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What a wonderful Fall so far! We'll take warm Summer weather any time mother nature feels it's appropriate.

## Welcome!

...To a record hot Fall and a record hot edition of the Madawaska Highlander with 22 contributors. We have important news, whimsy, and thought-provoking information and you won't want to miss any of it.

Speaking of hot and wild weather, Survivor Guy shows us how to shelter in place and avoid disaster, and "The Boy" answers your calls for an epilogue to his near-disaster, "Through the Ice Centennial Lake, 1970".

We have happy endings and Happy Trails. Lesley tracks the back and forth since the Ontario Trails Act came in and John takes us on a quiet paddle with his buddies through Conroy Marsh. Ernie looks at the lighter side of a lifetime of casting lures and catching... stuff, and Noreen takes us on a pilgrimage to sacred Turtle Rock in Algonquin Park.

We have trails, pilgrimages, and emotional journeys as we go back to the front on several fronts. Bill revisits Vimy Ridge 100 years later, Cloyne Historical Society gives us a sneak preview of the documentary "Harry's Story - Surviving WWII in Holland", and Howard remembers an unforgettable Remembrance Day, with a reminder why we should never forget any war, especially "The Forgotten War". And Pete tells about struggles fought through the Power of Song.

There's one more struggle as Kate faces off with Dog Strangling Vine at Vennachar Junction, then happily back to quiet times as Colleen teaches us how to make mushroom prints. Yes, printing with mushrooms.

Our regional correspondents fill you in on history in the making around "town" and Garry makes some history of his own as he and his wife Carol bid farewell to the Highlands, but happily, not to the Highlander. John Neale and Anne Dougherty will take over the GM News photojournalism slot and the Highlander will save a seat for Garry whenever he's ready. Ellanora's memories of Rose hill remind us we never know how our stories will be woven into history, but always we should try to... Enjoy!



Kevin Carnegie at rest on Eagle's Nest, Calabogie. That's a rock with a view! Photo by Colleen Hulett



We don't often see two bucks together, but these two posed for Richard Copeland. Location: Secret until after deer hunting season

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**Message from the editor:**

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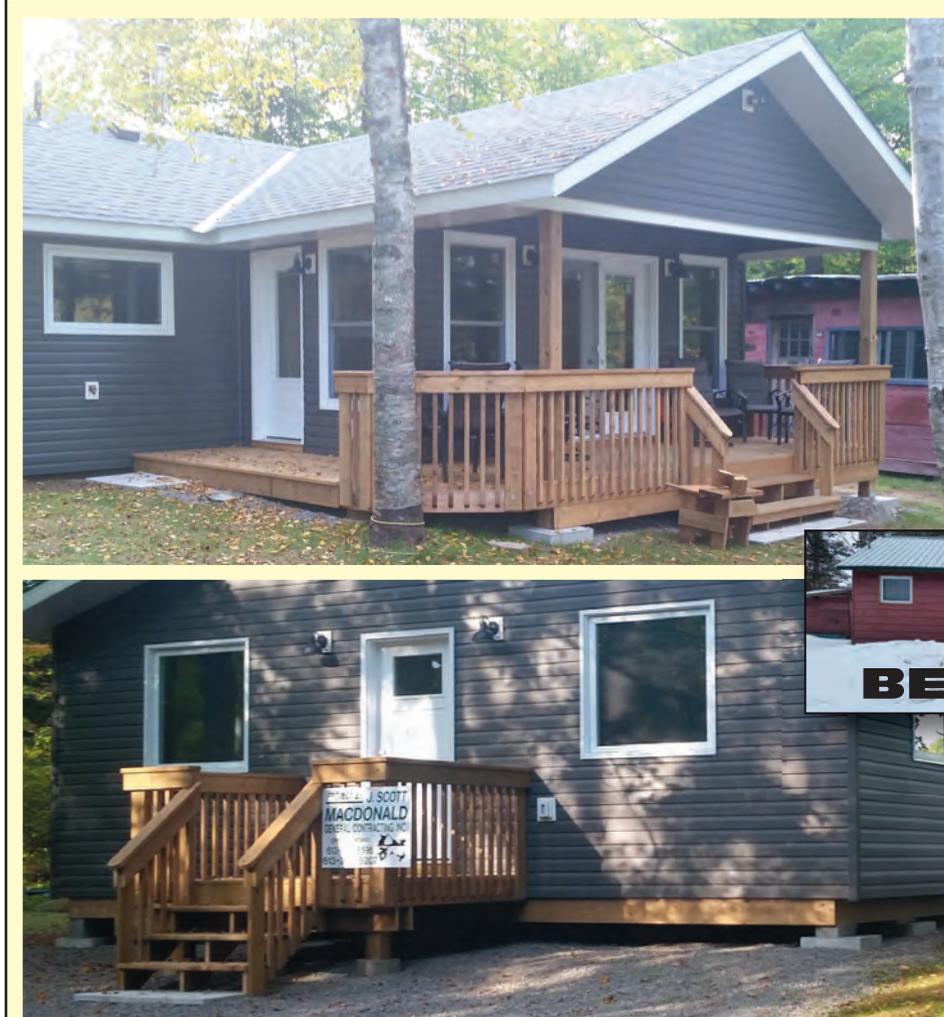
We also maintain the matawatchan.ca website, which has a handy community calendar that is updated whenever new information arrives. The Tri-County area around Matawatchan, Griffith, Denbigh and Vennachar is the primary focus of that website. Also check out www.greatermadawaska.com and other township websites for events and information around you in the Highlands. Our community paper depends on the community, so if you have something to offer that our readers would enjoy, please contact us to discuss. We keep our advertising rates low to keep it accessible for small businesses.

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**By Garry Ferguson**

We (not the “Royal We” but the Fergusons of Camel Chute, Carol and Garry we) thought we’d slink away, exiting stage left quietly but, thanks to Father Time, (FAT) not necessarily so gracefully. I was always inclined toward the theory that the tracks you leave when you withdraw your hand from a bowl of water (maybe it’s only the clean freaks that bother to wash their hands that will know what I mean) is the measure to which you’ll be missed when you take your leave. That proved to be far from the truth when it came to being blessed enough, for decades, to break bread and laugh or shed tears with the wonderful inhabitants of Griffith, Denbigh, Vennachar and “All around the circle” to Matawatchan. We will – to quote a beloved daughter, “Really, really, really” – miss being able to recognize, greet and yarn with locals each time we go into our restaurants or stores.

At first we suspected that the get-togethers might be to celebrate the relief at seeing the north end of us as we head south, (known locally as the arse end but never in the “Highlander”) but we soon put that bit of crippling self-doubt behind us and joined the merriment. Unfortunately, a problem raised its handsome head when we discovered that we had so many friends in social groups, clubs, stores, restaurants, associations and churches (I hope that covers it) that we became inclined to hang around for another couple decades. Several groups of lawyers (bless them all for guiding us through intricate real estate transactions) and some already signed legal documents stood in the way of that whim, but we became firm in our resolve (not quite sure what that means but I once heard our editor say it so I think it fits) to come back as often as possible. A gorgeous, framed, scroll, presented to us by the

church in Matawatchan, will hang where it will remind us of a whole community that has literally become family, every time we enter or leave our new digs.

To all the readers, contributors, and other folk who make up the “Highlander” fraternity – especially that intrepid duo (thank Lois for many of the pics in this GMN edition) that looks after the Publishers/Editor/Business Manager/Enforcer duties and endured my nonsense month after month - thanks for all your positive feedback: that’s what made the whole thing a blast. It has been decreed that I will, beginning on the 2018 start-up, be somehow associated with this international publication – well it does go to our daughter in the States – so until then may FAT be good to you and “Adios.” (I don’t speak Spanish so I hope that isn’t a dirty word)



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.

**Editor’s note:** We know no one will ever be able to replace Garry’s lighthearted style of writing, which is why we are delighted that he has agreed to continue to contribute beginning next season. Please look in the Events Calendar for upcoming events in and around town. John Neale and Anne Dougherty have agreed to take a stab and photographing and commenting on events they attend. They will be calling on the people of Griffith & Matawatchan area to send them pics to events they can’t attend. The show will go on!



This is just one of the many “see you later” farewells held for Garry and Carol Ferguson. This potluck dinner at St. Andrews United Church was arranged at the last minute, when a hole in the Ferguson’s busy talk circuit opened up. Many more said they would have gone if they had heard about it in time. Minister Barbara Creelman presented a framed poem. We’ll miss you two!



The Denbigh-Griffith Lion’s Club Show & Shine was the best ever for Canada’s 150th. Left to Right: 1st presented by Snider Tent & Trailer Park (Gail Holtzhauer) - Jim Kearney 1955 Ford 2nd presented by Griffith Building Supply & Timbermart (Denise Leckie) - Conrad and Christine Pelloquin 1952 Plymouth 3rd prize presented by Denbigh Recreation Committee (Betty Bass) - Mark and Wendy Trahan 1969 GTX Plymouth



Some bad guys broke into the Matawatchan Hall between September 2nd and 5th. They didn’t take much, because we don’t keep valuables there, but the Arnprior Special Investigation Unit was on call for our area the night we discovered it and took it very seriously, collecting evidence including prints. The bad guys had a tough time getting in and they’ll have a tougher time if they try it again. Stronger locks and indoor and outdoor security systems should deter them, plus stickers to assure other would be thieves that we do not keep valuables there. OPP report several cottages, community halls, and hunt camps were broken into in September. Google “Safeguard Ontario Property Security Program” to learn how to “Target Harden” your home or business.

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## GM NEWS CONTINUED

By Geoffrey Cudmore

### Griffith Terry Fox Run sets new fundraising record!



The group of runners, walkers and cyclists grows every year, as do the donations.



And they're off! What an enthusiastic bunch. We all run for someone.

Along with the most beautiful morning in the 6 year history of the Terry Fox Run in Griffith, the Run on Sunday September 17th broke last year's fundraising record by almost \$1000, topping the \$7,100 mark for the first time. Once again our top fundraiser was the indomitable "dump dude" Gary Guilmette who raised his own bar by bringing in over \$2100.00, and he says there is still more to come! Brigitte Hoffman and Scott MacDonald also showed well raising \$820.00 and \$630.00 respectively. Team Cudmore was 12 strong this year and raised almost \$2,400.00, running for Ralph Cudmore who passed away in 1980, and Jane Dunphy who passed away last year.

The turnout from the community was on par with last year, with many familiar and a few new faces taking part. Notable was Teresita Godin who at the age of 80, and walking with a cane, completed her 35th Terry Fox Run, walking the 5km distance, with almost \$300.00 in pledges.

Once again the organizers would like to thank Griffith Building Supply, Scott MacDonald, Sue Lafleur and Denise Leckie for hosting the event. The support of the Denbigh Griffith Lions Club by providing participants in the Run



Dafydd Hughes and son Max came from Toronto to run with Team Cudmore.

and volunteers to direct traffic, as well as Snider's Tent and Trailer Park's donation of water, are greatly appreciated.

The Griffith Run is one of 9000 Runs across Canada, which in the 37 year history has raised over \$750 Million and funded 1,306 innovative cancer research projects. In 2016-17 the Terry Fox Foundation invested almost \$23 million in cancer research in three key areas: Discovery research, which is fundamental science, cure-oriented biomedical research; Transitional research, which investigates ways to move the discoveries from the lab to the bedside more quickly; and the training of future leaders in cancer research.

Next year's Run will be held on Sunday, September 16th 2018.

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## THROUGH THE ICE 1970 - EPILOGUE 4

Submitted by Allen and Glen MacPherson

Editor's note: The original article "Through the Ice - Centennial Lake 1970" ran in the August-September issue of the Madawaska Highlander and people wanted to know more...



On September 19th, 2016, our father, Floyd MacPherson passed away. Some time later as I was going through papers, I came across a typewritten transcript. It told a story of danger, near tragedy, perseverance, and most importantly, a father's love. The final words written were a desire to see the story someday printed as a tribute to that man.

The following paragraph was omitted from the original story due to space but it says so much about who Floyd MacPherson was: "But as I sit here writing these words today, I feel tears coming to my eyes. I think of the grave and dangerous position Dad put himself in, in order to save me from the clutches of that cold, black, watery grave, when he could easily have stayed back. I think of the little man with the giant's strength who kept the desire to live and move burning in me. I think of the man who said "We started together, we will finish together". I think of the man who loved me so much he was ready to gamble his life for me. I wonder if I'll ever be the man that he was and is."

I asked Allen if he would provide his memories of what happened after that day. The following is what he remembers.

I have been asked several questions and for some clarification on questions that I never answered or addressed in my original story. First, when my brother Glen asked if I minded if he submitted the story to the Highlander, I answered in the affirmative thinking it would never get by the editor. Thank you Lois for printing the story.

Second, the original story was written for my father and of course he knew a lot of details others wouldn't. I attached only my nickname because, if you knew Dad, he rarely called any of us by our given names and Boy or The Boy was mine. I was still "The Boy" when Dad passed away in September, 2016.

After our close brush with drowning, it was life as usual. I returned to Loyalist College for classes on Monday and Dad was back to farming. Neither one of us experienced any ill effects, not even a cold.

A couple of days later Dad returned to where we had gone through the ice. My hat made a good marker of where the Ski-Doo had sunk and Dad was able to retrieve the hat for me. The fact that people were able to walk over

the spot was an indication of how cold the weather had been and still was.

A hole was chopped in the ice and hay hooks with ropes attached were used as grappling hooks. The first hook latched onto something that seemed terribly heavy so the second hook was dropped. It too hooked onto something. No choice but to haul up whatever it was that was hooked and then continue fishing. Both hooks had caught onto the Ski-Doo. The Ski-Doo was recovered in thirty feet of water, not the five or six feet that Dad had expected. The ice was too thin to try pulling the Ski-Doo out so a pole was pushed through the back handlebar, and there it hung, in the water, until Boxing Day.

On Boxing Day, Dad and I and several of my friends pulled the snowmobile out of the ice and water. We drained the gas tank, removed the spark plug, gave it several pulls (no electric starter back then), put the spark plug back in, gave it a pull and lo and behold we had spark. Someone went home for gas and yes it did start and run and was driven home. Later on, it did have some issues related to the dunking, but Dad still used the Ski-Doo for several years.

The poor cattle that we had been searching for were discovered much later in the vicinity of the Schooner Lakes by fishermen when trout season opened. I think that there had been at least eight and two of them died of starvation. Dad took hay to them until they had regained some strength and then slowly brought them home, using the snowmobile to break trail for them all the way.

By today's standards, this probably sounds like quite an ordeal, but fifty years ago, no big fuss, no big to-do, just what you did. Because it had to be done. I must say, I have enjoyed looking down at the green grass rather than up since that day.

By myself, I have no doubt, I would never have escaped the clutches of Centennial Lake. The ice was too thin, the water too cold, and even if I had escaped, I do not think I would have had the strength to make it home alone. Dad's love, compassion, and "never give up" attitude brought us through.

Proud to sign my name,

- Allen MacPherson.

