

# The Madawaska HIGHLANDER

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## Chimo Park: A recent community

By Bill Graham

**Editor's note:** *Chimo Park is located on Black Donald Lake and is reached by the Chimo Roads from the Centennial Lake Road. This short summary of the history of the Chimo Park community is drawn from Chimo Park on Black Donald, edited by Louise Szabo. The book, now out of print, is available for loan from the Greater Madawaska Public Library.*

The sixty-seven dwellings that currently make up Chimo Park in earlier days would have been a village complete with grist mill, blacksmith and cheese factory except that it was about a hundred years too late to have a history similar to the other settlements of what is now Greater Madawaska. This is a recent history, beginning in the early 1970s. There are no commercial enterprises because residents have cars and shop in Calabogie or Renfrew. The residents are not permanent because they are, for the most part, cottagers.

None the less, the residents of Chimo Park are a community and like the other communities of the township they have a history, albeit recent.

Although the history of the land includes the ceding of territory by the original aboriginal inhabitants to the Crown in the early 1800s, the arrival of settlers, logging and mining at Black Donald Mines, the history of Chimo Park really begins with hydro development on the Madawaska River. It was the back water created by the building of the dam at Mountain Chute that created the shoreline of the Black Donald Lake that we know today.

Hydro generation on the Madawaska River began as early as 1902 with a 400 horsepower power generation plant, which served the operations of

Black Donald Mines. Hydro dams on the Madawaska continued to be built up until 1976 when the Arnprior Generating Station was built. However, the biggest impact on the region came with the building of the Mountain Chute generating station, which was completed in 1967. This was a huge project that changed the very landscape of the region. The water backed up by the dam stretched back 20 kilometres creating Centennial Lake and a greatly enlarged White Fish Lake (also known as Black Donald Lake). The new Black Donald Lake would have a surface area of 4,000 acres and a maximum depth of 150 feet.

With a new lake and its new shoreline established, the other determining element in the history of Chimo Park was Fred Fleming. Fred Fleming was also known as the Major, which was his rank when he left the Canadian Army in the late 1940s. After arriving in Calabogie around this time, he was soon buying up property in the area.

"In the early 1950s the Major was looking for land that he could log. In conversations with his friend Frank Stubinski, he learned that a Curley Mulvihill owned 400 acres of bush land in the valley that he wanted to sell." Registry records show that F.A. Fleming had acquired the 100 acres of Lot 11 Concession 5 from Michael Mulvihill in 1953 for the sum of \$5,700. Presumably this was added to property in the vicinity of Black Donald Lake that he had already purchased. We do know that Ontario Hydro eventually expropriated 540 acres of his land.

While walking their land in 1958, the Major and his son Rick came across new survey stakes and red flags. "After following these stakes, it became clear that the survey was along a contour line. Of course, this would prove to be the

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Aird's Lake in winter

Photo: John Roxon

## ATV by-law being proposed by Council

By Bill Graham

The issue of legal operation of 'All Terrain Vehicles' (ATV) on municipal roads in Greater Madawaska, which was raised in an earlier issue of the Madawaska Highlander, is one step closer to resolution with the posting of a draft by-law on the Township website (<http://www.townshipofgreatermadawaska.com/>).

Before it is voted upon by Council, public participation is being sought at a presentation at the Calabogie Community Hall on February 28th at 7:00 p.m. Without the by-law, driving an ATV on municipal roads is technically illegal.

The meat of the by-law reads as follows:

1. All Terrain Vehicle use will be limited to township roads except as outlined in Schedule A of this By-law, which may be amended by Council from time to time as the circumstances and future trail extensions require.

2) That notwithstanding the above, no usage of township roads will be permitted between the hours of 10PM Eastern Standard Time and 6AM Eastern Standard Time during the period of May 1st to November 30th and between the hours of 8PM and 6AM Eastern Standard Time during the period of December 1st and April 30th annually.

3) All road sections where ATV use is not authorized are to be appropriately signed so that all users may be fully aware of such use.

4) All of the provisions of Ontario Regulation 316 – 03, Operation of Off-Road Vehicles on Highways shall apply to this By-Law.

5) No person shall operate an All Terrain Vehicle at a rate of speed greater than 30 kilometres per hour on a gravel road and 50 kilometres per hour on a surfaced road.

6) Any person who contravenes any section of this By-Law is guilty of an

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# Let the sun heat your water

By Janet McNeill

The small town of Perth, in the southwest corner of the Ottawa River watershed, is home to an organization that "has set out to show how a small town in central Canada can respond to the issues of climate change". The organization is called EcoPerth and one of its most innovative projects is aimed at increasing the use of solar energy for hot water heating.

A solar water heater can provide enough solar energy to meet about one half of the water heating energy needs for a family of four. Solar water heaters are thus a good way to reduce direct and indirect fossil fuel use.

Beginning a few years ago, EcoPerth "mapped" their town to determine how many houses could properly accommodate solar water heaters. An impressive 74% were found to be suitable, meaning their roofs are oriented between southwest and southeast, slope between 20 and 60 degrees, are un-shaded for most of the mid-afternoon, and have enough space for one or two

solar panels (other factors include the shape of the roof and the presence of any possible obstructions).

EcoPerth partnered with a company called EnerWorks to supply the solar water heating units and arranged for bulk purchasing so that the cost of unit installation could be brought down by an average of \$700 per system.

The units, which cost between \$2000 and \$3000 to install, enable householders to save about 50% on their hot water needs. Typical annual savings are between \$250 and \$350.

So far, five systems have been installed; 20 more are to be installed after Christmas, and another 30 during the next fiscal year.

EcoPerth is looking into developing a lease program, which would help out the householders who find the initial \$2000 - \$3000 cost a bit too steep.

There are different types of solar hot water heating systems. The ones being installed in Perth use south-facing solar collectors on the roof, ground, fence or wall of the house that gather

the sun's energy during the day. These collectors are set at the same angle as the home's latitude north of the equator (in Ottawa, an angle of 45°).

A "system controller" monitors the temperature of the collectors and the indoor reservoir that holds the water. When it senses there is sufficient warmth to heat the indoor water, it sets off a pump that circulates "a heat transfer fluid" to the collectors. The water heated by the sun goes through a heat exchanger and is sent to the insulated water tank indoors. From there, it is fed into the house's hot water system, as required.

According to Natural Resources Canada, Canadian manufacturers have developed some of the most cost-effective solar domestic hot-water heating systems in the world. Consumers can now buy "off-the-shelf" solar water heaters that meet industry-wide standards, providing a clean alternative to gas, electric, oil or propane water heaters. Freeze-protected solar water heaters manufactured in Canada have been specifically designed to operate reliably through the entire year, even when

the outside temperature is either well below freezing or extremely hot."

Solar energy is free, renewable, and non-polluting. Add to that a 50% saving on hot water expenses and there are a lot of incentives for homeowners to invest in this technology.

A few webseachers you can do for more information about solar water heaters are NRCan's, EnerWorks and the Canadian Solar Industries Association.

Janet McNeill is a member of the Ottawa River Institute a non-profit, charitable organization based in the Ottawa Valley. For more information please visit [www.ottawariver-institute.ca](http://www.ottawariver-institute.ca) or call 613-735-6444.

End

## ATV by-law *continued*

offence and upon conviction is liable for a fine as provided for in the Provincial Offences Act.

7) All previous By-Laws in effect prior to amalgamation that contradict the requirements of this By-Law are hereby repealed to the extent of such contravention.

8) This By-Law will be reviewed every twelve (12) months.

Schedule A of the by-law lists specific municipal roads where ATV traffic is prohibited, as follows:

- Blake Street Bagot Township
- Francis Street Bagot Township
- Gladstone Street Bagot Township
- Madawaska Street Bagot Township
- Mowat Street Bagot Township
- Parnell Street Bagot Township
- Mill Street (from Charbonneau's to 511) Bagot Township
- Eastern Avenue Griffith Township

- Ginza Street Griffith Township
- Godin Lane Griffith Township
- Main Street Griffith Township
- Old Addington Road Griffith
- Pine Street Griffith Township

This list may be revised by resolution of Council as required to account for future trail extensions and changes in circumstances without passing the By-law.

End

## George Fox to be featured at Fire Department benefit

By Bill Graham

Station 2 of the Greater Madawaska Fire Department at Griffith is in need of additional equipment to properly do their job. In addition to fire-fighting and rescue calls, the department will now also be attending medical emergencies as first-responders. There were not the funds available from the money budgeted by the Council to purchase everything that was needed. Being resourceful, fire fighters from both the Griffith and Calabogie Stations decided to remedy the situation themselves.

A fund-raising benefit on a scale never before attempted by the Fire De-

partment will take place in March. The Fire Department is sponsoring a George Fox concert at the AFAC WING in Renfrew on March 25.

George Fox is a well-known and accomplished 'Country Music' artist. Since his appearance on the music scene in 1988 he has released numerous CDs and had many of his singles in 'Top Ten' positions on the music charts. He has won the Juno Award for the 'Country Music Vocalist of the Year' three times and was the Canadian Country Music Awards' 'Male Vocalist of Year' also three times. This will be a popular event.

