day, their family place wreaths at the Cenotaph in their memories.



Napanee has a wonderful museum, but family felt it was too far from Vennachar. They presented a display of John Ball's medals and some letters to the Denbigh Library.

You mind what I was saying about Roy being turned down he was, for his eyes but the Cornal got him back then was alot turned down the other day all the very fellows under eighteen, but kept drill here until they come of age I had a mark put down against my teeth so likely I'll be getting them fished up, Day is it so that the United States is going in with the Germans, that's the case all of the Canadian's will be sent back to Canada before long today there was five ear plains in the ear at once they look nice, last hokie got any blowing done this fall now give my love to all, don't forget my address

JGB 835, 576, 146, Batt, B. E. F.  
Co. Army, Postoffice,  
London, England,

now mind I'm having a fine time Don't worry about me.

I here there was five Bridge vessels sank since we came over, suppose you have heard all about it, an I suppose you have heard many that it was the Boat we was on.

Good bye for now, write often an soon love from your Brother an Son.

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# BOB KING

By Garry Ferguson

*Author's Note:*

During the mid fifties when the CFRA Happy Wanderers brought their show to the Denbigh Hall, I would be sitting front and centre an hour before the show was to start. Though a position or two in the band might rotate among professional musicians of the day, Bob King, Ward Allen, Joe Brown and manager Ken Reynolds were constants and their well-polished program virtually stunned the kid in the front row who had always thought that all the music ever written would fit into the same three chords.

When I first met Marie King, wife of the late Bob King, about 12 years ago, she was considering retirement but, after all those years on the road, still taking her "Marie King Show" to fairs and other selected events across Quebec and Northern Ontario. At a Heritage Old Time Music Association event to honour Bob, she, along with daughter Carole, performed for us and their rendition of the "French Song" was enough to give most singers an inferiority complex.

Before I first published this bio for the Heritage Old Time Music Association, I sent it off to Marie to confirm my facts and she nailed me on the first sentence. Though it's quite acceptable to write, in English, that Bob was "born AT the Civic Hospital," her first language, French, did not allow for such ambiguity. He was born "IN the Civic," she insisted. As you will see, I wisely didn't argue

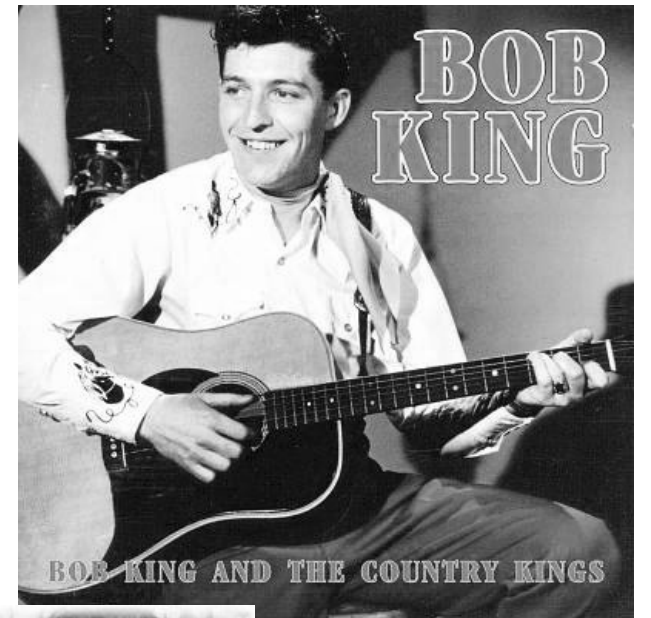
Bob King was born on January 06, 1934 in the Civic Hospital, Ottawa, Ontario to parents, Catherine (Brown) and Roy King who came originally from Liverpool, England.

When Bob was three years old, his father left the family but Mrs. King eventually married Art Johnson who played the fiddle and guitar. From his stepfather Bob learned to play and sing. By the age of 14, he was picking up a few dollars by winning amateur contests at the Glenlea Hotel on Aylmer Road and it's interesting to note that, during this period of time, he won a solo competition against another up-and-coming star, Paul Anka.

Around 1955, Bob attracted the attention of Ottawa DJ "Long John" Corrigan who hosted a country music show every Saturday night on CFRA. John recognized Bob's talents and after having him write 10 songs, arranged a recording session with RCA Victor in



Bob King album cover



Bob King album cover



The CFRA Happy Wanderers



Marie Foley and Bob King in 1957



Marie Foley record sleeve "Allo Mon P'tit Bobby"

Montreal. Here Bob recorded three of his compositions, "Laurel Lee," "Josephine" and "Pretty Little Girl in Blue." He performed with Mac Beattie and the Ottawa Valley Melodiers then, in the early fifties, joined the CFRA Happy Wanderers for a couple of years before going to Wheeling, West Virginia. During all this time however, John Corrigan had long-range plans for Bob and after six months called and asked him to return and join him. It took a while before Bob agreed.