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau addressed inequalities the Canadian legal system has created for First Nations, Metis and Inuit people in a speech at the United Nations General Assembly.

U of A hosted academics, elders and students to discuss how to incorporate Indigenous reconciliation into Canadian law. Traditional practices could change the way courtrooms work, from issuing verdicts to assigning penalties, as well as providing support for all Canadians.

Hearings have begun over “administrative segregation”, that civil liberties groups argue can amount to indefinite solitary confinement, stating the practice is harmful, amounts to cruel and unusual punishment, and offenders are punished more than once for the same crime.

Waypoint Centre for Mental Health in Penetanguishene, Ont. offers sweat lodge ceremony — the first to have a person on staff in a psychiatric facility with the title of a traditional healer.

Ontario to move ahead with road access to chromite rich Ring of Fire region now that agreements with First Nations are in place.

Ontario is taking steps to create additional ridings in Northern Ontario to improve representation and ensure that people across the North have a stronger voice in the provincial legislature.

Michael Coteau, Minister of Children and Youth Services, and Ogichidaa Francis Kavanaugh, Grand Council Treaty 3, signed a relationship agreement in Kenora that will strengthen the relationship between Ontario and Grand Council Treaty 3, reaffirming a commitment to improve outcomes and opportunities for Anishinaabe children and youth in Treaty 3 territory, through the co-implementation of the Ontario Indigenous Children and Youth Strategy.

Montreal added a white pine tree to its coat of arms and city flag. The white pine, described as the “tree of peace,” is a symbol of the unity of the nations of the Haudenosaunee confederacy. The change is part of an effort to move toward reconciliation with Indigenous peoples.

Smiths Falls received an award for ‘Best of the Best’ in the promotions category for the Spirit of the Drum Pow Wow hosted by the Indigenous Studies students of Smiths Falls District Collegiate Institute (SFDCI) and the Town of Smiths Falls.

Ontario Boosting Social Assistance to Help People Get Ahead. Province Increasing Rates, Providing Extra Support for People in Remote and Northern Communities.

Canadians earned more in 2015 than they did in the previous 10 years, and fewer young children are living in low-income households, according to Stats Can 2016 census data report.

Household debt climbed to 167.8 per cent, says Stats Can. Household income increased 1.2 per cent while household credit market debt rose 1.9 per cent.

Canada’s plant hardiness zones have recently been updated using climate data covering the 1981-2010 period. The changes are significant with zone designations changing in most communities across the country

Until last year, Antarctica had largely resisted climatic changes, but, in 2016, sea ice plummeted to its lowest level in 40 years of record keeping. A study revealed it was partly brought on by atmospheric conditions in the Pacific Ocean and the South Pole combining to spur unprecedented losses.

Several weather systems that doused Quebec and eastern Ontario last spring resulted in more than \$223 million in insured damage, the Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC). Total cost to homeowners and government is not yet known.

Ontario sends \$100K worth of supplies like baby formula, cribs with mattresses and linens to Harvey victims in Texas.

Following rigorous wind testing on a full-scale home in its unique laboratory this summer, the Insurance Institute for Business & Home Safety concludes: close all interior doors, in addition to all windows and exterior doors to compartmentalize the pressure inside the home reducing force on the roof structure, giving it a better chance of staying intact in a hurricane.

Ontario Protecting the Environment and Fighting Climate Change, investing in Tree Planting and Ecosystem Health

The US is now working with Fisheries and Oceans Canada on sampling and data collection, analysis and recommendations for future responses to NA Right Whales. The whales are among the most imperiled marine mammals on Earth. Populations have only slightly rebounded from the whaling era, when the blubber-rich baleen whale became nearly extinct.

Using DNA barcoding, U of G researchers found 71% of dried fins and gills collected from markets and stores in Canada, China and Sri Lanka came from banned species at-risk. Shark finning and importing shark fins or banned species for sale are illegal in Canada.

Two of 11 winners of the 2017 Bank of Montreal (BMO) Farm Family Awards (Ontario) are from Eastern Ontario - Orser’s Dairy farm, Frontenac County Cull Family Farm, Renfrew. The winning families were chosen for their dedication to family farming and rural communities

The gatekeepers of Canada’s rich agriculture exports are spending hundreds of millions of dollars to upgrade export terminals as Canadian grain shipments have been steadily rising and hit a record high in the last crop year.

Apple yields ‘not the best’ as Ontario farmers deal with wild weather. Ontario crop could be down by up to 20 per cent in 2017

Ontario will try to sell legal pot for a price low enough to squash the black market, with a

price of \$8 to \$13 a gram, and is consulting other provinces to determine a unified price.

The Frontenac K&P Trail from Tichborne to Sharbot Lake is nearing completion. It is a huge extension to the existing K&P Trail in Kingston, now connecting it to the Trans Canada Trail.

Canada’s Privacy Commissioner office says it has prioritized an examination into the massive Equifax data hack. Equifax says “only a limited number of Canadians may have been affected.” Its dedicated website and call centre won’t help Canadians because it uses U.S. SIN nos. Canadians can call Equifax 1-866-828-5961 (English) or 1-877-323-2598 (French).

Google bankrolls Canadian school program targeting fake news, providing a \$500,000 grant for the development and delivery of NewsWise — a program that will teach students, 9 to 19, how to identify fake news and misinformation online. NewsWise will be in place in Ontario classrooms in time for the spring election and fully operational countrywide ahead of the federal vote in 2019.

A day after Facebook acknowledged the role advertising on its platform played in the 2016 U.S. election, President Donald Trump said it was all part of the “Russia hoax” and the Kremlin denied placing any ads. In an early-morning tweet, Trump said the “ads on Facebook” were part of the hoax, and asked about “dishonest Media coverage” towards his campaign rival, Hillary Clinton.

Ontario is electrifying the GO rail network to transform how people move around the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA), and is seeking design concepts for Hydrogen-powered trains as an alternative to conventional overhead wires.

Ontario is seeking public input to find ways to help businesses buy low-carbon vehicles and technologies that reduce emissions. The new program will provide rebates towards the purchase of alternative-fuel vehicles and fuel-saving technologies.

TransCanada said Thursday that it will suspend its application for the pipeline for 30 days and may abandon the project entirely. The announcement came after the National Energy Board regulator announced a tougher review process.

New tenant protections will add more requirements on landlords evicting tenants.

Paramedics from Renfrew County, Prescott-Russell and Cornwall say they’ve reached a tentative agreement with Ottawa that could see their ambulances only responding to calls from Ottawa if patients are in cardiac arrest or unconscious.

In August, the County of Renfrew Paramedic Service was visited by 4 international paramedic groups interested in the county’s development, innovation, and implementation around meeting community needs. Renfrew County has been internationally recognized as a best practice in a number of areas. Presentations and discussions covered community paramedics, the community paramedic response unit model, remote access treatment teams, portable ultrasound technology, and internal and external stakeholder relationship development.

Ontario residents with disabilities are seeing major changes to provincial programs offering financial support and medical coverage, relaxing the rules concerning how much money recipients are allowed to have as assets or savings before having their benefits clawed back.

Scientists have developed a soft, flexible artificial skin integrated with stretchable electronics that could allow robotics to have a sense of touch. The new process could be scaled up for commercial production.

A new study reports no matter how much you exercise, sitting for excessively long periods of time is a risk factor for early death. Take a movement break every 30 minutes.

Daily statins reduce deaths from coronary heart disease by 28% in men with very high LDL cholesterol, according to the ‘longest ever’ study measuring use of the treatment.

Simply jotting down your feelings may help you perform an upcoming stressful task more efficiently, according to a study, which provides the first neural evidence for the benefits of expressive writing.

A new study on coffee has found caffeine can affect the way we perceive sweetness and may make us crave sweets more strongly.

An experimental pen-like tool for surgeons quickly draws samples through a tube to test for traces of cancerous tissue in the OR, with results within 10 seconds. Current systems take at least 30 minutes per sample while the patient remains under anesthesia. The technology could achieve the goals of more precise, quicker and safer surgery.

Ontario is banning a new Big Pharma marketing scheme that uses electronic medical records to sell drugs. Telus Health has been inserting electronic vouchers for brand name drugs into its popular medical record software (EMR) used by thousands of doctors across Canada. “Ontario patients must have confidence that (prescribing) decisions are not influenced by marketing programs or electronic vouchers,” stated Health Minister Dr. Eric Hoskins.

Ontario’s top court has ruled that a former Canadian soldier accused of murder, who was set free due to years of court delays, must stand trial. The appeal ruling agreed, saying that the “trial judge erred”, not taking the “seriousness of the offence” into account or the “transitional period” for cases already in progress before Canada’s new rules that cases must go to trial within 18 months in provincial court and within 30 months for those heard in Superior Court, unless the Crown can prove the delays were reasonable.

Attorneys representing a macaque monkey have agreed to a compromise in a case where they asserted the animal owned the copyright to selfie photos it had shot with a photographer’s camera. PETA sued on behalf of the monkey in 2015, seeking financial control of the photographs for the benefit of the monkey that snapped the photos with the photographer’s camera.

## VENNACHAR DENBIGH DISPATCHES

By Angela Bright

\*On September 1st, the library changed over to winter hours; Monday 4-6pm, Tuesday 10am to 2pm, Wednesday 4-7pm, Thursday noon to 3pm, Saturday 9am to noon. Contact 613 333 1426 or [addingtonhighland-publiclibrary.ca](mailto:addingtonhighland-publiclibrary.ca).

\*As of Sunday, September 10th, worship services at Vennachar Free Methodist Church start at 10:30am on a trial basis until Christmas. Contact Pastor Laurie 613 479 2673.

\*Family Nights began on September 19th at Vennachar Free Methodist Church, and will run every Tuesday evening for six weeks. Dinner is provided and starts at 5:30pm. At 6:15pm there will be an Adult Study upstairs, and Kids Club downstairs. Everyone is welcome! Contact Pastor Laurie 613 479 2673.

\*The St. Luke's United Church Annual Walk-a-Thon will be held this Saturday, September 30th. The Large Block of the walking route will leave the church on HWY 28 to HWY 41 to Bridge St to the church. The Little Block is right in village; church to Glaeser's store, past the Addington Highlands Community Centre, community hall to HWY 28 back to church. Registration is 9am. Coffee/tea & muffins served following the walk. Pledge sheets will be out shortly for anyone who would like one. Funds are raised to pay Insurance. Contact Evelyn 613 333 2291.

\*Milk Bag Mat Bees are back! Every second Monday of the month, you are invited to a social time and work bee at Vennachar Free Methodist Church at 1:30pm. Mats are urgently needed for children for both sleeping and for use as surgical mats. With the recent hurricanes and natural disasters happening in the world, we would like to have

a supply on hand so we are ready when the need is there; our community helping other communities. The milk bag mats are easy to clean and long lasting as they do not easily breakdown. There is a task for every ability; flattening milk bags, trimming milk bags, looping and weaving. You do not have to be crafty in anyway, as each step is its own, with the actual weaving done on a basic loom. All welcome; coffee & tea served. Contact Nancy 613 333 2204.

\*TOPS meets at the Denbigh Hall in the basement every Tuesday at 8:30 am for weigh in. The meeting starts at 9 am. We have exercise which is sponsored by the Lake of Lakes Community Services at 9:30 am until 10 am and sometimes we have a snack after. Please join in the fun. Call Betty at 613-333-6233 for more information.

\*Kicking off The New Apostolic Church's Homecoming Weekend August 17-19th was Family Night at the gym, with basketball, badminton and floor hockey. On Saturday, those who attended the Men's Breakfast enjoyed a delicious meal and time of fellowship. Saturday evening was the fundraising concert for the Community Food Bank, featuring Road to Glory, Don MacIssac and friends, Harold Kaufmann, Bonnie Keller, and Eunice Sprague. Following a special service Sunday morning was the Community Picnic at Heritage Park, with a BBQ, salads, desserts and fun & games for the young and young at heart. Thank you to all who took part in the festivities, for the donations to the Community Food Bank, and to the performers and musicians. Check out NAC Denbigh's facebook page to see some photos of the fun and fellowship!



\*Looking for some fresh fruit & veggies close to home? Place your order at the beginning of October at Vennachar Free Methodist Church, for a Good Food Box that will arrive on the 3rd Thursday of the month. You can choose just veg, just fruit or a mix with three sizes of boxes to choose from (\$6, \$11, or \$17). Questions, need more info? Call Angela 613 333 1901.



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## UP THE LINE TO THE FRONT LINE

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### Remembrance Day, November 11, 2013

By Howard Popkie



Many aging veterans went back to Korea in 2013, 50 years after the armistice, in what was often called "The Forgotten War". North Korea is in the news again, which is why we must not forget. I didn't go. If you spent a year in Hell, would you go back to say good day to the Devil?

I was invited by some of the Arnprior Veterans to come to the high school at 10:00 am to speak to the girls and boys about our time in the military on Remembrance Day. I sat with seven 84 to 94 year old veterans in a room full of kids, about 100 in all. One by one the vets spoke of their time spent in action and many of the boys and girls cried openly at the horror stories. When it came to be my turn to speak I said, "If you think you're having a bad day, you are not. You are having a good day if no one is shooting at you." I went on to say, "This Sergeant here beside me tells a really good story, but I am not so good at speaking to a crowd, so let's listen to what he has to say." To my surprise he put his hand on mine as he spoke to the kids and said, "Just because he doesn't want to speak doesn't mean he has nothing to say. Some men can't talk about what happened. He is a real hero. He joined the PPCLI when he was just 16 years old, the age many of you are now and spent a year on the front line in

Korea. They had 12 Vickers Machine Guns and he was on one of them, right in the thick of it all. He saw 26 of his buddies die and he could have easily been one of them. So don't think that just because he doesn't speak that he has nothing to say. He has lots to say and he is a true hero."

I joined the kids, with facial tissues on their eyes and said, "I can tell you I saw more than my share of life and death by the time I was 17. I know families where four brothers went off to war and only one came home to mother. Now I am an old veteran with medals, speaking to high school kids who are older than I was when I was at war. May the weapons of war rust in peace!"

Every year the veterans from the World Wars line up to take a photo for the newspaper and each year there are fewer veterans for the photo. The old vets that are missing are singing their regimental songs in the wet canteen up in heaven. It's an adventure I'll never forget.

*The Korean War began 25 June 1950, when North Korean armed forces invaded South Korea. The war's combat phase lasted until an armistice was signed 27 July 1953. As part of a United Nations (UN) force consisting of 16 countries, 26,791 Canadian military personnel served in the Korean War, during both the combat phase and as peacekeepers afterward. The last Canadian soldiers left Korea in 1957. After the two world wars, Korea remains Canada's third-bloodiest overseas conflict, taking the lives of 516 Canadians and wounding more than 1,200..*

*The two Koreas remain technically at war today.*

## VALLEY ANIMAL RESCUE



Valley Animal Rescue was recently made aware of the plight of a colony of semi feral cats and kittens in the Douglas area. Two lovely senior ladies were desperately trying to find help to care for the 20+ strays on their farm. Carolyn lives on the farm and has been struggling to care for the ever increasing number of cats on her own. Completely overwhelmed and with limited means, these two sisters are in no position to provide food and medical care to this colony.