The concert evening will include a silent auction, door prizes and a cash bar. Griffith Station Chief Gary Peters who chairs the committee putting on the concert is appealing to the community for cash donations for their effort and for door prizes and items that could be auctioned. All donations will be publicly acknowledged.

Mark Saturday March 25 on your calendar and plan to attend. Showtime is 8:00 p.m. at the WING in Renfrew with the doors opening at 6:30 p.m. General admission is \$20.00. Have a fun evening and support your volunteer fire department at the same time.

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## Chimo continued

820-foot contour, the future shoreline of Black Donald Lake. About this time, announcements were made about a new dam at Mountain Chute." According to Chimo Park resident Dave Lawrence who researched the background of the cottage lots being sold by the Major, 540 acres of the Major's land was expropriated by Ontario Hydro—"220 acres were flooded and 280 acres with 20,000 feet of prime waterfront shoreline returned."

Even before settlement with Ontario Hydro over the land had been concluded, Major Fleming had a sub-division plan for lots and was showing cottage lots to prospective buyers. Beginning in the early 1970s cottagers began to arrive. In the beginning some of the early purchasers just camped on their lots while they waited for approval of the sub-division plan so that they could proceed with building their cottages.

By the mid-1970s cottagers were operating as a group to fight such threats as logging operations happening too close to the community. In April 1976 cottagers formed the Chimo Park Community Association, elected officers and charged a membership fee of \$5.00 per family. As a group they had new challenges to face in the form of establishing and maintaining roads, bringing in Hydro and securing telephone services.

These challenges took years to resolve. For example, in 1976 Ontario Hydro informed cottagers that they would need a minimum of 40 people to sign up and be willing to pay the guaranteed unit. This was a surcharge above the regular fees. This was necessary because it was going to require 25,000 feet of Hydro line to reach cottagers. Then there was the problem that the roads, according to the survey, were not where they were indicated on the plan. It was along these roads that the Hydro lines would run. After negotiations and three years, in 1979 Hydro arrived at Chimo Park.

During the 1990s the Chimo Park Community Association affected additional changes for the benefit of their whole community. One important change was to buy some of the land between their cottage lots and what is now the Centennial Lake Road in order to protect the tranquility of their "little piece of heaven". They also wanted to preserve a portion of the forest behind their properties from logging. As a result the Chimo Park Conservation Area(s) was born. Also during this period the Chimo 'Park Community Association' became the Chimo Park Cottagers' Corporation. By incorporating, members would be protected by liability

insurance from possible litigation.

In the relatively short period that Chimo Park has existed it has evolved from a group of strangers who owned property in the same vicinity to an effective community of friends. Given the activism of this community, it is not surprising that both our reeve and the councillor for Ward 2 are also members of the Chimo Park community.

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## THE BARNET COTTAGE

By Wes Bomhower

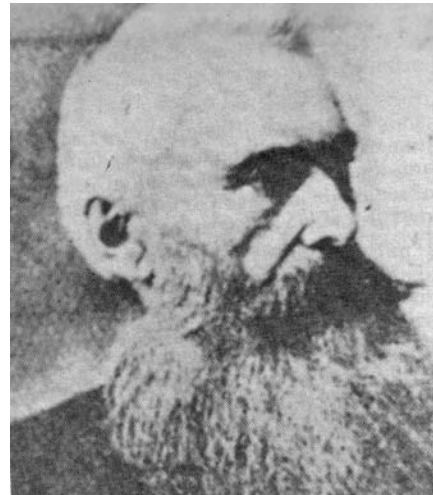
**Writer's note:** *In order to do justice to all the contributors to this history, I wish to make two instalments of the story of Barnet Cottage—My deepest gratitude to these contributors.*

*Tom Murphy, (Renfrew), Jim Deslaurier (Renfrew), Orval Strong, (Matawatchan), John Jocko, (Calabogie), Harvey & Jim Campbell, (Calabogie), Bern Fillator (Calabogie), Rosie Elliott (Calabogie), John Campbell (deceased, Calabogie), Merrill Church (Calabogie), Betty Bowes (Calabogie) and many others.*

I have many pleasant memories of family reunions, musical fund raisers, Renfrew County Fiddlers picnics, senior's B.B.Qs, anniversaries and weddings held at Barnet Cottage. The list is ENDLESS, and what a beautiful location it is for any of these activities.

The Barnet name is associated with Ottawa Valley's history on both sides of the Ottawa River where the family was involved in the lumber business over one hundred years ago.

The Barnets are especially known in the town of Renfrew where they eventually built a large house (now owned by Jim Deslaurier Jr.) and in Calabogie where they owned various properties and built a cottage (bigger than most houses of the day) on the shores of Calabogie Lake. Some claim the cottage was moved back from its original location when the water was raised in Calabogie Lake by Ontario Hydro but there is no hard evidence to support that claim.



Our story begins with Alexander Barnet, Tom Jr.'s grandfather, a lumber baron who operated timber limits and sawmills throughout the area on both sides of the Ottawa River and up the Madawaska and Bonnechere Rivers. His son, Thomas Foster Barnet, served as advisor to Sir Samuel Hughes, Minister of Militia, and spent a great deal of his own fortune to continue this work without any thought of compensation. The Barnets were millionaires even in those years and were always strong supporters of the Conservative Party at the federal and provincial levels, but they were never afraid to spend their money to help their fellow men. When the terrible influenza epidemic struck following World War I, the Barnets made soup by the barrel and had it delivered to the sick and needy.

They always loved horses and kept a stable of them. At one point they

owned and operated eight farms employing 25 people, and it was a common sight after the Barnets built the big house in Renfrew, to see a herald, or runner coming down the street loudly announcing that the Barnets were approaching with horse and carriage. One parcel of 300 acres that they owned south of Ashdad (now owned by Mr. Raaphorst) butted onto the Murphy farm and contained an excellent sugar bush. The Murphys would tap the maple bush on shares and give half the syrup and sugar to the Barnets come springtime every year. The big house in Renfrew and the cottage in Calabogie always had a ready supply of the sweet stuff.

This brings to mind to a story of later years when John Deifenbaker was campaigning to become Prime Minister of Canada, and was invited to a big party at the Barnet residence along with some of his aides from the Prairie Provinces who didn't know what maple syrup was. There was liquor and liqueurs aplenty of course and one of the aides proceeded to help himself from a large bottle with no label. He drank a small glassful, smacked his lips and poured another glass, commenting to no one in particular: "I don't know what that liqueur is called but it surely is the best I've ever tasted". It was Murphy's #1 grade maple syrup. The Barnet family for many years operated the Barnet Refrigerator Company. Tom Jr. was chairman of the South Renfrew Advisory Board of the Canadian Institute for the Blind, chairman of the local Red Cross, chairman of the Renfrew Rotary Club plus president of the Chamber of Commerce and Industrial Commission.

He was an elder of Renfrew Presbyterian Church and for several years was Sunday School Superintendent. Tom was president of the Renfrew Fair board for some time and was president of the Agricultural Society for ten years and a director for 36 years. Tom suffered terribly from emphysema in the last few years of his life and only spent about four months a year here in Calabogie at the cottage or in Renfrew at the house. The remainder of the time he lived at his aunt's home on Canada's west coast where his breathing problem seemed to ease somewhat.

When Tom died in 1975, he left the Barnet Cottage to the town of Calabogie and we are forever grateful.

The next instalment of the Barnet Cottage story will provide more recent history.

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*Calabogie Seniors financed a new wrought iron gate for Barnet Park*



# Home Support in Greater Madawaska

By Bill Graham

Without volunteers this country would be in serious trouble. If their unpaid work did not exist, there would be a terrible strain on the economy to provide even a minimal level of care to seniors and the disabled. Luckily there are volunteers in not-for-profit health and social services that are taking up the slack.

The volunteer group working for us in Greater Madawaska is the 'Calabogie and Area Home Support Program'. Primarily they serve seniors and adults with disabilities. They are a member of the 360 strong agencies making up the Ontario Community Support Association. Some of these groups provide a full range of services including 'Meals of Wheels', but the 'Calabogie and Area Home Support Program' has a more limited program because they are a small group of volunteers. The area that they service is the village of Calabogie and the immediate surrounding area. They do not have the resources to expand beyond this.

However, what they do supply is needed and much appreciated by the seniors and disabled adults that they do serve. Some volunteers provide

transportation services by driving seniors and disabled adults to medical appointments (local and out-of-town) or driving for grocery shopping or banking. Assistance is also provided by helping recipients of services deal with Old Age Security, Canada Pension and Income Tax. In addition, volunteers make regular visits to seniors and provide security and support through regular phone calls.

Referral services are also available. For example, foot care by V.O.N. (Victoria Order of Nurses) is available by appointment and the 'Calabogie and Area Home Support Program' will provide referrals for home maintenance like grass cutting, snow removal, house cleaning or minor repairs.

You can support their efforts volunteering your time or by making a donation, for which a tax receipt will be provided. They ask you to consider making an 'in memoriam' donation to honour the memory of a friend or loved one in a tangible way.

By helping to keep seniors and disabled adults independent and living at home, the individual benefits, as does the community in which they live and the health care system in general.