He did very well in Wheeling performing with several stars. Notables among these were Hawkshaw Hawkins, Doc and Chickie Williams as well as Wilma Lee, Stoney Cooper and the Clinch Mountain Clan performing with the latter on Radio Station WWVA Wheeling on a daily basis. He even appeared on the same bill with Elvis Presley in Norfolk Virginia but, after two years, became lonesome for Canada. When he made his thoughts known to Frank Ryan of CFRA Ottawa, he was asked to rejoin the Happy Wanderers in Ottawa and it is said that he was delighted to be back in "The Valley."

One evening, Bob decided to drop around to the Chamberlain Hotel in Aylmer, Quebec where they featured country music. When he saw the singer of a group performing that night, he was smitten. Her name was Marie Farley. In 1957, they were married. Bob was a joker who fitted in well with Marie's big, active family where he was often the centre of attention with his jocular nature and his fractured version of the French language. He continued to perform and to tour—including the Wilf Carter tour of 1958—with the Happy Wanderers until the group disbanded.

After releasing 13 albums and 40 singles — "Laurel Lee" alone sold 40,000 copies — Bob began to concentrate on his wife's singing career. He became Marie's producer and manager, producing 10 albums including a certified gold record "Allo Mon P'tit Bobby" (Bobby junior) and "The French Song" that sold over 50,000 copies.

His life-long passion however, was songwriting and, according to Marie, often wrote songs for her in English which she would then translate into French for her repertoire. He never de-

viated from his early, old-time, country style of music and always wrote in this genre. In 1984 The Ottawa Valley Country Music Hall of Fame chose Bob King as its "Entertainer Inductee" for that year. He completed his career as a featured singer and road manager with the Marie King Road Show touring Quebec and Northern Ontario until 1989.

In their 33 years together, Marie and Bob raised four children: Bob Junior, Danny, Christine and Carole Ann. In 1989, at the age of only 55 years, cancer claimed the life of Bob King. The tombstone marking his resting place in a cemetery in Orleans, Ontario, fittingly bears the image of a guitar and an excerpt from his most famous song "Laurel Lee."

Marie recently collected a number of Bob's early works and, for his fans, transferred them to a CD entitled "The Best of Bob King."

*The author wishes to thank Marie King for her valuable help in researching this article.*



## HISTORY OF THE SWISS INN, DENBIGH - Part 4, Conclusion

By George Ross

Forty seven years ago Martha and Werner Lips along with their three children, Peter, Linda and Steve settled in the small, semi-remote village of Denbigh, Ontario, where Werner had taken up an unpaid position as Rector of the New Apostolic Church. They struggled for the first year with limited resources and no income before deciding to start their own business which they named 'The Swiss Inn'. What followed were many years of long seven-day weeks spent building their business, raising three children and serving the Apostolic Church.

Their tremendous work ethic and dedication to a common goal resulted in the Swiss Inn becoming the largest employer, at that time, in Denbigh and a landmark to countless travelers on Highway 41.

The Swiss Inn closed its doors in 2010. Today, four years later, it lingers on in the form of aging buildings and fading memories. It seemed that the story of the Swiss Inn would inevitably become buried by layers of passing years unless an effort was made to preserve its history. Martha Lips, now 75 years of age, still resides in Denbigh. I spoke with her in April of this year and asked if we could meet and discuss recording the history of the Swiss Inn. She kindly agreed. Sadly, Werner Lips passed away in March 2010. My first meeting with Martha led to several others involving many hours of discussion.

The history of the Swiss Inn is also the story of the Lips family. Both are so intertwined that this story could not be faithfully told if one were separated from the other. What follows is Martha's candid account of those years.

### PART 4

In 2003 Linda was diagnosed with breast cancer. She underwent treatment for about one year. During that year I travelled many times to Kingston to be with her and her children. Well naturally, you know, the whole time I tried to be there as often as possible. So I did a lot of traveling to Kingston and also to Ottawa to visit Steve. He was receiving experimental treatment for MS. Of course we still had to operate the Swiss Inn and so Werner was there most of the time. He would travel to Ottawa

and Kingston occasionally as well.

