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

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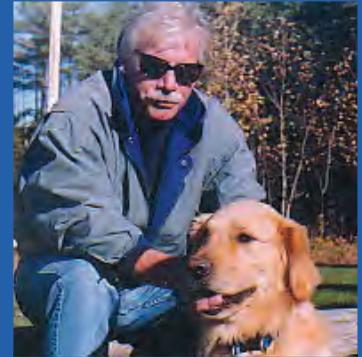
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LOCAL

Bon Echo area residents form anti wind turbine stance, forming Bon Echo Residents Against Turbines (BEARAT) www.bearat.org

North Frontenac voted against wind farms, as “unwilling host”, citing among other reasons, tower lights as a threat to dark sky preserve designation and associated tourism dollars.

Kingston city staff are to look for ways to connect the rural portion of the K&P Trail to the city centre in time for Canada’s 150th anniversary in 2017.

154 foot tall white pine in Gillie’s Grove near Arnprior is declared Ontario’s tallest tree. A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held May 21.

Friends of St. Paul’s church in Renfrew look for heritage designation. Owner Anglican Diocese of Ottawa not in favour of designation.

CANADA

The Alert Ready system launched last month and already we have had two tornado alerts. Although the system was in place since 2010, it is now mandatory that all broadcaster interrupt programming to carry alerts. The system is operated by Pelmorex Media Inc. which is the parent company that owns and operates The Weather Network and MétéoMédia. Text message alerts are available only by subscription.

The final report of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission is published with 94 recommendations. Read them at www.trc.ca

Milestone Achieved in Algonquins of Ontario Land Claim Negotiations. Algonquins of Ontario to vote on a proposed Agreement-in-Principle, which will provide a framework for further negotiations. The Algonquins began to petition the Crown for a treaty in 1772 and repeatedly asserted their rights and title to their traditional territory in eastern Ontario. The agreement-in-principle (AIP) proposes the transfer of \$300 million in capital funding and 117,500 acres of provincial Crown lands to Algonquin ownership. No privately owned land will be taken away from anyone to settle the claim. No one will lose access to their private property. Algonquin Park will remain a Park for the enjoyment of all.

The family of Terry Fox has recruited the head of one of Canada’s largest credit unions, VanCity, to enlist partners to finance and build a museum in his honour in Vancouver.

CRTC asks internet users for help testing broadband speeds. Canadians can run the test anonymously by visiting cira.ca/performance a website the organization has set up. Results will show whether services are delivering advertised speeds

First Ever Rare Disease Strategy Released for Canadians. Canadian Organization for Rare Disorders (CORD) is calling for nation-wide action to combat and prevent rare forms of illness. “We cannot continue to treat rare diseases one at a time, said CORD President Durhane Wong-Rieger. “With more than 7,000 rare diseases, Canada needs a comprehensive approach. Together, we can ensure the nearly 3 million Canadians living with rare disorders have the same access to treatment and support as those with more common illnesses.”

U.S. backs down on trade dispute. Facing threatened retaliation from Canada over “country of origin” meat labeling ruled unlawful by the World Trade Organization, the U.S. Congress moved quickly on Wednesday to start to repeal the requirement. This is good news for Canadian meat producers.

COUNTIES

Big Brothers Big Sisters Ottawa is expanding community and in-school mentoring programs into Renfrew County. A satellite office in Pembroke is now open and the group is looking for volunteers and youth to get involved.

ONTARIO

Ontario Increasing On-Road Access for Off-Road and All-Terrain Vehicles. Beginning July 1, 2015: More types of ORVs and ATVs, including two-up ATVs, side-by-side ATVs and utility-terrain vehicles (UTVs), will be allowed to use the shoulder of public roads. All riders, including drivers and passengers of all ages, will have to wear a helmet and use a seatbelt or foot rests, where applicable.

Ontario will introduce new legislation to protect and improve thousands of kilometres of the province’s urban, suburban, rural and remote land and water trails network while encouraging its expansion. If passed, the Supporting Ontario’s Trails Act would: Provide the trails community with enhanced tools to effectively develop, operate and promote trails. Remove barriers to help connect and expand trails across the province. Increase trail awareness and promote local tourism by enabling the recognition of trails of distinction, supporting communities and jobs across Ontario. Enable the development of a classification system to help users find trails that match their interest and ability. The proposed act would also improve, sustain and encourage the expansion of trails by addressing liability, trespassing and crown land issues. As a key legacy of the TORONTO 2015 Pan Am/Parapan Am Games, Ontario will complete 250 kilometres of gaps in Ontario’s Trans Canada Trail and connect communities from Ottawa to Windsor and Fort Erie to Huntsville.

If passed, the Electoral Boundaries Act, 2015 would increase the number of provincial ridings in southern Ontario from 96 to 111 for the election scheduled in 2018. This would align with the new federal boundaries, and would better reflect population shifts and increases.

Ontario announced voting reforms. Municipalities will have the option of using ranked balloting by 2018. Expect a vigorous education campaign before hand.

Ontario passed the Agriculture Insurance Act, 2014 which will allow more types of agricultural products to be covered by the province’s production insurance program.

Ontario Launches Home Care Plan to Improve Access and Expand Service Province to Provide 80,000 Additional Nursing Hours for Patients with Complex Care Needs

Ontario is inviting community, broader public sector and Aboriginal organizations to submit proposals for the Local Poverty Reduction Fund. The fund, announced in April 2015, will provide \$50 million over six years to support innovative and sustainable community-driven initiatives that measurably improve the lives of those most affected by poverty. Organizations can submit their detailed business cases for funding until June 10, 2015.

Ontario First Province in Canada to Set 2030 Greenhouse Gas Pollution Reduction Target. New Target Builds Momentum Toward a Low-Carbon Economy

WORLD

The International Telecommunication Union, a United Nations agency, reports that by the end of this year, about 44 percent of the world’s population will have used the Internet by the end of this year. “These new figures not only show the rapid technological progress made to date, but also help us identify those being left behind in the fast-evolving digital economy, as well as the areas where ICT [information and communications technology] investment is needed most,” said Houlin Zhao, secretary-general of the International Telecommunication Union said at a press conference today in Geneva, Switzerland.

Jeopardy! contestants got entire ‘Canadian Cities’ category wrong. They left the Canada category to the last then answered all five incorrectly. One contestant answered Winnipeg, when looking for the name of a Saskatchewan city.

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By Garry Ferguson

It looks like recreating is alive and doing well in Griffith and Matawatchan, (G & M). There's a pretty robust **Recreation Committee**, armed with a \$2000 grant from the Township, shepherding activities out of the Griffith Matawatchan Recreation Centre. I took the opportunity to watch them in action on a recent balmy, ten-degree, evening and I got a workout just watching.

Celine Peters, Joey and Janelle Rosenblath, Melissa MacDonald, Kurstyn Pelley and Chair Melissa Inwood along with Councilor Glen MacPherson have a good list of Monday-night activities lined up for the next many weeks. A Monday evening – 6:30 to 9 p.m. - schedule of activities, to get young hearts and lungs pumping, is now in full swing. Young tummies should also get a workout too since snacks and drinks are gratis. Most activities will be held at the rink, though some, such as softball, will happen at the ball diamond next to the fire hall. Those interested in having Junior or Juniorette participate, should call Celine at 613 333 9262 for the location on any given evening.

Mention any charitable organization within an hour's drive from downtown Griffith and the name Sandy Downs will be attached to it in some way. She donated a portion of the \$\$\$ from the sale of her Crime-Stopper Calendars to the Recreation Committee. The \$200 will be used to help send kids to day camp this summer. She asked me to send along her, "Thanks," to the two Nancys and two Sandys (a great title for a country song) and to the community as well for all the support. Those calendars are, for sure, effective: I haven't heard of any crime in G & M since I bought mine.

Just a reminder to those who, like me, have 10 years worth of dry-cell batteries piled up, that there is a resting place for that garbage that is too garbagey for our local dump to take in. If you live in a number of Renfrew

County townships including Greater Madawaska - and yes, you folks over in Addington Highlands as well – you pay no fees. **The Renfrew Dump – Renfrew Waste Site to the townies – will accept any household hazardous waste at no cost between May 02 and August 15.** Paint supplies, pesticides, batteries of any kind, solvents, anything that comes from the oil

nual Show and Shine. Remember the store is now open from 1 to 4 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays - concurrent with the dump. (townies, please read waste site) Remember also, that all sales proceeds go to the **Greater Madawaska Housing Corporation** whose sole aim is to provide a place for us seniors to park while waiting for the big transfer to heaven.

bingos for grocery money, the summer dates are as follows: July 7th and 12th, August 4th and 18th.

As might be expected, our high-octane **Matawatchan Hall** Board has come up with a mind-numbing lineup of events and activities for the summer. **June 27 starts off in the morning with a flea market and yard sale.**



Sandy Downs presenting cheque to Recreation Committee Chair Melissa Inwood, in May, at the Recreation Centre.



Posing at the rink before a game of ball hockey.

patch, even old propane tanks are all on the "accept" list. The dump – sorry, waste site – is opened from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays; 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursdays. The site is situated at 376 Bruce Street and the phone number is 613 432 0731. Maybe this is the year – a thousand old batteries be gone.

Not satisfied with giving us sub-basement bargain prices on their lovingly-used, in-shop wares, the NU2U folk plan to move out onto the lawn for a whole raft – I hope three qualifies as a raft – of yard sales this summer. The first is from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on June 27. The next is to be on July 18, concurrent with the Area Showcase, and another on August 29, concurrent with the Lions an-

If you're reading this before June 17, you'll have a chance to take in the **Denbigh Griffith Lions Club's** noon-time Food and Fellowship BBQ at the hall. If not, you will have missed out on a good feed. The major stir among the big cat crowd these days has to do with the far-famed annual **Show and Shine. In order to remember, mark August 29** on your calendar but be specific because other world events are taking place on that date: Rakshabandhan and a full moon come to mind. Anyone depending on the 50/50 as a path to riches should soon buy their ticket at a local business or from any friendly Lion (I haven't come across an unfriendly one yet) before September 05, the draw date. Also, for anyone depending on the **every-second-Tuesday-night, 7 p.m.**

In the afternoon (12 to 5 p.m.) will come the Matawatchan Canada Day Picnic complete with music, fire engines, horseshoe tournament and for the perpetually-thirsty among us, a beer garden.

Mixed, (meaning all genders) for-all-ages, (meaning all ages including children) slow-pitch (meaning not very fast) **Wednesday-evening soft ball games are scheduled to begin on July 01. On July 25 there will be a flea market in the morning and in the evening a potluck supper and movies under the stars.** The movies are selected for young families so there will be no gratuitous violence or nudity such as would attract us old people. A flyer indicating a more comprehensive list of activities is being circulated. If you get your grub hooks on one,

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stick it to the fridge. If you don't have a fridge, nail it to the ice house or call up the website matawatchan.ca and go to the MATAWATCHAN COMMUNITY HALL.

The hall may be rented for private shindigs, so if you're looking for a reasonably-priced place to host a large group for a celebration of anything from pension to poge day, go to the website for instructions.

The good folk at the GM Township are again staging their very successful Area Showcase on July 18th at the Griffith Hall. The goings on should get going on by 10 a.m. and go on right through until about 3 p.m. – ish. There'll be yard sales/flea markets, (I can't always tell the difference) demos, live music performances, creepy-crawly critters, BBQ's and lots of distractions for the young'nes. Look for the posters and, of course, read them.

After 10 years of service to this community, **Jon and Margaret Williams will retire – July 01 - and will move away from Denbigh.** I'm not sure how many retirements this makes altogether for Jon – past vocations have made him as handy with

a chain saw as he is with a bible or a hymn book – but as a pastor and sing-along leader he can never really be replaced. Both Margaret and Jon will be sorely missed not only by the Uniteds of Denbigh, Matawatchan and Schutt, but by all in the community who have appreciated their tireless efforts to create a better world.



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

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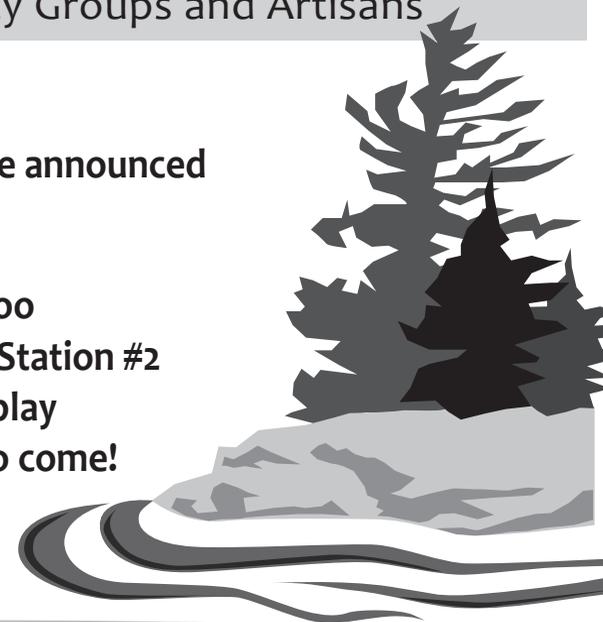
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Calabogie is a Happening Place

By Skippy Hale

How does one keep up with the activities in the 'Bogie? It is not an easy task, but I will do my best. It is a happenin' place!



The Valleythieves performing for a full house at the Grand Opening of Valley Food & Drink Co. at Calabogie Lodge. A new food and entertainment venue makes a big difference to the vibrancy of any small town.

First off, I promised a bigger report on the **Calabogie Brewing Company**, but things are moving slower than anticipated, so you must wait with bated breath or thirst as the case may be. I can announce that they have installed a super septic system and that they have purchased Polly's Li'l Shanty. Food will be available at both venues from the kitchen at the former Shanty. Rumour has it that the new name will be The Redneck Café. The landscaping is taking shape and the view from the back where the patio will be is magnificent with the white water racing by.

St. Joseph's School is a wonder to behold. The Grade 5&6 students went to We Day on April 1st. They were so inspired by the experience that they wanted to have a project and shared their idea with Mrs. Epp's Social Studies classes (Grades 3-6). They also read a book called 'Beatrice's goat' and learned that not all of the children in the world are as fortunate as they. The students brainstormed what they could do to help other people and families in the world and decided to raise some money to buy a goat which costs about \$50. Next they discussed how a bunch of kids could get enough money to buy a goat and decided to hold a Spaghetti Supper in the school gym. They set about making posters, placing them around the village and figuring out how much food to buy for this event. They cooked the spaghetti and some of the parents made batches, but mostly it was the children who prepared the food.

There were various choices vegetarian, meat and deluxe (meat and vegetables). We were greeted at the outside door by two young fellows dressed up even wearing ties. The youngsters at the gym door politely sold us our tickets and we were escorted to our tables. Food was served cafeteria-style by the children with very little help from Staff and Parent Council members. Even some of the Grade twos helped that night. I brought friends from St. Catharines who were staying at Calabogie Lodge. They were so impressed with the manners of the children and how the community packed the gym in support of this worthwhile project. The wife is a retired teacher and



Marie and John Buscomb and Maurice O'Shaunassy enjoying the Valley Food & Drink Co. Grand Opening festivities.

felt good to be back in a school for such a wonderful event. Not only will these children be buying one goat, thanks to their hard work and our community, they will be purchasing a herd of goats! They raised \$1300.

