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With the right amount of rain and sun, this years looks like it will yield bumper crops of fresh local food. And where there is food, there is happiness.

Welcome!



View toward Addington Highlands after a rain. Could industrial wind turbines become part of this view? Story Pg.6

...To mid-summer in the Madawaska and Addington Highlands!

Our contributors have come through with yet another must-read edition full of stories and commentary about everything from community turmoil resulting from pending industrial wind farms in Addington Highlands, to a look back at life at Black Donald Mine long before it was flooded for the Hydro dam in 1967, long before the creation of Centennial Lake on the Madawaska.

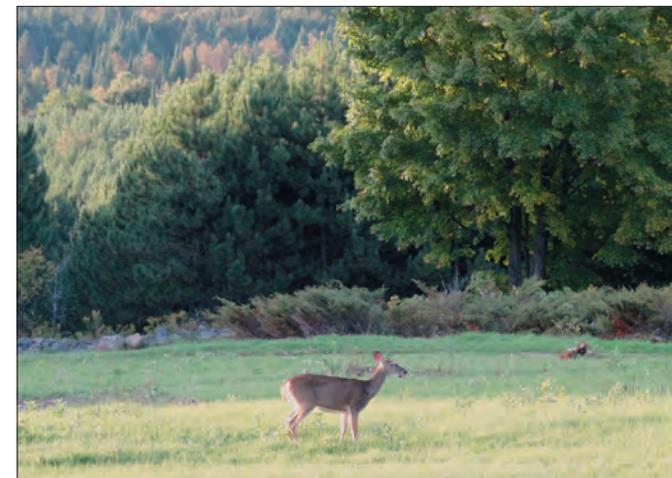
Keep up with community news and events you won't want to miss with Calabogie Beat, GM News and Fish & Game Club News. Garry Ferguson adds some interesting reflections in Griffith & Matawatchan News about ancestors in Salem and the day the army built a Bailey bridge over Lackey Creek. If you want to see more about your own community, please persuade your writer/neighbour to collect information and submit an article.

Survivor Guy teaches us some handy tricks about what to eat and what not to eat in the wilds of the Highlands. Some red berries are good for you and some red berries will kill you.

If you aren't into foraging, read about new organic food labelling in Canada and how "natural" doesn't always mean "natural".

We have it all here, from school marms at the Cloyne museum, through memories of a cussed neighbour and thoughts about walls - how they make good neighbours and how they divide.

Enjoy...



Deer grazing in a field in the Highlands. The old stone wall is no problem for a deer to jump over. See "Walls" Story Pg.10

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We also maintain thematawatchan.ca website, which has a handy community calendar that is updated whenever new information arrives. The Tri-County area around Matawatchan, Griffith, Denbigh and Vennachar is the primary focus of this web site, but we do list events in Calabogie. Also check out www.greatermadawaska.com for events and information in Calabogie.

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

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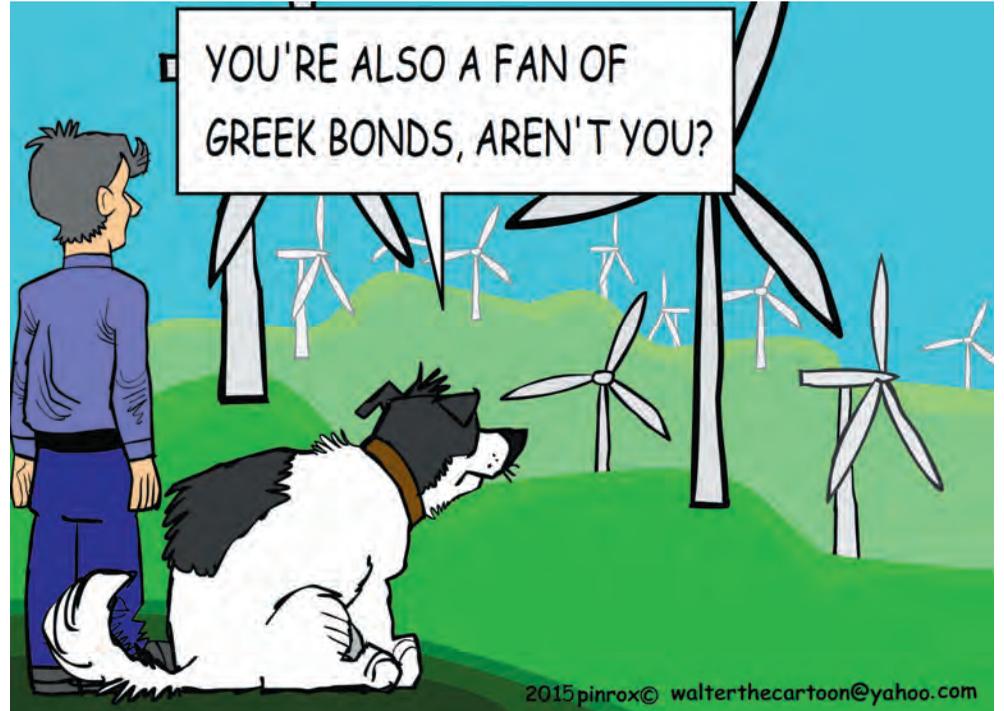
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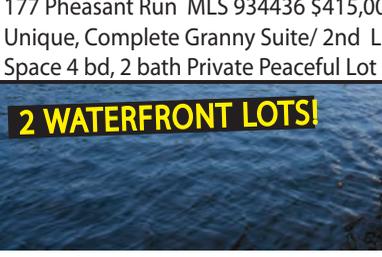
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LOCAL

Addington Highlands Council vote to delay support decisions on Wind Turbine projects. Vote was set for July 20, a few hours after the Madawaska Highlander went to press. An earlier motion by Councillor Tony Fritsch to declare AH "unwilling host" was voted down 3 to 2. The Nextera map shows 280 possible sites. www.nexteraenergycanada.com/projects/north-point2 Also see www.denbighwind.com/about

Bon Echo Residents Against Turbines (BEARAT) survey shows majority of respondents are against Industrial Wind Turbines in Addington Highlands.

The Ministry of Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) approves 27 WPD turbines in 'unwilling host' Prince Edward County in South Marysburgh and Athol wards. County Mayor Robert Quaiiff called the news "disturbing" and stated the county remains an unwilling host. He is "appalled the provincial government continues to ignore rural Ontario municipalities.

Randy Hillier (MPP) and Scott Reid (MP) have voiced their support in principle for the North Frontenac and Addington Highlands Economic Development Group. Hillier: "There have been recent energy proposals made that would limit and negatively impact future development and further contribute to rising electricity costs for everyone if they were to proceed," remarked Hillier. "The draft proposals I have seen from the North Frontenac and Addington Highlands Economic Development Group offer much longer term benefit, jobs, and tourism opportunities. Reid: "Wind turbine proposals should not go forward unless they have the support of the community, period."

NextEra won't drop its strategic public participation lawsuit (SPPL) against Esther Wrightman, who became an anti-wind activist, even though her opposition didn't stop the development beside her (now former) home in tiny Kerwood Ontario.

Opposition to proposed Bancroft area quarry getting louder.

Denbigh's Rose Hill Nature Reserve getting bigger through the donation of adjacent land to the Mississippi Madawaska Land Trust. Visit the MMLT web site at mmlt.ca.

Greater Madawaska Township seeks input from residents to revise the bylaw that regulates travel trailers on private lots, with the intention of making it more workable for residents, while avoiding sewage and grey water issues. They will also be replacing all of the streetlights (about 70 in total) with energy and money saving, dark sky compliant LED fixtures.

Fresh For All launches fresh food sharing project and is looking for gardeners and farmers to contribute much-needed fresh vegetables and fruits to food banks and meal programs within Hastings and Prince Edward counties. If you're planting a vegetable garden this summer, simply add an extra row or two that can be shared at harvest time. Go to freshforall.ca

CANADA

Footprints found on B.C.'s Calvert Island could be oldest in North America Radiocarbon dating shows footprints are 13,200 years old

Kanesatake Mohawks marched through the Pines to mark the 25th anniversary of the Oka Crisis in Kanesatake, north of Montreal

Hudson's Bay Co. acquires Germany's Galeria Kaufhof chain for \$3.36 billion

Canadian and Ontario flags turn 50. When the Canadian flag lost its British Red Ensign, Ontario reacted by adding it to their flag, keeping the United Empire Loyalist connection.

Clinical trials have begun using a combination of viruses to battle cancer cells.

Premiers agree on energy strategy with weakened climate change pledges.

Conservative MP Michael Chong's private member's bill to shift some power away from party leaders and toward members of Parliament has passed the Senate, giving MPs in a party caucus the power to trigger a leadership review and to subsequently vote to oust their leader.

Canadian Government provides a \$3 million investment in the Eastern Ontario Community Futures Development Corporation Network (EOCFDC Network) to support the stability and growth of small- and medium-sized enterprises in eastern Ontario.

COUNTIES

Dangerous wild parsnips abound in Eastern Ontario. They resemble Queen Anne's lace, but have a yellow flower, grow taller, and contain a chemical compound that can cause severe burns and blisters when activated by sunlight. Roadway mowing tends to spread the seeds.

Hastings County works on clear-cutting plan to restrict and regulate the commercial harvesting of trees in accordance with sustainable forestry practices and to even the playing field for local foresters.

ONTARIO

Ontario dedicates \$1 million to an organization dedicated to educating children aged five to 11, about how to help protect animals and their habitats.

Ontario Accepting Applications for Environmental Excellence Award. 2015 Award will Highlight Innovative Efforts to Fight Climate Change

On July 9, 2015 Landmark Climate Statement Signed in Ontario Climate Action Statement Strengthens Collaboration Across the Americas. The statement includes commitments to: Support carbon pricing; Ensure public reporting; Take action in key sectors; Meet existing greenhouse gas reduction agreements.

Request for proposals for Large renewable (wind, water, solar) power closes September 1st.

Cap and Trade System coming to Ontario to Limit Greenhouse Gas Pollution in Ontario. Provincial system will reward innovative companies and create more opportunities for investment in Ontario. Fighting climate change while keeping industries competitive and strong is part of the government's economic plan for Ontario.

Fiat Chrysler chief worries about Ontario's competitiveness because of initiatives like pension plan, cap and trade.

WORLD

Australian Prime Minister cancels all government wind farm subsidies.

Brooklyn to build the first solar city in the US, fully independent from the grid, offering a \$40 million incentive to lock in the design of the microgrid and build them throughout the state. Microgrids are local energy networks that are able to separate from the larger electric grid during extreme weather events or emergencies, and provide power to the grid when needed.

US researchers say they have developed a way to harness water evaporation as a cheap and planet-friendly way of powering engines. Harmless bacterial spores puff up when exposed to water molecules and shrink when they are dry to power machines

US orders ban on 'unsafe' trans-fats. Trans-fat took off in the 1970s when margarine became popular.

South Carolina removes the Confederate battle flag from Legislative property in reaction to racially motivated killings. It was placed there in the 1960s during times of racial unrest. KKK is openly protesting, perhaps proving it was never a benign symbol.

New Horizons snaps and sends first photos of Dwarf Planet Pluto and its five moons.

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By Garry Ferguson



Author in front of the Rebecca Nurse homestead, first Towne daughter hung as a witch.



Meeting house at Nurse Homestead, built for the movie Three Sovereigns for Sarah, considered to be the most historically accurate dramatization of the Salem Witch Trials.

Just think, I could have easily been related to two of my esteemed fellow Madawaska Highlander scribes – but I don't think I'm that lucky. Bill McNaught and Doug Richardson, a couple Vennachar-Ball-family descendants and historians with whom I've done a lot of fat chewing, have written extensively about the Ball families of Vennachar, their trials and hardships through peace and war. In spite of my conversations with Bill, I never realized, until our last edition, that the Balls and a branch of my family arrived on this continent at the same place around the same time.