For about one year after Linda's treatment we felt that perhaps her cancer was in remission or cured. On my husband's birthday in September 2005, myself, Werner, Linda, and her husband Wade, traveled to Montreal. The whole time I thought, "Something's not right." But that evening I knew something was wrong. We were in a motel and I said to Linda, "That's it now, you have to tell me what's going on." She said, "Mom, it's dad's birthday I don't want to spoil anything." I said, "You're

to celebrate Candace graduating from high school. Candace was 15 years old. Well Linda wouldn't be with us when Candace actually graduated from high school. So they went to Paris, just the two of them together. After they returned her health was getting quite bad. But she said to Nicholas, her son, "What would you like mommy to do for you?" He said he would like to see the Toronto Maple Leafs. Linda's brother-in-law had connections in Toronto and he got Nicholas tickets for Saturday to see the warm-up and for

ing done. Then one day Werner picked up a can opener and asked, "How do you use this thing?" Then it was getting really noticeable that he was suffering from dementia. He was 71. Thinking about it and talking with others, it probably would have been around 2004 when my husband first started experiencing signs of dementia. We had the tests and all that and they took his driver's license away. That was horrible because he said you know, "My son is disabled and he can hardly walk and he is driving a car and here I am



Photos of the Swiss Inn from the Real Estate web site. Listed under Re/Max Realty MLS®# X2726821

going to spoil everything if you don't tell me. We know something is going on." She said, "The cancer is back and it's terminal." So she said, "Mom. I want to do my 'bucket list'. We want to go out west for New Year's and take the mountaineer train." I said, "That's wonderful." She said, "We want you and dad to come to." I said, "Don't you want to be just with your family?" She said, "No, I want you and dad to come." I would not have refused her anything, I didn't care what it took. The trip was for two weeks. So we spent New Year's in Lake Louise. It was really magical. Really a magical time together. We kind of forgot a few things.

Then we went to Greece in April. Wade, her husband, couldn't come. But Linda wanted me to go. My cousin lives in Greece. So off we went to Greece for two weeks. There was Linda, her children, Werner and myself. I don't know how she did it because she was already so sick. She took pictures of everything because this was something for the children to remember. I can't remember who took over the restaurant when we were gone.

We returned home and then in June or July Linda and her daughter Candace went to Paris for one week. It was

the game and got him a shirt. But this was in September. Linda got out of her sick bed to go to the train station and take Nick to Toronto. I never prayed so much in my life because I don't know how she did it. I honestly don't know. But she did it. Nicholas was ten years old. He will never, never forget that in his life.

Linda arranged her own funeral. How would you like to go with your daughter to the funeral home for her to arrange her funeral? That was a tough one. I wasn't going to let her do it alone. After that Linda's health just got progressively worse and she was in the hospital and back and forth. At the beginning of December she insisted on getting a Christmas tree and getting the tree all done up and presents under the tree and taking pictures with the kids. Right after this she was admitted to hospital and died on December 15th 2006.

Before Linda passed away in 2006 she told me, "There's something wrong with dad." I had been away from the restaurant for long periods of time. I had been concentrating on Linda. I didn't know or think about it until Linda mentioned it. But things at the restaurant were going down. Things weren't being done, repairs weren't be-

perfectly able to drive and I don't have a license!" That was very, very detrimental for him. It was very hard. So then I had to drive him everywhere. It was very hard. I could see how the buildings and everything went down. He had always repaired everything. He did everything himself and all of a sudden he didn't know how. I'm sure this bothered him but he never said anything. He was disoriented some times, very much so, but he still wanted to continue working in the business. And he was complaining of stomach aches all the time, really bad and all that. He was forgetting how to cook and he was forgetting you know, we made our own hamburger patties and he was forgetting if he put the ingredients in or he didn't. So some of the things were not turning out properly.

My son Peter and his wife Karen came in to help run the business in, I believe it was in 2001. So they were able to take on more responsibility and as Werner's dementia worsened they took over complete management. I suppose he felt, at times, that he was being pushed away.

Sometime around Thanksgiving or just before Christmas in 2009 I looked at my husband and he was yellow, re-

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ally yellow. I said, "You have yellow jaundice. We're going to Renfrew tomorrow." He was later diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. So then he was in the hospital and um, on December 15th, the same day that my daughter Linda passed away in 2006, the doctor told me that my husband's condition was terminal. He passed away three months later in March 2010. That was, he was five weeks in the hospice in Renfrew. I stayed with him the whole five weeks. The hospice was a godsend. It's a wonderful building, a wonderful place considering our circumstances. They had a bed in the room for me and I slept right there with him.