On the first weekend in May the school celebrated another event. Ryland Mulvihill, Payton Fleming and Makayla Epp made their First Holy Communion at Most Precious Blood Church. They were active in the Mass, carrying up the gifts of Bread and Wine and in the procession.

Canada has a long history of friendship with Holland. During WWII, Queen Juliana, then a Princess, stayed in Canada and her daughter, Princess Margriet was born at the Ottawa Civic Hospital. Her rooms were declared Holland so the child would be born on Dutch soil. Every year, the Dutch government sends tulip bulbs in appreciation. This year we are celebrating the 70th Anniversary of the Liberation of Holland by the Canadian Army. Hank Schaly takes the school children in the spring, to our Cenotaph to plant flowers. He started this many years ago when there was vandalism by some local children. Being a good teacher, he decided that if the children planted the flowers, they would have ownership and vandalism would no longer occur.



St. Joseph students serving a spaghetti supper they prepared, to buy a goat for a world charity.



Tulips from Holland, planted by school children each year at the Cenotaph in Calabogie — history, honour and horticulture lessons combined.

sound system has been installed and a new stage built.

The power of advertising was in evidence at their Grand Opening. The reservations were full days before and they had 60 more guests arrive. Much effort was made to accommodate these folks, but there were some problems due to short staff. The food was excellent. I had Mac&Cheese with bacon. Others at our table had Elk Stew. For dessert I had the best cheesecake ever. I am not partial to blueberries, but Kyle's blueberry sauce was exquisite. The cake just melted in my mouth. Seasonal strawberry rhubarb crisp was also on the menu. I have eaten there before with a friend when they first opened and the chicken wrap was delicious as was her soup.

The Riverthieves entertained with covers of Great Big Sea and traditional folk and a song about early settlers farming the rocks. The opening act 'The Donohue Family' had to cancel due to the passing of Frank Leahy, Mrs. Donohue's Dad. Watch for their return at a later date. There are plans to have musical evenings throughout the year. If you did not have a good impression on Opening Night, please give them another chance. You will be happy you did, because the food is excellent and the ambiance is inviting.

Please send me information about upcoming events. If I cannot attend, send me a summary and photos.

bogiebeat@gmail.com



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.

He was right. Not only do the children learn a bit of horticulture, they learn about the local heroes named on the Cenotaph and he tells him about what it was like to be a young child when the Canadians marched in to free his town. It is very powerful and one can see how the children are moved by the experience.

Over the years, the restaurant at Calabogie Lodge has changed hands. In May, the Lodge welcomed a new family to run the restaurant, The Valley Food & Drink Company. Cath Reynolds, her son Kyle and husband Byron Herman have embarked on this new venture. Cath is an excellent cook and Kyle is an accomplished chef. They plan to use locally grown food. The place has been redecorated to celebrate our Valley history and the wooden walls are reminiscent of the logs which used to float by the shore. The place is decorated with antique memorabilia (which may be purchased) and some of the tables are embossed with old newspapers. Photos of the logging and mining industry can be seen on the walls in the lounge area. There is a new bar with regional beer on tap and free WIFI is available. If you like to tinkle the ivories, there is a piano at hand and comfy chairs by the fireplace. Cath has planted herbs outside near the patio overlooking our beautiful lake which hosts the best sunsets in the world. A state-of-the-art

Big Things in the Wind - Part 2

By George Ross

NextEra Energy Canada plans to install up to 100 industrial wind turbines in the Township of Addington Highlands (Lennox & Addington County) and up to 50 in the Township of North Frontenac (Frontenac County). The proposed wind farm for Addington Highlands is centered near the hamlet of Denbigh in Ward 1. Readers will recall that the wind farm proposal was first discussed in the "Highlander" last month. The article can be found on-line at madawaskahighlander.ca.

The history of wind farms in Ontario reveals that where turbines go social upheaval and rancor are sure to follow. Count among the many ensuing problems, public suspicion about the competence and motives of elected officials responsible for supporting or not supporting proposed wind farms. Into this gathering storm, sails the Addington Highlands Township Council. They will decide by a majority vote to support or not support the wind farm proposal.

It is fair to say that the task before Council is unprecedented in the history of the Denbigh area. One would expect that Council, before embarking on this perilous journey, would make sensible preparations and conduct their activities in a business-like and diligent manner. In this way, whatever the outcome, the public will know that Council steered the best course, though not everyone will be happy.

The following account attempts to shine a light into how our elected Council members are going about the business of the people. Events connected with Council between the dates of 22nd March 2015 and 8th June 2015 are covered in this article.

The Addington Highlands Township Council consists of four Councillors and one Reeve. The Councillors from Ward 1, in the Denbigh area, are Tony Fritsch and Kirby Thompson. Councillors from Ward 2 are Helen Yanch (Deputy Reeve) and Bill Cox. The Reeve is Henry Hogg.

Council involvement with the wind farm dates back to 22nd March 2015 when a delegation from NextEra attended a Council meeting for the purpose of outlining their wind energy proposal and asking for Council support. It is an important part of NextEra's efforts that they are able to show they have a majority of Council supporting their bid to construct a wind energy farm. After hearing the NextEra presentation Councillor Yanch made a motion for Council to vote in support of the project. There must have been a feeling among others that her support for the project and motion was rather premature, especially in the absence of any due diligence. A seconder was not forthcoming from the remaining Councillors. Reeve Hogg offered to "pass the chair" so he could second

the motion. A discussion followed and Councillor Yanch wisely rescinded her motion. Councillor Fritsch moved that the decision as to when to vote on the NextEra Energy Project be deferred to the April 7th Council meeting. Seconded by Bill Cox.

Here we see that a pre-emptive attempt was made, at the beginning of Council's deliberations, to approve the wind farm by a majority vote and they had not yet inquired into the matter. An ominous beginning indeed!

The Council next met 16th March. Councillors Fritsch & Thompson made an astute move by presenting a paper titled "Prior to making any decision to support or not support the wind power project, the Council should:" Key items were: 1. Determine accurate public opinion on the wind turbine proposal. 2. Understand any legal and financial exposure and implications. 3. Understand the impact on future development. 4. Understand environmental impact. 5. Ensure that the municipality and the community understand the "community support" aspect of the RFP.



Stock photo, wind turbine

Geese on a typical Addington Highlands lake, surrounded by forested hills

6. If the project goes ahead: The area that is negatively impacted by the eyesore and development restrictions should at least benefit from financial compensation provided for this impact. Establish a Development Agreement with the developer prior to issuing any building permits.

Councillor Fritsch made a motion to consider all items on the paper. It passed. This resolution was an important development because it created a blueprint for development of a for-or-against decision. Councillor Fritsch also moved that a meeting between their Council and North Frontenac Council be arranged. This motion was passed.

During the next Council meeting on 7th April, there was a brief discussion about the itinerary for an upcoming 9th April public meeting with NextEra reps. Councillor Fritsch had previously contacted NextEra and arranged for the public meeting. In addition, the Clerk was asked to contact North Frontenac and possibly arrange a joint meeting

with North Frontenac Council to discuss the proposed wind power project. The subject of setting a date to decide to support or not support NextEra's proposal was not raised.

During the Council meeting of 20th April there was no discussion about the NextEra proposal.

The next Council meeting took place 4th May. At this meeting Councillor Fritsch provided Council with a five-page "Wind Power Overview" document. It contained 21 questions concerning many aspects of the wind farm

North Frontenac and Addington Highlands held a joint meeting to discuss the NextEra project. There was a discussion among Council members during which various concerns about possible negative effects were expressed. *There was a general agreement about the importance of community input and how that might be obtained. It was observed that the majority of feedback received by the Councils up to this meeting was against the project.*

Questions and comments were accepted from the public in attendance. Some comments were about commonly expressed possible negative health and financial effects. More importantly there were issues concerning: Is there enough time for Councils to carry out due diligence so that they might, in the end, make an informed decision? Are Councils seeking advice from external consultants and contacting other municipalities that have a history of such matters? There was a comment suggesting that if a majority of residents are against the project then Councils should vote accordingly.

An interesting discussion took place at the next Addington Highlands Council meeting on 19th May. Councillor Fritsch stated that he had spoken with a Mr. Dan Carruthers in a telephone conversation during which *Mr. Carruthers advised that he would provide up to \$50,000.00 to assist the municipality to investigate the potential impact the proposed wind energy project would have on the municipality.* Councillor Fritsch was in favour of accepting the offer. It was moved by Helen Yanch and seconded by Kirby Thompson that the offer from Dan Carruthers "be received", meaning, take no action. Councillors Cox, Thompson, Yanch along with Reeve Hogg voted "Yea". Councillor Fritsch stood alone with a "Nay" vote. In regular parlance this means the money was turned down. It isn't every day we turn up our nose at fifty grand \$!

proposal, which would be pertinent to any due diligence efforts undertaken by Council. This information was included in a meeting package and available to all at the meeting.

It was moved by Councillor Fritsch, seconded by Councillor Thompson and passed that Township staff be directed to organize and summarize public comments received regarding the wind power project.

Also during the meeting there was a presentation by "Renewable Energy Systems" concerning their proposal to build a wind farm in the area. *Information about RES can be found at "renewable energy systems canada" on the internet.* A "Sun Edison" rep spoke to Council seeking their support for a small FIT Solar Project. Council voted to support the project. Another presentation was made by "Abundant Solar Energy Inc." seeking support for five small FIT projects. Council voted to support the projects.

On 11th May, Township Councils of

Also at the meeting Diane Isaacs of Denbigh presented a letter with ten questions, concerning the NextEra project that were raised at a previous Townhall meeting in Denbigh. Councillor Fritsch moved that Township staff address the issues raised at the Townhall meeting and further follow up on those items not easily answered. The motion was passed after being seconded by Councillor Cox. The Townhall group was, at a later date, provided with answers to their questions, from both Council and NextEra.

The next Council meeting took place on 1st June. Rosemary O'Connor from The Townhall meeting group in Denbigh presented results of a secret ballot in which 104 ballots were received from Ward 1 residents. 101 of the 104 ballots were against the wind farm. 10 ballots were received from North Frontenac with nine of them opposed.

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Ed Yanch spoke to Council and put forth an argument in favour of the wind farm development. Full disclosure: Mr. Yanch is the husband of Councillor Helen Yanch.

Councillor Fritsch introduced five motions concerning the proposed NextEra project. His motions were prefaced with the following remarks:

"It is important that Township Council be well informed and educated on all aspects of this proposed project, ahead of voting to support/not support any aspect of the proposed project. We need to take the time to 'do our homework'. To properly represent our ratepayers and community, we need to thoroughly understand the potential longterm impacts this project could have on our community, its properties, and its seasonal and permanent residents. The impacts will last for decades at a minimum. It is important to understand the pros and cons, benefits and potential negative impacts. We should consult other communities, and learn from their experiences."

Councillor Fritsch's motions were:

1. Notice of Motion: Township Staff to contact all Ontario Municipalities who have wind power projects installed by NextEra or proposed to be installed by NextEra, to determine: a. If the Township and community supported the project or not (or plans to for current proposed projects), and the reasons why. b. How did they go about making a decision and what did they base it on. Did they use specific evaluation criteria. c. What are the financial impacts for their Township (Taxes, Community Vibrancy Fund, any negative impacts, property values, other). d. Did they obtain legal advice or use consulting services, and if so, for what specific elements of the project. Was it of value and explain.

Staff to provide a written report on their findings to Council a minimum of two weeks ahead of when Council votes on any related 'Resolution of Support' and/or 'Community Vibrancy Agreement'.

2. Notice of Motion: Township Staff to contact all Ontario Municipalities who have wind power projects installed by RES or proposed to be installed by RES, to determine: a. If the Township and community supported the project or not (or plans to for current proposed projects), and the reasons why. b. How did they go about making a decision and what did they base it on. Did they use specific evaluation criteria. c. What are the financial impacts for their Township (Taxes, Community Vibrancy Fund, any negative impacts, property values, other). d. Did they obtain legal advice or use consulting services, and if so, for what specific elements of the project. Was it of value and explain.

Staff to provide a written report on their findings to Council a minimum of two weeks ahead of when Council votes on any related 'Resolution of Support' and/or 'Community Vibrancy Agreement'.

3. Notice of Motion: Township Staff

to contact 10% (through random selection) of all Ontario Municipalities who have wind power projects installed (or proposed to be installed) by other than NextEra and RES to determine: a. If the Township and community supported the project or not (or plans to for current proposed projects), and the reasons why. b. How did they go about making a decision and what did they base it on. Did they use specific evaluation criteria. c. What are the financial impacts for their Township (Taxes, Community Vibrancy Fund, any negative impacts, property values, other). d. Did they obtain legal advice or use consulting services, and if so, for what specific elements of the project. Was it of value and explain.

Staff to provide a written report on their findings to Council a minimum of two weeks ahead of when Council votes on any 'Resolution of Support' and/or 'Community Vibrancy Agreement'.

4. Notice of Motion: Township Council to prepare a 'bargaining position' ahead of meeting with NextEra or RES to negotiate their respective Community Vibrancy Agreement. The 'bargaining position' to include as a minimum, any specific wording changes required (either through Township legal input or Township Council input) in the document, and desired specific financial outcomes (\$ values).

5. Notice of Motion: Township Council to vote on any wind power project 'Resolution of Support' and/or 'Community Vibrancy Agreement' by August 4, 2015 at the earliest.

The first and second motions were passed. These are eminently sensible, due diligence tasks. Communities that have a history of having wind farms installed are the best source of information about what we might expect should the project go ahead. The third motion did not pass. The fourth motion got bogged down in the discussion stage, something about legal issues and what not. It was not voted on, rather it was deferred. In this regard some would say that it makes a lot of sense to get a game plan together in advance, especially with an upcoming June 8th meeting on the horizon, with NextEra.

The fifth motion had an interesting fate. Note that Councillor Fritsch tried to push back the date on which Council must make a final decision to vote on the matter. ***Most people believe that the timetable given to North Frontenac and Addington Highlands handicaps the municipalities and gives every advantage to the government along with NextEra. Keep in mind that NextEra first presented to Council on 22nd March 2015.*** Could they not have arrived at an earlier date? Apparently, before this meeting (1st June), NextEra reported that they are faced with a timing issue in that they are expected to submit their bid, for construction of the wind farm, to the provincial government by 1st September. In an apparent gesture toward NextEra Councillor Yanch made a motion

to set "decision date" for July 6th, seconded by Bill Cox, disregarding Councillor Fritsch's imminent motion to go for August 4th. Councillor Fritsch attempted to salvage what he could and asked for a compromise date of July 20th. Councillor Yanch pressed ahead with her motion for the date to be July 6th. This motion passed with only Councillor Fritsch voting against it.