Many cats and kittens are sick, some are injured and all will be infested with fleas, worms and ear mites. The females will be pregnant while still kittens themselves and will suffer endless cycles of pregnancy, hunger, disease and misery.

Our Stray and Feral Cat Program has already managed 5 feral colonies in Renfrew County and even though our resources

are stretched very thin, we are committed to helping these ladies care for the Grist Mill Colony. We will begin by supplying food and trapping a couple of cats at a time for medical care. We will be partnering with Renfrew Animal Hospital to provide all medical care for the cats. The cats will be sterilized, vaccinated, treated for all internal and external parasites and any infections present. Cats with injuries will be treated as well. Eventually all cats in the colony will be sterilized and in good health and we will continue to support the colony with food and supplies for the life of the cats. Any kittens that are young enough to be socialized and placed in homes will go through our foster program and be adopted out.

This is a huge project for a small local rescue and will require many man hours and funds. We are reaching out to concerned individuals and businesses in the community to help us end the cycle of suffering and misery for these animals and help us support these compassionate local seniors.

Donations can be made towards the care of the Grist Mill Colony at:  
[canadahelps.org](http://canadahelps.org) Valley Animal Rescue  
Grist Mill Colony Fund

By e transfer to:  
[valleyanimalrescue@hotmail.com](mailto:valleyanimalrescue@hotmail.com)

By donation to our account at  
Renfrew Animal Hospital

By cheque: Valley Animal Rescue PO Box  
214 Renfrew ON, K7V 4A3

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hilltop.pastor@gmail.com  
www.hilltopchurch.ca  
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613-333-2318  
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10:00 a.m.

Emmanuel United, Schutt 8:30 a.m.

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Sunday School 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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Father Holly  
Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

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**REGULAR EVENTS CALABOGIE:**

Youth Sports Night  
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6:00 pm 8:00 at St. Joseph's  
Catholic School, Calabogie

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11:30 am  
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Public Library Book Club  
Last Wednesday 11:00 to 12:30

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Wednesdays 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 at the  
Calabogie Community Centre  
Contact Susan 613-752-1540

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mornings

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new programs starting  
calabogiemindfulnessmeditation.com

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

Renfrew South Women's Institute  
www.rsdwi.ca CalabogieWI@gmail.  
com Branch meetings held at  
Calabogie Community Hall  
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Contact: Marg MacKenzie, Pres.  
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Guests and new members welcome!

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emergency situations, please call  
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**SPECIAL EVENTS CALABOGIE:**

Saturday, October 21, 4pm to 6:30  
pm, Roast beef dinner and all of the  
trimmings, Calabogie United Church  
1044 Madawaska St in Calabogie  
\$15.00 Children 7 to 12 - \$7.00,  
Under 7 free

**REGULAR EVENTS**
**GRIFFITH & MATAWATCHAN:**

**Matawatchan Hall Events, 1677  
Frontenac Rd. Check online  
calendar at www.matawatchan.ca**  
Matawatchan Walking Club  
Wednesdays April to Oct. 9:00 a.m  
Nov. to Apr. 10:00 am  
Start at Matawatchan Hall  
Info: Brigitte 613-318-8308

Family Sports Nights Tuesdays and  
Thursdays at 6:30. Kids choose the  
sport of the day.

Tai Chi with Maggie every Tuesday  
9 - 10 and every second Saturday  
9 - 10am (Oct. 7)

New: Aerobics and Cardio Dance  
to suit all fitness levels led by  
an experienced instructor at the  
Matawatchan Hall. FREE  
Every second Saturday beginning  
Sept 30 at 11:00

NEW: Paint & Sketch with Ernie Jukes  
1st and 3rd Thursdays 1:00 - 3:00  
All skill levels, bring your own  
supplies or ask what to buy. FREE  
or goodwill offering to the  
Matawatchan Hall

Matawatchan Book exchange at the  
Matawatchan Hall any time the Hall  
is open, sponsored in part by the  
Greater Madawaska Public Library.  
Bring some books and borrow some  
books. Just sign them out and bring  
them back when you can.

**Denbigh-Griffith Lions Club  
Events at the Community Hall Hwy  
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Bingo every second Tuesday at 7:30

TAI CHI at the LION'S HALL Hwy. 41,  
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McKinnon 613-333-2791

Northern Lights Seniors at the Lion's  
Hall after Fellowship Lunch

General Wellness Assessment by  
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11:00am until after lunch

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every 3 months

Euchre First and Third Friday of  
each month, 7:00pm - 9pm Contact  
Dennis Barnes 613-333-1488

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

**SPECIAL EVENTS**
**GRIFFITH & MATAWATCHAN**

Saturday September 30, 2017 5 - 7  
pm Harvest Supper at St. Andrew's  
Church in Matawatchan. Turkey with  
all the trimmings plus pie!  
Adults: \$12.00 Children: 6-12 years  
\$6.00 Children 5 and under: No  
charge

Tuesday October 3, 7 pm  
Matawatchan Hall Annual General  
Meeting and elections. New  
members welcome! (See ad pg. 11)

Sunday October 15, 3:30 - 6:30  
Greater Madawaska Seniors Housing  
Corporation Annual General Meeting  
& Roast Beef Supper  
Lions Hall Hwy 41 Griffith


**Annual General Meeting of the  
Greater Madawaska Seniors  
Housing Corporation  
& Roast Beef Supper  
October 15th 3:30 - 6:30 pm  
Lions Hall Hwy 41 Griffith**

Sat. Oct. 28 Halloween Dance (19+)  
at the Matawatchan Hall  
1677 Frontenac Road  
LIVE BAND - "Drama Queens"  
\$7 at the door. Prizes for best  
costumes.

Oct. 14 GM SnoDusters trail work.  
Volunteers are needed. Meet at  
the Pine Valley Restaurant at 8:30  
a.m. As usual, bring your ATVs  
and any brush clearing equipment  
(chainsaws, etc). If anyone wishes  
to go before that date, please let  
us know where you have been and  
report on conditions.

**REGULAR EVENTS:**
**DENBIGH & VENNACHAR**

FREE weekly "Play to Learn"  
playgroup at MAYO COMMUNITY  
CENTRE in Hermon Tuesdays 10:00  
am to 12:00 pm. snack provided

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

Denbigh Diners:  
Full Course Meal \$7.00  
Nancy Dafoe 613-333-5164

Denbigh Hall Exercise Group:  
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Thursday classes at 1:00 pm.  
TOPS Tuesday at the Denbigh Hall  
Basement @8:30am Contact Mary  
McKinnon 613-333-2791

**DACRE REGULAR EVENTS:**

Games Night, 2nd and 4th Fridays  
Open to ideas. Contact Michael at  
dacacommunity@gmail.com

**DACRE SPECIAL EVENTS:**

DACA 4TH Annual Adult Social  
Halloween Party Sat. Oct. 28, 8pm  
- 1am Door prizes, costume prizes,  
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**CLOYNE & NORTHBROOK**
**REGULAR EVENTS:**

Exercise Bootcamp at the Clar-Mill  
Hall in Plevna Tuesdays & Sundays  
7:00 pm \$5 per class. Bring indoor  
shoes, a water bottle and a mat.

**CLOYNE & NORTHBROOK**
**REGULAR EVENTS:**

October 25th at 7 pm. Lions Hall in  
Northbrook, Premiere of Larry's Sto-  
ry Documentary. In partnership with  
the Cloyne and District Historical  
Society and the Land O'Lakes Lions  
Club. Harry plans to attend to answer  
questions. (see article pg. 9)

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## What's Fishy in Our Neck of the Woods

By Ernie Jukes of Camp J

When you discuss fishing with the daughter in law or grand kids next time, try and forget about our ugly climate this past season. You may explain about the art of angling and how it is probably one of the oldest sports known to mankind. Fishing is that subtle method of casting, trolling, spinning or jigging for fish... either sweating or freezing... while swatting and swearing at bugs. Imagine having large shares in Muskol stocks.

My in-depth research has provided many old, new and somewhat valuable fishing facts. At least Dan thought so! It has also provided us the latest piscatorial records for catching unusual objects that are long overdue below:

### UNUSUAL FISHING RECORDS 2017:

- AUTO TIRE-Madawaska River, Camel Chute- 50lbs -35 inches dia.-Guy Pilon
- OLD BOOT-Brule Lake, Laundry Bay- 3lbs.-Size 10 1/2 -Jacques Lalonde
- HIGHLAND PARK BOTTLE-McLarens Lake- Empty-1 1/2 oz.-Harvey Malcolm PART
- OF OLD CAR-Mackie Creek-Rusty, 6 lbs- Dave Jukes of Camp J.
- FRIDGE-Penetang Bay, End of Town Dock-180 lbs-White Eatonia -John Desrochers
- POLICE TAPE- Quackenbush Lake- 19 lbs.-300 yds.- Yellow and Black - Dave Felder

As you may fully appreciate from above we don't always catch what we set out to get. We can blame our equipment or the time available to us, or many other excuses. But here we will consider the whole and complete Fishing Story as well as that item called experience. Did I say laugh...yep laugh a lot. Let us explore the following items that make up today's fun topic:

- FISH - The only living creature in any river, lake or stream that doesn't have a hook in it or is not being sold at Calvyns Fish and Chips by Griffith bridge.
- FISHING TRIP - A journey taken by one, two, or a family of anglers where no one can recall when it rained this much!
- BOAT - A long narrow, pointy ended craft in which fishermen squeeze into. From here they will troll or cast their baits. Sometimes falling out of when not the time for wading.
- PADDLE - Available from Schitts Creek to propel a watercraft. It may also be used to scare away racoons at night.
- ROD AND REEL - An early method of fishing, sometimes difficult for children and always awkward for adults.
- LEADER - A very short length of wire or nylon that connects a snagged lure to a tangled line.
- HOOK - A device that will quickly locate your thumb at the bottom of a tackle box.
- BAIT - Most baits are synthetic today, not necessarily effective for catching anything but the real enjoyment is acceptance by fishermen. Natural baits like worms or minnows may be too unnatural for young anglers.
- PORTABLE FISHING MACHINE - A circular, fold up unit that is compact with seat and motor. Appears to only handle one person. But what do you want for \$2000.
- PORTAGE - The shortest distance between two hernias. But it may also be a break.
- ICE FISHING - A winter fishing method in which anglers gather a round a hole cut in the ice and catch colds.
- LURE - Anything used to attract fish. There are basically two kinds: those that anglers swear by and those they swear at.

### SOME ADDITIONAL RULES IN OUR GREAT OUTDOORS:

- a) Never drink beer in waders
- b) Don't tell jokes in Coleman canoes
- c) On pontoon party boats, always fish to windward
- d) On camping trips bring cheap books with large soft pages
- e) Never ask a game warden where he got his hat
- f) Don't take any advice from people with missing fingers
- g) Do not fish from beaver dams, in fact avoid them completely even in waders
- h) Be Happy - it drives some folk's crazy



While there may not be as many fish being caught in our area as when I guided outdoorsmen around these waters during the 50's, it is still a wonderful pastime. Most adept families will serve fresh fish during their canoe or kayak trip. But a young friend of mine, Dalton, throws a can of Salmon into his rucksack just in case. Our own family guests at Camp J anticipate catching a few for dinner during the season. They clean them at the lake to feed to the local turtle and other fish population while lessening unnecessary

### A Rover's Ramblings

"Turn the Bannock over chum it's getting nicely done" is from an early outdoor poem that many of you may recognize. Some of the old woodsmen might say that a wee dram of whiskey in the Bannock flour would improve the flavour considerably. But how would a young fella like me know, right? Besides this thing about aging is highly over rated, probably just a way to live longer. Some old folks say if there is a possibility that common sense is making a comeback it best hurry up. Here's a chance for governments to take note and stop scamming the little guy.

But you know stuff from our yesterday is still quite valid, in fact most stacks-up against anybody anywhere even if they imagine importance. I have some ramblings here... like our most northern town, called Alert. 2000 miles above little Alaska where we are today keeping our eye on the baffling leader Kim jong un of North Korea. Or was the Canadian Avro Arrow Intercontinental Jet Fighter really eight years ahead of its time? Did the gangster Al Capone actually hide out from the law in Quadeville? We did have prohibition you know! And how many Pickerel did our Al Pennock catch in one day? The legal limit - of course. Yes, we also invented Baseball here in Beechburg, Ontario just three years before Cooperstown. And a whole slew of other items the whole world enjoys.

And while we are on the subject of

attraction of our black bear residents back at the lodge.

Spearing Suckers in the Spring, at night was another popular method back in the day. We also took a few Yellow Pickerel in the process. A lamp was hung from a pole in the rowboat to attract these plentiful fish. Sometimes it got tippy perhaps due to the wind, gravity, or nocturnal beverages but anyhow, occasionally the spearman joined his prey.

I suppose like so many outdoor pleasures the art of fishing is practiced by those who seek to catch fish not for food, as back in earlier times, but rather for the sport involved. Which brings us to "catch and release" which like "gun less deer hunts" eliminates the killing, cleaning, hanging, etc. In other words all the dirty crap and work, while telling stories of the ones that didn't get a way. And our game hopefully propagates.

Some like the idea of pulling up to a farm and purchasing Moose or Bison steak. But nothing compares with the excitement of calling that big bull down, off the mountain. Gradually to the water's edge. Then over to your end of the lake before taking him for the gang that is sharing that successful hunt with you. Yep, All part of our great Ontario Outdoors... bigger than others and with most of the world's fresh water... truly the last frontier.

random ramblings, let me give a news flash about our almost secretive "Mush-Head Mountaineers. We are losing an important member. This usually historical, sometimes hysterical, fifty-year old group may only meet once a year but we shall miss this special member as he resettles south of seven. Also there was a tourist visiting our Madawaska Highlands who approached a local in Bert's Pine Valley Restaurant in Griffith during the Friday morning's Men's Breakfast. He asked the local "What's the quickest way to Matawatchan?" The local scratched his head "Are ye walkin' er drivin'?" he asked the visitor. "I'm driving" said the stranger. "Well. that's the quickest way" replied Earl. Enjoy- with Ole Ern



R. Ernest Jukes For 65 years, Ernie has been an artist in residence in Matawatchan at Camp J, collecting

a rucksack of tales and preserving stories of people and happenings in the Highlands through many publications including his books and for The Highlander since its inception. His donated paintings of our valley and records of our fire tower may be seen in "The Wall in the Hall Museum" in the Matawatchan Hall.