Peter and Karen, were running the business. He had really wanted to help his dad. He really wanted to make a difference. One of the biggest things when my husband died was that Peter lost his best friend, a person that he could talk to. Peter had a vision for the Swiss Inn, that it would be on the map that it would develop even further and greater. Peter and his father had a good working relationship and could talk with each other. Naturally, when his dad passed away he felt a great loss. And with all of that, there were many problems to overcome like the age of the buildings and other things with the property. My husband, because of his poor health hadn't been maintaining it. It required some much needed and overdue investment in repairs and improvements. Now with the loss of his dad and all the other problems it was just too difficult, perhaps impossible. It was going to be a difficult challenge to keep the business open. Perhaps its time had come and gone like so many similar businesses on Highway 41 and Highway 7 further south. It would have cost a lot of money to upgrade and improve the business, we didn't have it. After my husband died I still tried to bake and do the table cloths and you know, do things for them. So by that time I was 72 years old and with all

that had happened and considering everything, I made a decision to retire completely. Peter closed the business in 2010 and it was put up for sale. Today it still hasn't sold. I don't know why. It is a very busy spot with lots of traffic. Maybe travellers don't stop on the highway as much for meals like years ago. There are other business ventures that could be developed on the site.

So from 1967 to 2010, that's 43 years of hard work, a lot of good times and some sad times. I feel sad sometimes when I drive by the Swiss Inn thinking about my husband, all the years, the work and memories. I would not have been able to get through everything without my Christian faith. We came to Denbigh because my husband felt that this is where he was meant to be. Yes sad things happen in life, life happens! But I'm very happy in my faith, in my church. Although it was very, very hard to say goodbye to Linda, to say goodbye to my husband, in the last moments I promised him that I would be ok and he should go in peace. I promised him that I would be ok. I have tried very hard to keep that promise.

END OF PART 4

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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.

**OVARIAN CANCER WALK OF HOPE  
 Sept. 7 at the Labyrinth in Burnstown**

**By Denyse Campeau, National Director of Philanthropy, Ovarian Cancer Canada**



The Burnstown 2014 Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope that took place on Sunday, September 7 was a fabulous day that generated much support for ovarian cancer and the women and families that are affected by this disease. Thirty seven participants raised more than \$10,000. Five ovarian cancer survivors were among us (from Renfrew: Judy Ewart and Peg Robertson, and from Arnprior: Rosemary Drziak, Lori Knox and Isabel Stewart) and we were most grateful that Mayor Mary Campbell (McNab/Braeside) joined us to give closing remarks (see below).

We sincerely appreciate all our sponsors, local businesses and individuals who provided beverages and snacks for the walkers, as well as beautiful prizes for the draws. But special thank you go to our hosts who offered their properties for the 5km walk and worked hard to prepare for this important event - Richard Gill and Cheryl Babineau of Bittersweet Gallery where the walk started and finished and where the walkers were appreciative to be able to walk in the Bennett-Lindsay Labyrinth; and Tim and Pam Coulas, also on Leckie Lane where the walkers passed the sheep in the meadow, crossed a foot bridge to a rest stop in the woods and then circled another meadow before returning to the finish line. The Burnstown walk generated great enthusiasm for continuing with the 2015 Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope which will be on Sunday, September 13, 2015

**Across the country, over 12,000 people participated in the Ovarian Cancer Canada Walk of Hope, and a preliminary count shows over \$2 million was raised.**

Braeside Mayor Mary Campbell: "I am proud to stand, today, with some of the "strong" women of McNab/Braeside and neighbouring communities. It's tough being a woman.

I am just coming from church and I have to confess that when I thought about today, I was asking God, "What were You thinking when You designed Woman's reproductive system?" So many of us have problems conceiving, and then not all us carry to term, some have problems with delivery, and others have difficulty nursing. And after all THAT, sometimes our bodies betray us with Breast Cancer, Uterine Cancer, and the one that we are building awareness, today, Ovarian Cancer, frequently referred to as the "silent killer" because it is so hard to diagnose and there is so little public awareness of the signs.

So I would like to thank Cheryl, Denyse and all the strong women here, today, as well as their supporters for bringing attention to this disease. Some people think that to be "strong" is to be "tough". But we women know that is not it. Being "strong" is bringing dignity to the indignities of disease. It's patience and fortitude in the face of adversity. And finally, its persistent hope when circumstances tempt us to despair.

All the "strong" women here, today know exactly what I am speaking about and I thank you for your example to the community. And maybe, just maybe, that is what God was thinking of in His design...that the adversities we face and the strength we develop in facing them helps us become the creations that He intended, all along."