What I understand from their article, is that the Balls could have arrived in Salem Massachusetts in 1630: my ancestors, it is said, arrived in 1635. Since the Balls immediately moved south to what is now Boston and my ancestors, the Towne family, stayed – too bad for them – in the area, we alas, are probably not related.

A movie called “Three Sovereigns for Sarah” relates the true story of three daughters from that Towne family. Two of them – my aunts 11 generation removed – Rebecca and Mary, were hung as witches and a third, Sarah, survived a year in a hell-hole unfit to be called even a hell-hole. The authorities gave up on the witch hunt and Sarah, after the group of young girls who had ignited the whole mess accused the Governor's wife of being a witch. After about

seven generations, my great, great grandfather Elijah Towns, (the name had changed somewhat even though the original version has survived in the United States) came to Springtown, Ontario Canada in 1825. He married into the Hunters, a UEL family who had escaped the U.S. two generations earlier. Since the couple had ten children – guess there wasn't much outside amusement in those days – their descendents in the area are many. After making a short story long, I'd guess that I'm not related to the Balls.

Author's Note: During a recent tour of the Rebecca Nurse (Towne) homestead, located in Danvers, Massachusetts, a city attached to Salem, it was interesting to find that our guide was a thirteenth generation descendent of the original Towne family as was our daughter who had accompanied us.

About this time 17 years ago, we had a brand new, shiny Bailey bridge across Lackey Creek less than 100 meters from Manoir St. Ferguson. It came courtesy of the Royal Canadian Engineers after a huge wall of water took out the very large culvert. The Ferguson unluck was holding that day. On the way to becoming permanent pillars of the Camel Chute social scene, we hailed into Griffith just in time to admire the wet paint on the “Bridge Out” warning sign. Since I was pretty sure that Chry-



Royal Canadian Engineers on the almost completed Bailey Bridge over Lackie Creek near Camel Chute in 2003, after spring flooding took out the large culvert.

ler vehicles didn't float, we did the big Golden Circle trek back through Denbigh. The culverts had looked pretty healthy when Carol Anne and Ardean Kelly left home that morning – their house is a few meters from the Griffith end of the bridge – to carry out some work at the church in Matawatchan. A couple hours later when they returned and were close enough to home sweet home to do a peeping Tom act at their own windows, they wisely concluded that Fords don't float either and so resigned themselves to the 50-kilometer, scenic tour back through Denbigh.

A full-blown article on the event is gestating in the very creative mind of our editor, so, someone, somewhere, sometime will get the nod and start scribbling. Just stay tuned.

You historians out there will realize that another anniversary marking a very significant event in our history, the invasion of Canada, has just passed. For those of you who couldn't care less about anything that happened before your last breakfast, the war of 1812 started somewhere around the year of 1812 and had nothing to do with Tchaikovsky or his Overture – though I'm pretty sure that the Berlin Philharmonic has a real canon hidden in its percussion section. Since the attempt to annex Canada was a side-show to the Napoleonic Wars, (1793 to 1815) even the British seem to have forgotten it, but if the outcome had been different, we would be talking with a drawl and buying our milk in a jug with paper one \$ bills.

The war of 1812 officially started on the afternoon of June 18, 1812 with General Hull's disastrous (for him) invasion. It lasted two years, six months and six days and ended in the early evening. A few of us around Matawatchan had a great, great, great grandfather killed in the conflict. Too bad he was on the other side.

If the Denbigh Griffith Lions Club (DGLC) had an add in our last offering, I couldn't find it so I guess I'll have go on at length about its biggest outing of the year, the Show and Shine

on August 29 at the Hall in Griffith. The event seems to get bigger and more interesting every year, so drop around and kick a few tires. (perish that thought) Now that I think about it, there'll be posters in all the local businesses – and maybe even in this edition – well before the event, which means I can knock off the going on.

Tickets for the Lions' important fund-raising 50/50 draw (September 05) are still being flogged out there so drop in to any local business and buy a chance at a few minutes of fame. Out of envy and spite, most of us perennial losers make a frantic effort to forget winners within minutes of suffering another disappointment. Regardless of all the excitement in town, the DG-LCers boldly soldier on in their quest to create even more with the 7 p.m. every-skip-a-Tuesday night bingos. By my calculations, the August dates should be the 4th and the 18th.

As we indicated in our last issue, members of the **Matawatchan Hall Board** shifted into high gear within hours of being elected (shamed, conscripted, pressed, strong-armed) and it's been pedal to the metal ever since. To list all the planned summer (I can't wait 'till Christmas) events would take a separate column so in order to save space for more profound writers, (okay, so maybe there's some laziness involved) I'll rely on Matawatchan.ca. Someone on the Board faithfully keeps the site updated. The Wednesday evening – 7 to 9 p.m. – slow-pitch is geared to fit all ages and all genders: it's a great way to entertain a family (on the cheap too) and to get some exercise at the same time. Make sure to keep track of the Saturday-morning flea markets and don't forget to remember July 25th: there'll be a flea market/yard sale starting at 09:00 to fill your morning hours and a pot luck supper – 6 p.m. – to fill your in'ards. A nice family-oriented movie under the stars – 9 p.m. – will hopefully fill you head with nice thoughts.

If you miss out to the early birds on sub-bargain-priced treasures at the hall, you'll get a second chance

GRIFFITH & MATAWATCHAN NEWS



Lackey Creek Bridge as it is today. It's much better than the original culvert that washed away.

at 9 a.m. on August 01 when the ladies at St. Andrew's United Church in Matawatchan open the door to their Bake and Rummage Sale. Experience tells me that by 09:30 it will be a rummage sale only. Customers line up, like racers on the starting line, preparing to dash in and snatch up the wares from local kitchens. I would not be surprised if, by 08:30, the more aggressive among them would be seen trying to jimmy the door or crawl through a window just to get first chance at the selection.

After 50 years as organist at St. Andrew's United in Matawatchan (July 1965 - July 2015) Carol Anne Kelly hung up her metronome to take a well-earned retirement. Through heat and cold for half a century she turned up early every Sunday morning to in-

spire and liven up a sleepy (especially at 8:30 a.m.) congregation. On the evening of July 11, friends gathered at St Andrew's for a pot-luck, some jamming and to present her with an appreciation plaque. We here at the Madawaska Highlander wish her well in any new interests even though that may include just sitting and gazing at the waters of Lake Centennial. We should, however, remember that well-worn, old adage, "once a musician, always a musician." I'm not sure, but I might have made that one up.



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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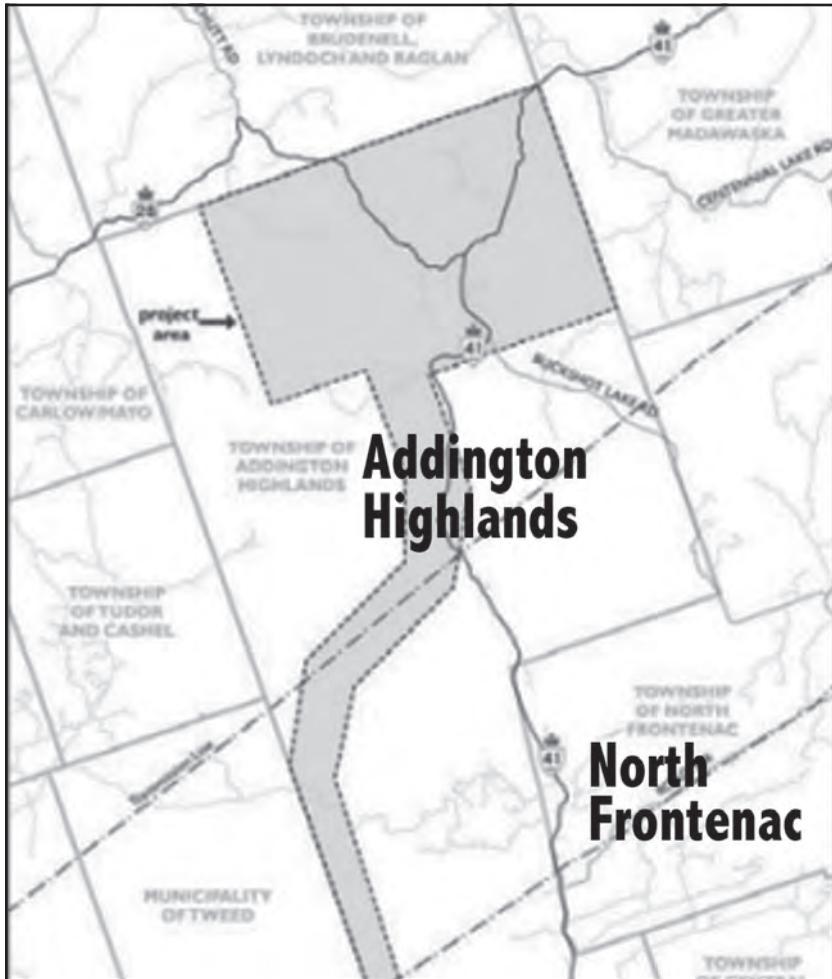
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Big Things in the Wind - Part 3

By George Ross

Parts 1 & 2 of 'Big Things In The Wind' published previously in The Highlander can be found online at madawaskahighlander.ca. Here readers who have not been following the contentious issue of a proposed "wind farm" in the Township of Addington Highlands, Lennox & Addington County, will be able to catch up on past events.



Shaded portion of this map indicates planned wind project area in Addington Highlands only.

Earlier developments on this subject include the Township of Addington Highlands Council meeting on 6th July. Delegations presenting to Council were Scott Annan, Dan Carruthers and Charles Birchall. Mr. Annan, an Ashby Lake seasonal resident, spoke about how he and other entrepreneurs were prepared to put together a \$5 million investment fund which, coupled with a special five year township tax levy, could lead to the development of enterprises such as a \$40 million hotel and conference centre along with smaller, related businesses. It was implied that such a business venture could not co-exist with wind farms.

Mr. Carruthers, an Ashby Lake resident spoke in support of Mr. Annan's proposal as well as pointing out what he believed to be negative aspects of the wind energy proposals. Mr. Birchall, a lawyer who has been hired by the group, 'Bon Echo Residents Against Wind Turbines' (BEARAT), spoke about certain legal requirements that must be fulfilled by NextEra and RES if their bids win initial approval. Presumably these requirements and other issues could be avenues for litigation aimed at stopping the proposed projects.