Council had resolved minutes earlier to have Township staff engage in very sensible and necessary inquiries as outlined in Councillor Fritsch's first two motions. The updated July 6th date committing Council to a decision on that date makes it a difficult job for staff to get everything together in time. Keep in mind that when sufficient and proper information is eventually at hand Council still has to meet and deliberate. In an already hurried undertaking you might well ask why Council did not set the date for July 20th or even 4th August. Was it not NextEra and government policy that created our time frame dilemma by arbitrarily squeezing us between 22nd March 2015 and requesting a July decision?

Why would Council make an already hurried process more so by voting to advance the decision day by even one more day than necessary? The public might rightly determine that it is not unreasonable to believe, on the evidence, that in this very important matter, the business of the people as entrusted to our elected representatives, requires more study and careful attention than it has heretofore been given by Council or will be given from this date to July 6th. This is not meant to make a statement for or against the project it is simply a case of facing the facts.

NextEra sponsored an open house meeting at the Denbigh hall 5th June where we learned that the wind farm proposal for Addington Highlands has been scaled back to 100 megawatts comprising a total of 50 wind turbines, down from the original 100.

Addington Highlands Council met with NextEra representatives 8th June. Councillor Fritsch read the following excerpt from the NextEra draft 'Community Vibrancy Agreement': "Whereas in recognition of NCDAs community relations efforts and to compensate Addington Highlands for any potential effect the Wind Project may have, directly or indirectly, on Addington Highlands's infrastructure or its ability to provide services to its residents, NCDA has agreed to provide certain amenities and other assurances to Addington Highlands in accordance with the terms of this agreement."

Fritsch stated that the effect on the community and its citizens would be the same regardless of whether the Council or the Community supported the proposed project, so that any link between the contents and approval of a Vibrancy Agreement and the 'Project' support or lack of 'Project' support, should be removed.

Fritsch made the following motion: Addington Highlands to formally request NextEra to make the following changes to the draft "Community Vibrancy Agreement":

1. NextEra to remove any link between the terms of and approval of a 'Vibrancy Agreement' and any support of Council and the Municipality (typically through a 'Municipal Council Support Resolution' or other related 'Municipal Agreement'). Regardless of what position the Community & Council takes, the impact on the community if the project goes ahead is the same, and they should be compensated the same.

2. Part IV, Clause 5 'Amenity Fee': The turbine rate should be \$3,500.00 per megawatt nameplate capacity.

3. Part IV, Clause 5 'Amenity Fee': The overhead transmission line rate should be \$3,500.00 per km.

The motion was unanimously passed by Council. It should be mentioned that Councillor Fritsch doubled the dollar values over what NextEra offered. NextEra will no doubt move to lessen the amount.

The wind farm proposal is arguably the most important, far reaching business decision ever to affect the Denbigh region. People are asking if Council has thoroughly carried out its responsibilities to diligently inquire into all aspects of having a wind farm in the area. They want to know if Council is now properly prepared to make an informed decision. Public expectations should be balanced by the fact that our Councillors are not experts, do not work full time and have limited resources. Still, the question will be asked; have they carried out the task as best they could with the resources they have at hand? Has everything been done that could be done?

You now have a relatively complete accounting of events pertaining to Addington Highlands Township Council and the NextEra wind farm proposal. Council will decide 6th July 2015 on whether to support the NextEra project or not support it.

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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.

Gearing up for Summer at Greater Madawaska Public Library

By Sharon Shalla, Greater Madawaska Public Library



Storytime group having fun playing, learning, and making a Father's Day craft.

We have put our "playful" thinking caps on and are preparing for the Children's Summer Program. The theme this year for the TD Summer Reading Club is Play! We will have fun while learning and discovering about play through age-appropriate crafts, activities and games. Watch our Facebook page and Website for further information. I will also be delivering flyers to St. Joseph's School to be sent home with the children. The program is open to all children, whether they are a member or not, and runs every Thursday from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. We'll be kicking off the Summer Program on July 7th. And speaking of fun and play, we offer preschool Storytime every Thursday from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Patrons and visitors are welcome. It's a great opportunity for the adults to network and children to socialize. We also feature themed stories and crafts. Check it out soon!

I have been approached to offer a History discussion group through the library. We are just in the planning stage right now, but if you would be interested in a casual, discussion group on all things History, please contact the library for further information.

We continue to offer our outreach delivery service to the Griffith General Store and The Mount St. Patrick Transfer Station. You can search our catalogue and request items by email or calling the library, or, you can send us an interlibrary loan request for an item we don't have and we'll order it in for you from another library and send it in the weekly courier.

If you don't have a library card yet...why not? It's free for residents and taxpayers of Greater Madawaska Township. Just bring in proof of your address in the township, such as a tax receipt, utility bill, Driver's License, etc. We can assign you a membership on the spot!

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**For more information call 613-752-2317
gmpl@bellnet.ca or drop by the library at
4984 Calabogie Road.**

Recent Arrivals at the Library

Adult Fiction

At the Water's Edge by Sara Gruen
Blood on Snow by Jo Nesbo
Cop town by Karin Slaughter
The Fifth gospel by Ian Caldwell
Gathering Prey by John Sandford
The Devil's Passe by Charles West
The bone Tree by Greg Iles
A Dangerous Place by Jacqueline Winspear
I, Ripper by Stephen Hunter
Insatiable Appetite by Stuart Woods

Adult Nonfiction

The Anxiety Toolkit : Strategies for fine-tuning your mind and moving past your stuck points by Alice Boyes
The Essential Book of Drawing by Duncan Smith
God's Blueprint : Scientific Evidence that Earth was Created for Humans by Christopher Knight
Chasing Balls by Douglas S. Richards - A United Empire Loyalist Story

Children's & Juvenile

Where's my Fnurgle by Jim Benton
Sophie Peekaboo ABC : fun flaps by Sawn Sirett
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In the Garden By Skippy Hale



The Schaly Gardens are featured on house tours — an inspirational place to explore your artistic side.

I have been making Greeting Cards for many years now. I use multi-media and whimsy, but wanted to add some sketches or drawings. The problem is, I cannot draw...or so I thought. There was a poster at the Library for Drawing Classes with Marlene Schaly. I have known her for years and know that she is a very talented multi-media artist who among other things, designs and sews beautiful clothing inspired by Victorian, Far Eastern and Medieval styles. I signed up for lessons and was dismayed when one of the students brought her portfolio in and others had some drawing and painting experience. I could do very poor stick figures and doodles. We started with basic exercises. Marlene has compiled a series of drawing manuals. Starting with basic shapes students advance at their own pace to turning these shapes into simple animals such as mice and cats. Before long, various objects appear on her table to 'draw from life.' Imagine drawing loggers' boots, oil lanterns and then in spring, flowers.

Marlene has a gentle way of drawing (no pun intended) your ability out of you. I cannot believe that this woman, who did not go to Kindergarten, has drawn flowers, angels, antique tools, and a thatched-roofed Irish Cottage. As a bit of therapy after Rich's death, I drew one of his work boots and my daughter's toe shoes. Everyone 'looks,' but she teaches you to 'see.'

Our first classes were held in her kitchen, but since the spring of 2014, we study in a wonderful studio which looks out onto her garden. The studio is well stocked with art supplies of all kinds. When a work is completed, she has it printed, enlarged or reduced. I use many of mine on my greeting cards. The GMPL exhibits the student's work on the walls of the Entrance Hall. She teaches children and adults.

Coming from a long line of Dutch Gardeners, both here and in Holland, Marlene has the most beautiful garden. The landscaping is magnificent and colourful. It has been on House tours and several brides and grooms professed their vows there. Of course, there is a famous 'Schaly Tea House' on the grounds as well. Some classes are held outside, weather-permitting and we spent one class in her parent's garden sketching her Dad's myriads of birdhouses.

Marlene is well qualified to teach, having studied at art schools in Toronto and Michigan where she concentrated on drawing, painting, sculpture, print-making, and fibre arts. She believes that 'drawing is the foundation of all visual creative expression.' Her enthusiasm and love of her subject are picked up by her students.

Visit 'In the Garden' at her website: www.inthegarden.ca, see her beautiful venue, class schedules and floral items available for rental.



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GRIFFITH & MATAWATCHAN FISH & GAME CLUB NEWS

By Brian Sutcliffe, President

On Sunday, 17 May 2015 Gordon Kauffeldt of Griffith caught a 38 lb Channel Catfish on the Madawaska River...by the time it was weighed in on a government inspected scale the recorded weight was 33 lbs .36 oz., the length was 39 1/4 in., girth 27 1/2 in., which is a 'record fish', congratulations Gordon!

Things I have learned:

- Pack your fish on ice, don't freeze it
- Weigh in as soon as you can (your best resource is the MNRF in Pembroke for species verification and weigh in)
- Take a picture of the fish with a measuring tape

Yours in conservation



CHURCH SERVICES:

Denbigh, Vennachar, Griffith & Matawatchan residents, please check regularly for updates at www.matawatchan.ca/Events

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Manse in Denbigh ON
613-333-1107**

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
**Cemetery Memorial Service
June 7, 2:30**

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

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

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

Burnstown
St. Andrew's United Church
Sundays at 10:15 a.m.

Calabogie
The Calabogie Bible Fellowship
Congregational Church
The Mill Street Chapel 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 8:45am
Communion 1st Sunday of the month

REGULAR 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 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 2nd Monday
(If holiday, then 3rd 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.
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**Denbigh-Griffith Lion's Club Hall
25991 Hwy 41 Regular Events:**

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

General Wellness Assessment by local
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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 Sutcliffe 613-333-9564
or Sandy Downs 613-333-1931

The Pickled Chicken String Band
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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
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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
McKinnon613-333-2791

SPECIAL EVENTS:

**CLOYNE & NORTHBROOK
See Article, Page 12, Historical
News**

**GRIFFITH & MATAWATCHAN
Also see GM News, Page 4
Check regularly for updates at
www.matawatchan.ca/Events**

Community Yard Sales
June 20, 9 - 2 Downtown
Matawatchan & Frontenac Road
Rain date July 4
June 27, 9 - noon Matawatchan Hall
and NU-2-U, 10 - 4, Hwy41 Griffith
July 11, 9 - 1, Matawatchan Hall
July 25, 9 - 1, Matawatchan Hall

Sunday, June 21, 3pm
Matawatchan Community Cemetery
Service "Decoration Day"
Pastor Jon Williams, St. Andrew's
Praise Band, Piper Mark Rowe.
This is our annual service to
remember our departed loved ones
and to raise funds for the care and
maintenance of the cemetery. Your
support is very much appreciated.

June 27, noon - 5, Canada Day
Picnic, Matawatchan Hall
1677 Frontenac Rd.

July 1, 7 - 9 pm Weekly Family
Baseball, Matawatchan Hall

July 7, 6:30 -8 Community Potluck
BBQ, Griffith Rink

Township of Greater Madawaska
Area Showcase July 18th
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
For information contact Township
office at (613)752-2222 or
vthomas@greatermadawaska.com

July 25, 6 - 9 pm, Potluck dinner
Family Movie night under the stars
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CALEB'S BOTTLE DRIVE FOR CHEO



Help 10 year old Caleb meet his goal of raising \$1500 before the CHEO telethon in late spring of 2016.

He is accepting donations, as well as beer, liquor and wine bottles. For information, please contact Caleb or his family at 613-333-5551 jenellejoey@hotmail.com. Caleb and his little sister say thank you!

SAIL MAZINAW Saturday, July 18



Mazinaw Lake is a beautiful sailing venue. Bon Echo Rock, with its pictographs and alpine climbers, is an escarpment that rises more than 100 meters above lake level. The rest of the lake is surrounded by citadels of bare rock that generate thermals and local shore breezes. The windiest time of the day is typically at 2:00pm. But the orientation and the shape of the lake seldom generate a large swell or white caps. It is a fun sailing venue.

Sailors can meet at Mazinaw Lake Resort for breakfast at 8:00-10:00 Saturday morning. The Friends Of Bon Echo will have the barbecue fired up in The Lagoon at Bon Echo Provincial Park from 10:00 until after 2:00. Go for a sail, share a burger with other sailors, then get back on the lake in time for the afternoon breeze. It's a perfect day.

If you have a sailcraft, please join Sail Mazinaw Saturday July 18. More details can be found on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SailMazinaw> or email SailMazinaw@outlook.com.

By Marcella Neely



Image from "Page of Remembrance, William Vincent Blake DFC, recently added to the Cloyne museum collection. This map shows the area of the crash of Halifax Bomber LM258 in WWII. Visit the Cloyne Museum to learn the whole story.

The Cloyne Pioneer Museum is enjoying its 33rd year. Springing up in 1982 as a tiny log cabin it grew a 20 x 30 ft addition in 2003. This too, soon filled up with artifacts and displays that had been in storage because of lack of space. In 2013 another extension was added to make it an attraction to be proud of. In 2007 we began seriously archiving. We now house artifacts, genealogy, and history from Kaladar in the south to Denbigh in the north and from Harlowe in the east to Flinton in the west. Featured this year is the Dr. Ellen Blatchford exhibit with her medical instruments generously donated by her son and supporter of local history, Bob Blatchford.

We have recently received additional information on the Ore Chimney Mine and on WWII pilot, William Blake which are of local interest. Our archives are growing rapidly at the hands of our assistant archivist, Emma Benn under the guidance of museum curator and archivist, Margaret Axford. We are recording photos, letters, certificates, invoices, artifacts, assorted documents and family histories. Our archives are becoming a popular source of information for genealogy searches. The museum staff are on hand to help with searches and can photocopy documents if requested. We will also do searches by email request and often answer questions through our website.



Major Husemann, shown here with crew and ground crew in front of a Handley Page Halifax Mk II aircraft (courtesy Tom Kracker - Kracker Archive)



Ground staff "bombing up" (courtesy Imperial War Museum)

Upcoming Events:

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

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

pioneer@mazinaw.on.ca
www.cloynepioneermuseum.ca

The museum is open seven days a week until Labour Day. The Heritage calendar and books of communities are available for sale. Great souvenirs. Group tours or special visits can be arranged off-season. Drop by or email for arrangements. Be sure to visit soon!

Cloyne Arts Events

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See the artists' studios and artists at work. Enjoy the beautiful countryside on your drive to their studios.

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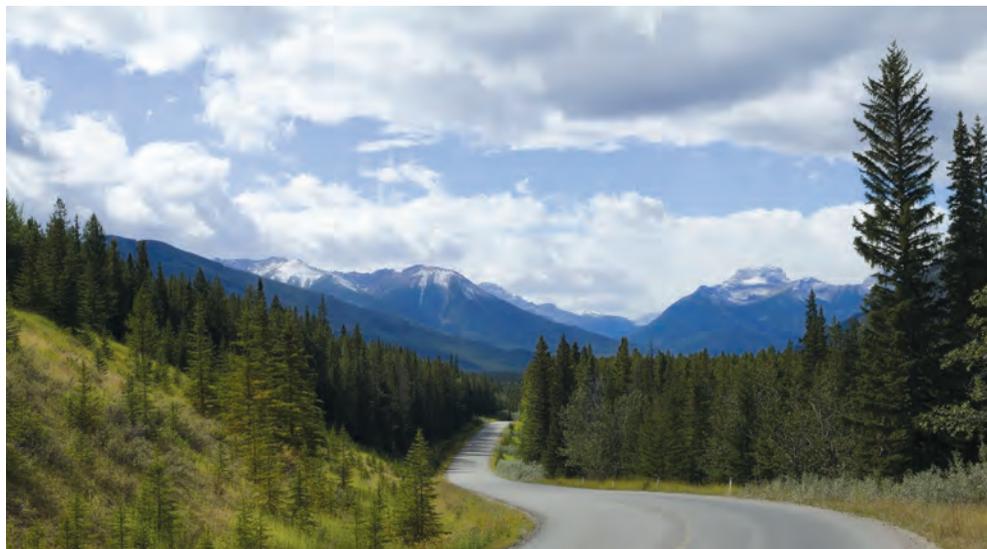
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Rovers...getting their kicks

By Ernie Jukes of Camp J



Wondering what's beyond the next curve? Satisfy your inner Rover and find out.