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## WHEN THE QUEEN AND I WERE YOUNG

By Howard Popkie

Before I left for Korea, I was with the PPCLI in an army camp not far from Toronto. Princess Elizabeth was coming to Toronto and a thousand of us soldiers were on the train to go to see her. On the train at noon, we all got a white cake box with a cheese sandwich and an orange for lunch. Our job in Toronto was to form a long chain, holding hands to hold back the crowd as she drove by in a convertible Cadillac car. The car came by and she was sitting in the back seat with her husband and was wearing a powder blue suit with a little pillbox hat. She was the prettiest girl I ever saw.

When I was in Korea, her Dad that I swore allegiance to had died and she was the new Queen. We all had to swear allegiance to her, on the bible, the day she became Queen.

## LAND OF THE MORNING CALM

By Howard Popkie

I arrived at the front line in Korea at the end of October, 1952. I was in Korea until October, 1953. For the first part of the year, the sound of gunfire was like rolling thunder. Artillery guns close by and far away guns blended in always, with rifle shots and the chatter of the machine guns now and then.

On the 27th of July the armistice agreement was finally signed. It provided a complete ceasefire and the withdrawal of all troops from the demilitarized zone within seventy-two hours. I was with the PPCLI and the first morning when I woke up, I was told the enemy soldiers were standing out in the open on the hill they held in front of us.

I went out and I'm sure there were 300 of them. I looked around at the men I was with – twelve of us. You don't

The artillery laid smoke shells of red white and blue all along the enemy lines in front of the Commonwealth position. It was just as nice as fireworks.

When I came home, I was in the PPCLI in Victoria BC with my new wife, Rosemary Townley. She had just become Mrs. Popkie and we went to see the Queen when she came to watch us troop the colours in her honour. This time she drove by with Lt. Col. Alan, who swore allegiance to her in Korea when he was a Major.

Now the Queen and I are old. I still have a photo of my wife and I that we had taken in a little photo booth on the street in Victoria the day we trooped the colours for Queen Elizabeth. It only cost twenty-five cents.

need a lot of men to fight a war, just a few good men with machine guns. The enemy soldiers must have felt stupid, to think that for most of a year we had kept them from breaking through our part of the line. Korea had a lot of wars in their history, so they had ceasefires like this many times before.

It was so calm that morning after the sound of guns for so long. I knew then that was how Korea got the name "The Land of the Morning Calm".

By the end of September 1953, 75,000 North Koreans and Chinese prisoners returned to the Communist side. Almost 13,000 prisoners, including 32 Canadians, were released from Chinese controlled prison camps along the The Yalu River.



Princess Elizabeth in Toronto, PPCLI's holding the crowd back.



Newlyweds Howard and Rosemary, in a photo booth in Victoria



Howard Popkie on the Vickers Machine Gun in Korea. "The Machine Gun Kid"

## ~Thank You~

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*To all of you who were involved in arranging the evening and to everyone who came out to make it as wonderful as it was, Lois, the boys and I extend our deepest gratitude. May your kindness be returned.*

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**INTO THE 60s**

By Peter Chess



Buddy Holly and unknown child by the Tour Bus

For the “Winter Dance Party” tour, Buddy Holly assembled a new band consisting of Tommy Allsup on guitar, Carl Bunch on drums and future country legend, Waylon Jennings, on bass guitar. They were joined by Ritchie Valens (La Bamba, Donna), J.P. Richardson, aka, The Big Bopper (Chantilly Lace) and Dion Dimucci from Dion and the Belmonts (Run Around Sue).

Set to cover 24 cities in as many nights, the tour began in Milwaukee Wisconsin on January 23, 1959. Because the distances between the venues had not been properly considered when the performance schedules were arranged, logistical problems were prevalent from the outset. Adding to the confu-

sion, the original tour bus was not in the best of mechanical condition and came equipped with a faulty heating system that broke down shortly after the tour began, in Appleton Wisconsin. Most of the musicians came down with the flu, which added to the already miserable situation. In fact, Holly’s drummer, Carl Bunch, was hospitalized in Inwood Michigan, for severely frostbitten feet.