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## Top 10 facts about Home Care in Ontario

1. Today, Canadians over 65 are 12 per cent of the population. In 20 short years, by 2021, they'll be 20 per cent - that's one in five.
2. Women make up 57 per cent of the senior population. Seventy per cent of seniors 85 and older are women.
3. The first baby boomers will be turning 65 in 2016, and they will stream across that 65-year mark until 2036 - when many of the earlier boomers will still be enjoying an active and happy life at age 85.
4. Estimates are that care in an institution is ten times more expensive than providing adequate care in a senior's home.
5. More than half of women 80 years and older live on their own and the number is increasing.
6. Older women are twice as likely as men to be poor. Women are most likely to get emotional support through visits or having someone check in on them, while senior men are more likely to get help with housework.
7. Up to 90 per cent of the care of elderly people is provided informally, largely by family and of that to a large extent by wives, daughters and daughters-in-law.
8. Homemakers and personal support workers are under added pressure as long-term care hours are cut. Many try to do the same amount of work but in less time. Some work extra unpaid time.
9. More than twice as many female as male caregivers report feeling their caregiving is affecting their own health: depression, psychological distress, loss of sleep, social isolation.
10. In Ontario, volunteers give 2.5 million hours of service a year to home and community support agencies. Seniors are some of the most generous donors of time: 58 per cent are volunteers.

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# Out on the First Concession

## VALENTINES DAY

By Wes Bomhower

Valentines Day brings back a lot of good memories, and some of them concerning the 'Hungry Thirties' when we were growing up on the farm.

Dad was a bit of a practical joker and Mom could sketch most anything with pencil and paper, and though I'm reasonably sure they did not expect to play Cupid that was the end result of their innocent prank on Valentines Day, 1934.

It was a cold winter that year and Dad delivered a load of firewood to Mr. Drew in the village just shortly before Valentines Day. Young Leonard Jubert, who was extremely shy and also unemployed; as were most men in those Depression years, helped Dad unload the wood and Dad noticed Leonard rolling his eye at little Bessie Drew who was outside talking to her father as he piled the wood.

That evening Dad was telling Mom of the day's events and of Leonard's

amorous glances toward twenty year old Bessie, so they decided to send Leonard a Valentine. Mom made up a blank card, pasted a heart on front, then sketched a huge pile of wood on the inside page. On the opposite page was Leonard holding an axe high over his head ready to split a big block and Mr. Drew coming out the door reciting a little poem that went like this.----

"Leonard my boy, your work is good. You can have my daughter If you split all this wood".

Leonard received the card, but because it wasn't signed he was never sure who sent it. As it turned out, Leonard did split some of the wood, got quite friendly with Bessie, and though he went out west on the harvest excursion that year, he returned to marry her and a more loving couple you would seldom meet.

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## Highlander Squeaks through Second Year

With this issue of the paper we are beginning our third year of publishing the Madawaska Highlander. At this time we give thanks to our advertisers, without whom there would be no paper, to our contributors, who have been growing in number and to our readers, who give us such positive feedback.

There have been a number of accomplishments in the past year that have also been encouraging. The Highlander received the 'Community Service Award' from CABA our local business association. All of the history articles relevant to Greater Madawaska have been published on the Township website (<http://www.townshipofgreatermadawaska.com/>). Finally, paid subscriptions to the paper by readers who are out of the area have grown to almost one hundred.

Publishing a free paper and not overburdening our readers with excessive advertising is not easy. We operate on a hand-to-mouth basis and barely cover our expenses. The postage we pay to deliver the Highlander to your door has gone up in price and with the rising cost of gasoline the cost for the distant travel that we must do to secure advertising has also increased. When all the bills are paid

there is seldom anything left to build a reserve in the bank for unforeseen circumstances. Consequently, the paper is always one issue away from not being published, if, for example, there is not enough advertising to cover the printing costs. This is very unlikely, but the scenario is possible.

A number of readers have suggested that we charge for the paper. We have resisted this idea because we wanted any reader who could not afford the charge to get a paper. We have come up with a compromise approach. We plan to charge a voluntary dollar for each issue of the paper. It's a 'choose to pay or not' system. In the spring there will be receptacle in local stores carrying the paper for individuals to pay \$1 for each paper, or not if they can't afford it. We ask that if you enjoy the paper, and appreciate receiving it in your mail box, that you send us, voluntarily, \$10 for the year. The cost is voluntary, and if you do not choose to support the paper you will continue to receive it.

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## Crime wave in Matawatchan

Until recently Matawatchan and the surrounding area was a place where people didn't lock their doors. They didn't have to since theft was rare. Occasionally a cottage would be broken into but these break-ins were more of the nuisance variety. Those days are gone and Matawatchan and area has been experiencing a rash of 'break and enter' thefts.

Some of the thefts are detailed in the Griffith and Matawatchan News, some will have been unreported and some are, as yet, undetected. Most of the incidents that are reported concern permanent residents. It is likely that when cottagers return in May, other break-ins will be discovered.

Many residents suspect that the criminals involved are residents. There is also suspicion that more than one group is involved. If those involved are local, the damage goes beyond simple theft—it creates suspicion within the community.

The OPP is much more in evidence in the area and it is only a matter of time before these thieves are caught. After all, anyone who steals within their own isolated community can't be the sharpest knife in the drawer.

Until then, lock your doors when away, watch your neighbour's property and take note of individuals who are on your property with no good reason.

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## Looking back...



*Looking back at Miller's School in Frontenac County in 1917. Many Matawatchan children attended this school. Pictured are Eric MacDonald, Grace McLellan, George Parks, Bill Ilan, Don McPherson, Norville Strong, Emerson Briscoe, Nelson Briscoe, and Russell Thompson in the front row, Florence Thompson, Melinda McPherson, Rebecca McDonald, Emma Thompson (teacher), Dianthe McCoy and Albert Strong in the back row.*

## Mysterious theft at church

We believe that we, the residents of Matawatchan, need to rally together in support of someone in our community that desperately needs our help. Matawatchan has always been a close-knit community, always willing to help their neighbours whenever the need arises, be it death, illness, house fire or a personal crisis. We help each other.

First, we need to organize a community watch program, because as yet, we do not know who this person is that needs our help - (in more ways than one). We should be vigilant (not vigilante) in our search for someone wandering around aimlessly (who obviously needs guidance), and who is in need of a shining light in their life. In fact this person felt the need for a whole string of shining lights, with an extension cord and timer attached.

Secondly, we need to organize a fundraiser, or kitty, for this person. We can assume this person is very family oriented and needed to brighten their family home with Christmas lights but just could not afford them. Who else would have to take the Christmas lights off the front entrance of St. Andrew's Unit-

ed Church in Matawatchan sometime prior to the Christmas Eve service.

There is already a special fund called "The Deacon's Closet" from which the minister can give financial aid anonymously to anyone needing assistance. Our minister, Jon Williams, can be reached at 333-2138. The protocol is to ask for help. However, this person must be too shy or too embarrassed to ask for help, but does feel confident enough to go to the church for handouts.

Perhaps this whole affair was meant to be a practical joke, or even done on a dare by friends. This only stresses the need for prompt professional help, as this person has a very sick sense of humour, or has a serious psychological problem.

If you know the identity of this poor, sick person, please do them a favour and notify any authority figure. This could be a minister, doctor, or the OPP. This person obviously is desperately in need of our help.

From the Members of St. Andrew's United Church, Matawatchan

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# Suggestions for micro-power generation

Dear Editor:

Given the number of articles in the Madawaska Highlander concerning environment and energy topics, I thought I would share with your readers a letter that I sent to the provincial Minister of Energy suggesting a model for community based power generation. The text of that letter follows:

I strongly support your plan to make electricity generation from renewable sources a large part of Ontario's energy supply. I feel that we are at a very important time in the decision making process regarding the huge issue of energy supply and demand and also the direct connections between energy supply and our healthy economy and environment. The pending decisions on Standard Offer Contracts can make the difference between continuing with the current highly centralized generation model with its huge costs for development and transmission and moving toward a decentralized model which results in people and smaller companies and cooperatives all over the province producing electricity from renewable sources.

The renewable generation path coupled with a vigorous programme of electricity conservation will, I believe, solve our supply crunch without the need for building new nuclear or gas fired plants and the huge expense of transmission line building that must accompany any new centralized generation plant. Here are some of the points in favour of the renewable, community based power generation model:

- 1) Small 1kw to 10MW plants would be built by individuals and cooperatives all over the province. There are a great many sites suitable for smaller developments.
- 2) These installations would spread economic activity over every part of the province fostering a whole new business opportunity for rural and urban residents.
- 3) Many smaller generation sites would mean that existing power lines could carry new generation capacity with little improvement. Remember that virtually every home or farm in Ontario is connected to a line right now with capacity to carry 20 to 60 kw of new generation capacity.

- 4) Decentralized generation would mean more switching options to deal with massive power outages.
- 5) Smaller community based generation facilities can come on line very quickly. In fact, many cooperatives are set up and ready right now to start installing renewable based generation plants. The financial role of provincial and federal governments would be to promote these new energy sources by eliminating taxes on renewable generation equipment and encouraging development of these new sources by paying a premium price for electricity generated. These expenditures will result in jobs and energy without incurring debt.
- 6) Emphasis on renewable generation can be a powerful tool toward promoting conservation.
- 7) Renewably generated electricity would be a very important contributor to meeting our Kyoto commitments and to cleaning up the air in Southern Ontario.
- 8) The province could vigorously promote new manufacturing businesses to produce the turbines, solar panels, smaller water power generators and all the necessary

switching and controlling apparatus that will always be in demand once a decentralized supply starts to grow.  
9) The province could also promote business and conservation by helping manufacturers produce appliances that are much more energy efficient like many of those in Europe.