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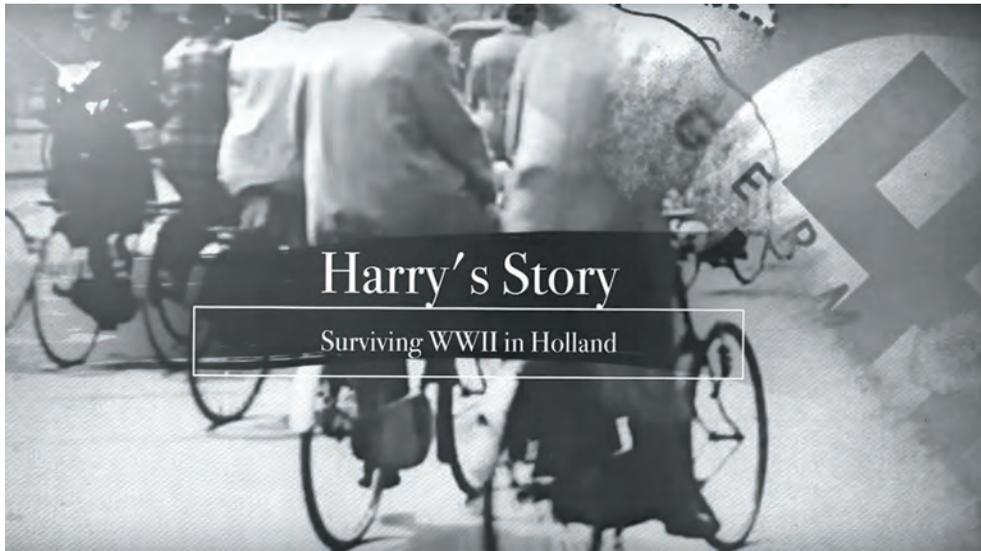
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## “Harry’s Story” Documentary Premiere October 25 in Northbrook

By Cathy Hook



Above: Scenes from Harry’s Story, a new documentary, premiering at the Lions Hall in Northbrook on October 25th at 7 pm.

The museum season has now ended, but the historical society continues. A new locally produced documentary is to be launched on October 25th at the Lions Hall in Northbrook at 7 pm. Everyone is invited to attend this premiere public showing. Refreshments will be served.

Harry Andringa lives in Flinton with his wife Fim and son David. When Harry was nine years old he lived in Aartswoud, Holland and witnessed the Nazi invasion in 1940. For five years the citizens of Holland endured the brutality of the Nazi regime until liberation by the Allies in 1945.

Under the direction of Adolf Hitler, all Jews were rounded up in Holland and sent to camps for extermination. However, several Dutch families including Harry’s took great risk by hiding Jews and saving many lives, since Dutch families getting caught could face the death penalty. Harry describes in the documentary how his life changed after the Nazi invasion, the horrors of war and why

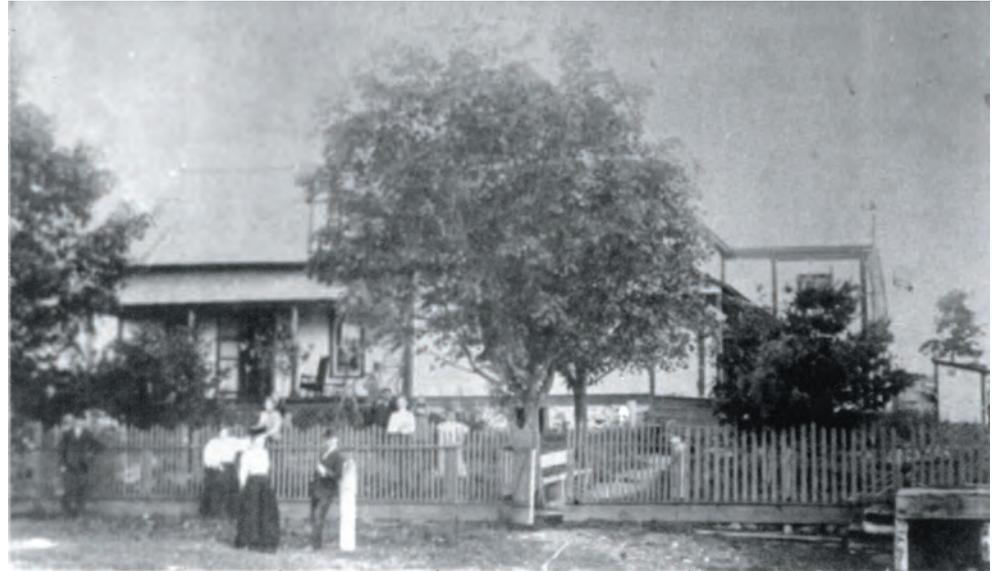
the Dutch have a special bond with Canadians.

Harry, now in his 80s, used to visit local schools during Remembrance Day services to tell his story. His story will live on through this digital film. To make the documentary, Harry was interviewed at length. Vintage war footage was collected from the National Film Board – Canadian Army Newsreels to supplement Harry’s Story. Ken and Cathy Hook produced the video in ultra-high definition quality (4K) over a one-year period. A trailer video can now be seen on Harry’s website: [www.harrysstory.ca](http://www.harrysstory.ca) A blog will contain further outtakes and stories not included in the documentary as well as news and viewer comments.

In partnership with the Cloyne and District Historical Society and the Land O’Lakes Lions Club, Ken and Cathy are pleased to present Harry’s Story at this premiere launch. Harry plans to attend to answer questions. We hope you can attend too!

## From the Archives: Communities of Rose Hill, Ferguson Corners and Glenfield

By Ellanora Meeks



A home in Vennachar before the 1903 fire that took out most of the village. Once a thriving village with a hotel, blacksmith shop, mills, school, church, post office and more, Vennachar never rebuilt to be the center it could have been.



You can see the old gas station sign outside this old photo of the country store at the corner of Buckshot Lake Road and the Matawatchan Road in Vennachar, now a private residence.

My mother, Cora (Rosenblath) Rose, was raised at Rose Hill in a family of four boys and five girls. Mom was the daughter of Archie Rosenblath and Sarah Ellen (Jackson) Rosenblath.

Dad’s (Nelson Rose) family lived only a mile or so down the road from Rose Hill. He was the son of Charles Rose and Emma Ida (Warlick) Rose. There were 2 boys and 4 girls. They farmed, and a few worked for John Flake at his sawmill at Rose Hill. There used to be a school at Rose Hill, between Rose Hill and Ferguson Corners. Ferguson Corners was named after Bill Ferguson whose son Everett was a game warden in the Denbigh area for many years.

My uncle Raymond Rose married Lilly Rodgers, a sister to Jimmy Rodgers who played the violin for dances. They lived at Ferguson Corners between Glenfield and Rose Hill. Glenfield at one time was a little village. My Uncle George and Aunt Florence Thompson lived there till their house burned down. Just next to the trout creek lived Chelsea and Vern Snider, and then came the farm where we lived after our home on the Matawatchan Road burned on April 15, 1947. It had been the former Alex Jackson homestead.

Living next to us at that time were Ellsworth and Sarah Presley and just over the hill from them lived Tom and Olive Thompson. At the base of the big hill, just a couple of miles around the hill, lived Samuel and Barbara Ellen Presley. Barbara Ellen was a half-sister to Bob Thompson who owned the sawmill. The Thompsons also owned a small store where the men could buy a plug of chewing tobacco or tobacco and papers to roll their own smokes. They also stocked some canned goods, sugar, tea, coffee etc. This little store was located in a part of the cookhouse next to the bunkhouse where a lot of the men that worked in the sawmill stayed. The mill was located behind the cookhouse approximately 500 ft. and it sure was a noisy spot.

My dad was a scaler at the mill. Bob Thompson worked the saw that cut the lumber. Bob’s brother, Ed Thompson, worked in the bush. He was cutting down trees when

one got lodged or hung up and when he went to dislodge it, a huge maple fell on him and killed him.

Next to the cookhouse was the Glenfield graveyard, then came the home of Bob and Irene Thompson. Irene was sister to Viola Seitz who owned the Circular Saw Museum in Denbigh. The sawmill in Glenfield employed quite a few men and was known as Robert (Bob) Thompson’s Lumber Company. During a storm the mill caught fire and burned to the ground. It was never rebuilt. Bob declared bankruptcy, which left many of his workers out of a job.

Just up from Bob and Irene Thompson about a mile, was Glenfield school. I can remember when Orle Johns from Denbigh was the teacher there. When it closed the children went to Vennachar School.

I remember my dad driving the horse and sleigh to take us to school. Mom would heat bricks in the oven and wrap them in cloth. These were put in the sleigh, plus lots of hay, and Mom made blankets for the small children to cover up with and keep warm. Us bigger ones would run behind the sleigh to keep ourselves warm. In the summer the school bus was a wagon drawn by a team of horses.

I remember doing my homework by oil lamp, because when it was still daylight on summer evenings we would work in the hayfield after the farm work of milking the cows, feeding the pigs and looking after the hens and the horses.

The young people today sure don’t have the work to do that we used to. Just think. Today you flip a switch and you have a nice bright light. We didn’t have that back then.

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## Mushroom Prints - Beautiful Identifiers

By Colleen Hulett



Where you find a mushroom is as important an identifier as what it looks like.



Mushrooms pop up to disperse their spores quickly before bugs, animals and humans feast.



Perhaps the most interesting mushroom features are underneath. Every one is different.



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### How To Make a Spore Print:

- 1) Cut off mushrooms stalk close to the base using a sharp knife for a clean cut. Be careful not to damage the gills if you want a perfect print.
- 2) Place the cap with its gills or spore-side facing down on a piece of card stock paper.
- 3) Put a drop of water on the top of the cap and cover with a glass bowl or tumbler to keep the air still.
- 4) Remove the mushroom cap to reveal the spore print left on the card stock. Some mushroom caps produce prints in a few hours and some take up to 12 hours
- 5) If you are using your print for an artwork piece, spray it right away with an artist's fixative spray to keep the spores in place permanently or take a photo of your delightful print for use in a collage. (Tip: Multiple overlapping mushrooms make very cool prints for handmade cards).
- 6) If you want to germinate the spores do not spray with a fixative glue but instead wrap the spore card in wax paper (not Saran Wrap) and bring it to the forest to shake the spores around. Please have fun experimenting and know that spore prints can be brownish, white, cream, pink and even violet. Your mushroom cap's shape and size with or without gills is fun to experiment with on different coloured card stock. The possibilities are endless. Please share this article with your crafter friends or hiking partner. They will be pleasantly surprised and eager to start.

The more I study the mysterious Fungi Kingdom the more fascinating they become to me. We know fungi play a vital role in the Earth's ecosystem and how we couldn't live without their travelling mycelium. We still do not know why they appear suddenly and then seem to pop out of nowhere. We know they cannot be classified as a plant or an animal and fall into in a separate kingdom all on their own. What a mysterious bunch of creatures! If you visit my website (CalabogieHiker.com) you will find ten's of photos of mushrooms photographed by me since 2016. I found them all in the highlands. Its been over a year that I've been combing through Fungi books and I still cannot identify many of my photos. For everyone's safety I try to only label fungi if I am certain of their identification. The complexity of identifying fungi is overwhelming at times and compounded by the fact that there are a good number of mushrooms yet to be identified even by mycologists. I haven't found one book that doesn't include a fungi identification disclaimer due to the poisonous nature of some mushrooms.

Almost every expert has noted that it is possible they have incorrectly identified a mushroom in one of their photos. Wow. How will you know about the misidentification? I'm certain you won't if you are dead. Drama aside, the likelihood there are many undiscovered mushrooms in the forests of the Madawaska Highlands is high. Especially in areas of virgin forests. Now that in itself is a very good reason to get out hiking and find your mushroom. The one YOU discovered and therefore the one you can name....no? Sounds like fun to me.

Mushroom hunting is especially fun if you are an explorer at heart just like me. I caution you to bring a compass or GPS with you when you go out into the forest. As you search your head will certainly be focussed on the ground and you will be zigzag-

ging through the forest from mushroom to mushroom. You will be off course in no time. Especially if the person you are hiking with is also an explorer type. As you get better at finding mushrooms with a trained eye and the knowledge to look where they are hiding, you will be transformed into a bloodhound sniffing its way to that elusive rabbit without looking back. Bring the compass, please.

Mushrooms can be found to be most plentiful in the spring and fall just after our rain seasons in April and September. Mushrooms disappear during hot and dry weather, like July, for example. They usually can be found between April to October in any damp wooded area that is littered with dead trees. Mushrooms pop up out of nowhere for a limited time, so please be prepared to pick ripe ones as you see them otherwise they will be gone before your next hike. If they are young and at or near the button stage you can return to that spot in a week and pick them. If they are past the button stage and not fully in their prime go back in three days to pick them. Otherwise they will be full of bugs or rotted beyond edibility. A real disappointment for your belly and your salivatory glands, I must add.

Why pick your own mushrooms instead of buying them in the grocery store? Flavour. Once you get a taste for wild mushrooms it is hard to go back to the bland and uninteresting grocery variety. Since the Roman times, foraged mushrooms have been revered and found in many gourmet dishes. To this day, the same mushrooms found in those roman dishes, truffles, boletes, chanterelles and morels, for example, continue to show up in menus of fine restaurants and fetch a very pretty purse for foragers. Some Chefs will shell out hundreds of dollars a pound for some varieties. Now that is exciting.

If you go mushroom hunting be prepared to carry a flat-bottomed basket,

wax paper, a pocket knife and a note pad with pen. The basket ensures the mushrooms won't get tossed around, bruised, or start releasing their spores. Use wax paper to wrap and separate the different species type. Do not use plastic wrap as this causes mushrooms to decay at a faster rate than wax paper. Make sure to jot down all pertinent data to help you properly identify your mushrooms. Necessary data like the type of habitat or area you found it in, the tree it is consuming, type of trees surrounding it, is it a single stand alone mushroom or is it in a group? What is the overall colour or colours? Does it have a smell? What is the colour of the cap? What is the cap size and shape? Gills or no gills, pores or teeth? Scales? Stalk? Latex when scratched? What colour was the spore print? Brown? White?

You need to record everything in the field as the overall colour of the mushroom may drastically change once you get it back to your house. Identification later from books will prove difficult because most books usually only print pictures of perfect specimens. Yes, a smartphone can be used to replace the notepad but You must photograph the mushroom from every angle and dictate all the other pertinent info into your phone notes via the microphone. Make sure you have your phone fully charged and a portable power bar to handle all the extra power you will need to take the pics for proper identification. Seriously though, a paper notepad saves the power in your phone you may need for its GPS or emergency calls.

Phew that is a lot of data to identify one little mushroom. Of all the things to inspect on a mushroom before you are certain you have the correct fungi, making the spore print is probably the most exciting identifier and can usually be the deciding factor to know if you have a delicious edible mushroom in front of you or a poisonous look-alike. Spores are the very tiny reproduc-

tion 'seeds' (for lack of a better term) that are dispersed in many different ways. All mushrooms produce millions of spores. There is that mystery again - millions of spores per mushroom, so why will only one pop up here or there?

How do you make a spore print, you ask? I have included instructions at the end of the article but I'd like to add that a spore print can be used for other purposes than the identification of mushrooms. Artists make spore prints to use in their mixed media works and foragers make spore prints on their hats or knapsacks in the hope wind will help disperse the spores into their favourite forest, germinate and produce mushrooms when the right conditions are created. What these right conditions is still not fully understood by scientists. At least the mycelium will create an underground highway of mycelia that will help preserve the ecosystem in your forest. This is a good thing for everyone on Earth.