At this point, they replaced the original bus with a school bus that at least had a heater, and continued their travels. As Holly’s band had been the backup band for all the acts, without Bunch able to do the job, Holly, Valens and Dimucci, each took turns drumming for each other at two gigs along the way, the latter at Clear Lake Iowa. This particular show had not been an original scheduled stop but the promoters, wanting to fill the only open date on the tour, offered the show to Carroll Anderson, the manager of the Clear Lake “Surf City Ballroom”. By the time Holly and his retinue arrived at the club he had had enough of the tour bus conditions and decided to look into chartering a plane for the next leg of the trip. This would take him to Fargo North Dakota, just across the state line and the bus could meet the plane and take the passengers the rest of the way to the gig in Moorhead Minnesota. Just as important to Holly as evading the bus riding conditions was a chance to do some laundry in

Fargo. Carroll Anderson booked the flight through a charter company and local pilot, twenty one year old Roger Peterson, was signed on as the pilot of the vintage 1947 Beechcraft Bonanza

The plane was designed for three passengers and the pilot. Richardson, who was suffering from the flu, asked Jennings if he would give up his seat, to which Jennings reluctantly agreed. When Holly learned that his buddy Waylon was not going to fly, he said in jest “Well, I hope your ol’ bus freezes up”. To which Jennings replied, “Well I hope your ol’ plane crashes.” It was a humorous but ill fated response that haunted Jennings for the rest of his life. Ritchie Valens, who had recently overcome a fear of flying, asked Tommy Allsup for his seat on the plane and they decided to flip a coin. Bob Haley, a local DJ who was emceeing the show, flipped the coin backstage shortly before the musicians departed for the airport. Valens won the coin toss and the last seat on the flight.

Ironically, and lucky for him, earlier in the evening, although exactly when is not clear, Dion was approached to buy a ticket on the flight but decided the \$36 fare, being an equal amount to which his parents paid for the apartment in NY City each month, where he



A Buddy Holly monument was erected near the crash site in Clear Lake Iowa in 2009, the 50th anniversary of “the day the music died”.

grew up, was more than he could justifiably indulge. When the show ended, Carroll Anderson drove Holly, Valens and Richardson to the airport and the plane departed at 12.55 pm into light snow and 50 to 60 mph winds. Less than six miles from the airport the plane crashed into a cornfield where it was discovered the next morning. All aboard had been killed instantly. The bodies of Holly and Valens lay near the wreckage, Richardson’s body was thrown over a nearby fence and into a neighbouring cornfield, while Peterson’s body was tangled in the wreckage. The ensuing investigation cited poor weather conditions and pilot error. The visibility was so poor that instrument flying was a necessity but Peterson was not qualified for this type of flying and it is suspected that he thought he was gaining altitude while, in fact, he was losing it. In a rather bizarre, later chapter revolving around the true reason for the crash, in 2007, Richardson’s son had his father’s body exhumed and an autopsy performed to verify, or not, the original finding of death by “gross trauma”. This was done, in part, because of the long known discovery of Holly’s 22 calibre pistol in the cornfield, two months after the accident. (Holly was from Texas after all.) This discovery gave rise to the question of whether an accidental discharge from the firearm had a bearing on the cause of the wreck and whether Richardson was not hurt as badly and was able to crawl for help the distance his body was found from the crash site. However, the autopsy showed “massive fractures from head to toe”, confirming the original finding that he had died on impact....

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Paid Political Announcement



Brian Hunt, Councillor Ward 1 Greater Madawaska Township

**Re-Elect Brian Hunt Councillor Ward 1**

*We are fortunate to live in such a beautiful area with so much potential. We must continue to promote economic development in order to expand our tax base while always being mindful of what makes our area a special place to live, visit and play.*

During this term on council I served as the council representative for Finance, Public Works, Planning, Fire, Environment, Library, Rink and Barnet Park committees.

Greater Madawaska Township is facing a tough financial period because of provincial downloading, redistribution of policing costs, cut backs in Ontario Hydro power dam payments and the claw back of Ontario Municipal Partnership Funding payments.

These changes will result in tax increases in all rural municipalities and it is important to have the right people on council to tackle the challenges and control the costs.

Council must continue to insist that their township is included on Federal and Provincial steering committees and must lobby for the neglected rural communities. I know the issues, have been part of delegations presenting to cabinet ministers and will work hard to have our voice heard on these and other issues facing Rural Ontario. If re-elected I will continue to ensure there is competent staffing, transparency, good financial systems, and an effective asset management plan in place. This will guarantee that the township has the information needed to make informed decisions.

I feel very good about the accomplishments achieved by the current council during the last four years and with the voters’ support I will continue to bring knowledge of the issues and common sense to the council table. In my decision making I will respect the fact that many of our ratepayers are on fixed incomes and sometimes struggle to meet today’s financial challenges.



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.

## THANKSGIVING HARVEST by Susan Veale

Our Thanksgiving holiday is a harvest time celebration giving thanks for a bountiful yield and abundance of food.

The tradition of Thanksgiving is believed to have been brought to Canada by the European farmers who would fill a goat's curved horn with fruits and grains to represent their harvest. This horn was known as a "cornucopia" or the horn of plenty.