Minister, I believe that this is a time for a whole new way of looking at how we produce and consume energy. I have no doubt that by opening up the electricity market to every person or cooperative who can meet the standards. We Ontarians have a golden opportunity to build a vibrant modern economy and a safe, diverse and dependable way of generating electricity. Conservation and renewables are the way to solve the energy crunch without crippling debt and more pollution. Please support the implementation of the Standard Contract Model that paves the way to spread the generation of clean electricity all over this province. It will be a boon to us all.

Ken Birkett

## MPAC

**Editor's note:** *The following is taken from a letter sent to Highlander co-publisher Richard Copeland. It is published here with the permission of the Reeve*

Municipal Council is very concerned about MPAC and the taxation system currently in place. The municipality has taken several steps to join in the pursuit of a better system including:

1. Sending letters to the province regarding the current system.
2. Meeting with a coalition of other municipalities at AMO meetings regarding the MPAC System.
3. Joining with other Clerks and Treasurers through the Association of Municipal Managers of Ontario to register dissatisfaction with the system.

These efforts are concrete actions supported by Council with a view to getting a better system in place. Unfortunately, despite our agreement regarding the deficiencies of the current system, the municipal property tax program is administered by the province. Municipalities have no input into the system, except through the representation of our various provincial associations, direct lobbying efforts with provincial ministries and such activities.

My Council and I will continue to lobby on behalf of all citizens of Greater Madawaska to ensure that the province eventually re-designs the property assessment system. Hopefully through our efforts, and the efforts of many other municipalities around the province, we will have some effect.

Isobel Kristijan, Reeve

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### Sudoku

By Doug Bell

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# Griffith / Matawatchan News

By Garry Ferguson

## Thieves

The rash of break-ins that began in this area last fall has reached epidemic proportions. Before hunting season, a camp situated beside the hydro line near the old Johnston place was burglarized and a winter's supply of wood was stolen. When the thieves hit another hunt camp, near Quackenbush Lake, they not only took the winter's wood but the pots, the pans, towels, dishes and even the soap. To add insult to injury, they carried garbage from an outside container to scatter it over the beds and throughout the camp. A third camp in that area suffered the same fate when it was robbed of not only the wood but of its cooking utensils and the cutlery.

A local logger, who had made his skid-way along the hydro line in close proximity to this third camp, had all 400 liters of his reserve diesel fuel stolen – twice. In the second case, the tank was near a creek so the malicious malfeasants replaced some of the stolen fuel with water causing the man to spend several days and hundreds of dollars on a skidder damaged from the effects of

water-contaminated fuel. Along with the fuel and tools, the thieves took at least a tandem-truck load of wood from the skid-way.

About this time, the home of a resident along the Centennial Lake road was robbed when he was at work. The hungry “B and E” artists relieved him of a side of beef, two packages of wieners, a hundred-dollar computer game, \$100.00 in cash and – get this – two chocolate bars. In the same area, a woman got up in the night to investigate knocking on her door. When she turned on a light, a man ran away. Evidently, her home had been targeted. During the week prior to Christmas, all the lights, extensions and timers used to decorate the front of St. Andrew's United Church were stolen.

Two days before New Years, thieves smashed the rear door of the Matawatchan Hall, cut the power and demolished the emergency lights before making off with more than \$500.00 worth of beer and liquor brought in for the annual celebrations. This was a near fatal blow to a valued institution already hanging on by only a thread.

Since then, it has been discovered that two cottages on Old Schoolhouse Road, another on Quail Trail, one in Griffith and yet another on the Matawatchan Road have been burglarized where easy-to-fence items, such as chain saws and tools, caught the thieves fancy.

Imagine how this list of known “B and E's” will increase when the cottagers, from away, come back to open up in the spring.

## Station 2

Looks like our volunteers at Station Two have been busier than a cat covering you-know-what on a tin roof. They're not only fighting fires but raising funds and getting prepared to carry out a First Response function as soon as County gives them the nod. A 2001 Ford-450 has already been bought, safety checked, licensed and shined up for the task.

The fund-raising project presently in the works is a George Fox concert at the RCAF Wing in Renfrew on March 25, 2006. The doors will be opened at 6:30 p.m. and the concert will begin at 8 p.m. There will be a silent auction as well as some nifty door prizes. The twenty-dollar tickets may be purchased *in advance* at

Aikenhead's Drug Store, The Mona Lisa and the RCAF Wing in Renfrew, in Dacre at Mill Valley (Johnny Limlaw's store) and in Griffith at The Pine Valley Restaurant. Tickets will also be available (maybe) at the door if there are any left. For more information, call 613 333 2240 or 333 2980.

The Brigade desperately needs recruits so if anyone out there considers themselves able-bodied and in need of a challenge, call Station Chief Gary Peters at 613 333 2980.

## Denbigh Griffith Lions

The Christmas Season brought out a good number of Lions in elves' – that's the Santa type - clothing. They not only threw a wee-folk party complete with hot dogs, drinks and Santa but drove their golden-throated, gift-bearing carolers around to serenade shut-ins and the slightly older crowd. As if that wasn't enough, they delivered 19 huge Christmas baskets to friends in need and, in their spare time, whipped up a New Years bash complete with a full-course, sit-down turkey supper. Whew!

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# Denbigh Checking In

By Melody Jones

Amazing, just as I predicted we moved right into FLU season without a hitch! The Public Health Unit recommends that we wash our hands after going to the washroom, before we eat, and after blowing our nose. Makes sense!

During December, students of Denbigh Public School and their families enjoyed an evening that was festive and fun. It started with a delicious spaghetti meal prepared by staff. After dinner there was craft making and a visit from Santa. It was a great way to welcome in the holidays and share in the Christmas spirit. A special thank you to everyone involved.

February will see students taking part in a Read-a-thon to raise monies for literacy materials in the classroom. A full day of literacy activities are planned as they celebrate Family Literacy Week. Students will be preparing special “Valentines” letters and cards. Students will also be skating every Friday, weather permitting, as part of their Phys Ed. Class. Students and staff will both be looking forward to March Break!

If you or someone you know has a child who will be 4 years old before December 31st, 2006, please call the school at 333-5545. Kindergarten pre-registration will take place March 07, 2006.

Just for fun, students were asked “What is love?” and these are their answers:

- getting candy from people.
- loving you much.
- when you like someone that's pretty.
- being kind.
- Dad making me good food.
- taking me on the snowmobile.
- kissing.
- when you love people in your family.
- liking a person in a bigger way!
- giving Mom and Dad my sister and brother a Valentines Day card.
- very cool.
- when your heart likes someone.
- being nice.
- Mom and Dad making meals for me.

- the way some people care for each other in a loving way.
- caring.
- risking your life for someone.
- hugging.
- Mom and Dad taking care of my brother.
- when people love each other.
- when people think you are the best in the world.

## Community News from TOPS - Denbigh

How are you coming with that New Year's resolution to lose those extra pounds? If you need some encouragement and support in your struggle, our local organization TOPS ON4233 Denbigh is here to help. The TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) group meets Mondays in Denbigh Public School. Weigh-in is at 6 p.m. and a short meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. Your weight is confidential. Friends celebrate your losses and support your efforts to achieve your goals. For more information, check the web site at [www.tops.org](http://www.tops.org) or call Mary at 333-2791.

## Olive Parks' Cookies

**Editor's note:** Olive Parks is the sister of Annie Thompson whose chilli recipe was in the last issue of the Highlander. Both these residents of Matawatchan are in their nineties.

- ½ cup of butter
- ½ cup of shortening
- 2 ¼ cups of flour
- ½ teaspoon of baking powder
- ½ teaspoon of baking soda
- dash of salt
- ½ teaspoon of lemon extract
- ½ teaspoon almond extract
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup of brown sugar
- ½ cup of white sugar
- 2 eggs (beaten)

Sift dry ingredients together  
Add wet ingredients to dry ingredients  
Roll in small balls and press down with fork  
Bake at 350° F for 8 to 10 minutes

I add cut up green and red cherries for colour



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# The Snowshoe Hare

By Floris Wood

Seen any Snowshoe hares lately? They are a little hard to find nowadays because the hare population in Ontario and elsewhere in the world varies wildly in a ten-year cycle and 1999 was the last peak year. The most recent year when the cycle was lowest was 2004. 2006 marks the second year in the cycle of the Snowshoe hare's population rebuilding. In 2009 they will be at their peak once more. Although all animal populations go through some population variations from year to year, the uniqueness of the Snowshoe hare's 10 year cycle is first, its predictability and, second, the intensity of it. In some places the peak year population can be as high as 10,000 hares per square mile and the low year level only one hare in that square mile. The further north one goes the intensity seems to increase, probably because of the lack of ecodiversity in northern climes compared to the southern climes within the hares range.