Happy hiking everyone!

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## Struggles at Vennachar Junction

By Kate McLaren

One sunny day in late July, my husband Richard and I were strolling through one of our old pastures, now filled with wildflowers, junipers and raspberry bushes. In the sweep of native plants, we almost missed the unusual glossy green, pointed, leaves and slender stems that had wound themselves around a milkweed plant. At the end of each stem were several pairs of long, light green, seed pods.

We took a sample home and looked it up. To our dismay, it turned out that Dog Strangling Vine, DSV, had arrived in our beautiful old field.

The next morning we returned with a shovel and garbage bag to remove the vines at the base of a black cherry tree. While Richard was digging up the plants I wandered around the area and discovered that the vine was everywhere. It was growing like a thick mat over and around several nearby rock piles and encroaching on junipers and wild raspberry patches.

Our idea of digging the plants out by the roots was out the window. Our new goal was to pull out any vines with seed pods before they could split open in a few weeks and release their seeds, like milkweeds, on silk-thread parachutes. Unlike the native milkweed, to which it is related, this plant does not attract most insects or animals, or nourish Monarch caterpillars that might hatch on the vines.

Over the next three weeks we pulled well over 10,000 plants that we sealed into industrial black plastic bags and left to bake in the sun until the end of the summer. We estimate that each bag held about 500 stems with pods. We had to ignore the many thousands, younger, vines that had not yet produced seed pods.

The most densely affected area is over 800 square meters. Drawing on the recommendations from the Ontario Invasive Plants Council website, we covered most of this area with tarps to kill the vine and its extensive root systems. Before tarping, we trimmed down other bushes and saplings that interfered with the tarps. The tarps will stay in place for two or three years to ensure the DSV roots and any stray seed pods are destroyed. Unfortunately, all the other plants will die back as well, and the soil will be left depleted and affected by toxins emitted by the vines. This area will need to be rehabilitated through soil amendment and the reintroduction of native plant species, perhaps with mulch on any exposed soil.

This isn't all there is to the story. As we walked from rock pile to rock pile and through all corners of the field, we found many single vines or smaller clusters that had somehow managed to move in with the gold-



A section of the area inundated by dog strangling vine, making an impenetrable mat.



Dog strangling vine is attractive with waxy green leaves and pods. Don't take it home.



Mature seed pods look similar to milkweed. Resist the urge to blow these silky seeds around.



Clear anything that will keep tarps from lying flat and be prepared to leave them for 2 to 3 years.



Vines grow dense, blocking light to kill tall trees, bringing down saplings with their weight with the DSV and is now being field tested near Ottawa before it can be released in the Ottawa area. There is also a controlled herbicide that will do the job but you need to have a license to handle it. We don't have a crop at risk and won't be going that route.

enrod, raspberries, tall grass and other wildflowers. These DSV patches eventually petered out, leaving about two thirds of the 25 acres unaffected. We pulled out all of these vanguard vines if they had pods, leaving the roots and smaller vines behind, knowing we would be back next spring and summer to pull or dig them out again.

We don't know where the vine came from or how it got into our field. No vines have showed up in the nearby fields or forested areas and only one or two along the shady road that runs beside the affected field. We will keep looking and asking others in the area.

Nor do we have a clear idea of how long the vines have been spreading in the field. Each year the vines die back to the ground and start out again in the spring, getting denser over the years as the roots send out ever more stems. Finally, they crowd out the native competition and destroy the diversity and bounty of the ecosystem. Given the density and spread of this invasion, we assume it's been a number of years.

### What have we learned in the process?

**First**, it's important to survey the whole area and figure out the size and locations of the densest infestation - those places where there might be dozens of vines in a square meter. Don't panic and start pulling and cutting, like we did for a day or two. The densest areas are where you will want to mow and tarp.

**Second**, make a map of all the affected areas and a plan to monitor the site in different seasons each year. We learned that our site is large and well established. As hu-

man intervenors, we see our job as stopping the spread of the vines and shrinking the areas of monoculture. In future years we hope to pull and dig out all of the isolated clumps. When the flowers have formed next June we will need to pull out the vines around the tarped area and visit the site fairly often through June and early July.

**Third**, tackle the isolated outposts first, especially if they already have seed pods. Work from the edges into the densest area. Keep checking for more vines throughout the area and especially where you've already looked. We continually missed plants in areas we had already searched more than once. Search the areas where native vegetation is the least dense, such as rock piles, or any place where the soil has been exposed, for example, where bears turn over rocks and leave exposed soil. Bears might also be seed carriers, so check carefully in the wild raspberry patches in the late summer.

**Fourth**, be sure to flag each spot with bright marking tape so you can find each outpost later in the season and subsequent years.

**Fifth**, pull out all and remove all vines with seed pods before you cut or mow an area. Any pods left on the ground by trimming, can still mature and release their seeds. This is the most challenging part of the whole experience. The vines are tricky things, hiding in plain sight among the milkweeds, goldenrod, and other small bushes and saplings.

**Sixth**, a little respect for the resilience of the vines, grudging though it might be, helps keep one's spirits up while awaiting the arrival of a biological attacker -- like the small eastern European bee that co-evolved

**Seventh**, plan ahead for disposal of the bagged plants. The Ontario Invasive Plants Council advises that landowners dispose of the baked plants in their garbage bags at the local landfill. We contacted the responsible person at our township office to find out whether the township could handle the secure disposal of such an invasive plant, and the number of bags we would be bringing. Best not to show up with lots of bags of 'garden waste', and most important, NOT to put any DSV, living or presumed dead, into your own, or the township, composting facility. I am not assuming that all seeds will be dead inside their pods by the end of this cool, rainy summer.

**Finally**, let the Ontario Invasive Plants Council know about any outbreak of DSV. Check them out at [www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca](http://www.ontarioinvasiveplants.ca) The Council has a number of good publications, both hard copy and online.

**Report invasive species online, to Ontario's Invading Species at [www.invadingspecies.com](http://www.invadingspecies.com) You will need to add photos for confirmation.**

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# The Dust Settles on Ontario's Trail Act

By Lesley Cassidy



Soaking up the view of snowy fields and endless frozen ponds as you snowmobile towards the next town, you notice a gray shape up ahead on the trail. Suddenly, you realize there is a fence across the trail. A gate has been built and a sign, "NO TRESPASSING!" in large blocky letters ends the ride. In recent past, this trail was open and led to the next town where your group planned to stop for lunch and then continue sledding to another community to stay for the night. Now your group must navigate the side of the road, wondering which road to follow to get back on the trail and how far to go to get there.

The new Supporting Ontario's Trails Act came into effect in the Province in September 2016. This law has met with some controversy which resulted in trails closing in Ontario (Manitoulin area, Niagara, Leeds and Grenville, etc.) and the Ottawa Valley. Not just impacting snowmobiling, hikers and other trail users noticed the closures as well. The Act was created to connect trail networks together, raise awareness of the importance of trails in supporting local communities through jobs and tourism, encourage use of

the trails and recognize the impact and contribution trails make to the quality of life of communities. It also brings several fragmented rules about trails under one law, instead of several laws.

### So why did some trails close?

Ontario is a province with many trails, it has over 2500 trails covering over 73,000 kilometres. Trails can be multi-use - used by snowmobilers, All-Terrain-Vehicles (ATV), hikers and cyclists, whereas other trails are solely for one or possibly two types of recreation such as hiking and horseback riding. It is difficult to tally, but over 30,000 kilometres of trails are on private property.

Historically and over decades, many farmers and landowners have worked together with trail users to develop connected trail systems. Landowners have granted access or an easement to trail users which allows them to cross private land or waterways to continue along a trail. In the past, these agreements were sometimes in the form of a handshake, but were generally written documents that outlined the type of recreational use, season etc.

While this Bill was working its way

through the legislative process in early 2016, there was uncertainty around the wording of the Act with respect to easements, how these rules would be interpreted and what that could mean for the landowner. The Ontario Landowners Association (OLA) was quite concerned about easements. They felt, from their interpretation of the Bill, that easements could potentially be registered against private property without the landowners' knowledge. As well, they indicated that the property owner could then not remove the registered easement and by extension, could then not remove access by people or clubs to their land. The Association made their position clear in the months leading up to the legislation being passed through various forums including information sessions, their website and reports in the media. Landowners, understandably, were very concerned about the wording of the law and access to their land. Numerous trails in Ontario closed during 2016.

Now law, the Act definitely makes clear that the landowner can remove access to any trails on their property and can revoke easements and agreements with users. According to the government of Ontario - "Bill 100 does not compel any landowner to provide an easement. The legislation provides an additional way for landowners and eligible bodies to enter into voluntary legal agreements for trail related activities."

Patrick Connor, the President of the Ontario Trails Council indicated that this year, for the most part, it is business as usual with access to the current trail network. Mr. Connor highlighted that each year, trails are closed for various reasons by landowners - as an example because of trespassing or health issues. He did highlight that as the Bill was being developed in 2015-16, it did result in closures.

Since that time, many organizations have worked with landowners and the government has better clarified what was meant by the wording of the law. Mr. Connor feels that there hasn't been a further loss of trails due to the Bill's passing. He said that where trail access was lost last year, some trails have reopened and work-arounds have been developed for those trails that did not.

For snowmobiling in the Ottawa Valley, several trails did close last year in District 6 of the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC). As of this year, District 6 encompasses a large area from Arnprior, Griffith, Deux Rivieres, to Perth and Bancroft. Stuart McDonald of the MapleLeaf Snow Skimmers and President of the District indicated that volunteers were proactive last year and printed copies of the proposed Bill and shared these with landowners as they met with them. Mr. McDonald said that "the District works hard on landowner relationships. It's all about trust." His Club deals with

any issues landowners have throughout the season right away. As an example, after heavy rain and when the inevitable freezing occurs as the temperatures drop, the groomed track can become very hard. Sometimes snowmobilers will go around these sections or create a new trail beside the frozen one. The Club works hard to remind all members to stay on the trail and follow the signs. He noted that between 90 - 95% of landowners are back on board this year and new partnerships are being formed where trails have been re-routed. In the Lanark Highlands, the SnowRoad Snowmobile Club posted on its website a letter and a newly worded agreement to assure landowners and partners that the trail users recognize it is a privilege and not a right to access their land. "The Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC) has updated the current land use agreement form used by all snowmobile clubs and association across Ontario to include the following statement: The landowner/occupier and the local snowmobile club mutually confirm that the landowner/occupier, by signing this MOU is not requesting nor granting permission for a registered easement over the designated premises."

The work that these organizations have completed to reassure landowners seems to be working. And for rural areas, that is positive economic news.

Trails are the backbone of rural communities and support economies across Ontario. Trails not only give people the opportunity to get outside and enjoy a more rural or natural setting, but they provide economic benefits to communities that are remote and have few tourism opportunities at certain times of the year. Whether it is cycling, snowmobiling, ATV's, hiking or horseback riding, these communities depend on tourism dollars.

Hiking, according to the Government of Ontario, in 2014, "was the source of close to 2.16\$ billion of economic benefit to the province and created more than 18,000 jobs across the overall Ontario economy." Trails are a tourism attraction for those within and outside the province. The Canadian Council of Snowmobile Organizations reported that as part of an economic impact study that during the 2013-2014 season, the snowmobile industry contributed \$1.7 billion dollars worth of economic activity in Ontario in a few short winter months. Snowmobilers support the hotels, inns and restaurants of many rural communities.

Trails also offer many other benefits, including improving physical fitness, a place in the community where friends and neighbours meet, and trails can provide education opportunities through the history and geology of the area. Trails make our communities more liveable and enjoyable.

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**Canoeing Conroy Marsh**

By John Neale



This is a wilderness paddle with few stopping places, with either thick marsh or steep rock banks. We did take advantage of the occasional cottage dock to stretch our legs. Our basic cabin accommodations at the Silgrey Rustic Resort, even with no running water, were luxurious compared to our usual tents.

This year our annual canoe trip focused on Conroy Marsh. This large marsh is the joint estuary of the Little Mississippi River and the York River, and joins the Madawaska between Combermere and Palmer Rapids. We put our canoes into the Madawaska River just downstream from the bridge in Combermere at the Bent Anchor Bar & Restaurant. This year we had two canoes with Bernie and I in the blue canoe and Ken and Ted in the red canoe.

As we left the Bent Anchor Bar the river soon widened into Negeek Lake. I was impressed by the number of sandy beaches and sand-bars. We passed one island that had a beach and a picnic table. We also passed a huge floating climbing structure that looked like an iceberg from a distance. There are many cottages and resorts along Negeek Lake, but fortunately there was very little boat traffic on this Monday in late August.

We paddled about five kilometres before turning south into one of the channels leading into Conroy Marsh. Robert Conroy was an Ottawa Valley lumber baron, politician and hotelier who held the timber rights in this area in the mid nineteenth century. As we paddled further upstream into the marsh we gradually left all traces of civilization behind. Conroy Marsh is in the Madawaska Highlands and is flanked by large hills. We passed a luxurious looking estate called Dan's Cookhouse that looked oddly out of place in

the middle of this wilderness. I noticed they had a wind turbine boat for going deeper into the marsh. We saw wild rice growing and there were ospreys, ducks and great blue herons. The fishing is good for pike and both small and large mouth bass and we did see several fishermen in motorboats casting their floating lures.

I joked that the trip would take about 4 hours unless we got lost in the marsh. Fortunately we only went up one false channel adding an extra 1km to the trip. It was difficult to find a place to stop and stretch our legs since there was little solid ground in the marsh. After a couple of hours paddling, I wished I had brought a comfy cushion to put on top of my canoe seat!

We paddled 18km that day to Silgrey Rustic Resort where we spent the night. While definitely rustic, it was still much more luxurious than our usual tent! Silgrey is located at the last rapids on the York River. Mike and Wanda Wood have seven cabins for rent and space for tents. We took Cabin # 3. Prices are reasonable, but the cabins don't have a washroom so you need to use the outhouse. There is a fridge, stove, microwave and two large water jugs. There is a shower house nearby. I especially like the fact that all bedding is provided. We only needed to bring food, a change of clothes and toiletries, oh ya,... and some beer. Besides eating and drinking, there isn't a lot to do at Silgrey ex-

cept swim, play in the rapids, walk around the garden, fish, read, tell stories and play cards. Nora the dog will check you out and bark at you. After dinner we played Euchre for a couple of hours. There is no Wifi and no cellphone coverage. Still, there were some jokes about how the boys are moving upscale. Ted said that he wants to go 5 Star next year!

The next day we left at 9:30am and paddled back the same way we came. It was

interesting to travel the same water in opposite directions. We picked up on different things and used our knowledge to better plan ahead for our lunch stop on a large floating dock near Dan's Cookhouse. We had the current and a South breeze in our favour as we headed back north through the marsh. This trip opened my eyes to the whole Combermere area with its wild hills, sandy beaches and easy access to the Conroy Marsh.