Is it wanderlust? Is it adventure? What is it that makes a rover want to see what is over that mountain or what is around the corner of that open road? Certainly that "whatever curiosity" just gets a hold of some people and we have to get out the maps and start planning our next trip. Sure it may be in a car or van, SUV or truck and trailer or 5th Wheel. It may be in a motor home or on a motorcycle. It may be in a canoe or kayak looking up that misty lost stream in the high country of Pukaskwa, up in Algoma. Whatever the means or manner of travel we simply never seem to get enough.

With a better price at the pumps many of our "Highlander" residents are taking to the road in a variety of conveyances. Wherever we travel in this great country of ours we know our dollar is worth a full buck here and we won't be hassled by security zealots or long lines at airports. But more importantly we can enjoy the greatest scenery and the finest, most hospitable people, anywhere, as we explore our own land.

I can write this with some degree of understanding the joys of driving the open road and having had the pleasure of RV'ing throughout the U.S., Mexico, and Canada. In Western Europe we travelled from Sicily to Scandinavia and Poland to Galway Bay. It was all very different to be sure, and all really a lot of fun. Vivid contrasts in culture, customs, food, architecture, history and language is sometimes extreme, but always fantastic.

It's the people that we meet that put purpose to why we travel in the first place.

I recall while camping in France, a small car pulling into the next site. The fellow pulled a small pop up tent from his trunk and was set up in minutes. He was a friendly bank manager from Brussels. The size of your rig isn't important, but smaller can be better for the narrow streets of foreign lands. Every country and province has toll free Tourist Bureau numbers to call for a wealth of super information. Many guides are of high quality with maps. And of course the internet is loaded with a treasure of data.

Our first trip together took place over 60 years ago when Audrey and I got hitched. It was a cold, snowy February evening

that we left our wedding reception in Merriton, now part of St. Catharines, Ontario and headed for Chicago. Here we picked up America's "Mother Road" called Route 66. No busy expressways back then, so we drove quietly along what seemed like travelling through a carnival, with reptile farms, curio shops, caverns and teepee motels. We stopped at places like Tucumcari, Oatman and Needles.



Rovers take the slow roads. Photo of Glenora Ferry at 6 am by Steve Manders.

Just like in the song "We got our kicks on Route 66" and ended up visiting an uncle in Los Angeles. It was also our first visit to Mexico, like the Monarch butterflies we have returned. We caught the bug then and have been Roving ever since.

To get to know fellow Canadians better; we could cross our vast wheat fields of Manitoba and Saskatchewan, the cowboy country of Alberta with its oil fields and grand mountains. See Dinosaur bones at Drumheller. Or the huge Redwood forests of British Columbia including the unique Haida Guaii native culture of the Queen Charlotte Islands. Perhaps hike up the Malahat on Vancouver Island or carefully drive the Stewart-Cassier highway dodging moose, bears and caribou up to the Alaska Highway. Cross the Top of the World Highway through "Chick-en." Then ferry over the Yukon River to Dawson City and bask in the sun at midnight, where the world's biggest gold rush took place. No, we didn't have any luck panning for gold in the Klondike but we sat on Robert Service's front porch and listened to his poems.

Or if we desire we can travel east and step back almost 500 years into the "Viva La difference" of old Quebec. Then, on to New Brunswick our "picture province" and perhaps cross Confederation Bridge to see "Anne of Green Gables" at PEI. We

delighted in a delicious lobster dinner in Nova Scotia and saw the inventiveness of Alexander Bell at Beddeck. We can travel on the picturesque Cabot Trail and catch a ferry over to Newfoundland and see L'Anse aux Meadows. That is where the Vikings built the first European settlement in North America over 1000 years ago. Then see St. John's famous Water St. where the Mayflower shopped for supplies on its way to the British colony at Plymouth Rock

Naturally, the very first thing you must do to plan your trip is to get up to date information, like maps and data. The CAA and other Auto Road Service agencies will provide you with Trip-Tiks to help you with information and offer better routes, including camp grounds, interesting places, roads under repair, even police radar locations. Pick out the spots and friends or relatives you want to see and select the best way of reaching your hi-lights. Not necessarily the fastest! Remember half the fun is in the planning—and happiness is not particularly the destination, but the manner in which you get there. A variety of navigational devices

and mobile Apps will also help.

A few tips of travelling the roads of the world are first of all to be courteous, and if you must err...please err on the side of caution. Always make sure your vehicle is in good shape—especially tires and get into a lower gear when going down steep hills to save your brakes from overheating. Of course if you drive in a foreign country proudly display your Maple Leaf—foreigners love us and it can save a lot of grief. And please—whether in Canada or abroad don't make loud comparisons with home. We don't need ugly Canucks. Just enjoy the folks and their history. Travelling broadens the mind and shows you how other people live and what they do. By the way mainland Europe drives on the right side of the road as we do.

Sometimes RVing early or late in the seasons makes better sense, aside of weather factors. Due to the fact that you have most campgrounds to yourself and sightseeing locations are less crowded with other tourists at work and children in school. Many tourist type towns, cities and highways can also have less traffic. If you want Ontario road conditions, simply dial 511.

Speaking of which...for those not wanting long hauls...how about touring beautiful Ontari-ari-o. "It's yours to discover" and so huge it seems to go on forever. Big-



Fellow rover Audrey Jukes and the trusty Eurovan by the Adriatic Sea

ger than Alaska, Ontario has more history, more lakes and rivers more diversification in culture than we realize. See our logging history in Algonquin, our wine areas and Niagara. If scenery isn't your bag why not visit our museums, like the War, Air, Automotive and Canoe Museums. It seems like every place has one. Talk about contrasts; don't forget our world class ROM in Toronto or our wee "Wall in the Hall" museum in Matawatchan. Many of "our sights" are outlined in the "Canadian Book of the Road" by Reader's Digest, which describes and illustrates most of our national treasures, all worth visiting and seeing first hand. We have so much to be rightly proud. If you were not previously interested in history, travel will definitely encourage it.

On the arty side, The National Art gallery in Ottawa, the Ontario Gallery in Toronto, and the McMichael gallery at Kleinburg, all have great collections of Clarence Gagnon, Tom Thomson and the Group of Seven. Close to home is the sculptor R. Tait McKenzie's museum at Mill of Kintail near Almonte and while there see where Naismith invented basketball. They are among hundreds of really interesting places right here in Ontario. The clean, safe, hospitable towns and cites of our province await you, just dial toll free 1-800-ONTARIO. And there is a saving in not having to purchase out of country medical insurance. Nor is the buying of foreign currency, visas or extra auto insurance required. For lots of reasons perhaps we should see our own country first.

May you always find new roads to travel and new horizons to explore? Get out there and go down that road. Get your kicks with happy and safe Roving.



R. Ernest Jukes

For 65 years, Ernie has been an artist in residence in Matawatchan at Camp J, 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 Matawatchan Hall.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Hall & Rectory Moved 200 yards down the road in Griffith

By Lois Thomson

Go to www.madawaskahighlander.ca to see the video



The 100 tonne rectory in position to be backed down the narrow road.



The Hall being pulled onto the prepared lot. "A lot of pies went through that window".



John Lacourse and Davey Drummond. It took months to prepare for these 4 hours.

As parishioners and neighbours gathered by the road to watch the Holy Rosary Hall and Rectory being moved, over a hundred years of memories stirred.

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church, known as Holy Rosary, or just the Griffith Church, has gone the way of so many places of worship. It is now only to be used for funerals and to honour ancestors at the cemetery. Surplus lands have been sold and the Hall and Rectory are no longer needed.

From the time that regular church services ceased a couple of years ago, Father Richard Starks has been helping parishioners through this new phase. He says the Church is not a building. The Church is the people. They will gather 20 minutes down the road. He says people tend to get attached to the building.

Griffith is an original settlement town on the banks of the Madawaska River, formed at a time when a huge wave of immigrants came to the Highlands.

Displaced from their homelands, people clustered in towns with a shared religion. Griffith was a Catholic settlement. There is no other church.

The first public building erected in those times was usually the church, but until it could be built, lay ministers or visiting clergy would say mass in houses or anywhere there was room. In that way it is true that the Church existed before the building did.

After many years of foiled attempts, Mass was finally celebrated at the new church in Griffith on Christmas day 1888 at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary.

Since that day, Church records show names of descendants of the people who built the church, hall and rectory. They show generations of births, marriages, more births and funerals in Griffith. Church picnics, dances and celebrations rounded out the events held at the Church and Hall. Memories were shared, photos were taken. As one pa-

rishioner declared as she watched the Hall moving slowly down the road, "A lot of pies passed through that window."

So yes, the Church is the people, but the buildings are too - that's why the move on May 27 means so much to the people of Griffith. The buildings that have been such a pivotal part of the community over the last 117 years, will not be bulldozed. They will remain in the com-

summer kitchen. The house alone weighs 90 to 100 tonnes. They're being moved approx. 200 yds. down and across the road to Shawn Varrin's.

Shawn was born and raised in Griffith and is the son of the late Wilfred and Anita Varrin. He will be using the house as a rental house/cottage and the hall for storage for now.



Shawn Varrin, Kirk Varrin and Father Rick Starks in front of the Hall building where it will hopefully stay for a few more generations.

munity on property owned by Shawn Varrin, whose ancestors are buried here.

Shawn bought the buildings for \$1, then spent over \$100,000 to have them moved to lots he has had for some time. His natural choice of contractor was his old friend, John Lacourse.

They grew up in the village and are both descendants of original settlers, as are most of the current residents.

I asked John what is involved in moving the two heavy heritage buildings...

There are 4 moves within 2 buildings, the Hall and the House. They both have summer kitchens and are moved separately. The house is 36' wide and 92' long with

The parish is keeping the property around where the church will be staying.

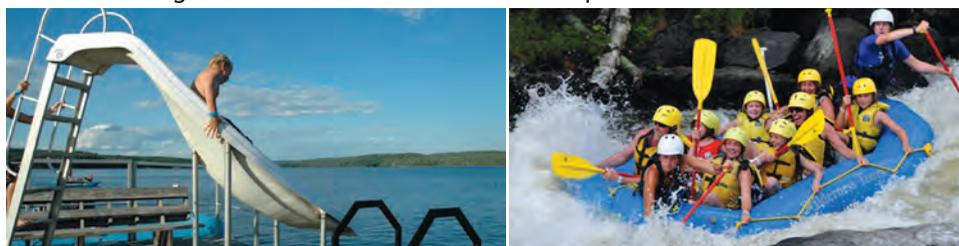
I have lifted a few places and moved them over my 26 years of general contracting, however this is quite a bit different. There is a lot of organizing for a lot of different things. Permits from the township, health unit, bell telephone, hydro, vessel permit to mention a few and everything is planned for May 27th.

We only have 4 hours to move it all. Everything must go well rain or shine on that day. Once it's all in place we will put a full foundation under the house and set the summer kitchen on Sono Tubes. The hall will be on pads and beams and then it will be in its

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The Church is more than a building. It's the people of today, tomorrow and yesterday.



St. Gabriel Church in Springtown. Closed, but not abandoned.

And so we have come full circle. Father Starks had it right. The Church is not the building - it is the people, but I would like to add to that...

Church is the people. It's the people of today, tomorrow, and yesterday. It is people with a strong attachment to their ancestry and the place where they gather.



Vennachar Community Memorial Church Closed, but was restored in 1987. A sign says "Visitors inquire at Vennachar Store". The store is now closed.

new location forever and I, and this community will be thankful that we'll still have what I think is a landmark that is a part of Griffith.

What he didn't add, that I saw on moving day, is that the Hall was to be driven forward down the road, but the house would have to be backed down the road, with no line of sight for the driver. Nor did he mention that the road was exactly the width of the trailer and was lined on both sides by ditches and trees. Not much wiggle room! I don't think there were any experienced trailer drivers there who envied the driver. Together with Drummond's House Movers out of Almonte, they got 'er done.

It's a bittersweet moment, but a reality that is facing, and has faced, parishioners all over. As demographics change, priests retire, costs rise and attendance diminishes, churches are closing. Last November the RC Archdiocese of New York City announced "mergers"

of 31 parishes all at the same time, creating quite an outcry.

But let's go back to Father Starks' assurance that the Church is the people, not the building.

Mark and I met with Bill McNaught and Doug Richards at the Vennachar Cemetery on June 7 before the memorial service at the Vennachar Free Methodist Church. (Bill and Doug co-wrote the Ball family story on page 20.)

We videotaped Bill as he showed Doug where the Vennachar branch of their Ball family relatives are buried. People came from far and wide to remember their relatives at the cemetery at a service held at the Vennachar Free Methodist Church, a few kms. down the road from the old Methodist Church where Bill's Mother went to church as a child.

Here too, a building has closed, but the Church, the people, return yearly.

Another example of life after closure is St. Gabriel's Church in Springtown. Skippy Hale (Calabogie Beat, pg. 6) sent me this last minute notice about a project she is involved in for the cemetery...

The Pioneer Cemetery at St. Gabriel's Church in Springtown overlooks the 508 and the beautiful Madawaska. From the hill can be seen Stillpoint House of Prayer, the Pioneer home of the McCrea family who settled here and named the Village after the village they came from in Ireland. Joel McCrea and I attempted a survey of the graveyard to map it out and find the graves with missing or covered markers. The Arnprior Archives kindly gave us a map to follow. We determined by the beginning of the second row, that it is inaccurate. We wish to undertake a formal survey to find each burial. We do this with the use of divining rods. If you can help, please contact me at bogeybeat@gmail.com.



People came from all over to honour their ancestors on June 7 at the Vennachar Cemetery Memorial day.



Vennachar Cemetery Memorial was held at the still vibrant Free Methodist Church, a few kms. down the road.

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Myth-busting the "Dangers" of Wildlife. Be Smart. Have Fun.

By David Arama

When I venture into the backwoods, I do so with the idea that I will view nature and scenery, and wildlife! There's something special about wildlife viewing experiences, like seeing a Turkey Vulture soaring in an updraft or hearing the cry of the Loon, or being fortunate to hear a Wolf pack howling, pups and all! I love watching Honeybees pollinating wildflowers, or carefully viewing Monarch Butterflies feeding on milkweed. All creatures have their place and niche in the wilderness! Raccoons are amazing mammals, through my experiences of having raised one at a summer camp. Blackflies help pollinate the blueberry crop, so they are important in the Ontario wilds. Pretty much every wild creature has a role in the earth ecosystem and biosphere that we humans call home, and are also a part of.