Later at the same Council meeting Councillor Tony Fritsch presented

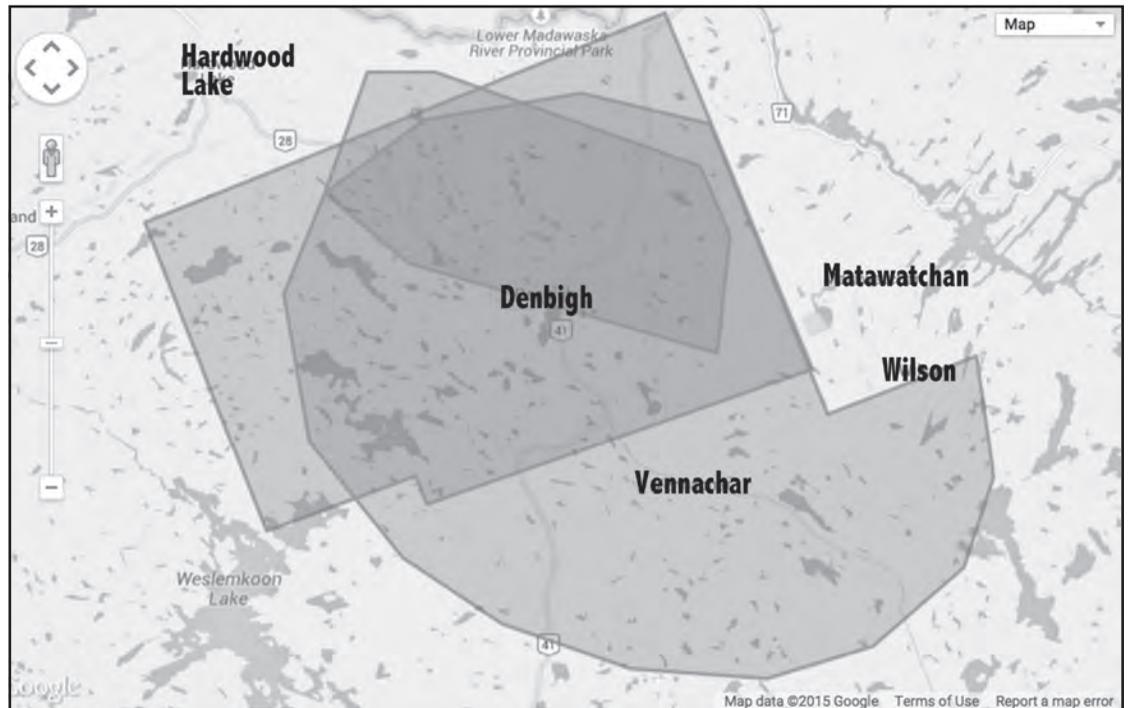
a motion that would declare the township an unwilling host to all wind energy projects. The full wording of the motion, Councillor Fritsch's supporting information for the motion and a related "Letter to Premier Kathleen Wynn" can be found on-line at wildwoodblog.ca. Councillor Thompson seconded the motion. Apparently unimpressed with the delegates' presentations and Councillor Fritsch's comments in support of the motion, Reeve Hogg along with Councillors Yanch and Cox voted against it, thus defeating the motion. Next followed a motion to provide 'support in principle' for the NextEra and RES wind farm proposals in Addington Highlands. Councillor Fritsch moved that it be deferred. Councillor Thompson seconded and it was passed by all. The motion was set to be presented at Council 20th July.

There is conflicting information concerning the agenda for the 20th July meeting. 'All will be revealed' by the time this article is published on 22nd July, or maybe not. Perhaps by then Council will have carried out a vote on the 'support in principle' motion or it could be deferred again for various reasons or it might be replaced with something else. Anything might happen.

A look back in time does not put the



Participation by Addington Highlands residents at council meetings has rapidly increased, as has animosity between neighbours and even family members.



Current Wind Project Studies from ontario-wind-turbines.org, The rounded area that includes Vennachar shows # Turbines: 150, Capacity: 300, Developer: NextEra
The rectangular area shows # Turbines: 80, Capacity: 130, Developer: RES Canada
The smaller rectangle shows # Turbines: 50, Capacity: 150, Developer: RES Canada
A total of 280 potential sites, if this information is accurate.

township Council in a good light. There had been an early attempt to eliminate public input via an apparent rush to judgment on 22nd March, when NextEra made its first presentation to Council. Then there was the time when Council voted to decline a gift of \$50,000.00 related to paying for inquiries into wind turbines. Later on when Council could have set a decision day in early August they chose 6th July instead. Still later, after it had been unarguably determined through various efforts, that the majority of residents in the Township of Addington Highlands did not want industrial wind turbines erected in the township, a few individuals including one on Council questioned the polling methods and the results. Their thinking must have been that perhaps there was a hidden silent majority that favours wind turbines. If only there had been enough time and money to find them by implementing proper and more inclusive surveys; like a referendum for instance. But of course, by design, there was not enough time or enough money. Further along as stated earlier, on 6th July Reeve Hogg, Councillor Yanch and Councillor Cox voted against a motion to declare that Addington Highlands is not a willing host for any wind farm development. Also, let's not forget that long before March of this year, sales agents were

quietly circulating among landowners, getting signatures on contracts for the use of their land before any public consultation or presentations were conducted. This act alone almost amounts to a fait accompli. It is seen as a calculated maneuver to give a favourable advantage to the provincial government and wind energy companies.

So what is going on here and how can we find out?

The positions of Reeve and Councillor are seen as involving responsibility for community leadership. Councillors Yanch and Reeve Hogg would have fared much better in the public arena had they explained to the community, back in March, the reasons they supported the placement of wind turbines. They should have presented a well thought out, clearly reasoned statement to support their position. A simple off the cuff reply, "We need the money," is not sufficient. They were then, are presently and will be in the future, under an obligation as community leaders, to stand up and present a convincing argument in support of the wind farm proposals.

It was more than obvious during the Council meeting of 22nd March of this year that Reeve Henry Hogg and Councillor Helen Yanch were

determined to have Council vote that the township is a willing wind farm host. They have a right to an opinion. That is not an issue. The question is: Why, as Councillors charged with representing and upholding the best interests of the township and its residents, did they on 22nd March 2015, make a move, that if successful, would have circumvented all public input into the decision making process? It should be presumed that they had the best of intentions but there is no doubt they put themselves in a difficult situation. The prevailing mood in the community is that they had no care about their future position at Council, their legacy of serving the public or the opinion of township residents.

People are asking why they would willingly and knowingly put themselves in such an awkward position.

In the absence of facts, suspicions and rumours are bound to surface, as they have in this case. If they are truly convinced of the rightness and good sense of their position to support the NexEra/RES proposals why would they shy from, or wish to curtail public discussion?

It is quite a puzzle to most folks. These questions will linger long after the dust settles.

The Addington Highlands Township Council proceedings in this regard are now seen by a majority of residents as having a divisive effect in the community. To say that, particularly in Ward 1, the Council does not enjoy the trust or confidence of the community is completely accurate. This situation would have been difficult to avoid under the best of circumstances nevertheless the acrimony would have been mitigated somewhat if the process had been, and was seen to be, fair and democratic.

Whether council chooses to align with the majority opinion, or fully support and explain their reasons for doing otherwise, there is no de-

nying that the exercise was flawed from the earliest days. In fact the process in its entirety, beginning with its ominous birth some years ago, long before it crept up to Addington Highlands, is an egregious mess. When the Provincial Government took renewable energy decision making from municipalities through the 2009 Green Energy Act, they took away municipal control over where and how we live. Wind developers know that community support is important, but is only one factor in a wind developer's bid. When developers offer Community Vibrancy Funds only for showing support, it forces a dilemma on cash-strapped municipalities – to refuse the money and still have industrial wind turbines forced on the township or to take the money and be seen as going against public opinion.

The remainder of the key players can be found by following the money to what will eventually be proven to be an apocalyptic alliance of developers, investors, wealthy corporations and naive environmentalists. Township Council must take some responsibility but this shambles has great depth and a far reach. Whether you are for or against wind farms, remember it's not your neighbour's fault.

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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.

What you Need to Know when Leasing your Property for Industrial Wind Turbines

By Lois Thomson

Before you sign a wind contract, get yourself a lawyer, not just any lawyer, but one who is well versed in commercial and real estate law. Ask the wind company to pay for the lawyer. They will likely pay up to a set maximum. These contracts are complex legal documents that give your consent for wind companies to register a lien against your property - all of your property. They involve property zoning/taxation, land use, landowner's rights, family law, liability, construction, liens, easements, property title, etc.

I am not one of those lawyers, but I have managed to dig up some key things to consider before signing your property rights away. If you have already signed, you might want to check your contract again. This is not legal advice and there could be errors. It explains why you should have legal advice.

1. If you have any existing liens on your property, such as a mortgage, make sure the new (wind) lien is acceptable to them. This can pose a problem when you renew your mortgage. Banks secure your mortgage loan through the equity in your property. Wind developers use the same equity in your property to secure loans and mortgages for themselves. That's why they pay you a fee even if a turbine isn't built. Your property is valuable to them.

2. Make sure you are protected so the wind company's creditors can't come after you for any potential unpaid construction costs. You want a clause in there that says Lessee shall indemnify and save harmless Lessor with respect to any claims under the provisions of the Construction Lien Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.c. 30 (the "CLA") and successors thereto, including any legal costs incurred by Lessor on a basis as between a solicitor and his own client. "Indemnify and save harmless" is the key. This is stuff lawyers understand. If the wind company goes bankrupt, you don't want to be on the hook for a portion of whatever amount they owe their creditors. This has already happened to homeowners in Ontario. Your property lien is one of their assets.

3. Check to see if the wind developer has reserved the right to sell their interest in your property at a profit, without notice to you or extra compensation or notifying you. Buying and selling mortgages is big business.

4. Make sure they promise to pay increases in property assessment for taxation for all of the property, not just the portion they deem to be using.

5. Make sure they take full responsibility for commercial insurance and any accidental damage to the turbine by you or anyone else.

6. If you have any special lands such as a maple sugar bush, garden or trout pond, make sure to exclude those areas from turbine placement or road construction. Remember, they are leasing your entire property.

7. Establish who owns any trees, minerals or soils that are removed. Usually only specified "marketable" trees are logged and set aside. Everything else is bulldozed.

8. If you have farm drainage tiles, make sure there is a way to determine quickly if they have been damaged, so you don't have to wait for a few years of average rainfall to prove it to the wind company.

9. If nothing is built in the initial "Development Phase" and you want to terminate the lease, make note to notify the company of termination of the lease within the specified time frame, usually 30 or 60 days before the phase is over. If you miss it you are stuck for another year at least.

10. Know that each turbine uses approximately 3 acres of land, depending upon where access roads to the turbine can be placed. During construction access roads are made up to 20 feet wide to accommodate the huge crane required for assembly, and there are staging areas for the ancillary equipment. All the construction results in excavation, compaction and disturbance to the ground and drainage tiling, if installed. The wind developer is typically liable for remedy of the site post-construction. Additionally, the Ground/Site Leases contain conditions affecting future erection of buildings and planting/control of trees within a significant distance of the turbine – these conditions must be factored into your long term decisions. More land clearing is needed for the developer to connect the turbines to the electrical grid with buried or overhead wires. Know that you lose all control of where they build on your property unless you get it in writing.

11. Also know that the worse the contract is for you, the more likely they will build on your property. If you do everything right, spend countless hours sweating over protecting yourself with a contract that works for you, the towers will likely be built where the most money can be made by largely foreign-owned companies and you won't be able to lease your land to another company for years. Think it over carefully. Is it worth it?

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Children's Summer Program well underway at the Greater Madawaska Public Library

By Sharon Shalla, Greater Madawaska Public Library



The Summer program at the library includes quite early literacy games and storytime.

On July 2nd we kicked off the TD Summer Reading Club Program with 17 children in attendance. They had great fun playing outside and the weather cooperated. Our summer student, Dylan Pirie, engaged the children in outdoor games while Children's Programmer, Sandie Anderson, conducted a fun storytime program for the preschool children inside. We served some treats and handed out the TD summer reading treat bags which included including stickers, a booklet, recommended summer reading, and a game. Last week's outdoor activity included water balloons and from the sounds of laughter overheard, the children had lots of fun!

Our summer program is open to resident and visiting children of all ages from infancy to ages 13, and runs Thursdays until August 22nd from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. The younger children are invited to join in the story and craft indoors, while older children can enjoy all the fun outside with relay races, hula hoops, bean bag toss, bubbles, and more!

We've added some new donations to our Summer Book Sale, so be sure to come by and check it, you never know what you might find; it could be your next great read!

Thanks to funding from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport through the Ontario Libraries Capacity Fund, we've recently improved the WiFi range in our parking lot. WiFi is available 24/7 from inside and outside the building, but if you'd like get cooled off, why not come inside and enjoy our air conditioned library. We hope to see you soon!