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**Resiliency in a Changing Climate - Proposed Near Surface Disposal Facility at Chalk River Nuclear Site**

In 1873, essayist Charles Dudley Warner quipped, "Everybody complains about the weather, but nobody *does* anything about." It was funny then, but it seems like a call to action these days, when you consider the effects of climate change.

I remember, not so long ago, when the Weather followed Sports on any Newscast, but now, weather and weather-related issues commonly lead the news – drought, wildfires, excessive rainfall, flooding, tornadoes, hurricanes, ice storms, even extreme heat in September.

Governments, businesses, and non-profits are developing ways to reduce factors contributing to climate change, and more urgently working on climate change resiliency and adaptation. A few decades ago they began infrastructure planning based on the hypothetical "100 year storm". Unfortunately, it is becoming apparent that it isn't enough. As 100 year hurricanes are coming three or more in a season, infrastructure is failing and storms are leaving behind a trail of destruction that goes well beyond immediate death tolls and damage to property – land-based toxic waste from refineries, chemical plants, landfills, wastewater systems, and nuclear energy plants, are being released into the soil, water, and air with long lasting effects.

This comes at a time when Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd. is proposing a Near Surface Nuclear Waste Facility at Chalk River Laboratories (CNL) in Deep River, on the shores of the Ottawa River - a source of drinking water for millions of people, including people in the Nation's Capital. This was the first nuclear facility built in Canada and as soon as 2018, it could be the site of Canada's first nuclear waste landfill.

In March of this year CNL submitted plans to the Canadian Nuclear Safety Com-



Canadian Nuclear Labs (CNL) covers a large area next to the Ottawa River. It had 2 meltdowns and numerous spills and is in urgent need of a permanent clean up. A flood would be disastrous, even if it isn't of the 100 year kind.

*At a 1944 meeting in Washington, of the Committee that oversaw the Manhattan Project, the US, UK and Canada agreed that Canada should build a heavy water reactor to produce plutonium from uranium for nuclear weapons. Construction of the reactor at Chalk River (Deep River, ON) began that year and continued after the war ended. When it came into operation in July 1947 it was the world's most powerful reactor, supplying plutonium for US atomic bombs for the next 30 years. The NRU reactor licence expired in 2016, but the licence has been extended to March 2018.*

mission (CNSC) for a permanent nuclear waste disposal site at Chalk River. In August, the non profit, Ottawa Riverkeeper, and the Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council presented a very thorough report prepared by expert Wilf Ruland (P. Geo.) entitled, "Initial Independent Review of Hydrogeological Issues Pertaining to the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) at the Chalk River Nuclear Site." Ottawa Riverkeeper is a member of CNL's Environmental Stewardship Council (ESC). The ESC was started by Atomic Energy Canada Limited – Chalk River in 2006 on a recommendation of the Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission. The following is copied from the draft report:

*"Through participation in the ESC Ottawa Riverkeeper has learned a great deal about operations at CNL and the wastes that have accumulated at the site over its lifetime. Learning from experts about the legacy wastes buried on site, contaminated groundwater plumes and the contaminated riverbed has been distressing yet extremely important to inform our comments on this project. It has opened our eyes to the importance and urgency*

*around dealing with all wastes at this site in a responsible and safe manner.*

*Recognizing that water is an essential element that sustains and connects all life, and further recognizing that the misuse of freshwater poses a threat to human health, as well as to local fauna and flora, Ottawa Riverkeeper's review of the proposed near surface disposal facility at Chalk River Nuclear Laboratories is focused on the protection of water and the aquatic ecosystem.*

*We strongly believe the proposed site is not favourable for the following reasons:* (edited for space)

- *Close proximity to the Ottawa River*
- *Unfavourable site geology & hydrogeology*
- *Close proximity to Waste Management Areas where legacy wastes have caused extensive pollution of groundwater and vegetation.*
- *The site is subject to frequent seismic activity and the potential for multiple damaging seismic events is highly likely."*

Criticism about the technology centers around the proposal to include intermediate level waste in a facility designed to contain low level radioactive materials for

an estimated, but untested, 500 year life. The proposal for the Near Surface Disposal Facility (NSDF) isn't just to contain the existing contamination, but to accept materials from other sources:

*"The engineered containment mound (ECM) which is the centrepiece of the NSDF proposal offers the prospect of providing one well-designed and secure location for all of these historical of "legacy" wastes to be disposed of. As such, the emplacement of those legacy wastes in the ECM would represent a significant improvement to the environment of the Chalk River facility and its surroundings.*

*Moreover, the ECM is intended to provide a secure disposal site for low level radioactive wastes which result from CNL operations over the next 50 years. Unfortunately the NSDF proposal has been marred by an ill-considered, poorly described, and inadequately assessed plan to dispose of up to 10,000 m3 of intermediate level radioactive wastes (ILW) in the NSDF. This aspect of the proposal should be dropped before the draft EIS is finalized. If it is not dropped, then the NSDF proposal becomes unapprovable - and should be strongly opposed."*

So we have a proposed NSDF with footprint equal to 70 NHL rinks, up to 7 stories high, in an quake zone just 200 kms. up-river of the Capital. As proposed, it could contain up to 1 million cubic meters of nuclear contaminated waste with low and intermediate levels of radioactivity, some of which will have a half-life of 10,000+ years, in a landfill with a 500 year life expectancy. Construction could start in 2018, pending approvals.

**This should be national news now, so it doesn't become international news later. Thank you Ottawa Riverkeepers and Tribal Council for being on top of this! Go to ottawariverkeeper.ca for more.**



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## Return to Vimy Ridge, 100 Years Later - Part 4 of 5 April 11, 2017 Vimy

By William (Bill) McNaught



Top: Bill at Memorial Canadien at Vimy Ridge. Right: Sheep mowing the grass

We retraced our steps back to the Memorial Canadien, north of Arras. Another sunny day, with blue skies and white clouds, a gentle breeze, so deceptive suggesting that April 9, 1917 was similarly benevolent, a walk in the park rather than the snow, sleet and freezing rain that whipped into the faces of the advancing Canadian soldiers on the day of the offensive.

It was clean-up day after the celebration on Sunday. Huge trucks collected the barriers, others gathering the thousands of white plastic chairs. More trucks removed the tents and sound systems. It was the aftermath of the big event - "the birth of the nation".

This was the day to acknowledge the place of our loss. The students had returned to soak up that totality. We parked and followed the narrow road to the Monument. Tall trees lined both sides. The feeling was distinctly Canadian and evoked Canada. It is in a wilderness setting, reminiscent of much of Canada.

On both sides of the roads behind wire fences were the restricted areas, where unexploded shells lurked beneath the soil. A flock of sheep grazed on the west side between the trees to control the grass. And everywhere were the small hillocks, evidence of the many shells that fell during the attack. My mood turned serious. I wondered beneath which hillock was the soil which absorbed the life blood of Private Ball, oozing unstoppable from the fatal wound in his abdomen. Which hillock hid the remains of Private Gregg, blown to pieces by an artillery shell, his body never identified?

The walk was slow and steady, as if we too were following the creeping artillery barrage, uphill to the summit. We turned east and suddenly the Monument was before us, the sun reflecting off the twin white limestone shafts. The reflection caused our eyes to squint. We stopped before approaching the wall which surrounds the Monument. The wall is very dramatic. It records the more

than 11,000 names of Canadian soldiers who have no known grave, for their bodies could not be identified or found. The names are in alphabetical order. On the east wall, overlooking the wide Douai Valley is the name of Private C. A. Gregg.

The students were everywhere. There was a flurry of teachers trying to herd the young folks together in order to create the class picture. The students were wearing Canada-red jackets. Most groups stretched the red and white flag of Canada in their front row. When the student classes dispersed, the students went their own ways, for Vimy is an individual experience. It evokes a non-verbal reaction that stirs and reinforces being Canadian.

I met one of the teachers from Napanee. She expressed a slight disillusion to the formalities of the Sunday celebration. "I worked for 5 years putting this trip together and it was over so quickly. It was a bit of a let-down." But I can see that her reaction is only momentary for her students will always remember that day. And as she looks around at her scattered students, she understands that to them, Vimy is not just the Sunday celebration but the actual experience of walking where our soldiers walked.

On the east side of the Monument, we looked down on the wide expanse of the Val-

ley. It was clear why the heights were strategic, for they dominate the Valley for many miles. Once in the hands of the Canadian forces, the foe could not dislodge our soldiers, despite their many costly attempts to do so.

It is the western view that is most compelling. From the steps, we looked down the gentle slope. In our minds, we could see the steady march of Canadian troops towards us on the heights, shells falling randomly on each side. But still the advance came closer, closer. It felt similar to standing at the shoreline of a lake and watching a wave approach. The east view is the victory but it is the west view, the view of endurance that lingers.

In the Vimy Museum, I encounter a gentleman, a volunteer, explaining the background and details to the displays. His grandfather enlisted in Toronto in 1914 and died during the gas attack in April 1915 at Ieper. I tell him the story of Private Gordon Hay, his survival though damaged during that same gas attack, and his difficult, shortened life back home in Canada. I ask him about the unpreparedness of the Generals of an army with the reputation of professionalism and their failure to anticipate the use of gas by the foe. The gentleman had no answer. I am left with the obvious conclusions.

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By Skippy Hale

### Jenn Mulvihill, Daytime Mom



'It takes a big Heart to help shape little minds', so says the cake! Cakes don't lie and neither do many young families in Calabogie and Area. On August 31, a large group pulled off the Surprise of the Century! Even little toddlers kept the secret. Jeanine Mulvihill and two friends were on the way to have a run or hike. Fitness is a way of life for these ladies so it was a routine trip, but the car did not continue up to the Peaks or Eagles Nest. It turned in at Barnet Park. All of the Munchkins were hiding behind one of the large gardens when the black car pulled up.

The kids jumped up and ran around the garden. We all yelled 'Surprise!!!' The tears and the hugs said it all! They were saying 'Thank you and Best Wishes on your new journey' to a very kind, loving woman. There were gifts, cards, flowers and a certificate from the Township. We ate hot dogs, hamburgers, salad, brownies and snacks. Her sister, Tara, made a delicious cake which we ate with ice-cream. It was a cool night, but the warmth of friendship surrounded us as did the beauty of our special park!

For the past 9 years, working par-

ents in the 'Bogie and area were confident that when they left for work, their children were well loved and cared for because Jeanine (Jenn to all) was their Daytime Mom. She opened her Home Day Care along with Maxine Jervis in 2008. They worked as a team for 2 years and when there were enough children Maxine started one of her own at her house. I remember them joining together for March Break activities at the Library or with the Library and the Senior Day Care at the Community Centre. Initially, their motto and name were 'Moms for Munchkins'. Two years

ago the name was changed to 'Hug a bear Day Care' since the little ones always brought a little bear or bunny to help with the transition. Jenn always had extra stuffies on hand but soon she was the receiver of the loving hugs.

Over 30 families have brought their children to be with this loving Daytime Mom. During that time over 50 children have played, eaten, coloured, jumped in the snow, leaves and water. Some came as infants and left for kindergarten. She also offered 'Before and After School Care' when they entered elementary school.

Jenn is active in the School Parent Group and organising Bogie Days. Who else would get up before the kids arrive and go for a multi-K run rain, sleet or snow? As if that isn't enough, throughout she has been raising her three wonderful boys. A job like this requires family co-operation and husband Leon, boys Griffin, Parker and Ryland, have been a great support all these years.

Jenn, you have earned your rest and a change. We always think of our children needing more care when they are tiny, but as they get older, they require a different kind of attention. You always posted pictures of hikes, fishing and other activities with the boys. Now you will be able to do it on your own schedule. I will miss seeing the kids' playthings and swings when I pass by, but I know that our young children have had the best start in life with their 'other Mom'!

## Calabogie & Area Home Support

Rural folks have transportation problems. First of all, some things are too far to walk and for seniors without a car, or who have never learned to drive, it can be a real problem. When I was a child, my grandma often had two ladies come to visit by train. One was an aunt who lived in Almonte and the other was a great-aunt who lived in Timmins. Their visits were events and the price was reasonable. When I was younger, we lived in Cumberland and my Dad worked in Ottawa. Cumberland was far away from the city then, so he boarded the old Colonial Coach bus every morning and returned home at night six days a week (no 5 day work week in the late 40's) since we did not have a car. I live by the old K&P track, which could take folks to Kingston, Renfrew and even across the lake to Barryvale. How times have changed! Bus routes have stopped or are so

limited that timing trips is difficult. Tracks everywhere have been removed. The Valley does not have train service any more.

In Calabogie we have a group of kind volunteers who drive seniors to appointments and shopping. There is a nominal charge depending on distance. Calabogie and Area Home Support volunteers have been a great help to me. Keeping a car was too much when my husband died. At times, I have had access to a vehicle or could hitch-hike in with neighbours. My boys come and pick me up for my Ottawa visits. One day Marg Neudorf, the CALHS Coordinator suggested I sign up with them. I did not think I would qualify since I am healthy and am capable of caring for myself. Home Care is not the purpose. I finally decided to sign up since I needed to get to the Fallowfield Train Station for a trip to Toronto last year. It was

the 'beginning of a beautiful friendship'. I am now on the Board since I value the service so much. Many volunteer drivers are also seniors. We could use a few more drivers and board members. Younger folks are welcome to apply. Mileage is paid for drivers and training is provided. Contact Marg at the Office (613) 752-2828; calhs@renfrew.net.

It is possible to purchase healthy frozen meals at the office. It is not a Meals-on-Wheels service. Call and go to the office to pick some up. The menu is varied. The Office has moved downstairs to 4984 Calabogie Road in the old Municipal Building. Marg is in a temporary office in the library. In the near future, she will have larger quarters. Contact information remains the same.

## Calabogie Homeless Cat Caregivers



### Calabogie Homeless Cat Caregivers

We did not have access to the Grant Application to PetSmart Charities until two days before the deadline. I worked on it, but there was not enough time to get all of the information required. It was a disappointment, but thanks to Allison Vereyken, we had the application form and know what is required for next year. Sadly, it means that we will be unable to get as many cats spayed or neutered as we had hoped. Thanks to a donation from the Lions, donations and two residents, we will be able to 'fix' 3 or 4 cats.

Drop off your empty booze bottles and cans at Shooters, 12676 Lanark Road or at 5258 Murphy Road. This is a community problem. Thanks to all those who care for these wee fur fellows. We could use some help with the shelters soon. They need to be cleaned and new straw added. Let us know if there is a colony near your place please. maryjoanhale@gmail.com or apaul19@hotmail.com or email.sharon@hotmail.com .

## Café Laurent in Burnstown



Laurent and kids photo from Café Laurent website cafelaurent.ca

In 2007, a geologist from Burkina Faso was transferred to Ottawa with his young family. They were going to try it for a year to see if the climate, culture and distance from family would be right for them. They also purchased a second place in Calabogie and became active members of the community. Laurent can be seen taking photos as a member of the Lions' Club, at their events. Addrienne, a talented designer and creator of beautiful fashions and Shay butter creams is

a frequent vendor at local craft shows. Their children are seen more in the summer since their schooling keeps Michelle and Louise in Ottawa. Christophe, their son, is a member of our Armed Forces.