Recently, we have seen many media reports regarding the "dangers" of wildlife. Some big-city Mayors have declared war on raccoons. Bear sightings and interactions are on the increase in urban areas, and cottage country. Super coy-wolves (Coyote) are scaring folks more frequently.

Here's some interesting info:

- Less than 50 people have been killed by Black Bears in North America, in 100 years.



Bear spray belts are a must-have fashion accessory. Keep spray handy, just in case.



The Massasauga rattle snake is Ontario's only poisonous snake — an endangered species you won't likely encounter.



When the bugs are bad, bug hats, jackets and suits are easier than bug spray. It's all the fashion in blackfly season.

- Most Black Bear attacks are on individuals, and via sudden encounters.
- Algonquin Park has the highest frequency of Black Bear attacks and fatalities in Canada.
- Habitualization is a huge issue in National and Provincial Parks and Urban Areas, where creatures lose their fear of humans due to a number of factors such as high frequency of interactions, careless campers who leave food around or at fishing holes, and in my opinion, since hunting isn't allowed.

- Moose in the rutting season and/or with calves are creatures with a bad temper.
- Most fatal human/wildlife fatalities occur via automobile vs creature on roadway eg Deer, Moose, Raccoons, Wild Turkeys
- Except for the Massasauga Rattlesnake that inhabits the Georgian Bay region (3 reported fatalities in Ontario documented in the past 100 years), most Snakes are neither venomous, or aggressive (although the Watersnake sometimes has an attitude, and will leap

onto your vessel if agitated)

- Some Spider species can inflict painful and dangerous bites, and the most poisonous but rare is the Brown Recluse
- Mosquitoes spread many deadly disease around the world, including Malaria and West Nile Virus. Very few cases of West Nile occur north of highway #7
- Deer Tick's bite can result in Lyme Disease, with very few cases north of highway #401
- Mouse dust in a cottage, if inhaled, can result in Hanta-Virus

There are many wildlife myths:

- Some creatures are harmless eg. Deer? There are examples of Deer charging or using their powerful kicking skills towards humans who have a sudden encounter with a Doe and Fawn!
- A surprised, cornered Raccoon will bite! Don't mess with a seemingly well-mannered Beaver, their teeth are razor sharp!
- Dragonflies look menacing, however, they are our friends, they devour biting insects, and are majestic to view when they swarm
- All snakes are not dangerous, most are docile, and even the Massasauga Rattler has to be provoked before becoming aggressive
- Wolves rarely attack humans, and usually it's a lone wolf that could be problematic, especially in Algonquin Park or campgrounds that are "pet friendly"

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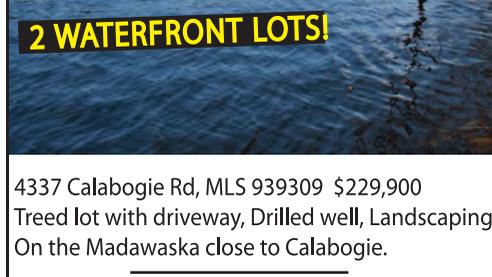
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We go into the wilderness hoping to glimpse animals such as this moose cow with her yearling. Take a picture, but stay away. She will do anything to protect her calf.

Bear Proofing at the Cottage/RV, and when in the Backcountry:

It's imperative to practice preventative medicine by keeping a squeaky clean cottage and RV, including the surroundings! Leave no food wastes around, avoid burning food wastes in the campfire pit, and clean out the barbecue regularly. Kitchen windows should be locked tight most of the time (That's where it's most inviting to Yogi and Booboo). Outdoor solar lighting keeps intruders more honest.

Keep an air horn and bear pepper spray on hand just in case.

Raccoon/Squirrel/Rats and Mice, Bat Proofing:

Same as bear proofing. Seal all pipe and chimney openings with wire meshing and fine steel wool (especially in cracks and small openings, steel wool works really well).

Mouse blocks (poison) and powder work, but can kill other creatures by mistake, and end up in the food chain when owls eat mice with poison.

TSC Farm Store is where I find many excellent mice and animal deterrents. If you have a big raccoon or squirrel problem, you have to possess the proper hunting and trapping permits to kill them yourself, otherwise you can be charged with poaching or illegal hunting and trapping. So be careful, better to hire a licenced exterminator.

Insect Proofing in the Great Outdoors:

- Understand the lifestyles of insects, where they breed, temperature zones etc; for example, mosquitoes breed in stagnant water in temperatures of 12 degrees celsius or higher and high humidity. They work all shifts, night and day. If the right conditions are present. Mosquitoes are like hovercraft. They can maneuver and land on a dime.

- Blackflies breed in running water, and enjoy sunny and warm conditions over 15 degrees celsius. They only work the day shift, thankfully. They need a landing strip, since they are like a plane. I learned long ago that blackflies don't like being indoors, and that if you cover yourself in evergreen boughs they give up landing or biting! It doesn't work for mosquitoes.

- Deer flies like sunny open areas, and are not happy in cool temps or under cedar trees.

- Wasps and hornets are attracted to smelly foods, sugary drinks, people

who are fragrant, and bright colours.

Covering up in mud, and smokey punk-wood smudge fires help keep these insects down! Sweating profusely attracts bugs due to the CO2. Light earthy colored clothing that is non-contrasting and loose fitting, and neutral smelling, tends to attract fewer bugs. Some folks find that eating garlic works to repel, whereas eating bananas attracts. Some bathe in Avon's Skin-So-Soft, some wear dryer-softener pads.

Bug suits and head nets can be useful. Spraying clothing with insect repellent works. While there are many repellents on the market that are organic eg. Natrapel, I find that only products that contain the corrosive chemical DEET are effective in really buggy conditions. My favorite is "Ben's" DEET repellent since they don't contain alcohol that stings. I like the control you get with wipes, compared to sprays.

Some folks react worse than others to insect bites. For first-timers, they tend to swell up (allergic reaction), and over time, they become somewhat immune to a reaction.

Go out and enjoy nature, and wildlife viewing, and remember to respect creatures, and to be prepared in the great outdoors!

We are visitors to the wilderness, whereas the wild creatures are eking out a living to survive. Avoid disturbing bird's nests, feeding mammals, bears and moose with their young. Take extra care with endangered and protected species eg Loons, Turtles etc. Take photos, but keep your distance.

Remember, you are biodegradable.



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When Mother Preserved the Pork

By Howard Popkie



I was about 10 years old in 1944 and we killed a big pig. We didn't have a refrigerator, so we put the meat in a salt brine to preserve it. Mom scrubbed clean a big 45 gallon oak barrel, a big fieldstone and some short boards that fit inside the barrel.

Jack Wilson had a store at Black Donald and he had electric fridges to keep his meat in. He had more than one meat saw, so we borrowed one to cut the pork into roast sized pieces.

Mother laid a layer of meat in the bottom of the barrel and put a lot of coarse salt on it, also some brown sugar.

Sand Baked Beans & Shanty Beef Stew

By Lois Thomson with help from Allan Pennock

From early logging days, baked beans and salt pork were staples in the Highlands. Many families raised beef cattle, but the meat was often sold, rather than eaten by the family. The Matawatchan Picnic has a long tradition of serving sand baked beans and shanty beef stew. What a treat! The picnic continues today, this year on June 27, but times, methods and tastes have changed. Hotdogs and burgers are the main course. Wouldn't it be fun to try cooking for a crowd the way it was done just a few decades ago?

The first chefs were men and women who cooked for loggers in camboose shanties over a fire built on a log-lined box of sand in the shanty. The cooks brought their methods to the Matawatchan Hall. Kettle cooked beef was simply called shanty stew. The recipes are so simple, some say there are no recipes at all. The methods, as described to me by picnic cook, Allan Pennock, are what really count.

Sand Baked Beans

On the Friday night before the picnic, the men would build a fire over a sand pit beside the Hall. This would be allowed to burn down to very hot embers, which were dug into the sand to stay hot overnight. On Saturday, people would arrive with their bean pots for cooking. They would bury the cast iron bean pots (heavy lids fit tightly) with the lid top just above the surface of the hot sand. The fire would be built up around the buried pots.

Timing was by instinct and when the bean pots were dug out and the lids removed, the top inch of beans would be the brownest and most delectable.

At one point picnic organizers chose a single bean recipe, so they would all be the same when transferred to serving dishes.

The following bean recipe was told to Mark Thomson by his grandmother Annie. She was one of the Unit-

She put layer after layer, covering each one with coarse salt and brown sugar until all the meat was in the barrel. She laid the clean boards on the meat and put the big fieldstone on the boards to keep the meat under the brine that formed on the barrel of meat. She put the lid on the barrel and soon a brine formed over the meat.

Every time she cooked the salt pork, she had to boil it first and that would get the salt out before she fried or roasted the meat.

When Mom made a batch of bread, she would take the dough for a loaf and roll it out on the table in flour to form a square of dough about ¼ inch thick. She covered it with brown sugar and cinnamon, then rolled it from the edge into a log. She cut it in slices about an inch thick, then laid it in cookie pans to bake in the oven.

Then we had buttered cinnamon rolls to eat for dessert with our pork dinner.



Baked Beans contestants at the Canada Day Picnic in Matawatchan in 2013.

ed Church women who not only prepared beans, but baked pies, brought pickles, prepared food and served at the annual Matawatchan Picnic, which was usually followed by square dancing and or round dancing.

These baked beans are great the first day, but even better when fried up for breakfast the next morning!

*Wash beans first
Half fill pot with beans, the rest water
Let soak overnight
Add soda or dry mustard (to prevent gas)
Boil on stove top until squishy
Pour water off.
Melt 1 lb. lard or shortening and stir in
Add 1/2 cup water, salt and pepper
Bake 2 hrs. at 350 F. with cover on*

Shanty Beef Stew

Expertly cooked stew will be tender, not mushy. The key is to bring it to a "tender" boil, never a "hard" boil.

Fill a large cast iron pot, or kettle with chopped beef and about 3 pounds of chopped onion, with enough water to cover, add salt and pepper. Cover and place over, not in, a hot cooking fire. Remove lid when it starts to boil and stir occasionally. Stew is almost cooked when meat at the bottom is softer than the top when stirred and completely done when all is tender. Shake flour and water in a jar and stir in to thicken the gravy.

LASSIE, DON'T GO!

By Antonia Chatson

One Sunday morning when we were at the farm, I went out the back door and saw a most extraordinary sight. Our Tigger, an Alsatian shepherd, who could easily have done guard duty at Auschwitz, was outside playing with a friend. Tigger, whose arch enemy was the paper boy and whose bounden duty was to eat the postman, was having the time of his life with somebody who was a complete stranger to us. Tigger, for whom my parents had to build a six foot high fence around our back yard in Richmond Hill and whose joy was to lunge at it, in an attempt to break through and devour our neighbours, was allowing a total stranger, to us anyway, onto his property. And our Tigger, whom we could only take for walks after midnight in case he chewed up another dog, that was being taken for a walk at a normal time during the day, was cavorting with the most beautiful Collie I have ever seen. Sorry Lassie, you were not a patch on this beautiful creature!

of water. They both had a drink, Lassie first of course, then they lay down tight against each other, rested their heads on their paws, and finally looked up at us. I was wondering whether they required applause or a treat. I decided in favour of the latter and brought them out some bickies which they gratefully ate, then promptly went to sleep. I kept checking on them. After a while, they felt rested enough for another round of boxing, then Lassie would take off across the fields, with several backward glances at Tigger, who sat sadly watching. Lassie trotted across the field, climbed over our rail fence, padded up the gravel road, hung a right and climbed over another rail fence and headed off in the direction of the Wilkerson's.



The two dogs paid no attention to me as they were both on their hind feet play boxing each other, with their tails waving wildly. Then their front paws fell to the ground and they raced around in circles chasing each other. Then one of them would get a stick and the other would try to take it from him and they would tug and tug and play growl at each other, till one broke loose and he would tear around in circles, tantalizing the other with it. When the chaser caught the chased they would lock into each others grasp and roll over and over. Then they would break away from each other, give themselves a good shake and stand and grin at each other.

I stood there, awestruck, wondering what kind of magic had been performed to enable him or her to get into the inner workings of Tigger's mind. I quietly went inside and called my parents out to watch this extraordinary event. Then we all watched in awe as they continued their antics. Never once did either of them overstep the bounds of propriety with each other, which might have required disciplinary measures from the other. Not a cross word was to be heard. Finally, when they had worn themselves out, they both padded over to the well, where we always kept a bowl

door, Lassie was standing right there. She (I'm not sure but we will presume this) looked very droopy. Quietly, she padded past me into the kitchen and slowly climbed onto the rocky mountain couch, rested her head gingerly on her front paws and looked balefully at us, as we gathered around to view this new behavioural pattern. It was particularly strange as she had never before shown any signs of even wanting to get into the house. My mother offered her food and water, and although she licked her lips, she did not take any. My mother put her hand on her head to pat her and she yelped with pain. My mother felt more around her head and under her neck and she yelped even louder. We all realized something was very wrong, but we didn't know what. My mother decided to phone the vet in Shelburne. She had a time getting hold of him, but finally did so and he said to bring the dog right in.

Lassie seemed to know that we were going to help her, for she meekly followed my mother and I out to Uriah and of her own accord, struggled into the front seat, but couldn't make it to the back, so I crawled in there behind the driver's side. When we arrived at the vet's, we

got out, and I opened the door on the passenger's side. Lassie slowly got out, wincing with pain. We did not need a lead or even had to take her by the collar, she just followed us into the vet's office. We explained to the vet Lassie's behaviour that morning, never once indicating that she was anything other than our dog. The vet examined the dog around her head and as he touched her jaw, Lassie squealed with pain. The vet opened her mouth, checked inside, made a complete examination of her,

From then onwards, every Sunday, Lassie would come over and both dogs would follow the same routine. It was most touching to see such loyalty and camaraderie between the two of them.

But one Sunday morning when I went out the back

then stood up and stared down at us. In a very stern voice he said, "I know this is not your dog. I do know whose dog she is though. I also know who you are and I know that you are about to return to Richmond Hill very shortly. I also know that you will not be back till next weekend. (Is there anything you don't know, I thought to myself?) Unfortunately this beautiful dog has a broken jaw and I know exactly who did it. The dog will need an operation, which the man who did this, would never pay for.. That is why the dog came to you. So I am going to do this. I will operate on the dog and keep him here at the clinic until you return next weekend and can pick him up. I will only charge you for my expenses in this operation, not my time, because you are much to be commended for bringing in a sick animal for treatment, that is not your own. What you do with the dog, or what the dog decides to do when you get her back is up to the both of you.

As you can imagine, my mother and

I stood there with our mouths hanging open. But then again, why should the vet not know to whom the dog belonged and then again why should he not know the characters of the people that he visited on a regular basis. And why should he not also know as it is written in Proverbs 12:10 "A righteous man regardeth the life of his beast, but the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel".