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Greater Madawaska Swim Lessons

There will be a two week session from July 27 to August 7 at Barnet Park in Calabogie and August 10 – 21 at Snider's Tent & Trailer Park in Matawatchan. Lessons will be instructed and supervised by qualified Red Cross Swim Instructors. The lessons will run Monday to Friday for 2 weeks from 12:00pm – 6:00pm depending on the lesson chosen.

This year's swim lessons are generously being sponsored by the Denbigh – Griffith Lions Club. For youth that register for the swim lessons it will only cost \$10 per child and the Lions Club will be covering the remainder of the fee. The Township is very pleased to partner with the Lions Club to offer swimming lessons at an affordable rate to youth.

Calabogie:

July 27th to August 7th Monday to Friday (excluding Monday, August 3rd – Civic Holiday)

12:00 – 6:00pm (Lessons will be scheduled based on level registered for)

Barnet Park Calabogie, ON

Registration Deadline: Thursday, July 23 at 4:00pm

Matawatchan:

August 10th to August 21st Monday to Friday

12:00 – 6:00pm (Lessons will be scheduled based on level registered for)

Snider's Tent & Trailer Park Matawatchan, ON

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, August 4 at 4:00pm

Cost: \$10.00 for Youth \$80.00 for Adults

* Private Lessons are available upon request

Need to be assessed? Let us know and we will offer a free assessment to better place which level you need to be taking. Assessment will take place the first day of lessons. If times don't fit your schedule let us know what works best for you and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Registration: Greater Madawaska Township Office, 19 Parnell St. Calabogie, ON Monday – Friday 8:30am – 4:00pm, Call Lions Club Member: Barry Dicks 613-333-1485, Email: jwall@renfrew.ca, or Fax 613-752-2617

'Bogie is a Happenin' Place!

By Skippy Hale

Well, as I said last issue, the 'Bogie is a happenin' place! As you drive around the village, your eyes will pop out when you see the work of the Beautification Committee. There are large triple pots of flowers at the intersection of Francis and Mill Streets and the corner of Mill Street and 508. Superior Propane cut and donated old propane tanks. A volunteer painted them and our favourite resident gardener planted the colourful posies. What a difference it makes! Another volunteer hung the brand new Canadian flags. As usual the waterfront is brightened



Floral display at the intersection of Francis and Mill Streets in Calabogie

up with many barrels full of flowers. We live in a beautiful village and these additions take it up several notches. Thank you, Mayor Glenda and your Committee. Kudos!

An update on the Calabogie Brewery: as many of you know, if you ever started up your own business, it is often a case of 'Hurry up and wait'. They have been busy renovating the restaurant (formerly Polly's Shanty). As I walked in to the brewery, I could smell the sweet smell of ale brewing. Mmm. It's expected that both the restaurant and brewery will be open before the end of July.

It is finally a lovely summer. I am writing this on my deck with a cool breeze, lemon water and the sound of the river, birds and boats on the lake. The motorcycles drive by and the ATVs are traversing the trestle bridge

and continuing on the K&P Trail. It is wonderful. There is one small problem. Folks coming around the corner on Lanark Road seem to think this is the Track. They speed by the house at a real clip even though it is 30 km around the corner and 50 by my house. We have young children living on our road and I fear for their safety. Deer and other animals have been hit. I think after coming off the 508 or the other side of 511, they pay little attention to the posted limits and do not realize this is a residential area. I know slowing down to 30, 40 or 50 is not easy after coming off the highways, but please do pay attention to the signs. The speeders are not all from away.

Update on St. Gabriel's Preservation: thanks to the volunteers on our com-

mittee, the large oval window and the smaller one over the door have been replaced. How much nicer to see the glass and not the plywood! A new coat of white paint has been added to the main door and frame. The brown trim has been refreshed as well. With that improved background, the new wreath adds the finishing touch. We have a new wooden, carved sign which will be in situ in the next few weeks. The cemetery project is put off until next spring while we continue with the esthetic improvements. We also have a book written by Carol McCuaig, a local historian, called the St. Gabriel's Memory Book about the pioneer families of Springtown who settled the area and built the church. If you would like to be on the mailing list to get notifications; are interested

in volunteering; or purchasing the book or note cards, please email me.

Errata last edition: my email address is bogie not bogey; bogiebeat@gmail.com not bogey; . My tulip photo was for the Tulip Festival to illustrate those sent from Holland every year. The children actually plant marigolds and geraniums. Marigolds for Holland and Geraniums to represent the blood spilt and our present Canadian flag. There also are white flowers, for peace, I believe; the band at the Valley Food and Drink Company was River-thieves.

This is your column, so if you send me the information, we can chat and I will write about it. I will highlight new businesses or events. I can also put in marriages, baptisms and births if you like. Skippy Hale: 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.

In Praise of Raise the Roof Volunteers

By Skippy Hale

The 'Raise the Roof Committee are a hard working bunch of volunteers who are constantly working at ways to raise funds for this great project.

On Sunday August 2 at the Calabogie Community Rink, come to see Michael Bourada, a great musician with a sense of humour.

Carrie Underwood, said, "That was amazing!" Patrick Chan exclaimed, "You're good, like really good!" Don't take their words for it...come and see for yourself. There is a Cash Bar, food concession. The BB-Q and music begin at 5:30 and the show is at 7:00pm. The Felhaver Family will provide the music before and after the Magic Show. Rain or shine, the show must go on. Why? Because 'we will be under the roof!'

Bring your lawn chairs and your sense of wonder. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for kids under 15. Tickets will be available at the door, but you can order them at 613-432-7578 or icedream34@gmail.com. All proceeds will be donated to the 'Raise the Roof Campaign'.

Tickets are cheaper than Taylor Swift

or Foo Fighters and there is no charge for parking. Gas will not cost as much since the venue is closer to home. Food and beverages will not require you to take out a bank loan. The servers are all volunteers. We all benefit!!!!

The impressive thing about this project is it is NOT funded by the taxpayer as some of you assume or believe. The project is funded entirely by fundraising and private donations of both time and money by a large group of dedicated volunteers. There is also a low interest loan which can be paid back over a ten-year period. There is an annual Christmas Concert which gets better every year; a golf Tournament, Bogie Days and now the Magic show. So, as my Mom used to say, "Don't git yer girdle in a knot!"

I am very excited about this project and admire the dedication of the volunteers. This has not been a weekend building bee. It is a multi-phase project to enhance the recreational infrastructure in Greater Madawaska. The venue will give residents and visitors a safe all-weather place to enjoy fitness and social activities.

In the winter, the rink offers a perfect place to skate or play hockey. Many kids learned to skate on the rink, but there was always the problem of heavy snow cover which was a problem, both to clean and melted/soft ice under the snow. It still allows the joy of skating in the fresh air.

There is no end of summer and fall possibilities: outdoor dinners, basketball, ball hockey, Nordic walking. Roller blading, flea markets, Farmer's markets. So hats off to these volunteers. See you at the Magic show.....unless you disappear....YIKES!!!!

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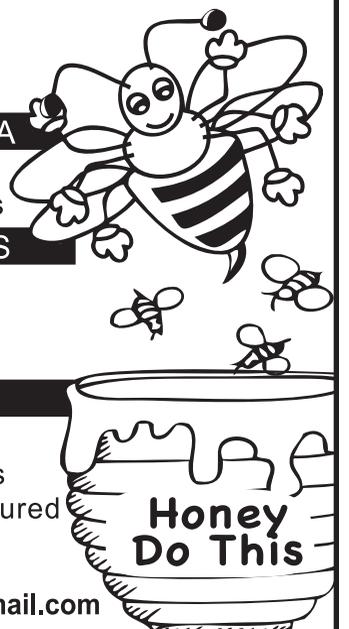
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Fences, Walls or Barricades

By Ernie Jukes of Camp J

Someone once said "Fences or walls make good neighbours," however history has proven just the opposite. In fact walls provoke rather than inspire. Fences become barriers to communication and potential understanding and friendship. Probably one of the best modern day examples of that principal would be the disgusting Berlin Wall, built by the Russians in 1961 to keep German citizens from escaping out of then, communist East Germany. The United States are presently building a wall along the 1,952 mile Mexican border. It also has armed Border Patrols. Hard to believe that at one time Mexico extended as far north as Kansas.

Earliest barricades built of almost any material, protected inhabitants from animals and marauders. Later on simple borders of wood fences and thorny hedges graduated to large stone walls. Some with garrisons of soldiers as the 14 th. century Great Wall of China stretching 8851 km. Or Hadrian's Wall built in AD 122 to keep the scary Scots out of Roman Britain. Audrey and I walked part of it while roving the British Isles but not its 73 mile length.

We also visited the Maginot Line, a series of connected concrete forts built by France to keep the Germans from invading. It didn't work. Not all walls are structures of defence. Some are political, for example most of

the world's enemies who know no borders, come out of Pakistan and Muslim countries. But the U.N. is not allowed in. Borders can be shields of the paranoid such as North Korea. There is also another ugly wall built by Israel in the West Bank, but like all walls, rockets go over and tunnels go under. They can be offensive security that rarely compliments the builders.

There are ancient walls still standing built by Incas at Sacsayhuaman, high in the Andes of Peru, and by the prolific Maya with wonderful stoneworks throughout Mesoamerica. We must recall the Biblical walls of Babylon built in 535BC. Or the Walls of Jericho, made famous by tumbling down. The Jews believe that all creation began within the Walls of Jerusalem. We have visited places like Tulum, Palenque and Oaxaca that you can drive to in Mexico. There is a saying there, "Behind those Walls" which means although a casa may look very plain and non descript on the outside... it is leading into beautiful gardens and patios on the inside. Most properties there have a wall around them. My special amigo Juan Diego told me the Spanish brought their language, their religion and their walls.

The first walls in the new world were built in Canada by the early French. In 1535 Cartier built a fortress called Place Royale for living



"Hutson Farm" sketch by Ernie Jukes (REJ) fortress of Louisbourg built in 1713. It was the most extensive bastion ever constructed in North America. The history of Canada and later the USA was changed by a single battle on the "Plains of Abraham" in 1787. This cost New France ownership of a grand piece

quarters, protection and as a trading post with the nomadic Algonquins. In 1608 Champlain founded the completely walled city of Quebec. It is still impressive today with its high, thick stone ramparts and palisades. Also extraordinary was their large stoned

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Top: Stone fence in Matawatchan
Bottom: Sacsayhuaman fortress Peru

of real estate, casually from the Arctic to the Gulf of Mexico.

The following wave of immigration to "The Canadas" brought smaller walls. Scots, Germans, English and Welsh built fences to show land boundaries and keep cattle from wandering. Most of the materials came from tree roots and rocks when these hardy pioneers cleared their land for houses, barns, and for grazing livestock and growing crops. Many of us are related to them. Across our Ontario countryside we can still find those stone piles and fences built by back breaking work. Pried and slid onto "stone boats" these boulders, often weighing hundreds of pounds, were pulled by horse or oxen to their destination. Many stones would end up in foundations, root cellars, fireplaces and chimneys as well. It was a family affair in a time when growing boys built a lot of "character" through chores.

Walls, fences and barricades come and go around the globe. There was a time when Australians attempted a 2000 mile fence to control rabbits. But the prolific bunnies won. Even Romans lightened up when they found something funny occurred on the way to the Forum. We saw evidence of this humour pictorially in the mosaic walls and floors of Pompeii and Herculaneum. They are still being excavated from the eruption in AD 76 of nearby Vesuvius.

Well do we need more barricades? What will the US Homeland Security devise along our International border down the middle of our great lakes? It gets a bit absurd when we all know there are larger threats, which will be overcome! On a personal basis I reckon most of our walls are self made ...in our own minds. With friendship and conciliation, they too may be overcome. Think about it.



R. Ernest Jukes

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

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Foraging for Wild Edible Plants: some are "gots tos, some are want tos"!