One explanation, held primarily by fairly gullible people, is that the hares ran from one end of Canada to the other and the trip took five years, so the round trip took ten. But old Hudson Bay Company fur sale records showed that the cycle took place all across Canada at the same time. The Hudson Bay Company was very concerned about this cycle because Indians, who provided many of the company's furs, would have to spend a tremendous amount time in the winter months hunting and fishing for other food just to stay alive, leaving far less time to hunt and trap the animals whose fur was sold to the Hudson Bay Company.

Lynx populations also vary on the same cycle, with a little lag, since the chief food of the Lynx is the Snowshoe hare. But animal population scientists cannot say that predation rates alone cause the cycle. There is a simple equation, called the 'Lotka-Volterra predator-prey equation' that can explain some of the reasons for the cycle, but not perfectly enough for most animal population scientists. They tend to attribute three interlinked factors: predation, food source and birth rates. But they have yet to sort out the relationship between the three factors. So for the time being it is still hare today, gone tomorrow?

What's in the name "hare" as opposed to "rabbit"? Hares, rabbits and pikas comprise the order Lagomorpha, which means merely "shaped like a hare". There are about 40 kinds of hares, 11 kinds of rabbits and six kinds of pikas. Besides look-

ing like a hare the Lagomorphs also have four incisor teeth, two of which, their front upper teeth, are very well designed for cutting off stems, bark and other woody plant parts. But the other two buttress the two front teeth, lending them strength and allow the animals to grind food with side-to-side movements of the jaw. Rodents, their close relatives, cannot do this.



In the next lower level of classification (the family) the pikas have their own family called the Ochotonidae, while hares and rabbits are still together in the family Leporidae. At the genus level hares occupy the genus *Lepus* while the two rabbit genres are *Oryctolagus* meaning "hare-like digger", and *Sylvilagus* meaning "hare of the woods".

Essentially, scientists tend to use "hare" as an umbrella term and rabbit as a kind of hare. But, common names do not always follow the clear distinctions that scientists make in their classification. To wit, the white-tailed jack rabbit (*Lepus townsendii*), found out west is not a rabbit at all, but a hare.

Only two species of hares commonly live in Ontario, the *Lepus americanus*, Snowshoe hare and the *Lepus europaeus* or European hare (often called Jacks by hunters), the latter of which were introduced to Southern Ontario in 1912. The most notable difference between these two Ontario hares is the large size of the European hare. A European hare once streaked past me and a friend and I commented that I thought I just saw Bambi, only to be informed by my friend that it was Brer Rabbit.

As the name suggests the Snowshoe hare is noted also for its very large feet, one of two of the Snowshoe's

very fine adaptations to snowy climates such as Ontario's. The Snowshoe's foot has other adaptations that enable it to live and prosper in snow. The toe pads are particularly thick for insulation and its abundant toe hairs are stiff bristles, further aiding the snowshoe effect, enabling the Snowshoe hare to escape predators by staying on top of the snow while the predators' feet sink deeper into the snow, slowing it down. The

large feet allow for making jumps of ten feet or more in length or height. The hare also changes the direction of each jump, making it difficult for the predator to intercept the hare by predicting the hare's path.

The large feet also enable the Snowshoe to stand erect and reach low hanging buds, twigs, bark and other vegetation. The other adaptation for which the Snowshoe hare is well known is his ability to change colors with the seasons. In autumn the Snowshoe hare begins a ten-week process that changes its fur color from a grayish brown to a grayish white. Unlike the Artic Hare which changes to a bright white, because each individual hair becomes all white, the Snowshoe hare's hairs become white only on the tips, leaving a little of the gray showing through. The fur on the tips of the Snowshoe's ears and nose remain black, even in winter. Therefore, before escaping a predator by bounding away from it the hare will try to escape simply by remaining dead still while the predator walks on past without seeing the hare. Only when the hare knows he is seen will he employ his explosive speed of up to 27 mph.

The Snowshoe hare's very long ears allow it to hide in a depression in the snow with its ears erect like a swiveling periscope and listen for danger.

These snowy climate adaptations

help the Snowshoe hare survive in a range covering all of Canada, part of the northern states of the U. S. and south into the Rocky and Appalachian mountains.

The life cycle of a hare begins with its birth in the months of March through August in most of Ontario. The birthing season is shorter and begins later in the northern parts of its range. A doe may have from one to four litters annually consisting of one to six babies (called leverets in hares, kittens in rabbits). The gestation period is about 36 days. The doe will make a small depression on the ground, called a form, in which to birth the leverets. Unlike the rabbit kittens the leverets are born eyes open and fully furred. In two weeks they begin to venture forth and nibble at tender vegetation. Leverets hide in separate places and come together with their mother only a few minutes a day to nurse. By four weeks old they are weaned and can live on their own. By this time the mother may be pregnant again. During their adolescence the leverets are at great risk from their many predators, which include nearly all birds of prey, lynxes, bobcats, foxes, wolves, minks, coyotes, weasels, humans, domestic pets, etc.


The author once had a particularly maternal spayed cat that routinely brought rabbit kittens into our house through a tunnel we made for our cats in a basement window. We would find the cat lying on her side drawing the kitten toward her belly and trying to convince the rabbit kitten to nurse her (in spite of the fact she nothing to offer). The kitten seemed to survive in good shape the trip from its woodpile home, through the tunnel and into the house, in the cat's mouth. But every time I tried to return kittens to their rightful mother I would feel the warmth of urine on my hand and the kittens would be dead. A vet friend of mine thought the kitten died of shock. But I cannot imagine that being carried in my hand was scarier than our cat's mouth, so I am not fully convinced that shock was the cause of the kitten's death, nor can I offer another explanation.

With so many predators with a taste for hare meat what are the chances of a hare reaching the breeding age of one year? Only about 15% make it in the wild. The average life span is one year. This sort of mortality rate is good for the survivors though because it reduces the competition for food. But abundance of food leads to overpopulation and the increased chance of disease and food depletion. So the hare is always in a double bind.

Snowshoe hares love thick, low

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## Hare continued

thick, low vegetation where they can hide and eat. Coniferous lowlands, fencerows, heathers, bogs and swamps are among its favorite habitats. Its personal range never covers more than .1 square kilometers and sometimes less than .02 square kilometers in well-vegetated areas. Its favorite food is grasses, clovers, wild strawberry plants, daisies, vetches and other tender ground cover, as well as the leaves of trembling aspen, willows and birches. In winter they may have to eat less desirable foods such as bark, twigs, buds and ever-

greens. They have an aversion for bright light so look for them at dawn, dusk, nighttime and cloudy days.

Research on the snowshoe hare is very interesting and this article covers only the highlights of what is known about them. The Web has hundreds of sites for Snowshoe hunters and those interested in their natural history alike. And take advantage of the services at the Greater Madawaska Public Library where Mary-Joan Hale can assist you in further research.

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## News continued

To bring these blessings to a community requires not only a monumental effort but the generous support of local businesses and individuals. With this in mind, the DG (please don't reverse those place names) Lions asked us here at *TMH* to publicly convey their appreciation to Roy Berndt, Doreen Belliveau, 41 Stop, MacBro, Glaeser's General Store, Mrs T. Minton, The Swiss Inn, Erwood Reynolds, Scott MacDonald Contracting, Griffith Building Supplies Inc., Camel Chute Campground and Floyd's Enterprises. Also high on their "beholding" list are St. Lukes, St. Andrew's and all the business's that collected food.

Don Whitmarsh of Odessa, the winner of the 50/50 draw, left the New Years Eve Party with \$372.00 bulging his pockets – assuming that he didn't feel obligated to buy drinks for everyone in the house.

### The Fish and Game Club

For those who were not privy to a presidentially-produced F & G Newsletter, the Annual Fishing Derby is scheduled for Saturday, February 18 2006. The weigh-in will be in the designated fishing area – hopefully on the ice. (in the case of yours truly, it doesn't seem to matter)


Most will get the ticket(s) in the mail but non members or those who forgot to renew their 2006 memberships may try a local business or look up a board member and buy as many five-dollar chances at the 240-some prizes as you wish. You don't even have to fish. No license is required for imbibing but a valid fishing license is a must if you plan to drop a line in. Cash prizes will be awarded for the three largest fish as well as the largest perch for juniors.

The Club will supply alfalfa and corn to those club members willing to help the bambies through the long winter. It is suggested that a salt lick and apples be added as a supplement to the diet. (the deer's that is) For more information on this program, contact Paul Gaulin at the phone number or email address shown below.

The General Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, April 15, (Easter Weekend) so make an effort to come out and support that hard-working Board that keeps the Club afloat. Again, they have planned a great line-up of activities for 2006.

For more information, contact Club President Karen Gaulin at 613 333 1206 or by email at [karen.paul@northcom.net](mailto:karen.paul@northcom.net)

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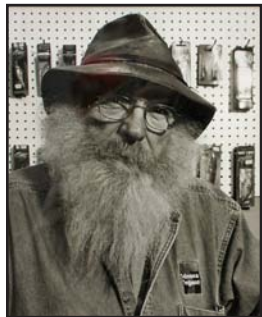
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## Fishing with Jim

By Jim Weatherall



It has been about three months since we've talked. Winter has come upon us, though as I write this, it is January 14<sup>th</sup>, and it is raining hard today. There is good ice and it should take the rain and hold its own.