The vet was as good as his word. We returned the next weekend to pick up a very exuberant Lassie and a bottle of pills to give her. Lassie bounced into the back seat this time, to join Tigger, whom we had brought with us for a welcoming committee. We let both dogs out when we got home and they played and played as they had always done. However, when mid-afternoon arrived, Lassie headed out, looking longingly back at Tigger and us. But I guess he figured that his duty was back at his farm.

For several years after that, she continued her weekly visits to Tigger. Her spirits were always good, she was always well cared for and well groomed. There was never any hint of wrong treatment again. I am rather wondering if, since the vet knew all things, he had a talk with Lassie's owner, which might have included a warning about future behaviour towards a farmer's best friend.



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

By Peter Chess

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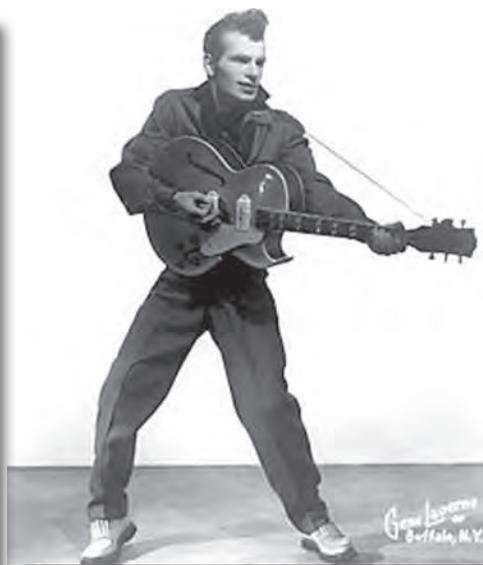
Ersel with his brother

A young Ersel Hickey with one of his six older brothers, most likely at a foster home.

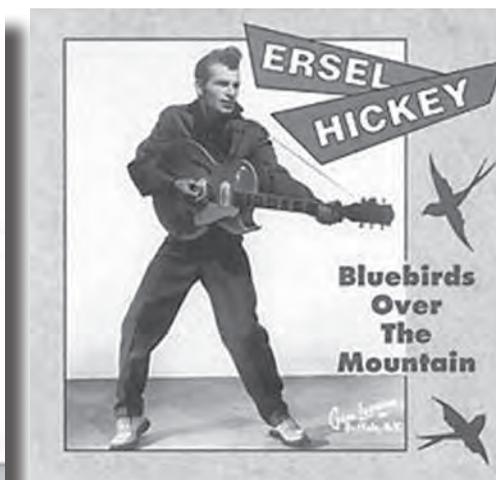
It would probably be untrue to say that Ersel Hickey's arrival in this world was a celebratory event. His mother, originally from Kingston Ontario, had already delivered seven children, Ersel being the last and destined to be the "kid brother" to his older siblings. In 1934, the heart of the Great Depression, another child meant one more mouth to feed in a family already stretched to the limits of survival. Ersel was named after the doctor who delivered him, a Dr. Ersel, in Brighton New York, a rural community near Rochester NY.

Ersel's father, of Irish descent, died when Ersel was only 4 years old. Within a year of his father's passing his mother was committed to a sanitarium, having surpassed the limits of her abilities to manage her brood, suffering a complete nervous breakdown and never recovering. The upshot of his mother's hospitalization was the placement of the children into foster homes. Exactly where Ersel began his life as a foster child is not known, but his preoccupation as he grew older and able to, was to run away, which he did with such proclivity that he became in the parlance of the times, "incorrigible" and hence shuttled from one foster home to another.

In 1949 he somehow connected with an older sister, who through choice or necessity, was working as an exotic dancer on a well established circuit in the north eastern states. These venues were not fancy clubs, more just bars with a stage. She performed under the stage name of "Chicky Evans" and when reunited with her little brother, who she affectionately called Mickey, took him on the road with her. Mickey Hickey and his stripper sister Chicky. Not exactly a nurturing environment for a teenager but he was with family, and in my imagination he would have embraced this grand adventure as only



The iconic pose, photographed by Gene Laverne in Buffalo, New York.



The photo is used to promote his first hit single "Bluebirds Over The Mountain."

***"You used to say the highway was your home,
but we both know that ain't true,
it's just the only place a man can go
when he don't know where he's traveling to"***

Steve Earle from "Fort Worth Blues"

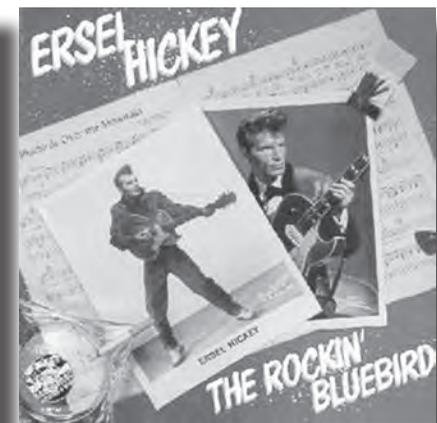
a fifteen year old could do. What would a chronic runaway, street smart kid care about cockroaches, cheap hotels, foul toilets, crappy food and scary people? It's likely pretty much all he's ever known in his short life anyway.

Less than a year after hooking up with his sister, the great adventure turns tragic when Chicky is killed in a car accident. On his own again, he pulls it together and being the resourceful lad he is, he joins the carnival passing through where ever he has landed. Within a year, however, he runs afoul of the law, and at 16 years of age, finds himself in a juvenile home for "tough kids" in Columbus Ohio. Throughout Ersel's short disturbing history, his one constant companion was music, the popular music of the day beaming out of the radio where ever his travels would take him. While at the "juvie home" he became acquainted with Rhythm and Blues music coming from the "race music" radio stations and picked up on some guitar playing. Eventually he joined a gospel group at the home while mimicking the songs he was hearing on the radio. In early 1952, a white guy who sounded black, released a single that rocketed to the top of the charts. His name was Johnny Ray, the song was "Cry".

The song hit Ersel like a hammer. Johnny Ray put so much pain in his voice that he cried real tears when he performed the song live. Ersel began singing the song like it was his own... got it down so good that when he sang the song at a local talent contest, he won first prize and pocketed \$500 for his ef-

forts, a truckload more money than he had ever seen. That song turned Ersel's life around...maybe even saved it. Flush with cash and riding a rush of confidence, Ersel packed his bags and ran away for the last time. Determined now to become a professional singer, he unwittingly enters the promise of myth, the "American dream", wherein against all odds, the underdog claws his way to the top, wins the affection of the girl of his dreams and lives happily ever after. His timing is good....America is back on track after surviving the depression, winning the war and, in the process, on it's way to becoming a superpower. Like the song says "the dream never dies, just the dreamer"

He heads back to New York and locates his older brother Bill, now living with an aunt in Rochester. Ersel's hope of becoming a singer did not come to fruition immediately, as could be expected, but he persisted. Honing his chops in front of the mirror, affecting the style of the day and working at odd jobs for a few bucks. He flourishes in the domestic stability of family his aunt provides, that which he had, up to this point, been denied. In 1954, he hears Elvis Presley on the radio. "That's Alright" is a cover of a 1946 R&B song by Arthur Crudup that Elvis has re-worked into something new, something they call rockabilly and Ersel joins the revolution. He buys an electric guitar, a gold Gibson SG, greases his hair into a ducktail, tucks his smokes in the sleeve of his Tshirt and hammers away at the infectious rhythmns of this new wave and puts together an act. His brother Bill, taking on the role of mentor and



The photo and the pose become his trademark, appearing again and again to promote his Rockabilly brand.

manager, begins getting auditions for Ersel at small clubs in Rochester. Within a few months, catching the wave, Ersel becomes a busy guy, performing regularly and becoming a local favorite, while trying his hand at songwriting. In 1955 he cuts his first record, which was released locally but did not sell. Undaunted, he keeps gigging, still dreaming of the big time, which in his mind is close, real close.

In the winter of 1957 he attended an Everly Brothers concert at War Memorial Auditorium in Rochester. The Everly Brothers were cranking out a string of number one hits in 1957 and at their peak. Sitting in a restaurant after the show, to Ersel's amazement, in walks Phil Everly. Working up his nerve, he approaches this demi god of rock and roll, introduces himself as a fellow rocker and is invited to sit down. During their brief conversation, Ersel asks Phil what he might do to further his career. Phil replies "First thing is you gotta have a good song". So that very same night, Ersel goes home, writes a song and in the wee hours of the morning wakes his brother, plays the song for him. To which his brother exclaims.."It's a hit". The song is called "Bluebirds over the Mountain."

stay tuned...



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

Ball Family Massacre by Wampanoag Indians — Feb, 10, 1675, Lancaster, Mass.

By Bill McNaught and Doug Richardson

The Ball family was one of the many pioneering families in the Vennachar/Denbigh region. The 1901 census lists 5 different Ball families - Simon and Sarah (Cowan), John and Alice (Wainman), Wilbert and Myra (Hunter), Frederick and Nancy Jane (Gregg) and Willard and Susannah (Jackson) with a total of 12 dependents for a total of 22 family members. In the past 114 years, many of the succeeding generations have left the area for new starts and new challenges across Canada and the United States. The Ball descendants who have remained have inter-married with many of the other pioneering families who cleared and tamed the rugged land. The Ball Family and so many of the other families have demonstrated the power of perseverance that has been and still is a foundation of success.

Yet, except for a twist of fate, our Ball Family could have been totally eradicated on February 10, 1675. We can only speculate about the changed history of Canada and especially the Vennachar/Denbigh region without the Balls. It was a close call.

In the second excerpt of his personal history of the Ball Family, Chasing Balls, Doug Richardson chronicles the events of February 10, 1675 and the Indian Massacre of our (and his) ancestors. Doug also describes the unusual circumstances which permitted a few members of our Ball Family to survive. Their survival resulted in the proliferation of the Ball Family throughout the United States.

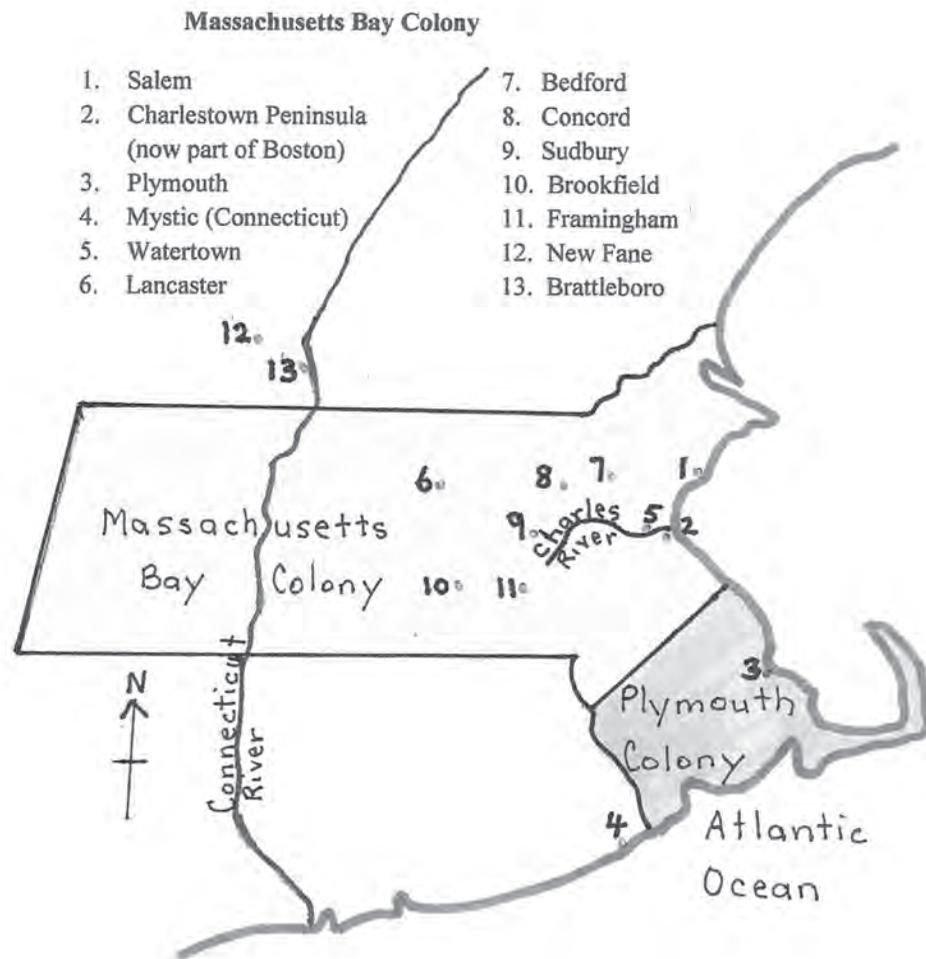
THE BALL FAMILY: EARLY EXPERIENCES IN NORTH AMERICA

In 1628, Captain John Endicott, a Puritan, established a colony at Salem on the east coast of what is now the United States. John Endicott became its Governor. Two years later, John Winthrop outfitted eleven ships in England which were to make the voyage to the New World. Winthrop sailed on the Arbella with some of the ships during April of 1630 and they anchored in the harbor of Salem on June 12, 1630. The remainder of the ships left England in May and arrived later in June. The passengers on these eleven ships were mostly Puritans, English Protestants within the Church of England who had strict beliefs and were viewed by others in the Church of England as extremists. Puritans found themselves very restricted within the Church of England and moved to North America between 1620 and 1640. John Winthrop succeeded John Endicott as Governor of this colony, the Massachusetts Bay Colony.

John Ball was one of these early migrants. When John left Wiltshire, England for the New World, he was accompanied by two sons, John Jr., born

about 1620, and Nathaniel, born about 1625. There is no record of their mother, Joanna making the trip with her two sons and husband. Their ship anchored in Salem harbour which, later in that century, would be the scene of the Salem Witch Trials. As John and his sons gazed from the deck toward the new world they were about to enter, little did John Sr. know that he was going to initiate a Ball family line that would eventually have descendants throughout New England, Quebec, Eastern Ontario and many other jurisdictions across North America. John and his boys did not stay in Salem but settled a little to the south on a peninsula called Charlestown, now part of Boston, Massachusetts.

When settlement first began by the Europeans, they made their homes along the eastern seaboard but as more settlers arrived, the interior of the country beckoned to those who longed for more elbow room and possessed a spirit of adventure. John Ball and his sons were among the first settlers to occupy the town site that would eventually become Lancaster.



Part of the land transfer agreement with the Indians was the building of a trucking house (trading post) on the town site for Lancaster so the Indians could trade their wares more efficiently with the Europeans. The trucking house was built in 1642 and John Ball, with his two sons, and two other gentlemen, Lawrence Waters and Richard Linton, moved to this site and established the trucking house. Once the trucking house was operating efficiently later in 1642, John decided to take his two boys and move to Watertown where he became a farmer. His son, John Jr., became a tailor/farmer in Watertown and married Elizabeth Pierce (sometimes spelled Peirce) in Watertown in 1642. They had six children. John Sr.'s second son, Nathaniel, settled in Concord and John Sr. spent his last days living with Nathaniel.