By David Arama

Many of us look at our backyards, and what we think we see is "weeds" and "invasive species" of bothersome plants. We spend time and money getting rid of them. What if I told you that you can utilize these plants for food and medicine? A good way to get rid of them, is eat them!

Benefits of Foraging for Wild Edibles:

Many researched studies (including Richard Louv's "Last Child in the Woods: Saving your Child from Nature Deficit Disorder") indicate that the activity of foraging for edible wilds, contributes to the avoidance of nature deficit disease, since you are reconnecting closely with nature. Additionally, studies have pointed to as little as a half hour spent in the woods can change a person's mood to a positive state. The physical exercise of hiking and foraging, and the bounty gathered (free of monetary cost) pro-

vides organic foods filled with nutrients, vitamins, anti-oxidants (blueberries are excellent anti-oxidant berries) and valuable anti-carcinogenic species (watercress is noted as the world's best anticancer vegetable/salad).

Legalities of Foraging:

The best places to forage without legal issues are Crown Lands, Regional Forests, or your own property. Technically, Provincial and National Parks, Conservation Areas, Native Reserves, and private property is off-limits, unless you obtain permission. Otherwise, you could face fines and even poaching charges!

Safety Issues When Foraging:

The most important rule of foraging is the "100% Rule". Unless you're 100% sure when identifying the plant, don't touch or eat it! Also, sample slowly and note all plants that you sample for the first time, just in case you are

allergic to, or have the diuretic effect. Also note that many plants have side effects, lookalikes, and are only edible if ripe or a certain part of the plant. Avoid industrial sites, hydro line corridors, roadsides, trailsides, and railroad areas. Watch for hornet and wasp nests, and berry patches frequented by bears. Get weather reports prior to heading out, and let someone know where you are going.

Environmental/Ethical Considerations:

Sustainability is a key environmental concept, and it applies to wild plant foraging. Some plants are very susceptible to over foraging. For example, Wild Leeks have a life cycle and stages that take several years, so if you denude an area, they are gone for good. Wild Mint and Cattails, on the other hand, grow back faster than you can harvest them. Practice picking a few plants here and there, and leave some to re-populate.

Tools Needed:

- Foragers should carry the following in a backpack or fannypack:
- emergency first aid and survival gear eg. compass/map, communication device, flashlight or headlamp, insect repellent, sunscreen etc.
 - GPS handheld unit, for marking waypoints where favorite wild edibles are found
 - pocket knife
 - trowel or folding shovel
 - ziplock or reusable (able to be laundered) bags for gathering bounty
 - gloves
 - water bottle



Catnip (Catmint)



Cattails



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Jewelweed (Spotted Touch-me-not)

Survival "Gots-Tos" Best Calorie Species (not necessarily palatable)

For the survivalist and preppers, the following species provide a positive caloric net output (provide more calories than it takes to expend for foraging for them:

-**Cattails** are the supermarket of the wilds, all parts edible, filled with starch and carbohydrates (best part is the lower inner stem in salads, and the yellow pollen for making muffins)

-**Rock Tripe** is a lichen filled with protein, noted in the Franklin

Expedition's diaries as a food they survived on.

-**All Conifer/Evergreen Trees**, such as Pine, Spruce, Hemlock, Balsam and Cedar are high in Vitamin 'C'. All can be steeped (foliage) to make a tea; pine seeds are edible; White Pine trees point east, nature's compass; pine needles and sap are great for fire starting.

-**White Water Lily**. These large tubers are filled with starch

-**Raspberries/Blueberries** provide sugars

-**Acorns (Oak Trees), Walnuts and Hickory Nuts** are filled with oils, an important food source for the native people's and pioneers, to backup hunting and trapping

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White Clover

Tasty "Want tos" Top 10 Species

For the hobbyist or casual forager, taste and nutrition are usually of high importance. My favorites are:

-**Watercress** makes a delicious spicy salad with character and is purported to be the world's best anticancer food

-**Wild Leeks** with excellent onion bulb and edible salad leaves!

-**Wild Ginger** roots are excellent for tea and baking

-**Fiddelheads** are only available in the early spring, excellent when steamed

-**Chicory roots** make a nice coffee substitute if roasted

-**Dandelion** leaves and flowers are high in vitamin 'A and are good in salads

-**Stinging Nettle** is one of the best pothebs and good in salads and teas, contains protein and iron

-**Wild Peppermint (purple stem) and Spearmint (fuzzy stem)** make excellent tea, and also good in salads. It's easy to identify members of the mint family. They have a square or

4-sided stem.

-**Staghorn Sumac.** The furry berries make lemonade and tea (high in vitamin C), and when you boil it into a syrup it makes an effective hand cleaner

-**Wimtergreen** berries and leaves make a tasty tea

-**Clovers (Red and White)** --flowers tasty in teas or to nibble on, leaves good in salads

-**Wood Sorrel** leaves taste like lemon, great in salads

-**Roses.** Flowers are a nice addition to salads, and rose hip fruit in tea

-**Wild Garlic Mustard** is an invasive species, leaves are good in salads

-**Wild Carrot.** The taproot is excellent as a flavour additive

+**Raspberries/Blackberries/ Mayapples/Gooseberries/ Blueberries/Mulberries /Saskatoon Berries/Cherries/Hawthorn Berries** all make excellent jams, pies etc.



Never touch Giant Hogweed. It causes severe skin irritation, burns and even blindness. It's a larger cousin to equally disturbing Wild Parsnip, also found here.

Highly Poisonous Species:

-**Baneberry/Doll's Eyes.** White and red berries are highly toxic

-**Deadly Nightshade.** A few of the tomato looking berries can kill you

-**Foxglove** are all highly dangerous

-**Dogwood Berries** are very toxic

-**Poison Hemlock** is deadly!

-**Jack in the Pulpit.** The corm-bulb is filled with oxalic acid, very toxic

-**Unripened Mulberries** are hallucinogenic and toxic

-**Giant Hogweed** can cause blindness

-**Lily of the Valley** berries are very toxic

-**Soloman's Seal** berries are poisonous (watch the movie "Into the Wild" to see what happens when you ingest a toxic plant.

Medicinals:

-**Jewelweed** juice as a poultice is amazing for treatment of insect bites, bee stings, poison ivy, stinging nettle, mild sunburns

-**Willow Tree.** Tea made from willow twigs and leaves is an aspirin substitute, contains salicycin

-**Cedar Tree** foliage can be used as an insect deterrent by applying the juice from crushed scales to the skin

-**Blue Flag Iris.** The lower stem and root can be chewed to numb the gums, for abscessed tooth and gums/ roots

-**Plantain** works the same as jewelweed for rashes, bites

Go out and enjoy the wild bounty of nature, and all of the healthy benefits! Abide by the rules of foraging, and forage safely.

For mushrooms, with a few exceptions (Shaggy Manes, Morels, Puffballs, Oystershell fungi etc), take a mushroom identification course.

Happy foraging!!!!

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School Marm
By Marcella Neely



O'Donnell Road Schoolhouse at the museum



The Tin School in Flinton, now gone



1905 picture of the log school at Fernleigh. The building was removed to the property now owned by Mrs. Herb Conboy, and is used as a shop. All of the names have been listed with the photo on line. Part of the Eileen Flieler Collection.

The room is part of the original O'Donnell Road Schoolhouse that was salvaged and reconstructed in the museum. This display alone is well worth a visit to the museum.

During your visit our museum, be sure to pick up a copy of the Spring/Summer 2015 issue of the Pioneer Times and read about many historic schools and their stories researched and written by Eileen Flieler.

You will discover things like the first school in Kaladar was built just south of Highway #7 just off #41 and in 1944 Miss Norval Inwood, of Denbigh, was hired as principal of the "Tin School" in Flinton. It is also on the museum website www.cloynepioneermuseum.ca.

In 1971 all the small township schools were closed and pupils were transported to the North Addington Education Centre in Cloyne.



Thank you to Jack Pickett in Plevna for correcting the information about this photo that appeared in the June Highlander. This is a German crew in front of a Junkers 88 Luftwaffe Bomber, not an RAF plane. Major Husemann shown in this photo was the pilot who shot down the RAF plane in the article. (courtesy Tom Kracker - Kracker Archive)

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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!

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A Cussed Neighbour

By Antonia Chatson

Elgin was always, in our eyes, a good neighbour - full of fun, always teasing, always friendly and always obliging. But he had one thorn in his flesh - and when his neighbour Fred Wilkerson was mentioned, his fury came to the surface rapidly and knew no bounds.

Elgin and Fred lived about a mile apart on the eighth concession. Elgin's land abutted one side of the thirty side-road and Fred's abutted the other side. Fred had a barn about half way between the eighth side-road he usually filled with hay in the summer and some of his calves in the winter. It was directly opposite Elgin's land on the side road!

Elgin's assessment of Fred was that he was a self righteous tightwad who would stop at nothing to secure his own ends. Elgin always said of Fred that he would skin a louse for its hide and tallow. In Fred's defense, it was acknowledged over the country that he was a good farmer, running a cow-calf operation and raising pigs. He always had a hired hand, the only farmer in the county who did have one, and he must have paid and fed him enough to keep him happy otherwise he would not have stayed.

But Elgin had his story - and he was sticking to it. If Elgin's privy was knocked over at Hallowe'en, it was surely Fred who had done it. If a cream can fell off the stand at the end of Elgin's laneway, it was Fred who had pushed it off, on his way to town to indulge in some nefarious activity or other. If a rail was knocked off or a fence post knocked over along the 30 sideroad part of his fence, it was Fred who had crept across country in the middle of the night to perform this dastardly act. And if a staple came loose that held the strand of barbed wire atop the rail fence, it was Fred who had ripped it off with his pliers, while fixing his own fence. Elgin wondered why he just didn't go the whole way along, loosen the staples then roll the barbed wire up and carry it across and put it on top of his own fence. After all barbed wire had few delineating features that could

stand up in a court of law. If Elgin's cattle happened to get out, it was Fred who had deliberately taken the rails down, then chivied them along as far away from Elgin's place as they would go. Which would not explain, however, that when we did see Elgin's cattle out several times on the road, they were heading hell-for-leather along 30 side-road towards the eighth concession where they dutifully turned left, galloped towards the Looby laneway, then headed up it and plunked themselves down in the barnyard, as if nothing exciting had happened that day. When Elgin espied Fred in town, he would wait until Fred was on the other side of the street, then he would launch into a tirade of invective that would curl the ears of a sawmill worker. It was always loud enough that Fred could hear it. And it was always Fred who would completely ignore this and proceed on with his business.

Elgin also kept the pot boiling. If Fred was doing anything in his fields, Elgin would make sure that he was doing

the old chicken coop which was lovely rich soil, but she realized that potatoes would do better in fresh sod. So Fred duly appeared and ploughed up where my mother told him, returned shortly and disked it off for her. My mother and father purchased a 100 pound bag of seed potatoes and proudly planted them, tended them, weeded them, hilled them and debugged them. They did this till the week before Thanksgiving when my mother decided that the following weekend would be the right time to dig them. They had done well, the large luscious leafy tops had dutifully died down and the time was right, to dig them. With cooler, drier air, they would dry well in the sun and keep well over the winter.

In Uriah, we drove up the driveway to the farmhouse. My mother was anx-

something on his side, like disking the field at 90 miles an hour, making sure that the wind would blow the dust directly towards Fred. If Fred put his herd out to pasture on one side of the road, Elgin would put his herd in a field directly opposite and he would brief his bull well ahead of time. If Fred was doing some work on or in his barn, Elgin would decide it was a good time to burn some brush in a field close by - and let the sparks fall where they may. We always felt that Elgin was just a tad radical in his assessment of Fred and the counter measures that he employed to annoy Fred, but really, we should not have been too surprised.