Today we fill our horn with root vegetables, winter squashes, tomatoes and cabbages. Other gifts of fall include the full flavour of apples and pumpkins.

Temperature change is one major influence on our health. As temperatures turn cooler, our food choices should be more to the "warming foods." These include not only vegetables from the horn but also garlic, kasha, barley, oats, butter, aged cheeses, nuts and seeds, fish, poultry and spices of clove, cinnamon, ginger, vanilla, basil, thyme and oregano.

For this Thanksgiving, you may wish to try these warming recipes with your turkey. (Serves six to eight people)

### Spaghetti Squash with Vegetables

1 medium spaghetti squash  
½ cup of carrots finely chopped  
½ cup of celery finely chopped  
½ cup of red sweet pepper, finely chopped  
¼ cup of red onion, finely chopped  
½ cup of organic vegetable broth  
3 Tbsp of organic olive oil  
1 tsp of chopped basil  
½ cup of Parmesan cheese

Cut spaghetti squash in half lengthwise, steam in small quantity of water until soft, approximately 20 minutes.

Remove from water, let cool. Heat oil in frying pan, sauté carrots, celery, pepper and onion until soft, set aside. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Scrape spaghetti squash lengthwise from skin by using a fork to remove the squash in strands. Be careful to keep skin intact and set aside. Add squash to vegetables and then add broth and basil. Simmer for 15 minutes stirring occasionally. Using a big spoon, divide the squash mixture into each half of the skins; sprinkle the parmesan cheese on top. Bake in oven for 10 minutes. Serve from skins.

### Carrot Ginger Soup

8 medium carrots, chopped  
1 large leek, sliced  
4 cups of organic chicken broth  
4 cups of water  
1 tsp of ginger  
1/3 cup of maple syrup  
Heat broth and water; add carrots, leek and ginger. Simmer for 45 minutes. Puree until smooth. Return to heat, add maple syrup and reheat to serve.

### Sautéed Sauerkraut

2 cups of sauerkraut  
1 small to medium red onion, chopped  
¾ cup of portabella mushroom, chopped  
1 tbsp of butter

Melt butter in frying pan; add onion and mushrooms, sauté until soft. Add sauerkraut, simmer for 7 minutes, and then put on low until ready to serve.

### Candied Ginger Pumpkin Pie

1 15-oz. can of unsweetened pumpkin puree or 2 cups of cooked fresh pumpkin  
1 14-oz. can fat-free sweetened condensed milk  
4 large eggs  
1 9-inch graham cracker pie crust  
¼ cup chopped candied ginger  
Pinch of sea salt

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Wisk together pumpkin purees and milk in a large bowl. Blend in eggs and salt. Pour filling into graham cracker crust and bake for 30 minutes. Sprinkle chopped candied ginger on top and bake for another 25-30 minutes more or until a knife inserted into the side (not top) of the filling comes out clean. Cool and refrigerate 3 hours or overnight.

### Herb Roasted Sweet Potatoes

4 large sweet potatoes, peeled and sliced into 1/8 inch pieces  
¼ cup organic olive oil  
1 tsp of garlic powder  
1 tsp each of chopped oregano and thyme

Preheat oven to 375 degree F. Combine oil, garlic and herbs, mix well. Place potatoes in a plastic zip tight bag, add oil mixture and shake to coat. Place potatoes in a roasting pan or spread out on cookie sheet. Cook for 45 minutes, turning occasionally.

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## FALL, LEAVES, FALL BY EMILY BRONTË

*Fall, leaves, fall; die, flowers, away;  
Lengthen night and shorten day;  
Every leaf speaks bliss to me  
Fluttering from the autumn tree.  
I shall smile when wreaths of snow  
Blossom where the rose should grow;  
I shall sing when night's decay  
Ushers in a drearier day.*



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**A WAR TO END ALL WARS?**

**By Lois Thomson**

A century after the beginning of WWI, "The Great War", or "The War to End All Wars", its damaging effects continue to echo throughout the World, right down to the smallest village. We all know, or should know, why it's important to commemorate such grim times...

**Lest We Forget.**

But that war did not end all wars. Far from it. Wars continue to be fought all over the World and for many of the same reasons. They are fought to gain or maintain territory and resources, sometimes in the name of a King, sometimes for a god. They are almost always sanctioned by the rich and fought by the young. They seldom benefit the average citizen and never benefit the environment - land, sea or air. If war is so bad for so many, why don't we find a way to end them?

**The World needs a common enemy.**

During a 1955 speech at West Point, General Douglas MacArthur told assembled cadets, "The next war will be an interplanetary war. The nations of the earth must someday make a common front against attack by people from other planets."