The Coulibaly family's latest venture is a store in Burnstown in the former Madawaska Market building on Calabogie Road. Café Laurent has 16 flavours of ice-cream and 13 coffees. Lactose-free milk is available if needed. Wafer cones and biscuits are made

on site. He serves sandwiches, pops, juice, tea and soup. Hot cider will be available when it gets cooler. Gluten-free ice cream will be available next spring and hopefully, eventually dairy-free as well. Laurent will be spending the winter trying recipes with occasional taste testings. A geologist by education, a devotion to good coffee is his passion. The Café is his dream. Coffee and beans are supplied in rotation from the top five coffee companies in Canada. He will delightfully show you the coffee machine and all of its features. You are guaranteed cleanliness since the machine will not work unless all of the lines are cleaned daily. The machine automatically pauses to check the lines several times during the day as well as the cleaning when the café closes.

Soon, Adrienne will move in next door with her fashion line of clothing. She has worked with Richard Robinson, world-famous Ottawa couturier. Presently, she is busy with photo-shoots in the city. Many of her unique designs are created with fabrics purchased in Burkina Faso during a recent visit. She will welcome requests to create designs for clients. Other clothing will be available as well as her ready-to-wear designs. Her Shay butter line of products will be in her boutique as well.



Skippy Hale is a Retired Nurse and Librarian. She and her husband settled here in December 1999. After her husband's death in 2014, she decided to stay in Calabogie where she enjoys many friendships and is engaged in several volunteer projects. The loves of her life are her 3 children, their spouses, her three granddaughters and one grandson. She keeps busy with arts, crafts and getting stories for the Highlander.

## Calabogie Blues &amp; Ribfest 2017



Thanks to Paul and Liz Murphy, Calabogie Peaks has been a go-to-venue for many events. On the August 18 weekend, record crowds visited to enjoy three days of good music and great food. The grounds were chewed up from the Spartan Race on a previous weekend, but that did not deter the fans. These concerts are great because it is a natural amphitheatre with the hills serving like the ikria of an ancient Greek theatre long before they built the majestic theatres in Olympia, Delphi and Athens to celebrate the Feasts of Zeus, Apollo and Dionysos. It is interesting that a Spartan Race and a competition of food and musical presentations

should be held at the Peaks. Years ago, the GMPL held Fundraisers there with skits and musical performances.

The venue is great, with places to camp and there were trailers in the Parking Lot. Some vendors offered up jewellery, clothing woodwork and other goods for sale. The line-up for the weekend included Blues and Company, Big Sugar Boogie Blues and Crunchy Flower and many more. I really enjoyed Crunchy Flower. This is an Ottawa band with a unique sound. They all have day jobs. Two of the band members, Debra Ereaut, lead singer, and guitarist Trevor De-nault are friends of my youngest son, who

was at the festival and brought them to my attention. Debra has a powerful voice and she has excellent stage presence. The audience was engaged even though it was the end of the weekend.

This festival has become an annual event which has grown in stature and popularity. It has introduced Calabogie to musicians, music fans, sponsors and vendors. I volunteered in the Township Booth the first year and spoke with many visitors who had never heard of our village and promised to come back. We owe a thank you to the Murphy family and their staff for showcasing our wee piece of paradise!

## Music at Barnet Park



In the last edition, I reported on the great events at our Barnet Park. On the day I received my copy of the paper, I heard that our park had been vandalized. Not only had the inside of the cottage been damaged, but there was to be a wedding the next day and there was a tent in place. To my knowledge, the wedding preparations were not disturbed as they were a few years ago when the tent, tables and decorations were ruined. On both occasions, volunteers needed to work all night to return some semblance of order to the cottage and park. Since so much work over the years has been done by locals and mostly by volunteers with hardly-won grant money, it is most upsetting.

On the 10th of September we were entertained at an 'Open Mike' at the park. Some of the usual entertainers were on hand to play their music and sing for us. Mother Nature cooperated for a change. The sun shone and the music drifted across the lake bringing others to the park. It was a BYOP (bring your own 'Picnic') event. We should have more of these events. The 'Barnet' is our gift from the Barnet family and we treasure it.



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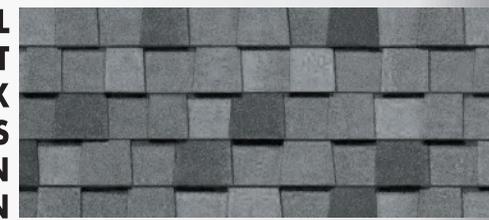
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## The Poisoning

By Antonia Chatson

It was mid-April and the cattle were lined up along a fence in a small field, absorbing the rays of the warming sun. We always fed the cattle mid afternoon to give them a couple of hours to tank up for the night and then have enough hay to lie on during the night. A snack at this time would allow for them to make it back to the barn shed for protection if the temperature dropped or if the wind picked up. With the bale on the front prong of the Ford tractor, my husband drove through the barnyard, out through the small field, around by the mud hole and into a larger field. There he would drop the bale of hay and we would roll it out, so everyone would have a fair go at the chuck. We would feed them in a different place every day so that the hay would be on cleaner ground.

As per usual the wagon train fell in behind the tractor and followed it until it stopped, with only the few younger cows kicking up their heels and cavorting beside the bale of hay and bunting at it playfully. I discreetly followed at a distance so as not to intrude upon the procession and with less likelihood of being gored or kicked by an overenthusiastic bovine. By the time I reached the mud hole, I glanced back to see that no newborn calves had been left behind. I saw no calves, but I did see that one of our younger cows was leaning up against a fence with her head hanging over it. When I arrived at the dropped bale and helped to take the strings off, I mentioned this to my husband. When we had the strings off, and the bale rolled out and everyone happily eating, I jumped up on the tractor and stood beside him as we drove back to check on the lagging cow. We dropped by the house and asked our daughter to come with us in case we needed help with her. As we approached Daisy Jr., we were mystified by her behaviour. Her head was hanging over the page wire fence but every minute or so she would raise her head up, with her mouth making large chewing motions and foaming saliva would dribble out of her mouth. Then her head would drop again, then she would raise it again with the chewing and drooling. We were mystified by her behaviour although my husband guessed it might be poisoning of some sort, especially since she was not interested in eating. Our first priority was to get her into the barn and then phone the vet. From what happened next, it was a good thing that we had not reversed the procedure.

We tried coaxing her, then wheeling her, and then pushing her away from the fence. We tried to get her directed towards the barn, but she planted her feet firmly on the ground and would not budge. My husband

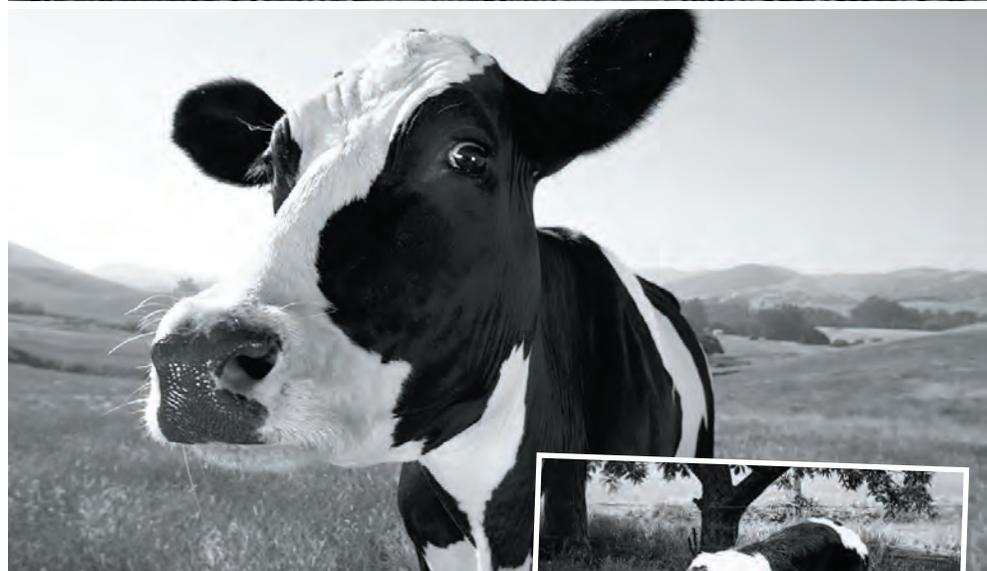
went to the barn and got some rope, which he made into a halter that he put around her neck and tried turning her around. A slight movement encouraged us and then I got behind her one back leg and my daughter behind the other, and we pushed for all we were worth, and my husband pulled. She did turn slightly and did put each of her feet in turn a few inches ahead of where they were. And every time we got her to lift a hoof, she would sway precariously like someone trying to walk on board a ship in stormy weather. It would have been about 200 feet from where she was to the barn and in this manner, an inch at a time, we finally got her to the barn door. Needless to say there were lots of breathers between the pushing and the pulling, but even so it took us two hours to get her that far. Now we had to raise each foot in turn to get her up the step into the barn. By this time, she must have felt a little more confident and we did get her up onto the barn floor and into a pen. And all of this time, the lowering and raising of her head with the chewing and drooling never ceased.

By this time, we were totally exhausted. I'm not sure how the cow felt, but we had to take a break. We locked her in a large pen, which might not have been necessary, but was a good precaution, for judging by the effort it had taken us to get her thus far, she was not going anywhere soon. It was about 5:00 o'clock so we went up to the house and finished our preparations for supper and enjoyed a good meal. We did experience some feelings of guilt, knowing that Daisy Jr. was definitely sick and probably hungry. We had phoned the vet before we sat down to supper and as she came from Renfrew, an hour's drive away, we were down at the barn awaiting her arrival before the hour was up.

The first thing we noticed when we got to the barn was that Daisy Jr. had been moving in a circle around the pen and in the process smashing two windows with her horns as she passed them by. It seemed she was trying to get out of her confined space, but first of all trying to find the perimeters of her space. It suddenly came to me that if she were gauging her confines with her horns, that meant she could not see. I waved my hands in front of her eyes, and sure enough, she did not even blink. Poor girl, she must have been panicked by her sudden sickness and blindness. But help was on the way.

The vet arrived then. She was a tiny woman and I wondered how on earth she could possibly deal with a 1 000 pound cow. She took one look at the cow, and stated that she had been poisoned, probably from licking an old battery. She looked meaningfully at my husband, but he said that he could not think of any battery being left in a place that a cow would find. But considering that neither my husband nor his father ever threw anything away, the disposal of a battery might have been overlooked. The site of preference for dumping any item that had outgrown its usefulness would have been on a stone fence between any of the half dozen fields that we used for either pasture or after grass. Why would she only find it, as only she had the symptoms? But perhaps other cows had found it and had licked it. The vet confirmed that some cows were more susceptible to poisoning than others. And this one was definitely susceptible.

With another meaningful look at my husband, she explained that companies were no longer producing antidotes to poisoning, but added that she always kept a couple of doses handy in her arsenal. She went out to her truck and brought in a bucket into which she had put the antidote. I was a little ap-



prehensive seeing her go into the pen with an ailing, blind and disoriented large cow. By this time Daisy Jr had worn herself out physically and emotionally and, as I saw her turning around preparatory to lying down, I quickly put a forkful of hay down for her. The vet explained that she had to put a tube into the cow's artery in her neck and pump the solution in it. She certainly had a way with animals, and I think the cow was aware that she was trying to help her. Daisy Jr just lay there with her head upright, as if obeying instructions from her doctor and let the vet have her way. It took a fair amount of time to get the solution into her artery but within about 10 minutes, the cow had stopped salivating, and although it was difficult to judge, she seemed to be trying to focus her eyes on her surroundings. I asked the vet if she would regain her eyesight, and she assured us that she would. After she had administered the medicine, the vet left, saying that she would phone in a few days to see how Daisy Jr. was getting along.

Since the cow had not eaten or drank anything yet today, and maybe not even yesterday, I realized we had to get some food and water into her. I put some water in a basin, and placed it beside her. She acknowledged it by dipping her mouth into it but would, or could, not drink any. I went to the house and got a water bottle, filled it and took it down to the barn. I raised her head up and leaned it against my leg, then lifted her lip and stuck the bottle towards the back of her mouth. She didn't have to drink it, the water slid down by gravity, but she did swallow it and seemed better for it. I did this several times. Now to the food. As she was lying on some hay, I grabbed a small handful and put it to her nose. She smelled it, but that was all. So I got some pellets, put them in my hand, and put them to her nose. No reaction. So I put the pellets in a shallow pan and put some molasses over them. Still no reaction. I thought she might fancy some fresh greens, so I went outside the barn and scouted out protected places, by rocks or under trees, where fresh growth was

more prominent. I concentrated on dandelion greens as with those, one always got more bang for your buck! When proffered, she did smell them interestedly, but then turned her head away. I sat back on my haunches, thinking. Since she had not refused the water, I thought I would ball up some greens, pull up one side of her lip and push the greens towards the back of her mouth. This seemed to be a successful arrangement to her. As if she had taken it herself, she started to chew at it, then swallowed it. Good. But she also needed some protein. So next time, I laid out the dandy greens, put some pellets on that and rolled it up in a ball, and put it in her mouth. Once again, she seemed glad to have something to eat and chewed at it, then swallowed it. But when that was finished, she made no effort to eat either hay, or pellets or greens by herself. I guess she thought she had a good thing going - her own personal maid service.

I had always hoped that over the days, as she regained her strength with some, albeit little, sustenance, and water, she would show some interest in helping herself. But she never did. Over the next weeks, I scoured out hidden and protected areas by fence rows, bushes or trees, and in the garden patches, and cut with a paring knife, tender vittles for my girl. Fortunately as our weather inched towards spring, the blades of grass and dandelion greens, did become more numerous and larger in size. But it sure was a hard year on the dandelion population.

Daisy Jr did recover her eyesight and would follow me with her eyes as I balled up morsels of food for her. She gratefully ate everything

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I put into her mouth but showed no sign of ever taking the initiative. My husband and I were just glad to see her alive and suffering no adverse effects of the poisoning.

About three weeks into our escape, I went down after supper to give my girl a little nightcap. I found her pen awash with fluid - no smell, no colour, and with some strands protruding from her rear, I figured we were in for a birth, of some kind. I was rather apprehensive for both the calf and its mother, so after checking Daisy Jr several times before we went to bed, I kept telling myself to wake up every hour, to keep an eye on her. I kept this up religiously till 4:00 a.m., then I was so tired I slept through until 7:00. That might have had something to do with the fact that I had tired myself out, but also due to the fact that the temperature that night dipped to minus 15 and I had got myself severely chilled. When I went down at 7:00, it was all over. Daisy Jr. stood over a perfectly formed dead calf, quietly chewing her cud. I guess all the goings on was too much trauma for the calf to survive. I berated myself for having overslept, thinking that if I had been there to pull the calf out, it might be alive. But then again, it could have been a stillborn calf.