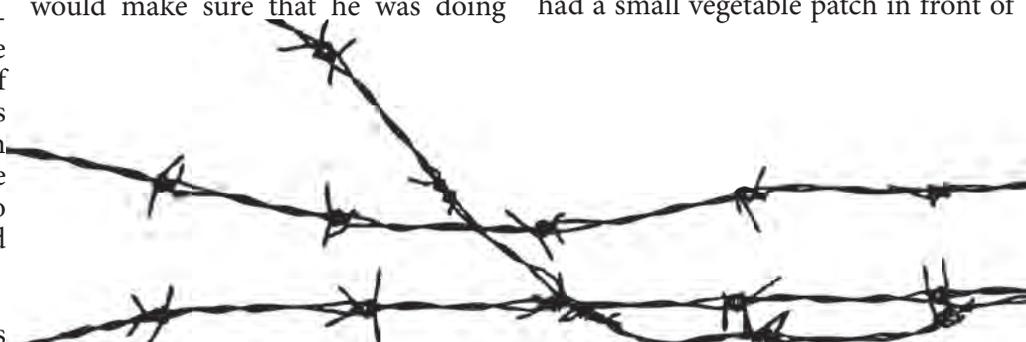
When I was seven, two years after we bought 20 acres of the farm, from the same Fred, my mother decided that she would like to have a nice potato patch. At that time, we did not know Elgin, so my mother asked Fred if he would come and plough up a long narrow strip of ground just inside the rail fence that marked off our land. She already had a small vegetable patch in front of

ious to get started digging, so my father said he would unload Uriah and see to me. He was inside the farmhouse in a few minutes and did not see a truck drive up the driveway and Fred emerge and make his way over to the potato patch. He surprised my mother, who was standing at the edge of the patch, viewing the devastation in front of her eyes in horror. There was not a dead stalk left, freshly dug holes indicated where all the hills had been dug, and only a few small potatoes remained to indicate what had once been a potato patch beyond compare.

The following conversation was more in the line of a monologue. "Looks like it was a pretty good crop of potatoes Helen. How did they turn out? Got 'em all dug up already? Must have worked mighty fast as I just saw you drive up

the road a little while ago. Hee, hee, hee! Whatcha going to do with all them potatoes Helen? Ya won't be able to eat all of them fur sure. Yep, judging by the big holes they made, must have been a mighty fine crop. Ya had 'em pretty well hidden here too. No one would've known ya had even a garden right here, let alone such a good crop." No - my mother thought - no one but you.

My mother never said a word, just turned and walked back to the farmhouse, walked inside the back door, locked it and sat down at the table. Pretty soon we heard the truck drive out of the driveway, then my mother told my father what had happened. There was never any proof - how would you get it unless you caught him red handed? But my mother was as sure as she was sitting there, that it was Fred who had dug up their potato crop. For what reason? After all he had his own patch, every farmer did. No, it was probably just to say that he did it and got away with it, because those stupid city folk didn't have the guts to prove it.



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 Part 3

By Peter Chess



When Ersel Hickey steps off the bus at this bus depot in post war Buffalo NY, he entered a thriving music and entertainment scene, where he would catch his break.

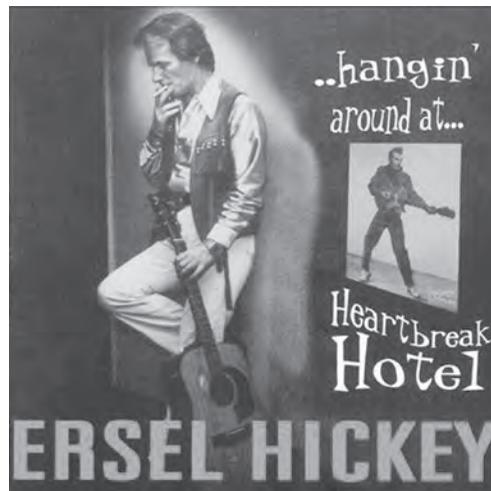
In 1957, Buffalo NY is once again a thriving city. It's manufacturing industries, revived by the war effort are now providing thousands of well paying union jobs as the post war boom creates demand for a wide variety of consumer goods. With the prosperity comes a market for leisure activities and the extra money for the populace to indulge itself. It's proximity to New York City, the entertainment capitol of the world, meant that the popular music acts of the day could do a gig there and be in Buffalo in a short few hours drive. Main St., where the bus depot is located, and where our boy Ersel disembarks, is lined with theatres, concert halls and dozens of clubs providing live entertainment catering to every taste and social milieu. Into this bustling downtown scene, not yet hollowed out by the suburban exodus, Ersel arrives with a song in his pocket, twenty dollars and a head full of dreams.

What happens after Ersel steps off the bus is not exactly clear. I have uncovered two very different versions. In the first, Ersel makes his way directly to the home of an aunt who has agreed to put him up while he pursues his vision of getting his song recorded, having planned to contact Gene Laverne, the photographer who had taken the publicity shots for his sister, Chicky Evans, the stripper, the next day. Somewhat plausible, but, I feel, a bit far fetched. If he was intent on getting his song recorded, a publicity shot would not necessarily be his first move, as opposed to contacting a recording studio and getting a demo cut. The second version, which I prefer, is that when Ersel stepped off the bus, he had absolutely no idea what to do next. Just across the street from the bus depot was a teenage hangout called Jan's, a soda joint with a jukebox and, I imagine, red vinyl and chrome stools with vinyl booths to match... a very "Happy Days" kind of place. So Ersel strolls over and hangs out for a while, maybe pondering his next move and just checking out the vibe. When he leaves, he sees a sign right next door, that reads "Studio to the Stars". Let's assume that Gene Laverne's name doesn't appear on the sign and that Ersel just enters the door out of curiosity. He is, after all, a wan-

nabe star, and perhaps he thinks this is a recording studio. Of course, we will never know the truth of the matter, but enter he does, and unwittingly crosses the threshold from obscurity to immortality. Of their first face to face encounter and whatever conversation took place, we know nothing at all, except that plans were made for Ersel to return to the studio to pose for some publicity shots. If Ersel did not know that this was the same man that did the shots of his sister, we can assume he would have been mystified by his luck at this strange coincidence.

In short order, perhaps the next day, Ersel returns to the studio with his gold Gibson guitar and his favorite stage attire for the photo shoot. Gene Laverne, himself an exotic dancer, choreographs Ersel in numerous poses, all shot in black and white. In fact, Ersel's jacket was a burnt orange color, the shirt was gold and the pants were rust colored sitting atop a pair of white saddle shoes. The definitive photo was only one of many taken that day and the negatives long since disappeared. Once the two men decide that this is "The Shot", Laverne offers to help Ersel by giving him the name of a friend who is a part time musician as well as a manager of local talent. His name is Mike Corda. The meeting of the two, where Ersel sings his song for Corda, results in Corda making an offer to cover the expense of cutting a demo at National Studios in New York City. On the demo, Corda plays bass guitar and they hire another guitar player, Jimmy Mitchell, who also plays a drum track by banging on the back of his guitar. Bluebirds Over the Mountain is the A side and the B side is called "Hangin' Around", written in 5 minutes by Ersel, in the hallway, while they were just... "hangin' around". When everyone was happy with the session, Ersel returned to Buffalo, while Corda began the job of pitching the demo.

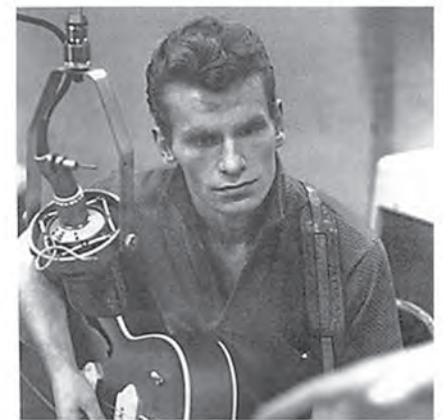
Back in Buffalo, restless and at loose ends while staying with his aunt, Ersel decides to look for work performing and starts to visit the clubs with live music, of which there are many. One day, he visits the Town Casino, a huge pavilion capable of seating a thousand people for a performance. It is a place



Ersel wrote the B side for Bluebirds Over the Mountain while hanging around, waiting to cut a demo.

where legends had played in the past. The likes of Count Basie, Duke Ellington and the Benny Goodman Band. The day before Ersel's visit, Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis did a show. Undeterred by the club's luminous history, Ersel introduces himself to the MC and asks for an audition. The MC, surprisingly, likes Ersel's song enough to introduce him to the club's owner, who, on the recommendation of his MC, offers him a quick spot that evening as an opener for the headliner, Sam Cooke, the gospel singer turned soul singer whose hit "Stand By Me" was all over the radio. Not surprisingly, Cooke's band didn't have a clue what they were doing with Ersel's music but did their best to follow him, wading through a couple of numbers before enough people showed up and they pulled the plug. In an outrageous act of generosity, or blind faith, the owner gives Ersel another chance the next night. The headliner is none other than the "Reefer Man" himself, the great "Cab" Calloway. This mismatch of musical styles brings to mind a time in 1967 when Jimi Hendrix was booked as the opening act for a Monkees tour. As you might expect, it was another fiasco and Ersel soon found himself in more familiar territory, playing at Luigi's in Niagara Falls, a blue collar juke joint where Rock "n Roll was king.

Shortly after getting the steady gig at Luigi's, Ersel gets a call from Mike Corda, informing him that Joe Sherman from Epic Records, a subsidiary of Columbia, had picked up on the song. Corda, as it turns out, had given the acetate to a Buffalo DJ, George "Hound Dog" Lorenz, who had been playing it on his late night radio show and Sherman just happened to hear it. When Sherman had obtained his own copy and listened to it enough, he decided not to re record the demo for fear of losing it's original "sound". Ersel was offered and agreed to a distribution deal with Epic. Within weeks of it's release, "Bluebirds over the Mountain" entered the charts and soared to Number 1 in New York City where Columbia with it's huge distribution network saturated the airwaves. It remained at the top of the charts in New York for five weeks and was in the top ten in several other Northeastern markets.



Nationally, the record peaked at #75 on the Top 100. By Ersel's own admission, he was "on his way to the top"!

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.

Living and Working in the Graphite Mine at Black Donald, 1907 - 1920
 Contributed by Kaireen McRae and Sheila Gibson, Daughters of Emile Tambeau



Black Donald miners

The late Emile "Joe" Tambeau of Renfrew worked at the Black Donald for 13 years from 1907 to 1920. His family recounted how he would have told his story:

"In 1907, R. F. Bunting, Manager of the Black Donald Graphite Company was visiting in Perkins, Quebec, my home village, looking for men to work in the Black Donald Mine. I was 18 years at the time and had experience working at the Mica Mine in Perkins, Quebec, also the mine at Cobalt, Ontario, so I decided with another man to go to the Black Donald. I was given a pumper job, which kept the mine dry, also maintained the boilers. I thought it was only a summer job as the mine usually closed down in the winter, but I was able to continue to work through the winter in the mill, with the boiler job.

When World War One broke out in

1914, graphite was in demand. I worked as a Foreman in the mine with 23 men. New machinery was installed, a 75 horsepower engine went into operation at the refinery, powered by a 400 horsepower generating plant on the rapids of the nearby Madawaska River.

In 1915 the Company went into shift-like production. The rock in the mine was blasted with dynamite, then the large pieces blasted again. The ore was taken out of the mine by cable cars, then stacked in piles to dry. At the refinery the chunks of black ore went through jaw crushers, a stamp mill, emerging as powder. The next phase was a floatation process, using a water mix in large tubs, with coal oil, creosote and pine oil to float the carbon, which ran off. The wet graphite, which were like mud slabs, were dried out in a huge dryer which consumed large amounts of hardwood.