Speckled Trout opened January 1<sup>st</sup> and for some, it was good. There were reports of good fishing on some lakes and others...not a bite. First ice brought good catches of Splake at Mair and Battery Lakes.

Jamie Tabar brought in a 19 inch Speckled Trout. I have not seen it yet but will confirm the weight in my next "Fishing with Jim". It has been frozen as it will probably be a wall mount. Lost Lake gave up another one!

Crystal and Angie were fishing on Scully Lake for Speckles on opening day with no luck. However, Crystal's "new" rod was pulled down the hole when she wasn't looking... ..Big fish, Crystal!!

Melissa Warren landed herself a nice 10 lb. 15 oz. Pickerel (Walleye) through the ice. What a surprise when you are fishing a known "Trout" lake. She would not disclose the lake in question. That was a great catch but we hear that Murph taught her everything she needed to know to land it.

The ice huts are on Calabogie Lake and there is about 12 inches of ice. Pickerel fishing in part has started out well, with some 20 plus inch fish caught.

There has been a good lot of large Perch caught. David Mulvihill and Harry Cox got one good size Perch and had it for lunch out on the ice.

There are two fishing derbies coming up in the area. Griffith-Matawan Fish & Game Club are holding their derby on February 18, 2006 on Centennial Lake. Tickets are \$5.00 each and are sold at local businesses. For information on this derby call 333-2390, 333-1229, or 333-1206.

The Jamie Wright Memorial Fishing Derby will be run by the Calabogie Firemen's Association and their wives this year and will be held February 25, 2006 from 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Entry fee if \$5.00 for adults and \$2.00 for junior fishermen. Pre-registration will be at Jim's

Bait & Tackle, up to 5:00 p.m. February 24<sup>th</sup>. Derby day registration will take place on the ice at Barnet Park. For more information call 752-2145.

I hope to see all of you out at these two derbies. There are lots of prizes to be won at both of these derbies, not to mention the social aspect as well. Come out and support the local fundraising and enjoy yourselves.

A side comment to you local hunters too... The wild turkey population has exploded in the county. Large flocks are being spotted in several areas from Renfrew to Lanark. This spring's hunt should produce an abundance of turkey dinners around the area. Good Hunting to all.

Please let me know about your catches (big or small). No fish is too small to print about, and stories tend to grow as they are told anyway!!

Have good winter fishing. Check the ice first and be safe.

See you on the ice...

Jim

## CABA Corner

### CABA JUMPS ONTO THE NEW WAVE

By Carolyn Jakes, President, Calabogie and Area Business Association

The Canadian Chamber of Commerce President and CEO recently said that businesses cannot rely on local government for their economic future. Business organizations must have a strong presence. They must be proactive by jumping onto the waves of current issues, no matter how big the waves. A point of view held by some people, though, is that things are fine, so don't rock the boat. They wish our community would just stay the same. Is this possible? Definitely not! Change is inevitable so there are only two directions to go. Improve or slide backwards. Our business community is obliged to become proactive to improve not only our individual businesses, but our entire community.

Societal and business analysts say that without ongoing improvement apathy follows. Some businesses will close due to lack of growth and profit, unable to find prospective buyers who naturally look for an attractive, vibrant place. A stale business cli-

mate is not only depressing, but expensive to residential taxpayers, who must bear an increasing tax burden. We must compete, attract and retain investment from entrepreneurs or fall backwards.

The economic outlook for 2006, for businesses that rely on discretionary spending, (tourism is the mainstay of our community) is not optimistic. This follows 2005 which, overall, was not a profitable year. These are challenging times. Increased energy and housing costs are using larger and larger chunks of families' disposable income.


Businesses not directly reliant on tourism—our trades and professionals—find their work source linked to residential starts. Now here is an interesting wave. The leading edge of the baby boomers (eight million of them) is reaching 60 years of age this year. They will be looking for a retirement home over the next five years. This is why a real estate agent from outside our area knocked on my door last week asking if I wanted to sell my waterfront home. Our township does have waterfront properties available, which are presently driving the increase in new homes. However, we cannot make more waterfront, and soon, that bubble will burst. We will not be attractive to secondary developments if we are a stagnant community. How can we justify additional infrastructure investments without any growth in our economy? What comes first? Without a "critical mass" of people living and working here, infrastructure, which would be enjoyed by the entire community, will either never start or simply fail.

So what do we do? How do we succeed in challenging times? Firstly, we need to get smarter by becoming better informed. We know decisions made by local governments affect our businesses. The three principles of good government are transparency, accountability and best value for taxpayers' dollars. CABA needs to study the municipal budgets and expenditures and have input into the budgetary process. CABA needs to start this process now. This spring we will begin to study the township budget as part of our educational process. We will present municipal council with a Budget Paper later this year.

Secondly, we must support and provide input to municipal council in their upcoming strategic planning. We applaud our current council for starting a process which begins with formulating a vision of where we are going. CABA can be proactive, involved and offer comment on issues affecting business interests in our community.

Thirdly, our township must compete with other rural municipalities. It

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# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## CHURCH SERVICE SCHEDULE

### GRIFFITH AND MATAWATCHAN

**St. Andrew's United Church**  
 Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School 8:30 a.m.  
 Minister: 333-2381

**Our Lady of Holy Rosary Catholic Church**  
 Griffith: Sat. Mass 7:30 p.m.  
 Sunday Mass 11:00 a.m.

**Hilltop Tabernacle**  
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Morning Worship 11:00 a.m.  
 Evening Service 7:00 p.m.

### DENBIGH AND VENNACHAR

**Vennachar Free Methodist Church**  
 Sunday School 10:00 am (for all ages)  
 Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am  
 Monday - WMI (1st Monday of the month)  
 Tuesday - 1:00pm - Ladie's Bible Study  
 7:00pm - Bible Study at Fellowship Hall, Vennachar with Lynn McLaren  
 7:00pm - Bible Study, Plevna with Rev.D.Oldford

**St. Luke's United Church**  
 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.  
 Sunday School 10:00 a.m.  
 Minister: 333-2381

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

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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

### CALABOGIE

**The Calabogie Bible Fellowship Congregational Church**  
 The Mill Street Chapel at 538 Mill St.,  
 Regular service - Sundays 7:00 p.m.

**Most Precious Blood Catholic Church**  
 504 Mill St., Rev. Father Pat Blake  
 Saturday 5:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 10:30 a.m.

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

**Calabogie St. Andrews United Church**  
 1044 Madawaska Dr. (on the waterfront)  
 Church Services Sunday Mornings at 8:45 a.m. Communion  
 1st Sunday of every month.  
 Bible study every Wednesday evening 7:15 - 9:00

**World Day of Prayer**  
 Thursday March 2 - 7:00 p.m.  
 Most Precious Blood Catholic Church  
 Sponsored by three Calabogie churches (Precious Blood, St. Andrews, Bible

Fellowship)  
 Theme: "Signs of the Times" and the country being united with is South Africa. Organizers want to see as many as possible at the service

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### CALABOGIE

**Calabogie Valentines Day Dance**  
 See ad page below

**Calabogie's St. Andrews Church Supper**  
 Roast Beef Supper  
 Friday Feb. 17 - 4:00 - 6:30  
 Adults \$10 / Children (6-12) \$5  
 Children under 5 - Free  
 Contact: John or Marjorie Watts  
 752-2598 or mjwatts@sympatico.ca

**Talent Show**  
 See ad below

**Winter Carnival**  
 See ad below

**Carnival Dart Tournament**  
 See ad below

**The Jamie Wright Memorial Fishing Derby**  
 February 25 - 6:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.  
 Entry fee: \$5 for adults and \$2 for junior fishermen. See: Fishing with Jim article for details.

**Calabogie Seniors: Pot luck dinner and meeting** - the last Thursday of each month - Community Hall. Begins at 4:00p.m. followed by dinner and meeting.

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

### GRIFFITH AND MATAWATCHAN

**Griffith-Matawachan Fish & Game Club Ice Fishing Derby**  
 Saturday February 18 - 8 am to 5 pm on Centennial Lake. Tickets are \$5 & sold at local businesses. For information on this derby call 333-2390, 333-1229, or 333-1206. After fishing refreshments at The Matawachan Hall - 5:00 pm

**Euchre**  
 Every Friday night at 7:00 pm  
 Matawachan Community Hall

**Busy Bees Craft Club**  
 Meet the second Tuesday of every month at the Matawachan Hall. (Contact Jackie Jenks at 333-5542)

**"Northern Lights" Seniors**  
 Meet the third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. alternating between Griffith and Matawachan. For information contact Lois Robbins at 333-1082. All Seniors Welcome

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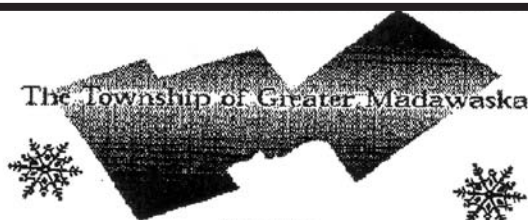
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**CARNIVAL ROAST BEEF DINNER**  
 at United Church in Calabogie  
**FEBRUARY 17, 2006** - 4 to 6 p.m.  
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**TALENT SHOW - FEBRUARY 17, 2006**  
 at St. Joseph's School in Calabogie  
 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.  
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**WINTER CARNIVAL - FEBRUARY 18, 2006**  
 at Calabogie Community Center, 574 Mill Street  
 Starts at 8:00 a.m. with a Lumberjack Pancake Breakfast  
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**CARNIVAL DART TOURNAMENT**  
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# Cottage Corner

By John Roxen

Winter at the cottage is not for the faint hearted. Oh sure, it is beautiful, but how much beauty can one take when your toes have third degree frostbite from trekking half a mile through two feet of snow. How much beauty can one take when the inside of the cottage is -7C upon arrival and 8 hours later the bedroom is at a balmy 5C – slightly less than a perfect sleeping temperature.