John Jr. and his family became well known in Watertown, but unfortunately, not always for the best of reasons! The six children that John Jr. and Elizabeth Pierce Ball had were Elizabeth (born 1643), John (b. 1644), Mary Bella (b. 1651), Sarah (b. 1654), Esther (b.1655) and Abigail (b. 1658). About 1654, Elizabeth Pierce Ball began having emotional difficulties and the town officials decided that Elizabeth was not fit to raise her children and placed them with other families in Watertown. John, born 1644 (for clarity in this article we will refer to this John as "John III"), along with sisters Mary Bella and Esther were to live with their mother's parents, John and Elizabeth Pierce. John Pierce was a weaver and his three grandkids were apprenticed to him. John III finished his apprenticeship and became a tailor in Watertown. In the meantime, the children's mother's mental stability worsened. By this time she was living with her par-

ents. Eventually she became violently insane and died about 1660. Her husband, John Jr., continued to support his family during his wife's illness and after she died.

In 1665, John Jr. remarried. His bride was Elizabeth Fox. Perhaps John Jr. wanted a fresh start because he left Watertown with his new bride and moved to Lancaster, a town that he knew fairly well having lived there previously with his father and brother when his dad was helping to establish the trucking house. John Jr. and his new wife had two children of their own and took two of John's children from his first marriage, Esther and Sarah, with them. This move was to end tragically.

In the decade before the establishment of the town site of Lancaster, there was trouble brewing with the Native Americans. The Pequot Indians were an aggressive group who did not get along well with other Indian groups and did not appreciate the Europeans entering their territory. There were skirmishes between the Pequots and the Europeans. This was the time of the Pequot War which culminated in a massacre on May 26, 1637 at what is now the town of Mystic, Connecticut when at least six hundred Pequots were slain. The remaining Pequots were left in disarray and were not a force after that fateful day.

Europeans kept arriving on their ships and opening up new settlements. By the 1650's, the Indians were becoming more intolerant of the Europeans and there were more skirmishes between these two groups. During the Pequot War the Indians were not unified but by 1675 many of the Indians had a common goal - get rid of the

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Bill McNaught and Doug Richardson exploring history at the Vennachar Cemetery. See the video at www.madawaskahighlander.ca



Ball family markers amid other prominent area names, most of whom are connected in some way to all of the other names. No matter what your family background, it's important to know not just where you come from, but who you come from.

colonists! This resulted in King Philip's War in 1675-76. King Philip was chief of the Wampanoag Indian Nation. His Indian name was Metacom. The fighting was brutal and before the Indians were defeated in 1676, many Europeans and Indians lost their lives. As well, many of the colonist's towns were destroyed, one being Lancaster.

On the morning of February 10, 1675, one thousand five hundred Indians attacked Lancaster from different directions. The Indians needed food supplies and viewed Lancaster as an easy target. It was fairly isolated and quite a distance from Boston where the military garrison was located. Mary Rowlandson wrote a book about what she witnessed during this attack and her subsequent captivity by the Indians. The book has a number of titles but the original was "The Sovereignty and Goodness of God, Together with the Faithfulness of His Promises Displayed: Being a Narrative of the Captivity and Restoration of Mrs. Mary Rowlandson". On page 3 she writes, "... came the Indians with great numbers upon Lancaster: their first coming was about sunrising; hearing the noise of some guns, we looked out; several houses were burning, and the smoke ascending to heaven. There were five persons taken in one house; the father, and the mother and a suckling child,

they knocked on the head; the other two they took and carried away alive". Mary Rowlandson was describing the fate of the Ball family! John and Elizabeth Fox Ball and their infant child were killed. John's two girls from his first marriage, Esther and Sarah, were taken into captivity and were not heard from again. There was another child from John's second marriage, a boy, who in another account of the attack, was taken into captivity.

Fortunately for the Ball family line, John Ball III did not move but stayed in Watertown, raised a family and worked as a tailor for his remaining years. The other surviving children of John and his first wife had remained in Watertown and were safe. John III married Sarah Bullard in Watertown in 1665 and one of their children, Benjamin, was born in Watertown in 1676. Benjamin married Mary Brewer in 1704 and one of their sons, Jacob, born 1712, married Deborah Belknap. Jacob and Deborah had the following children: Shadrack, Samuel, Solomon, Susannah and Jacob. This generation, as Loyalists, is responsible for the Ball family line continuing to its eventual locations in Quebec and Ontario after the American Revolution. Their adventures in Vermont during the American Revolution were outlined in an earlier edition of the Madawaska Highlander.

CONCLUSION

Family history is always interesting and can be enlightening, but the Ball Family history raises intriguing questions. What if Elizabeth had not become insane, which required her children to be removed from her care? What if she had lived to accompany her husband, John Jr. and all of their children to Lancaster? Would this entire family have been wiped out on February 10, 1675? If so, many of the Ball ancestors would not be alive now, certainly not the writers, Bill and Doug, who are direct descendants of Elizabeth and John Jr.

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

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

Bill McNaught gives an interesting video tour of names and some history of the Vennachar Cemetery. Go to www.madawaskahighlander.ca for the link.



Some Ball family members at the Herb Ball farm in the 1940s. Herb Ball is at the back, 4th from the left. His sister Martha McNaught (Ball), standing at right, was a school child during the 1903 fire that all but wiped out Vennachar, as chronicled in the Madawaska Highlander, August 2014. She is the mother of coauthor Bill McNaught. Their brother John Ball, died at Vimy Ridge in WWI, Highlander article Sept. 2014.

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Irritable Bowel Syndrome

By Susan Veale

Irritable Bowel Syndrome, also known as IBS is a far too common disorder that affects the large intestine also known as the large bowel. IBS is not a disease or a virus but in fact a chronic inflammatory condition that may occur time and again without warning. The symptoms include abdominal pain, cramping, bloating, excess gas and diarrhea and/or constipation. The result is fatigue and in extreme cases dehydration not to mention a level of interference of one's quality of life and overall health.

IBS can occur at any age and commonly affects young adults. There is no specific cause, but many people living with it appear to have a hypersensitive colon. Factors that may contribute to the condition are stress and anxiety, possible food allergies or sensitivities and not enough friendly bacteria in the digestive tract. Altering the diet many reduce symptoms; not everyone's chemistry is the same, so a food that may bother one person may not affect another. An easy way to determine which foods are triggers is to keep a journal with three columns labeled "Red food" "Yellow food" and "Green food."

Red foods are foods that when eaten give an immediate or almost immediate reaction. Often this can be spicy or high

stress foods such as wheat or dairy. Yellow foods are foods that sometimes create a reaction and Green foods are foods that have no reaction. Keeping a journal for 6 months is a good way to examine cause and results. In addition, there are blood tests available to test for Gluten sensitivities as well as testing for specific antibodies for food allergies or hidden food reactions.

Studies have shown that introducing good bacteria or "microflora" into the body may significantly reduce the symptoms of IBS.

Microflora is a term used to describe the millions of bacteria in the intestinal tract. Probiotics are products in a capsule or powdered form that supplement the microflora with live bacteria. They work to maintain healthy intestinal balance. Maintaining this balance is vital for good intestinal and overall health. Flora in microbiology is associated with bacteria found in the digestive or Gastrointestinal (GI) tract. Two such cultivated or friendly species of flora are *Lactobacillus acidophilus* and *Bifidobacteria*. Flora is also found within the mucosal surfaces of the body such as the respiratory tract, the genitourinary tract and the skin.

As the GI tract is the largest immune organ, it contains the largest population of flora with varying amounts and various kinds of bacteria traveling from the stomach to the large intestine. The stomach which is the most sterile organ of this tract has very little *Lactobacillus* bacteria whereas the duodenum has the most. The small and large intestine both contain *Bifidobacteria* with the colon containing a higher population.

Flora functions vary. In one example, flora is essential for normal cell development in the intestines and for improving secretion, absorption and motility. Another function is turning soluble fiber into essential fatty acids. How well this is accomplished is demonstrated by bowel health.

Flora also takes a non-immunological role against infection. In other words, flora helps fight infection by adhering to mucous walls as a protective layer so that unfriendly bacteria and pathogens cannot attach themselves to the wall lining. This is particularly demonstrated with vaginal candidiasis.

When the population ratio of "friendly to unfriendly bacteria" is out of proportion, inflammatory conditions such as Irritable Bowel Syndrome, skin conditions and allergies may develop. These are just a few examples. Refined foods, small quantities of vegetables, antibiotics, and birth control pills are items that

over time may affect the colonization and stability of healthy flora.

Before using flora therapeutically, it is important to know the type and numbers of bacteria populations necessary for a specific health condition. It is also important to know the difference in bacteria reporting as optimum laboratory condition numbers and "off the shelf" active bacteria survival numbers differ.

For more information on Irritable Bowel Syndrome, please contact me:
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Help Celebrate the 35th Anniversary of the Marathon of Hope in Griffith, September 20

By Geoffrey Cudmore

When Terry Fox began his Marathon of Hope by dipping his artificial leg in the Atlantic Ocean in St. John's, Newfoundland some 35 years ago, Canada's population stood at just over 24 million, Pierre Trudeau had just been returned to office as Prime Minister, the Islanders were in the process of beating the Kings in the first round of the NHL playoffs that would see then go all the way and win their first Stanley Cup, mullets were cool, Blondie had the Number 1 hit in Canada with "Call Me" and the survival rate for osteogenic sarcoma (the bone cancer that claimed Terry's leg) was only 15%. Today the CURE rate is over 75%!

During the 143 days and 5,373 kilometers of his Marathon of Hope, the 21 year-old B.C. native, who had lost most of his right leg to a malignant tumour, inspired the nation with his determination and humility. Terry was convinced that if every Canadian gave a dollar, \$24 million would be raised for cancer research. Terry Fox reached that goal in February 1981. Since then, The Terry Fox Foundation with runs in Canada and around the world, has raised more \$700 million, with a very respectable 84 cents of every dollar raised going to innovative cancer research.

As we prepare to celebrate the 35th anniversary of Terry's run, with our own run here in Griffith on September 20th, 2015, it is good to reflect on what Terry, and his legion of "runners", worldwide have accomplished over those years. The Terry Fox Foundation is one of the largest non-governmental funders of

cancer research in the country, and by 2013, it had funded a total of 1,152 cancer research projects. All of these projects have met stringent selection criteria for funding. Projects are selected covering research across the cancer spectrum and have to meet strict guidelines for excellence and impact. It is good to see that over the years almost \$57 million (roughly 10% of the global total) has been invested in research projects at 18 Ontario universities, hospitals, and research institutes. Like all Terry Fox Foundation projects, these have had a significant impact on the cancer health of Canadians over the years.

The Terry Fox Foundation reports that in 2013/14 alone the Foundation invested \$27.7 million in cancer research in three key areas. The largest investment of over \$14 million was for "Discovery research", which included fundamental science and cure-oriented biomedical research. Over \$8 million was spent on "Translational research", which sought to find ways to move discoveries from the laboratory to the bedside more quickly to improve patient outcomes. Finally, a fund of over \$1 million was spent to help train future leaders in cancer research.

Some highlights of this research are showcased in Foundation publication "Cancer Research: It's Working". Among these projects is one that has developed a new clinical risk calculator software that accurately classifies, nine out of ten times, which spots or lesions (nodules) are benign and malignant on



A 9 foot high bronze statue, set on a 45-ton granite base with a foundation of local amethyst, commands a breath-taking view of Lake Superior. The site is not far from the place where he ended his 5,342 km (3,339 mi) run, stricken with the disease that ended his life on June 28, 1981. This is one of many monuments and memorials across Canada and around the world. So much has been achieved in 35 years.

- photo by Judy Whittecker Pollock

an initial lung CT scan among individuals at a high risk for lung cancer. This is seen to have immediate clinical impact worldwide. Another project is British Columbia based genome research which is expected to help doctors target treatment of lymphoma tumours. The work found novel mutations in a gene that had not been described before in any cancer, providing a first description with state-of-the-art technology. This research was published in the scientific journal, *Nature Genetics*. It is hoped that this research will help identify gene mutations in all kinds of cancer tumours, so treatment can be personalized for each indi-

vidual's specific cancer.

As they say, "it's working". The Canadian Cancer Statistics (2011) reported that the five-year relative survival rate for all cancers had increased to 63%, up almost 8% between 1992-1994 and 2004-2006. The same report cites relative survival rates for thyroid cancer is now 98%, prostate cancer has risen to 96%, testicular cancer to 95%, melanoma to 90%, breast cancer to 88% and Hodgkin Lymphoma to 85%. While these improvements are very encouraging, reflection on the overall survival rate of 63% underlines the fact that there is still so much work to do!



2014 Terry Fox Run participants at the starting line in front of Griffith Timbermart. Participation grows every year.

You can help keep Terry's dream alive, and celebrate the 35th anniversary of the Marathon of Hope by participating in, or sponsoring the 2015 Terry Fox Run in Griffith on Sunday, September 20th. In our first three years, the Griffith Run has raised almost \$10,000. As in previous years, our "home" for the event is Griffith Building Supplies on Hwy 41. Registration opens at 9:00 am with a mass start on Church Street at 10:00 am. Runners, walkers and cyclists are all welcome. Pledge sheets and registration forms will be available across the community over

the summer, or you can register and pledge online at <http://www.terryfox.org/Run/Ontario.html> and then select Griffith from the list.

For information, please contact Geoffrey Cudmore at gcudmore@cogeco.ca or call 613-333-9519 and leave a message.

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FROM UP THE LINE TO THE FRONT LINE

By Howard Popkie



Catholic Church at Black Donald, now only a memory.

My sister Betty and I made an alter to play Church when we were very young. I was the priest and Betty was a nun with a dishtowel on her head. The alter was Mom's dresser with a little box on it covered with a cloth. We used an egg cup to put in imaginary hosts that we fed to Betty's dolls, all lined up, playing people in the church. On each side of the little box with the egg cup on it, were two birthday candles set in wooden spools from Mom's thread box.



Lloyd would have made a convincing priest in an alter boy gown and cassock. - stock image

The only prayer I knew, because I was so young, was:

*Now I lay me down to sleep,
I pray the Lord my soul to keep.
If I should die before I wake,
I pray the Lord my soul to take.
If I should live another day,
I pray the Lord to guide my way.*

the lid, dug a grave and lowered down the coffin with little ropes.

My brothers Rueben and Donald were at the funeral and Lloyd was the priest. He served Mass at the Catholic Church at Black Donald, so he was wearing his alter boy gown with white lacey top. It made him look amazing, a lot like a priest.

There was a groundhog hole in my Aunt Agnes' garden. My first cousin, Lloyd Skriptchuk set a trap to catch it. He got the groundhog and when I saw it, it was dead. Lloyd made a wooden box for a coffin and put the dead groundhog in it. He nailed down

Sand covered the little coffin. Lloyd made a cross to put in the ground for a tombstone and flowers were spread near the cross. Lloyd prayed over the grave for along time. That had to be the best funeral any groundhog ever got.