Emile & Annie (Carswell) Tambeau



Tambeau's home in Black Donald



The Mill at Black Donald in 1905

The dry powder was graded through silk screens into 5 grades of flake and powder. The No. 1 grade flake contained 98% carbon and sold up to \$30.00 in the 100 pound cotton bags. The No. 5 at 4% often sold as low as \$1.50 per bag. The ore bags were transported by horse and wagon 13 miles to the K & P Railway in Calabogie. Sleighs were used in the winter, then later about 1930, trucks were used. The ore was shipped to the U. S. and other parts of Canada.

There was a yellow tin of "No. 2 Fine Flake" with a kilted highland piper on one side and on the other, these instructions: Add 5 to 10% to greases, one to 5% to oils, or one teaspoonful per pint of oil. The function of graphite is to even up the minute irregularities found in all bearing surfaces. Black Donald Flake Graphite is the purest, toughest graphite on the Canadian market and is specially fitted by nature for this particular purpose."

Black Donald graphite was both in flake and compact form with high carbon content which made its texture high in quality. Graphite was used in the manufacture of lead pencils, stove polish, metallic paints as well as a dry lubrication for machinery.

The mine was a black hole, like looking down a 20 storey building. The entrance to the mine was near the lakeshore, then went down in circular fashion under Whitefish Lake, to 240 feet below the level of the lake. The shafts were supported by timber, lit by electricity and a pump continually removed the water that seeped in from the Lake above.

After my shift in the mine, I went directly to the washroom, off the mill, removing the dirty black mine clothes, bathed, changed into clean clothing. I lived at the Boarding House, and had all my meals there. The meals were excellent, lots of food with a good variety. The Boarding House was managed by a couple, with two girl helpers. There were 3 sleeping camps for single men. I worked a 10 hour day and the pay was \$5.00 a day, with room and board.

On Oct. 10, 1916, I married Annie Carswell of Matawatchesan, one of the girls that worked at the Boarding House. The Company built rent-free homes complete with garden for the employees, and we moved into one of the first houses. It was a 2 storey, clapboard house with 2 bedrooms upstairs, and 4 rooms downstairs and a veranda. We had an outside well and outdoor toilet.

There were 77 buildings in the village including a Commissary building, and a Community Hall with stage and screen for showing moving pictures, and on Saturday night, it was a dance hall. During the First World War more than 200 residents lived at Black Donald.

With their electric power generating station on the Madawaska river, 3 miles south, the village had electricity, as Black Donald became the first community in the whole district to have electric power.

After the First World War graphite was not in demand and the mine closed on Feb. 20, 1920, I stayed until March 24th, when we moved to Renfrew, taking a job with the Jamieson Lime Company."

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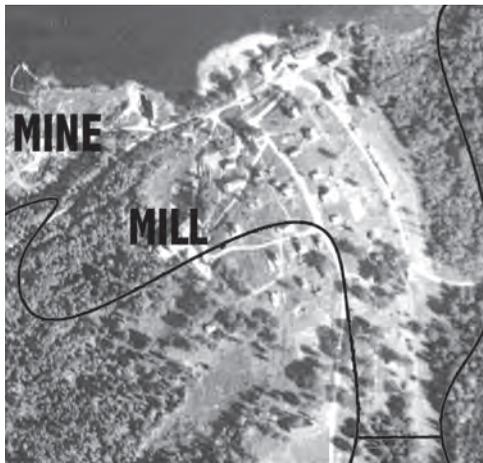
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MEMORIES OF BLACK DONALD

Excerpt from Ottawa Citizen Article, 1958
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This map shows scuba divers what to look for under the waters of Centennial Lake where Black Donald now lies.

GENERATED ALL ELECTRICITY
 Site of powerhouse, erected on Mada-waska River in 1902. It supplied 4,440 volts to the mine and townsite, three miles to the north. Black Donald enjoyed the only electric power and lighting for miles around. A second generator was added in 1928 bringing the horsepower of the station up to 750.

The final cave in came on a Sunday afternoon in July, five years ago Jim Bridges had returned to the surface of the Ross shaft, from an inspection tour of the sump pumps on the 300 foot level. The hoist man was complain-

ing of the heat, and wanted to swap jobs. Down behind his general store, Jack Wilson was taking some dinner scraps to his hound, who had been trying valiantly to make himself heard in Mount St. Patrick! Filling the dog's dish, he whirled suddenly to the lake where a mighty roar had begun. As he watched, a giant hole opened in the water, and what looked like Niagara Falls began to tumble into the crater. For two full minutes the muddy water of the lake rushed over the ledge, and then as suddenly as it had begun, the cataract was swallowed up, and only a dying whirlpool of debris and foam marked the spot. A second later the back blast of air came blowing spray of mud, rock and debris high into the air, to shower down onto the beach all around him. Only then did he fully realize what must have happened.

Thus ended the colourful, 58 year career of the largest amorphous graphite mine in North America. A career marred by the loss of only one life during its entire history, and during which it had earned nearly \$20,000,000.00 for its owners. Black Donald Graphite Limited continued salvage operations on a greatly reduced scale until 1955, at which time every available pound of "black lead" had been refined and shipped.

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HINT: Quail Trail is near Centennial Lake Rd. off Matawatchan Rd.



Hope to see you soon!



Do you recognize this label?

By Susan Veale



This is the new Canadian Organic Growers logo.

Clients ask me, "What is the difference between natural and organic foods and why should I eat organic?"

The terms "natural foods" and "all natural foods" are displayed on many food labels. This does not guarantee the food to be organic. Natural or all natural food labelling is loosely used in the food industry and there is no legal definition for this type of description.

Often it is assumed that "natural foods" do not contain food additives such as preservatives, dyes, flavours or sweeteners. It is also assumed that "natural foods" are not processed and do not contain hormones, antibiotics and have been grown without the use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides. The reality is, foods labelled in this manner may contain the above as there is no government criterion to say differently.

"Organic food" is a term used to define foods that have been grown or manufactured without the use of synthetic food additives, growth hormones, food irradiation, antibiotics, chemical ripening or genetically modified ingredients. If non-organic ingredients are used, a certain percentage of the food's total ingredients must be organic. In Canada, that percentage is 95%. Within the regulations, pesticides may be used as long as they are not synthetic.

Up until June 2009, standards for organic farming were voluntary within each province. Since July 1, 2009, there are now Canadian Organic Standards which fall under the Organic Products Regulations and all certification must be carried out by a certifying body recognized by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency. These standards are recognized internationally and any producer intending to trade their products across provincial or international borders must adhere to these standards and have their certification clearly displayed on their products.

According to foodnews.org, fruits and veggies that are high in pesticides include apples, blueberries, grapes, nectarines, peaches, strawberries, bell peppers, celery, cucumbers, lettuce, potatoes, spinach, green beans and

So why go to all this bother and expense to produce organic foods? Here's why according to the organic food information website www.organicfoodinfo.net:

- *The average non organic fruit contains more than 20 pesticides*
- *Organic food is much more rich in vitamins, minerals and fibre and retains the levels of nutrients much longer*
- *Your body will be more resistant to disease and will have higher levels of the essential nutrients needed to fight off infection*
- *You will have more energy by consuming lower levels of toxins and chemicals that slow your body down*
- *If you are eating non-certified organic dairy or farm produce then you are also eating the chemicals, drugs and growth hormones given to the animals or plants*
- *Organic food producers must meet stringent standards*
- *Organic farms respect our water resources and do not leach nitrogen and other pollutants from their soil*
- *Organic food just tastes so much better!*

kales/greens. Produce products that are lowest in pesticides are avocado, cantaloupe, grapefruit, kiwi, mangoes, pineapples, watermelon, asparagus, cabbage, eggplant, mushrooms, onions, sweet peas and sweet potatoes.

One of the more common chemical preservative in foods is parabens. Although also found in cosmetics and pharmaceuticals, parabens are used to preserve food to increase the shelf life. Packaged and process foods such as packaged meats, fish and poultry, processed fruits and vegetables, mayonnaise, oils, salad dressings, pickles, ketchups, relishes, frozen dairy products and soft drinks are just a short list of where parabens may be found.

We are what we eat as well as what we do not eat. Consistent eating of non-organic foods may contribute to a feeling of lethargy as well as the possibility of allergic reactions. Years ago our parents, grandparents and great-grandparents performed manual labour; they did not sit in an office at a desk. It would be interesting to know if their manual labour output would have been compromised by eating foods of today.

Science now offers a blood spot test to test for parabens as well as other environmental pollutants.

For more information on this and how to safely remove harmful toxins from the body, please contact my clinic.



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**MATAWATCHAN
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CLUB NEWS**

**By Brian Sutcliffe
President**

PLEASE NOTE: There has been a Safety Warning and Recall Notice issued by Winchester regarding their Model SXP (3 1/2" Chamber) 12 gauge Shotgun. This recall includes the following guns:
SXP Waterfowl Hunter, 26" or 28" barrel
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SXP Turkey Hunter, 24"
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They advise "Do not load or shoot any of the shotguns listed above currently in your possession or control until you have contacted the Winchester consumer Administrative Centre". These guns may, under certain circumstances, unintentionally discharge while closing the action. If you own one of these firearms, immediately call 1-800-945-5372 or email SXP@winchesterguns.com and have your serial number handy.

Saturday, August 1st is the ANNUAL PORK ROAST AND REDNECK GOLF TOURNAMENT at Pat & Cliff Holleran's place on Hutson Lake Rd. Free as well to ANYONE who wants to attend! Come bring your chair, your drinks, eat and be Merry! This is our Annual Appreciation Dinner for members and their friends and family. The Redneck Golf Tournament begins at 2:00 and Dinner is served at 5:00. Last year was the largest crowd in years, it was Wonderful! You don't have to be a member, just hungry!

We had our Lake Cleanup on June 20th and fun was had by all! By all, I mean the Board members! We went island hopping on the pontoon and couldn't find much garbage. So, instead, we just cooked over an open fire and ate great food. It really is wonderful that we have a hard time finding places to clean! It seems everyone who camps and takes advantage of the outdoors has lots of respect and cleans up after themselves these days. Keep up the good work! Those of you who were thinking of coming missed out on lots of fun!

The Walleye Watch was successful again this year! Thanks so much to all those who helped out with this event.

Please feel free to look us up on our Facebook page at Griffith/Matawatchan Fish and Game Club. We try to keep it updated and would appreciate your comments and pictures!

Don't forget that every time you purchase Nevada tickets at Griffith General Store, you're supporting the Fish & Game Club. Thanks again to Linda, Duane and staff for helping us out!

A Millstone at Black Donald By Howard Popkie



Art Wagar Sr. at his home in Black Donald where a millstone is used as a patio stone.

The millstone was called a burrstone and was made from a solid piece of bedrock granite. First you put a hole in the flat rock to hold a nail. Ti a string on the nail with a piece of chalk on one end, half the length of the stone you want to make. Then you can draw a circle the size of the stone you are making.

With a chisel and hammer you chop out a groove around the chalk line, 6 inches wide and fifteen inches deep. You hammer wooden pegs in the deep groove all around the circle of the stone and fill the groove with water.

When the water is soaks into the wood, the wood swells up and pops the millstone loose.

The stone can then be taken out and finished with a hammer and chisel. A square hole is carved in the center of the stone, to turn the stone with water power or a steam engine.

In Black Donald they used hydro power from their own Power House on the Madawaska River to run the graphite mill. Graphite is polished into a fine powder when it moves between two burrstones in the mill.

Fireflies on the First of July By Howard Popkie



I still have my mother's old Mason Jars

The fireflies were celebrating the First of July with their fireworks and it brought back memories of the 1940s at Black Donald when I was a little kid and old Shep, my dog, was racing around the field at night at my old log home, snapping in the air and trying to catch one of those mysterious green lights.