To me, perfect sleeping weather is when I can be comfortable lying on top of the bed buck naked – not under a sheet and a down filled duvet and a couple of wool blankets while wearing wool socks, long underwear, track pants a tee shirt and a sweat shirt. No wonder Canada's birth rate is going down hill. The three hours or so it takes to disrobe certainly contributes to destroying the mood – that is if pneumonia doesn't set in first.

The reason we have the long trek in the first place is because our road isn't plowed at all. The municipality only plows as far as the last full-time resident and I can tell you that not too many souls are hardy (or just plain dumb) enough to brave the elements just to work like a dog to en-

joy two days of their cottage. I must be one of the hardy ones though my wife thinks otherwise, I'm sure.

Then, with the cottage in plain view – its like a desert oasis to a thirsty man, especially after said half mile walk etc. – we notice 6 feet of snow on the deck, covering the barbeques and another few feet blocking the side door. At least we had the forethought to leave a couple of shovels outside. So we dig frantically to get inside because that's where the liquor is – at least I hope a few remnants are left from the last visit.

Now, time to try to get in. With the hike completed and the shoveling done, getting in should be no problem, right? Wrong. The vagaries of winter temps; above freezing, below freezing, at freezing, does not do good things to doors and doorframes. Often times we try to turn the door-knob only to find that the door has mysteriously risen a quarter of an inch – just maddeningly enough for the latch to stick stubbornly in the strike. We push and lift and lift and push until finally.... we're inside.

Our toes are aching, our fingers numb. Naturally, we never dress appropriately for the cottage visit – we always dress for the city

where the temperature is a balmy 2C with no snow. Needless to say, its a whole lot different at the cottage with snow levels measured in feet and the temp always in the double digits – with a minus in front.

Now it's just a simple matter of clearing out the dead mice and starting a nice toasty fire. Well, yes, except that in the winter when all the paper and kindling and firewood is at the same temperature as the rest of the cottage, it takes an awful lot of huffing and puffing and air manipulation just to get it all up to an incendiary temperature.

By the time the first scotch is done it's usually at +3C inside. By the second scotch it's starting to feel reasonably warm (or is that just me?). By the fourth scotch I frankly don't give a damn about the fire anymore since it's getting downright hot inside – again, it could be just me. This would be a good time to bring up two very important fire safety tips. Never leave a fire unattended and always have a fire extinguisher close at hand – especially when enjoying a smooth single malt while waiting for the fire to burn.

With the fire finally burning nicely and my innards thoroughly warmed, it's time to fetch the water. For us, our water comes from a spring that flows year round. During the warmer months we pump it into a 2000 gallon holding tank

from which we can flush toilets, take a shower and do dishes much like the rest of western civilization.

Water during the 10 or so freezing months is a different matter altogether. We have a couple of Home Depot utility buckets and a few smaller plastic buckets which once held Costco's "Kirkland" brand dishwashing detergent. We've found that these buckets are the perfect size for one flush – unless of course we had a dinner of chili and beer the evening previous in which case the Home Depot utility bucket sometimes isn't even enough.

Anyway, we schlep these buckets to an old fashioned water pump near our front door where the water pours continuously, and gradually and methodically fill each and every one. Then we schlep them back inside the cottage, spilling roughly half the contents on the way. This spilled water invariably lands on our pants and flows down into our boots to thoroughly soak our socks. We put most of the buckets in the bathroom for general washroom use and we use another to fill a stock pot with which we keep on the wood stove. This stock pot of water serves as our humidifier and as our warm water for dishes. If I'm not careful, it could also be used for falling into during said warm-up scotches. We also fill up a 20 liter water container for kitchen use.

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*Editor's note: Justin Lacourse placed second in a Renfrew Legion Remembrance Day contest for the following poem entry. Congratulations!*

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They hold near their hearts,  
Their loved ones dear.

Crawled in the ditches and over hill,  
They had to get there first,  
To make the kill.

In hopes they return,  
Before the night,  
Only if they win the fight.

They gave their lives,  
For us to live,  
Lest we forget,  
And live to give.

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# GREATER MADAWASKA LITERARY MATTERS

By Mary-Joan Hale

There has always been confusion regarding our hours of operation. Even though Friday was the only day which changed from June to Labour Day, people were confused. Also, the closed days were split and opening times varied daily. In order to end the chaos, at the January meeting the Board voted unanimously to standardise the hours and have them remain constant throughout the year. Effective Monday February 13, 2006, the hours will change to:

Sunday	CLOSED
Monday	CLOSED
Tuesday	1:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

We are getting close to having remote library service in Wards 2 and 3. Board Members have visited the DACA Recreation Centre, the Griffith Lions and the Griffith Craft Fair to spread the word and get local input. We are delighted with the enthusiastic response at these meetings. Negotiations are in process regarding satellite locations. We have applied for a Trillium Grant to aid in the financing of this initiative. Your

Municipal and Provincial taxes support the library and the Trustees believe that you deserve the service. At present, binders are being prepared with a list of materials. Once the satellite locations are firm, then these binders will be located there for your perusal. The next step is to purchase the software so that you can search and book on line. The Township has agreed to provide the transport of materials to your local venues.

With the new hours, the two children's programmes will also be changed. The After-school club will move to Tuesdays at 4:00 p.m. After consulting with the parents of the wee ones, the Pre-school Story-time will move to Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

It is exciting to see that babies who accompanied their older siblings are now toddling over to the mat to listen to the stories. The value of literacy is so important. It must start at a young age. When my own children were small, I started reading to them even before they were born. Needless to say, some people thought I had a few brain cells out of place, but it paid off. All three of them talked early and clearly. Visits to the library were a weekly jaunt. At that time it

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## ROCK OF AGES

By Doug Smith

All of our homes are built on the "basement complex" of North America. Basement complex is a geological term that refers to the oldest rocks (2.5 billion years old) underlying all other rocks of the continent. Where these rocks are exposed at the surface is called the Canadian Shield, an area of about 2 million square miles. By comparison, the Great Lakes and all the area that drains into them is about 15% of the area we call the Canadian Shield. It includes all of Labrador, much of Quebec, Ontario and the Northwest Territories; the northwestern parts of Manitoba and Saskatchewan and part of the Arctic Islands.

Exposure at the surface is the result of elevation -- in this case brought about by a broad upward warping of the basement complex. In the Rocky Mountains, the basement complex lies as much as 50,000 feet below the surface.

Some parts of the Canadian Shield are at the bottom of the solid earth. The Griffith Batholith -- from Burns Lake in the north to the Denbigh Hills in the south -- is a large pluton\* that increases in size as it extends downward and has no discernible floor.

In order to qualify as a batholith, a pluton must have surface exposure of at least 40 square miles. Those lush trees of the bush north and south of the Madawaska River are growing on what was the last rock on earth to cool from liquid to solid.

As a result of these factors, the Canadian Shield is the richest source of minerals in North America and Bancroft has the title of "Mineral Capital of Canada." In addition, there are more Canadian miners than all other miners combined.

In future articles, I will be reporting on mines past and present in the Madawaska Valley. The first will be the Craigmont Mine near Combermere.

\*All rock masses that formed when liquid rock solidified within the earth's crust are called plutons.

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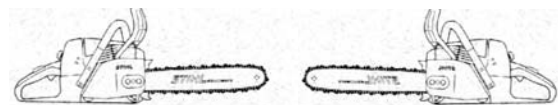
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# ERNIE'S MUSINGS

By Ernie Jukes

## BULLISH

As a wee tad of about four or so years of age, visiting my grandparents in Napanee, it was my job to go for the cream towards the end of each day. This was a terrifying task due to having to pass through my Great Grandfather's cattle herd. Up McCabe's Hill, which contained the biggest, blackest, meanest looking bull that apparently there ever was-anywhere's! Miserable old Gramps Miro was no sweetheart either. Well as time went on, and I got to doing some reading and travelling I not only found out why the Bull has this awesome reputation but also why they have been specially selected by peoples around the globe to be part of their history and mythology.

Due to these huge beast's strength and tenacity and obvious leadership of their often-large herds they have been revered through the ages. The ancient Minoans painted them on the walls of Knossos. If you explore the Greek islands you will see how the Bull had the respect of kings in their architecture and statues throughout the Aegean Sea---the cradle of civilization.

## CABA continued

with other rural municipalities. It must encourage, solicit, welcome and reward investment and innovation. It must make taxes competitive. It must control growth in program spending but also take a fresh look at the best investment and allocation of our tax dollars. The goal should be to make it easier to do business here. A larger commercial tax base would offset the present 96% residential tax base. We must attract more tourists to our area by becoming Eastern Ontario's four-season destination of choice for outdoor recreation, while also giving consideration to the residential community already enjoying the remote and rural nature of our area.