**15,000 UFO sightings have been investigated in Canada since 1989.**

**Is our common enemy on the way?**

Ronald Reagan, in a speech to the United Nations 42nd General Assembly on September 21, 1987 said, "In our obsession with antagonisms of the moment, we often forget how much unites all the members of humanity. Perhaps we need some outside, universal threat to make us recognize this common bond. I occasionally think how quickly our differences worldwide would vanish if we were facing an alien threat from outside this world"

The Earth looks peaceful from Space



Will we ever achieve Peace on Earth?



A Record Climate Change March as 310,000 people flood the streets of New York on Sept.22

I think he had the right concept, but got the name of the common enemy wrong. I think Walt Kelly got it right in his 1971, Pogo comic strip, "We have met the enemy and he is us."

**Destruction of Human Habitat through Climate Change is a perilous, common enemy.**

So how do we stop fighting among ourselves and turn our attention to this common enemy? Can the World possibly unite to save the environment that supports us? Will we literally go down fighting, or is there a way to win against this common threat? The pen (and the internet) is mightier than the sword (and bombs). This fight won't involve incendiary devices. Votes and protests in fair democracies have more strength that you might think.

**Is this The real War to End All Wars?**

It could be. If we destroy our life-sustaining ecosystems, our species will die out. Like it or not, we are all riding this little space ship together, come

Fire or High Water. Unfortunately, I don't think suicide bombers care.

From Buckminster Fuller's book, Operating Manual for Spaceship Earth (1963), "Our little Spaceship Earth is only eight thousand miles in diameter, which is almost a negligible dimension in the great vastness of space. . . . Spaceship Earth was so extraordinarily well invented and designed that to our knowledge humans have been on board it for two million years not even knowing that they were on board a ship.

**What can we do to save the ship?**

Recent news briefs:  
1 - Organizers estimated that some 310,000 people, including United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, former U.S. Vice President Al Gore, actor Leonardo DiCaprio and elected officials from the United States and

abroad joined the People's Climate March, ahead of Tuesday's United Nations hosted summit in the city to discuss reducing carbon emissions that threaten the environment.

2 - Global investors urge strong climate change action ahead of UN Climate Summit 2014

**Voters and Global Investors see the threat. Can politicians be far behind?**

U.S. President Barack Obama spoke at the UN Summit, "We cannot condemn our children, and their children, to a future that is beyond their capacity to repair." "No nation is immune," he said. "In America, the past decade has been our hottest on record. Along our eastern coast, the city of Miami now floods at high tide. In our west, wild-fire season now stretches most of the year. In our heartland, farms have been parched by the worst drought in generations, and drenched by the wettest spring in our history. A hurricane left parts of this great city dark and underwater. And some nations already live with far worse. Worldwide, this summer was the hottest ever recorded — with global carbon emissions still on the rise."

That was about the same time as US-led air strikes in Syria blew up the Islamic State group's lucrative oil-pumping operations. In six weeks those poisons will have made it all around the world. Can you imagine using war budgets for Climate Change issues instead?

**Uniting the World to combat rapidly increasing effects of Climate Change will take time, but this Will be The War to End All Wars.**

Martin Luther King, Jr. said it best, "We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools."

**The Madawaska Highlander welcomes letters to the editor.**



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by Robert W. Service

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Whose clothes are all faded, whose age is past mellow  
Come down while I rest here you elegant fellow

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And contempt of broad fields and the plough  
Your wild tattoo, your rat tat a tat  
Affects me like royal champagne  
Don't hesitate my well dressed friend  
To drill that dead birch tree again

Some lads say you're a noisy clown  
But with them I don't agree  
Whatever they may wish to call you chum  
Your the Cock O' the Woods to me

Yes Cock O' the Woods, you're a handsome big jigger  
But I'll be as well dressed bye and bye  
In that far away land where I'll go, so I figger  
Fore many more moons cross the sky  
And I hope when I get there, the first thing I see  
Perched high in a heavenly hemlock tree  
A wackin his brains out for insect foods  
Will be you, my old friend...  
The Cock O' the Woods



**Firewood**  
Author unknown

*Beechwood fires are bright and clear  
If the logs are kept a year.  
Chestnut's only good, they say,  
If for long it's laid away.  
Birch and fir logs burn too fast,  
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Even the very flames are cold.  
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Fills your eyes and makes you choke.  
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With an incense like perfume.  
Oak and maple, if dry and old,  
Keep away the winter cold.  
But ash wood wet and ash wood dry,  
A king shall warm his slippers by.*

See Ernie Jukes' story "Woods, Woodsmen & Woodsy Things" on page 13.

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