I did what all the kids did back then. I waited for them to land on a weed and put them in Mom's Crown pressure jar. I had a lot of them and when I had them in the dark they gave off enough light to read the comic books I had and my "Little Big Books", too. My comic books were Super Man and Flash Gordon. They have long since gone, used for toilet paper in our old outdoor toilet. I still have a Little Big Book of Dick Tracy and Mom's Crown jar. I also have a little badge of Dick Tracy I got for

a prize in a box of Cracker Jack popcorn I bought at Jack Wilson's Store on Whitefish Lake. The Lake is gone now, too, drowned under Centennial Lake along with Jack's store and the rest of the town.

I wrote a book, "Ghost Town", about Black Donald and then one called "Up The Madawaska" and another, "The Adventure of a Sixteen Year Old Boy", in the Korean War 1952 - 1953. Now, soon to come out is my fourth book, "The Black Donald Hills". They can be found in the Libraries around the area.

Black Donald is gone now, but the fireflies are still there every First of July, Celebrating Canada Day with their fire works, a true Canadian bug.

A Well of Information about Black Donald By Howard Popkie



Looking down an old stone well

There was a good well for water at Jane St. Michael's home. It was deep with a stone lining. You got the water with a pail on a long maple pole with a piece of a limb left on the bottom to hang a pail onto, so you could dip it into the water in the deep well.

At the boarding house was a well with a hand pump on the other side of town with a little pump house built over the well.

In 1943 Frobisher took over the Black Donald Mine and General Manager B.G. Edwards had water pumped from White Fish Lake up the hill in a water line to supply all the homes.



Old water pump with a roof

The pipeline was covered with a long box made of boards filled with sawdust, all the way from the lake to the homes, to keep the water pipe from freezing. There was a tap at different places along the line to get water for each house. There was a light bulb at each tap to keep the water at the tap from freezing in the winter.

You still had to go outside to get your water at a tap closest to your home. You had to be in good shape to climb over the water line when it crossed your path, but in all it was much closer to your home than before, when it was a long way to carry water from the only two wells in town. A well of information that almost disappeared forever!

A Black Donald Mystery By Howard Popkie



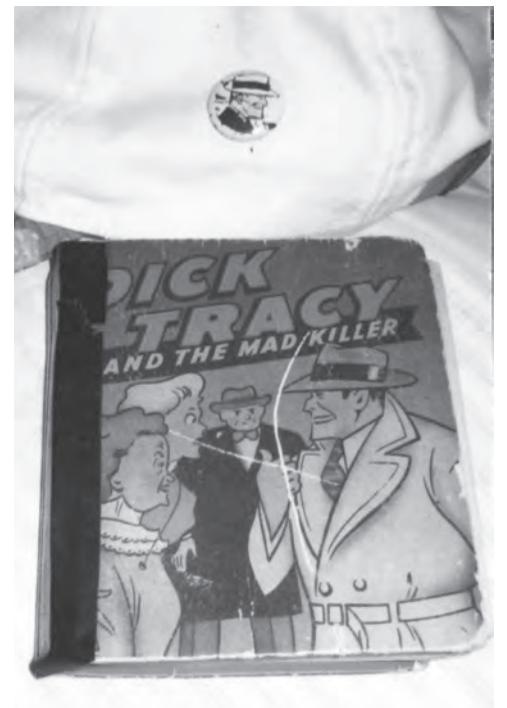
The Black Donald Power Dam House where Mom grew up. The dam provided power to all of the homes and the Mill in Black Donald, but not to our log home in the bush.

When I was a little boy before I started school, I often went with my Mom to visit her old home at the powerhouse, where her brother Albert Stubinsky worked for the Black Donald Graphite Company. He operated the company Power House.

Albert's son Mervin was my age, so we played in the Madawaska River in the Summer when the water was low.

Down river from the old Power House was a big iron pipe shaped object in the river about five feet wide and eight feet long, put together with rivets about one inch thick, never used in the Power House.

What it was doing in the water there, from the time the Power House was built remains a mystery to this day.



I still have "Dick Tracy and the Mad Killer", plus the Dick Tracy Pin.

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It has been extremely distressing to watch the whole process of Windpower Development unfold in my once friendly hometown of Denbigh and Slate Falls in Addington Highlands. I attribute much of the animosity and frustration that has developed to the bullying tactics and unreasonably short time frames imposed by the Provincial Government to allow for professional research and education and most importantly healthy and constructive debate on what is a significant multimillion dollar decision that has wide ranging social, economic, health, legal and lifestyle implications.

This unhealthy situation has been made exponentially worse by the high-handed approach taken primarily by Reeve Hogg and the Councillors from the lowlands southern portion of the Township that have "no skin in the game" except to reap the financial rewards of Industrial Wind Turbines placed in the northern Highlands. For example, responsible community leaders hosted a public education meeting in the Community Hall in Denbigh on Wind Turbines with internationally recognized experts in the health and financial community and only Councillor Fritch from the north demonstrated enough respect for the community to attend and listen with the people.

Another more distressing tactic has been the deterioration to schoolyard level name calling, such as referring contemptuously to affected landowners in the north as NIMBY's and SPECIAL INTEREST Groups etc.

The community has never heard a well articulated, reasoned position from either Reeve Hogg or the Councillors from the south. Nothing but a deafening silence and votes that would enable Wind Power Development. All the community has seen or heard of these three elected officials is for them to sit around the Council table with arms crossed scowling at the rabble and then vote in favour of any motion that would enable Windpower Development. One Southern Councillor even conjured up some bizarre rationale to vote against a motion that would increase the Developers contribution to the Community Vibrancy fund with no articulated reasoning.

A statistically sound survey of Addington Highlands landowners, sanctioned and scrutinized by Council showed that an overwhelming 81% of respondents do not favour Windpower Development. Three Southern Councillors completely ignored the wishes of the people and with no articulated rationale voted against a motion to declare Addington Highlands a "Non Willing Host". Democracy?

This is not leadership in its best form and the northern residents of Addington Highlands deserve much better.

Winston Churchill was reported to have said " Democracy is the worst form of government--except for all the rest" Perhaps this is a sad example of what he had in mind.

Garnet Wilkes, Griffith, ON

**Renfrew County – A Natural Treasure
By Ole Hendrickson**



Forest trail in Renfrew County

Abundant wildlife and highly diverse natural ecosystems occur throughout the Ottawa Valley. Rural roads provide access to beautiful rivers, lakes, forests and farmlands. The rolling terrain offers a new view over each hilltop. Back country explorers can travel freely through crown lands, which make up nearly half the surface area of Renfrew County. Even larger towns and cities such as Arnprior, Pembroke, Petawawa and Renfrew include areas with special ecological features that are sought out by naturalists trying to add unusual wildlife species to their lists. More than 80 areas within Renfrew County are specially designated as provincial parks (including waterway parks), conservation reserves, areas of natural and scientific importance, and provincially significant wetlands. The unique geological and biological features of these special natural areas in the Ottawa Valley make them well worth exploring.

Visiting these natural areas connects us with Canada's history. Generations of Algonquin peoples traveled up and down the Ottawa River for annual gatherings on Morrison Island near Pembroke. This is where the historic meeting between Algonquin chief Tessouat and Samuel de Champlain took place four hundred years ago. And since 1866, one year before confederation, Canada's Parliament has met on a bluff overlooking the river. The Renfrew County portion of the Ottawa River is perhaps best known as a Mecca for whitewater enthusiasts. But, it also links a series of protected areas: Driftwood Provincial Park in the northern-most tip of the county; Petawawa Terrace Provincial Park in the Town of Petawawa; and Westmeath and Ottawa River Provincial Parks in Whitewater Region.

The watersheds of the County's four largest Ottawa River tributaries – the Bonnechere, Madawaska, Muskrat, and Petawawa – all include headwater

lakes in Algonquin Park with campsites and marked portage trails. But you don't have to drive all the way into Algonquin Park to find outstanding recreational opportunities. Within Renfrew County itself, adventurous paddlers can explore protected areas along the Barron, Bonnechere, Little Mississippi, Madawaska, Muskrat, Snake and York Rivers; and along Bissett, Black Donald, Constant, Deux Rivieres and Grants Creeks. These gems could be promoted for greater recreational use by County residents as well as visitors.

The Ottawa River Institute's Renfrew County Nature Notebook (www.naturenotebook.ca) makes it easy to find and enjoy these beautiful natural areas, whether in towns and cities, or in remote areas of crown land. The Nature Notebook pulls together information from a variety of sources. We provide links to resources that will help you identify species of plants and animals that you see during your travels.

Whether the Ottawa Valley is your home, or you are planning a visit, we encourage you to read the Nature in Your Neighbourhood Guide, on-line at <http://www.ottawariverinstitute.ca/our-projects/nature-in-your-neighbourhood>, and to browse the Renfrew County Nature Notebook at www.naturenotebook.ca. If you have information about favourite natural areas in the County that you would like to share, please get in touch. Let us know how we can work together to better appreciate Renfrew County's natural wealth.

UPCOMING ORI EVENT

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Sat. Aug. 8 - Madawaska River, Cherry Point Park to Burnstown Beach Paddle- \$10. Organized by BRWP and MacNab Braeside Township.
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Scaling Down, Returning Power to the People

Wind farming has grown to an industrial scale. These new giants are considered to be green because they don't burn carbon to generate power, but they are far from green. No longer made out of locally fired brick or wood and iron, the new blades are made of a combination of carbon fibre, resin,

and balsa wood sourced globally by international corporations. This means oil has to be piped or sent by rail across the country to refineries who ship it to factories in distant lands to turn into materials which are shipped to other factories, such as the former Magma auto parts factory in Southern On-

tario. Each turbine blade, half a football field long and each tower, half a mile high is then trucked in sections over vast distances to rural and remote areas of Canada. Precious farmland is taken out of production. Acres of forest is razed to make room for these industrial turbines on rural land.



Stock image, Last brick windmill, UK



Stock image, Changing Texas Landscape



Wind farm in Queensland Australia. Straight lines of towers reduce infrastructure costs. (image thebackshed.com)



Wolfe Island from the air. Dense clustering reduces developers' infrastructure costs, with distance needed for unobstructed air flow. (image soundmann.com)



Windmill footings differ with each location. They must be buried and anchored to bedrock for stability. (Photo northernhoot.com Bow Lake Turbine Construction Northern Ontario ~Aerial Photography by Gary McGuffin.)



Construction Mars Hill, Maine. A level surface is needed. Roads must be capable of moving heavy vehicles carrying loads up to 50 meters long. vermonterswithvision.org



Delivery of Wind Turbine parts in Sweden. About 8 trips are needed for each wind turbine and every step of the slow journey must be carefully planned and permitted. (image statkraft.com)

When you consider that each acre of 50 year old forest sequesters about 50.8 tonnes of carbon, it makes the argument for industrial wind energy unconscionable. Without subsidies and carbon trade tax breaks they would never work and the majority of places don't want them in their backyards. That's why the Ontario Green Energy Act was put into place. Well, they can take away our community rights, but they can't stop people from refusing to sign wind leases.

If no one signs, they don't get built.

Don't blame people who have signed. Signatures are gathered before public consultation, and green energy money looks like a good thing. I'm sure no one was expecting turmoil.

Municipalities that are not already embroiled in the wind issue have an opportunity to get ahead of it. The best hope is to form community groups *before* signature collection starts. Work *with* our elected representatives to explore new approaches to clean, independent, local energy independence. As we are seeing, it's much harder to keep local control after leases are signed, dividing communities.

Let's work on this *together*. Let's consult municipalities who are leading the way with district energy, micro-grids, incentive programs that pay for themselves through energy savings, financing plans to help us *all* get off the grid altogether. Work *with* the province to find a better way forward.

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