A former Finance Minister said to Canada's business community, you are "so important to this nation. You represent Canadians in every big city, in every small hamlet and every nook and cranny in this country. You are the sinews and muscles of the economy". With this message in mind, CABA is currently conducting a strategic planning exercise to decide how CABA can best flex its business muscles to work towards a stronger economic future for both our business and residential community.

It's interesting to note that through the ages the bull became a symbol for many groups including Germans from the provinz of Mecklenburg and the Scots, Clan McLeod from Isle of Skye. In the new world he became the seed of our great cattle herds and a hit at our Western rodeos. So much so that Canuck livestock now provides most of the best beef to the world. A farming uncle said "your fences need to be horse-high, pig-tight and bull-strong. Another said "keep skunks, bankers, lawyers and bulls at a distance". The bull and its high standing was everywhere. From the wild Canadian version and the big game hunter's prize-the Bull Moose ...to representing sports teams on their jerseys-like the Belleville Bulls. Bull crops up in place names such as Bull Mountain, Big Bull Bay or Bullsover and even in nicknames of boxers like "wild bull of the pampas".

Years ago while jogging down Frontenac Road, as I neared the trail to McLaren's Lake I heard the most desperate and forlorn bellow of a bull. Rapidly following the sound down the steep bank to a pond close to what is now Dunn's log cabin I discovered a large animal right up to it's neck in quicksand, sinking by the

## Cottage Corner continued

OK, the fire is going, the water is in and the scotch is almost empty. The bedrooms are still freezing cold and the toilet seat is cold enough to weld your arse to, but at least we're settling in. The final part of the equation - before we pass out from a combination of sheer exhaustion and too little food - is, what's for dinner? Steak? Frozen solid. Potato? Frozen solid. Asparagus? Frozen solid. Salad? Well, you get the picture. Hmmm. Kraft dinner? Ok. Milk - frozen solid. Butter - frozen solid. After an excellent meat of hickory sticks, stale premium plus crackers and Halloween- sized Coffee Crisp bars, we're ready to call it a night. Of course there's first that little matter of brushing our teeth in 2C water and suffering brain freeze for a half hour and stubbing our toe on an errant piece of firewood - but finally we're ready to have a fitful sleep and look forward to the next fun-filled day of tobogganing, winter photography and survival.

Now, I'm sure I packed those fleece bottoms and wool socks...

minute. Instantly realizing it was impossible to help it on my own I raced back toward Matawatchan to Postman Davey Carswell, whom I knew had a jeep. Minutes later we had slipped a rope past its bulging eyes, down its neck and dragged it free of sure death. The previously dangerous animal suddenly took on a whole different attitude and meaning to me.

Of course the Spaniards brought a specially trained type of bull to the rings of Mexico, which attracted huge crowds for centuries. The sport today seems to be waning in popularity while pertinent slang within our language is growing. From the Brit's "bullish wot?" or "Bullderdash", we can bulldoze our way into "aw bull\_" and as you know that's another interpretation or "fabrication" which is more at home around Ottawa---but we are not going there today. You can probably expand on this fascination and fear with the stubborn beast ...there are no doubt many bovine experiences right here in our valley-and when we hear them you can say--"no bull, eh"?

## Calendar *continued*

### Community Bus Service

Phone Kay Kelly for information and reservations at 333-2731 by Tuesday evening. Bus travels every other Thursday for shopping. The bus fee is \$10.00.

### Fellowship Luncheon

These meals are held the first Wednesday of each month at noon.

### DENBIGH

#### Diners Club

Dinners are held the first Monday of the month at the Denbigh Community Hall at 12 noon. Full Course Meal \$5.00.

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### Weather Postcast for Matawatchan

Everyone's talking about the warm winter of 2005/6. They're right; it is, but only for one of the three months of November through January. Based on Degree Days (DD) of heating, November 2005 was about 5% colder than November 2004 and December was 4.5% colder this season. But January was 22.2% warmer in 2006 than 2005. The quarter Nov-Jan was overall 6.8% warmer.



## Literary matters

### continued

meant a trip by bus with one by the hand, another in the stroller, and the baby in a back carrier. It wasn't easy, but all are avid readers to this day.

To aid in early literacy, we are starting a Book Buddy programme in conjunction with a local school. The library will arrange for the volunteers. A police screening is necessary since you will be working with children. Visit the library to pick up a letter to present to the OPP. Once the screening is completed, I will notify the principal and he will partner you with a child or children. Where and when you read (home, school or library) will be determined mutually by the parents, school and volunteer. Sharing the love of reading is one of the joys of my life. Try it, you'll like it too! We have a lovely Snuggle-Up-and-Read area in the library. It was purchased through a Trillium grant in 2004 with this in mind. Kids, parents and grandparents enjoy sharing books on the comfortable mats.

Help us celebrate First Nations Public Library Week February 13 – 18, 2006. We will have a display of stories by First Nations' authors.

Once again we are joining CBC Radio to find out which book all Cana-

dians should read. We have copies of all titles and hope you will read them and vote on your favourite one. Several celebrity guests will defend these on CBC radio April 17 to 21. It is an exciting annual event. Be part of this national pastime and join in the fun.

Frances Itani: Deafening  
 Mordecai Richler: Cocksure  
 Joseph Boyden: Three day road  
 Al Purdy: Rooms for rent  
 in the outer planets  
 Miriam Toews: A complicated  
 kindness

Go to their website <http://www.cbc.ca/canadareads> for more information.

After last year's strategic planning exercise, members of the Board and I have been busy working on the critical factors that were identified. Look for more news in later days. If you would like to volunteer to be on any of the Sub-committees of the Board, or act as a volunteer in any way, call, visit or email the library and you'll get a friendly Valley welcome! There are plenty of jobs to do.

Another exciting addition to our service began in November. We are on the web!!! Go to [www.townshipof-greatermadawaska.com](http://www.townshipof-greatermadawaska.com) and click on the library button. Keep up to date

with what is happening @yourlibrary. New books, programmes and services will be highlighted. If you wish to read the minutes, find out about local history, schedules and much more go to the Township site. While there, don't forget to click on the library page as well!

An ancient sage once said that a city could be valued by its library. It is

a credit to this community that ours has been in operation since 1978. Efforts are constant to improve services and programmes. Like all public institutions, we are constrained by tight budgets. We apply for grants for all the extras. Visit the library to see all of the furniture, shelves, computers and audio-visual materials which have been purchased through grants, not from the operating budget.

End

Local Writer, Noreen Violetta would like to hear from readers with handed down recollections of (or) articles regarding **Algonquin Indian Chief Jean Baptiste** (Kikons or Kiconse- spelling varies) Constant Penesi. Records show he and his family lived on the Madawaska River in the 1870's along Calabogie Rd., west of Springtown and between the picnic grounds and Kubiseskie Rd. near Calabogie. Descendent names would be: Green, Landen, Marcotte/Tennisco or Whiteduck/Stevin.  
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The Township of Greater Madawaska

## 2006 Municipal Elections The Township of Greater Madawaska

Notice is hereby given to the municipal electors of the Township of Greater Madawaska that a nomination paper for the 2006 Municipal Elections may be filed in person or by an agent with the Returning Officer of the Township of Greater Madawaska on any day in the year up to Thursday, September 28, 2006 at a time when the Clerk's Office is open during regular office hours.

And further that a nomination paper may also be filed on Nomination Day, Friday, September 29, 2006 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The required fee of \$100.00 (cash, certified cheque or money order made payable to the appropriate municipality) must accompany the signed form. The fee for Head of Council is \$200.00.

If, after filing a nomination, a candidate wishes to file a nomination for a different office in the same election, the first nomination shall be deemed to have been withdrawn at the time the second nomination is filed. The filing fee paid for the first nomination is then deemed to have been paid for the latest filing, if the two nominations are for the same jurisdiction. (Except where a person files a nomination for the office of Reeve, in which case an additional \$100.00 filing fee will be required).

On or prior to 4:00 p.m. on Monday, October 2, 2006, the Clerk will examine each nomination file and, if satisfied that the person is qualified to be nominated and that the nomination complies with the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996*, as amended, the Clerk will certify the nomination. If not satisfied, the Clerk will reject the nomination and, as soon as possible, give notice to the person who sought to be nominated and to all other candidates for that office. The Clerk's decision to certify or reject a nomination is final.

You are entitled to be an elector and to run for office if you are not disqualified by any Act or law on voting day if you are:

1. a resident of the applicable municipality
2. a non-resident who is an owner or tenant of land in the applicable municipality or the spouse of, or same sex partner, of such an owner or tenant
3. a Canadian citizen; and
4. of the full age of 18 years.

### POSITIONS FOR WHICH A PERSON MAY FILE A NOMINATION PAPER FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICE:

#### The Township of Greater Madawaska

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Councillor	(4)
English Language Renfrew County District School Board	(1)
English Language Renfrew Catholic District School Board	(1)
French Language Public District School Board #59	(1)
French Language Separate District School Board #66	(1)

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**Voting Day for the Municipal Elections is Monday, November 13, 2006.**

**Further information regarding the 2006 Municipal Elections may be obtained from your local Municipal Clerk as noted above.**



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