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Finding Balance in a Wilderness Tourism Economy

By Lois Thomson

Tourism is big business in the Highlands, so much so that upper levels of government are making significant investments and working with counties, municipalities and businesses to strengthen this key economic driver. Investment in tourism infrastructure, marketing, training and more, is paying off in tourism jobs and spin-off jobs that aren't subject to the boom and bust phenomenon of resource-based economies. Yes, the region still depends on logging, but sustainable methods ensure the resource isn't depleted, creating a "bust" phase and destroying wilderness tourism in its wake.

The tricky part is balancing all interests and filtering all development interests through this critical tourism lens, particularly on Crown Land, which belongs to everyone. Crown Land comprises approximately 70% of the territory in the Highlands and is managed by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

Infrastructure, marketing, training, and stakeholder engagement to develop the region's potential is happening on all levels, mostly managed and facilitated by tourism associations and Economic Development Groups. The Ontario Highlands Tourism Organization (OHTO) was created by the Provincial government in 2010 to do just that in Haliburton, Lanark, Renfrew, North and Central Hastings, Addington Highlands, and North and Central Frontenac Counties. The region is already seeing the benefit of initiatives such as motorcycle tourism. Well documented routes with things like bike parking stalls and available wiper rags make a difference to attracting this group.

Finding your Nowhere Moment



Image from the OHTO.ca home page. "Come wander Ontario's Highlands, it's a place that's like nowhere else."

This year's OHTO marketing campaign created quite a stir with members who have been fighting the "middle of nowhere" moniker for generations. In advertising targeted largely to stressed out urbanites, the OHTO welcomes people to find their "nowhere moment" in Ontario's Highlands. From the OHTO.ca website. "With this as inspiration, Ontario's Highlands has developed a summer campaign that promotes the region as the "somewhere place, to enjoy a nowhere moment". The place that welcomes them as they are and feeds their aspirations to enjoy authentic experiences, with people, places and events, that serve to cleanse and recharge. In Ontario's Highlands, every new discovery is its own destination, its own special moment. This is the idea behind the "#nowheremoment" campaign."

Active Transportation Initiatives



Shawna Babcock and Damien McCarthy, co-chairs of the Active Transportation Working Group of the Physical Activity Network of Renfrew County, which coordinated the Summit.

Active transportation - cycling, walking hiking, paddling and other forms of non-motorized transport - is growing exponentially, and communities, local governments and businesses are working together to keep up with demand and take advantage of opportunities. That was the message from more than 60 municipal leaders and staff, business owners, and advocates from across eastern Ontario at the 2nd annual Active Transportation (AT) Summit in Pembroke on May 29. The benefits of great trail systems go beyond tourism to encouraging healthy active lifestyles, reducing health care costs and making our communities desirable places to live in, thereby increasing the tax base. As you will see in the next article, we have come a long way and we have far to go.

OTTAWA RIVER INSTITUTE

Trails in the County of Renfrew

By Ole Hendrickson and Kathy Lindsay

Paddling, hiking and biking trails can generate new tourism revenues and foster economic development, improve physical and mental well-being, increase mobility for local residents, and foster connectedness among neighbouring communities. Health benefits of trails are particularly important for Renfrew County residents, who tend to have poorer health status than the provincial average.

Ontario government officials recently launched an effort to enhance these benefits by updating and refining the provincial trails strategy. Representatives of a number of Renfrew County groups with interests in tourism, hiking, cycling, paddling, winter sports, and health provided input to this pro-

cess at a meeting in Ottawa last November. Participants at the Ottawa meeting strongly agreed that the updated provincial trails strategy should highlight active transportation as one of the benefits of trail development. Congratulations to our county councillors for voting unanimously this January to develop an active transportation policy and to include funding for active transportation projects in the County budget.

County of Renfrew officials have previously taken steps towards developing a county-wide trail strategy. They organized a series of four public meetings on trails in 2006. A draft report completed in February 2007 summarizes the results of these meetings, describes

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the County's network of trails as they existed at that time, and provides details on the benefits of trails.

The "Valley Explore" website maintained by the Ottawa Valley Tourism Association features many of the trails in the 2007 report and highlights more recent trail developments. Significant new trails since the 2007 report include the "east side" trails constructed by volunteers at the Shaw Woods Outdoor Education Centre, the Opeongo Hills Nordic Ski Club trails developed by volunteers in the Brudenell area, the Manitou Mountain and Griffith Uplands trail systems developed by the Township of Greater Madawaska, and the County's investments in paving shoulders to make roads safer and more attractive for pedestrians and cyclists.

The 2007 report recognizes that the County's varied natural areas afford great destinations for trail users, and that proximity to Ottawa is a plus in terms of potential tourism revenues. It also puts special focus on former rail lines. These could form the core of a well-connected trail network. Making them available for year-round use would be a major benefit to people living in the County and would attract more visitors from nearby areas with greater populations. The County has taken a significant step in this direction by purchasing the Renfrew to Calabogie segment of the old K & P rail line and developing it as a multi-use trail, and is actively pursuing other initiatives related to former rail lines.

Another County of Renfrew advantage is an abundance of water: lakes, rivers, and wetlands, including the Ottawa River itself. Participation is growing in group events on the County's major waterways such as the "Celebrate Our River" excursion series including the annual June paddle from Wilber Lake to Eganville on the Bonnechere, and what may become annual paddles from Calabogie to Burnstown on the Madawaska, and from Renfrew to the Ottawa River on the Bonnechere. (Paddling and other guides are available on the BRWP website, www.BonnechereRiver.ca under the Nature in Your Neighbourhood tab, and on the ORI website, www.ottawariverinstitute.ca)

Yet more could be done to capture the growing interest in recreational paddling, and to celebrate the importance of water travel in our political, economic, military, and cultural history. An "official" system of portages around the dams and rapids along the Renfrew County portion of the Ottawa is lacking, although paddling groups in Quebec are actively developing marked waterways and public portages.

The County's 2007 report shows the entire route of Champlain's historic June 1613 voyage upstream along the Ottawa River as a publicly accessible water trail. Not long after Champlain passed the mouth of the Bonnechere, his Aboriginal guides recommended venturing away from the Ottawa into the headwaters of the Muskrat River. Members of his party agreed after a fierce debate. They paddled the chain of lakes and wetlands along the course of the Muskrat – a difficult trip with one day-long portage and clouds of biting insects – and rejoined the Ottawa at the present-day location of Pembroke, just upstream from the Algonquin gathering place on Morrison Island, where Champlain had his historic meeting with Chief Tessouat. It would be interesting to know if anyone has retraced this route in recent years. It has changed greatly since Champlain's time, now passing largely through fields and pastures.

Another worthwhile project would be to identify entry points and provide trail connections among and within the County's 18 provincial parks and 10 conservation reserves (see www.naturenotebook.ca). Well over half these areas protect portions of waterways and wetlands, but only limited information is available about how to access them. Some – like the Little Mississippi River, Constant Creek, Silver Creek, and Black Donald Creek – remain largely well-kept secrets.

With the appearance of new user groups, recent trail developments, and efforts by the provincial government to update its trails strategy, it could be an opportune time to dust off the 2007 report and launch a new County-wide trails initiative.



Visitors hiking the Arkon Lake Loop in Frontenac Provincial Park. Trails contribute to a healthier, more prosperous Ontario. - photo by Steve Manders

The Bonnechere River Watershed Project (BRWP) and the Ottawa River Institute (ORI) are community-based volunteer organizations. BRWP's mission is to inform and influence environmental stewardship and enhancement throughout the Bonnechere River watershed. ORI's mission is to foster sustainable communities and ecological integrity in the Ottawa River watershed.

Please send your thoughts and comments on this article to info@ottawariverinstitute.ca or info@bonnechereRiver.ca

Events for ORI Members and Friends!

Annual General Meeting

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

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

If you have a few hours a month to spare, and would like to contribute to the organization as a board member, please let us know.

Group Paddles

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

Sat. June 27 - 8:30-9:30 registration, Red Pine Boat Launch. Depart 10:00am, Sand Point wharf- Ottawa Riverfest, Braeside-Sand Point to Red Pine bay Paddle - \$10. Register by email : recreation@mcnab-braeside.com Rendezvous: Register Red Pine Boat Launch, depart Sand Point wharf.

Sat. July 18 - 1:00pm - Bonnechere River, Eganville to Fourth Chute Paddle and Fiddle - \$10. Followed by Bonnechere Caves optional BBQ (\$5) and Music (\$10). Organized by BRWP, Bonnechere Caves. Register by email to: info@bonnechereRiver.ca

Rendezvous: Bonnechere Caves

Sat. Aug. 8 - 1:00pm - Madawaska River, Cherry Point Park to Burnstown Beach Paddle- \$10. Organized by BRWP and MacNab Braeside Township. Followed by optional BBQ at Neat Cafe (\$12)

Register by email to: recreation@mcnab-braeside.com

Rendezvous: Burnstown Beach

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This Land Belongs to You and Me, but what about the Wind and the Stars?

As the song goes, this land is my land, this land is your land... This land belongs to you and me. No one disputes that. Essentially, all land in Canada belongs to you and me, as well as everyone else. All of Canada's land mass is Crown Land. Eleven percent is being held in "tenure" from the Crown by individuals, corporations, Native groups, and government agencies. The other eighty-nine percent is a shared resource we know as Crown Land. And this is where the difficulties begin - sharing the land.

Even if you own your land, you don't own it outright. When you buy land in Canada, you are really gaining the right from the Crown to "hold" that land, rather than getting absolute ownership. You do own it, but with a lot of restrictions and the purpose of those restrictions is to avoid land use conflicts. Who owns the minerals below your land? How much of the sky above your land do you own? What about the creek that flows through it - Is the water all yours? Do you have the right to erect noisy towers with flashing lights?

A primary goal of municipal government is to create livable, prosperous communities and land use planning is a critical factor in that. The more municipalities consult with residents about what the people want, the more likely they will be successful. The land is a shared resource. But it is not that simple. Municipalities have to answer to the provincial government, as well as their constituents.

The provincial government faces the same issue - how to manage land use in a way that works best for all of the people in the province. I went to the provincial web site to compare mandates from various ministries. Land use is the key to prosperity in all of them...

"We are working to protect Ontario's rich biodiversity for future generations while we continue to promote economic op-

portunities and outdoor recreation."
- Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

"Developing renewable energy sources and fostering a conservation-oriented culture are cornerstones of Ontario's balanced plan to provide clean, and reliable energy—while encouraging the development of a clean energy economy for our future."
- Energy Minister Bob Chiarelli

"We are working in collaboration with Aboriginal communities and leaders to improve the quality of life and expand economic opportunities for all First Nation, Inuit and Métis people living in Ontario."
- Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs

"Promoting a sustainable, customer-focused tourism industry helps improve our quality of life, increase pride in our communities, and increase economic growth."
- Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport

These are all laudable goals, but can all of them apply at the same time in every jurisdiction? What happens in a municipality when land use conflicts happen between the Energy, Aboriginal Affairs and Tourism goals, among others? Will the mandate to build a clean energy economy trump what it takes to create a vibrant tourism economy or improve Native opportunities?

By now, I'm sure you have an inkling of where I am headed with this. We have a land use issue in the Highlands around proposed industrial scale wind farms. It isn't a matter of whether you or I, as individuals, like them or not. It's a matter of municipal leaders making an informed decision about the best choice for the community for future generations.

This is important.

OPEN LETTER TO GREATER MADAWASKA TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
Re. Wind Turbines

Dear Mayor McKay,

You may be aware that 2 Windpower companies, Nextera and Renewable Energy Systems Canada, are preparing to submit bids to IESO to supply Windpower energy to the Ontario electric power grid under the IESO Large Renewable Process (LRP). Nextera is a huge multi national Corporation and is preparing a proposal to build a Mega wind farm on both private and crown land in the Townships of Addington Highlands and North Frontenac that is expected to be 1 1/2 the size of the wind farm on Wolfe Island near Kingston.

As part of the bid process, the Windpower companies get additional "points" with IESO for having formal approval from both the local municipalities and nearby Aboriginal people. A number of meetings with the Councils and public have been held recently in an attempt to gain this approval in a very short time frame. The analysis of benefits vs detrimental effects is a very significant and complex social, economic, legal and environmental issue and it requires much research, time, dialogue and resources to complete the due diligence required to make a responsible decision. I have attended a number of these meetings and I am deeply concerned for the rancor, conflict and division this has caused in the once close knit, friendly community. I have further concern that the extremely short time frame provided by Developers does not allow Councils to make a fully educated multi million dollar decision and would seem to me to be a deliberate tactic by developers.

Ontario has set aside significant blocks of crown land for the purpose of Wind power development and have instructed their officials to make it available. There are 2 of these large blocks within the Township of Greater Madawaska. I have attached for your information a rudimentary map showing this. More detail can be found at <http://www.geologyontario.mndmf.gov.on.ca/website/claimapsiii/Disclaimer.asp>.

I would like to respectfully submit for your consideration that your Council should ASAP begin the research that is required to fully understand the social, legal, environmental and economic issues that wind power development on these blocks of crown land and surrounding private land would have on this community and that Council not wait until wait a Developer suddenly appears demanding an immediate decision as Addington Highlands and North Frontenac are currently experiencing. Perhaps a good place to begin would be to have someone attend these public meetings and interface with the Councils currently affected. I would be happy to assist in any way.

Garnet Wilkes, RR3 Griffith, ON

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT, MAY 2015

The 15 05 29 Active Transportation Summit listed on pg 22 of the Madawaska Highlander May-June 2015 is an excellent initiative in principle, BUT, if it involves the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) in any way, it's engineered to fail.

If you have an Active Transportation facility on Crown Land in Ontario, the MNR gives you two options - you can either turn it over lock, stock & barrel to their motorized thug partners, or have it destroyed by the MNR by whatever means they can think of at the moment. The preferred method is clear cut logging, which the maximum-impact partners love because it makes a present to them of lots of new ready-made routes to ravage the wilderness.

We have a 65 km network of beautifully scenic paths for non-motorized use only meandering through a wide variety of habitats in the forest heartland surrounding Shabomeka Lake in the Madawaska Highlands of the Land O' Lakes region of Eastern Ontario at the SE corner of Bon Echo Provincial Park, produced and maintained by more than 30 000 hours of volunteer labour. The MNR assigns a value to volunteer service, based on \$21.36/h, for Friends organizations whose efforts specifically benefit Ontario Parks, but assigns a value of ZERO or less to volunteer service whose efforts accrue to the common good on Crown Land just metres outside park boundaries. Thus, our path network would be worth \$640 000 to the MNR if it were motorized, but \$0 as is.

The Land O'Lakes Tourist Association is hamstrung by the MNR. The MNR won't allow them to even mention Shabomeka LEGPOWER Pathfinders in their promotional material because the MNR has a policy that any facility on Ontario Crown Land has to include motorized use. If the MNR says otherwise, they're lying through their teeth. The recreational rototiller industry is a partner of the MNR - we minimal-impact guys are not. Guess who gets the mine and who gets the shaft. They appear to be the tail that wags the MNR dog. The MNR refuses to even show the sLp path network on the MNR Value Maps.

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