Daisy Jr. did recover fully. After about 5 weeks, when there was more grass available, we let her out in small electrically fenced areas, so she would not wear herself out trying to follow the herd. She was happy with this arrangement and finally did graze by herself, but she walked and grazed in a circle. I guess with the birth over, she felt better inside. She put on weight and eventually joined the rest of the herd and lived a long and healthy life and produced many more calves for us.



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.

## A Busy Summer at the Library And Calabogie Women's Institute Sponsors Nancy Gorra Baby Book Bags

By Sharon Shalla



Peggy Williams Sing-along at the library was enjoyed by children and parents alike.

What a summer we had! In August alone we checked out 880 items! That is definitely one of our best checkouts to date. That number doesn't include the Electronic Books that were downloaded which was 147. Thanks to all our patrons who support what we do and give us feedback on our collection, programs and services.

I'm happy to announce that the Calabogie Women's Institute will be providing funding for the Nancy Gorra Baby Book Bags this year. Much thanks for their support! Local artist, Denise McLean will once again be doing the artwork on the bags. Inside each bag is 2 Board Books, a keepsake ornament, and Early Literacy literature. If your child was born between November 2016 and October 2017 please register his/her name with us and we'll present you and your baby with a lovely hand painted cloth book bag. The special ceremony will be Saturday, November 19th at the library beginning at 1:30 p.m. Please message [gmp1@bellnet.ca](mailto:gmp1@bellnet.ca) to register or call 613-752-2317.

Our Summer Children's Program wound up in August with a special sing-a-long led by Peggy Williams and her sister who brought along their guitars. We all joined in singing songs like Puff the Magic Dragon and Old MacDonald. The children even joined hands and danced in a circle. What a fun day we had!

Now that fall is upon us it's time to get down to some serious reading. Our Tween Book

Club continues every second Tuesday at the library from 6 - 7 p.m. for ages 7 to 12. Come join us for a casual, engaging evening of discussion about a selected book. You don't have to register ahead of time if you would like to just drop in and see what it's all about, but if you would like to have a copy of the selected book ordered ahead of time please call the library or send us an email. There's no cost at all to be involved in the Tween Book Club and the book will be brought in for you at no charge.

Our Adult Book Club also continues on the last Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. September's book to be discussed is one of your choice. It's always fun to hear what others are reading and get their view on the book before deciding to read it yourself... or maybe not! The upcoming book for October is Remember Me by Lesley Pearce. If you would like to join us please feel free to drop in. Let us know prior to the meeting if you would like to have a copy of Remember Me. We will order it in for you through inter-library loan at no cost.

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**Pete Seeger and the Power of Song - Part 13, Actions and Distractions**

By Peter Chess

By 1955, the folk music idiom as a vehicle to promote one's political point of view had morphed into something altogether different. Folk music had been reconstructed and re-labeled as "country music" or "western music", depending on what part of the United States the music was coming from, and then, in a smart merchandising ploy, sold as "country and western". The most famous of the new country singers was Hank Williams, whose career was tragically cut short when he died New Years eve of 1953. Using mostly the same chord patterns and progressions but leaning heavily on an emotional bias as opposed to political, and with the addition of electric instruments, guitar and pedal steel for the "lead" parts of the songs, you get what became known as "honky tonk" music.

With the addition of an electrified fiddle and making it swing, such as Bob Wills and the Texas Playboys, you get country swing music. Whatever handle the record companies came up with, this was music to drink to, to dance to or to drown your sorrows in if your heart had been broken. To quote Merle Haggard or Willy Nelson, depending on who you believe, country music is "three chords and the truth".

Against this backdrop of changes in popular music tastes, Harold Leventhal, the promoter who first discovered the Weavers at the Village Vanguard, proposed a reunion for the group. Banking on the yearning of the large original fan base for more live shows which harkened back to a more acoustically pure sound, he set about to find a suitable venue. His first choice was at Town Hall in New York but the management would not al-



Although Country and Western had many sounds, men and women in cowboy hats, like Hank and Audrey Williams and Bob Wills stayed clear of politics after the McCarthy era.

low them to appear since the Weavers were, in their estimation, still too controversial. Instead, he made a bold move that anticipated a similar ploy by Brian Epstein nine years later when he booked the Beatles, Leventhal called Carnegie Hall. The great irony here was that Carnegie Hall's management, involved almost exclusively in the rarified and cloistered world of classical music, were seemingly, totally unaware of the controversy surround-



In 1955 a Weavers comeback concert was recorded live at a packed Carnegie Hall. After they disbanded in 1964, live reunion recordings there repopularized their music.

ing the Weavers and voiced no objections. Similarly, when Brian Epstein called to book the Beatles on the eve of their breakthrough invasion, the good folks at Carnegie Hall had no clue as to who they were dealing with and assumed a "quartet" meant four string players performing chamber music. Little did they realize they were getting four cheeky, shaggy haired rock and rollers who would otherwise most definitely not be allowed to grace their hallowed hall.

Surprisingly, the Weavers reunion turned out to be a huge success, with hundreds of people queued around the block before being turned away. Very importantly, Leventhal had the foresight to tape the concert, which was later sold to Vanguard Records. Vanguard, at the time was a small enterprising label, run by two brothers, Maynard and Seymour Solomon, a pair of music lovers and scholars. Being a private firm,



there were no shareholders to appease and no corporate structure to wade through. They were fiercely independent when it came to deciding who or what to record. The release of the reunion record did very well and a second volume of Weavers songs soon followed. Suddenly the weavers had a new recording contract. It was through the Vanguard releases, the reunion concerts that followed the original, and the records afterward, that most of the Weavers' "baby boomer" audience, as well as many of the enthusiasts acquired during the folk revival of the late '50's and early '60's, discovered their music.

The Vanguard production was stripped down to the basics, just the group members playing their instruments. There were no background vocals or instrumentation dubbed after the fact or during the recording. As a result, these recordings are usually regarded by collectors as more desir-

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Although a couple of people replaced Pete Seeger after he left the Weavers in 1958, all of their Carnegie Hall reunions included Pete Seeger.

able than the earlier Decca recordings, which in any case, had not been available in any comprehensive form for a number of years.

The original Christmas Reunion LP of the Carnegie Hall show, released by Vanguard in April 1957, was followed by a month long concert tour.

That August, the group assembled for a series of recording sessions at Vanguard. Seeger had, while the group was disbanded, continued to play solo wherever he could, and following a softening of public opinion and the fading McCarthyism of the late '50's, his college bookings had continued to grow steadily. This meant that he was working in time for the Weavers against a heavy personal workload. And again, the

restrictions imposed while playing in a group became an issue. In January 1958, Vanguard, obviously trying catch up with popular taste, at the height of Elvis Presley's career, booked the Weavers to record a "rock and roll" single. The results were, as you might expect, embarrassing at the very least, and only added to Seeger's frustration. The following month, the other three members of the band outvoted Seeger about recording a jingle for a cigarette ad from a major tobacco company. Seeger, long a vociferous opponent to the dangers of tobacco and discouraged by the group's apparent sell out to commercial interests, decided he had enough and handed in his written resignation. He did however, honour his commitment to the group and re-

corded the jingle, officially leaving the group on March 3, 1958.

Seeger recommended Eric Darling of the folk group "The Terriers" as his replacement. He stayed until June 1962, leaving to form the jazz/folk group "The Rooftop Singers". He was followed by Fraser Hamilton, who lasted 9 months. Bernie Krause, who later became a pioneer of sorts, by introducing the "Moog Synthesizer" to pop music, was the last performer to occupy the "Seeger Chair".

The Weavers disbanded in 1964, however, the group did, very occasionally, reunite with Seeger over the next 16 years. In 1980, with Lee Hays in a wheelchair, he wistfully approached the group for one last



The Weavers documentary is well worth watching. Possibly at the Matawatchan Hall this winter.

hurrah together. Hays' informal picnic gathering prompted a professional reunion in the form of a triumphant return to Carnegie Hall on Nov 28 1980, which was to be the band's final full performance.

A stirring documentary titled "Wasn't That a Time" was released in 1982, shortly after Lee Hays passed away. The film traces the band's history, the events leading up to the picnic, with live footage of the gathering and the concert afterward. Hopefully, we can arrange a screening of the film at the Matawatchan Hall over the course of the coming winter...the Highlander will keep you posted. In the next column, we'll get back to Pete Seeger's personal tribulations when he is called to testify before the "House Committee on an American Activities" and the ensuing fallout from that event.

Stay tuned...



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**Are You Prepared for a Disaster?**

By David Arama



Recent Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, one hundred year floods in Southern and Eastern Ontario, huge Forest Fires in British Columbia, Alberta and Fort McMurray, have all clearly shown why being prepared, having a disaster plan, and heeding public warnings, are critical to your survival in any disaster.

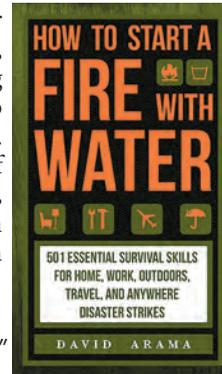
For example, on August 10th, NOAA advised of an extraordinary hurricane season throughout the Caribbean! In the fall of 2016, Weather experts noted the possibility of a climate shift and colder/wet conditions in Ontario. Many unfortunate souls in these epic natural disasters ignored basic preparedness and adherence to emergency management bulletins and weather warnings. Being prepared takes planning

and effort, and an attitude of being proactive versus reactive. You have likely heard your local TV or radio program interrupted with a message, "Environment Canada has issued tornado warnings for Southeastern Ontario (or various towns). Take cover immediately.

Did you take cover, or did you look out the windows for funnel clouds? The Ontario Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services website is a great resource for personal and community preparedness with videos and other important information, and training, including a Nuclear Emergency Response Plan. It provides a number of ways you can subscribe to get emergency information and advisories direct to your computer or smart phone.

Depending on the nature of the disaster, and what is happening in your neighborhood, you may need to shelter in place. At the very minimum, all homes should have sufficient supplies to last three days following any disaster. It may take emergency workers some time to reach you, so be prepared to take care of yourself and your family during this period. Assemble your kit in a large backpack or duffle bag so it is portable if necessary, though this kit is designed for survival at home (for Go-Bags, see pages 64-65). Here is a basic list of supplies to keep you going in your home for 72 hours. Make sure to get sufficient supplies for each person in your household.

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- Water purifying tablets
- Wool blankets
- Subzero sleeping bags
- Wool and fleece clothing; extra daily clothing
- First aid kit
- Hand sanitizer, laundry and bath soap for washing, dish soap
- Wipes
- Toilet paper
- Plastic bags (for clean-up, emergency toilet use, and garbage)

- Toothbrush/toothpaste
- Personal hygiene items (tweezers, nail clippers, etc.)
- Waterproof matches and several disposable lighters
- Candles
- Fire starter kit
- Battery-powered flashlights (with extra batteries) and hand-crank flashlights
- Gloves
- Extra set of car keys
- At least \$100 cash in small bills
- Credit cards
- Whistle
- Duct tape
- Battery-powered radio (with extra batteries) or crank radio
- Books, magazines, cards or other nondigital entertainment items

**The following should be a part of your overall disaster preparedness strategy:**

**1) Have a written and rehearsed home survival plan.**

Your plan should be available and rehearsed by all family members. It should deal with a variety of disaster scenarios, and include where emergency supplies and gear are located, and how to use everything safely. You should have a windup AM/FM radio to obtain disaster bulletins and news.

For example, emergency minus 30 Celsius rated sleeping bags, wool blankets, potable water, high energy food supplies, flashlights, candles, first aid kit, extra

**2) Have an evacuation bugout plan.**

You should have a well-constructed bugout pack(s) that contains Survival Gear for shelter, fire, water, food, Navigation, and communications. A minus 30 Celsius sleeping bag and underpad, bivouac tent, water filtration gear. Emergency ration packs, headlamps,

**3) Understand emergency warnings and bulletins**

For example, if there's a blizzard or ice storm warning, hunker down. And stay off the roads. Massive pileups in snowstorms claim many lives. Before traveling abroad, check

**4) Source out survival gear and equipment. Don't wait until there's a disaster to react and start shopping!**

Check your insurance coverage to see if you are protected from natural disasters, such as flood coverage. In flood prone areas, having a sump pump makes sense. In forest fire danger zones, clearing a firebreak around structures is a good preventative measure. When travelling, carry medical coverage and search and rescue insurance, since as a foreigner, many countries won't cover you for these costs.

At the very least, have some sleeping bags and wool blankets, warm clothing, a supply of bottled water and emergency food supplies. Be prepared.

supplies of medications, carbon monoxide and smoke alarms that are battery operated, warm woolen and fleece clothing, backup battery invertors, portable digital generators, high efficiency wood or pellet stove, and a portable chemical toilet. Additionally, you should have an evacuation plan, and alternatives e.g. local emergency shelters, friends and family to bug out to, and for extreme scenarios, local woods and rural areas to flee to.

basic survival gear, and first aid supplies, are a good starting point. In terms of bugout locations, make arrangements ahead of time, including addresses and details how to get there and share with all family members.

with your travel agent and consulate for warnings, e.g. terrorism, hurricane season, dangerous high crime regions, etc.

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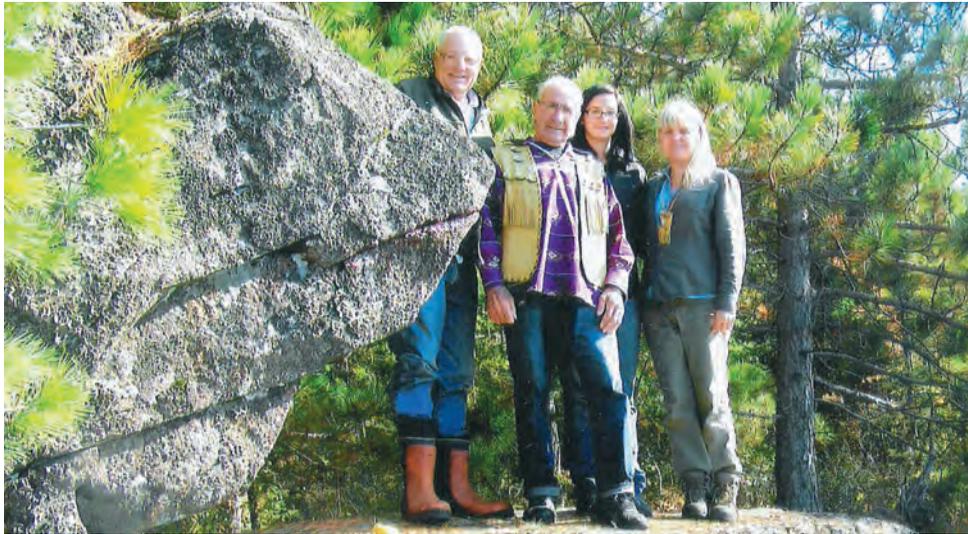
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**Honouring A Sacred Site -Turtle Rock**

**By Noreen Kruzich**



At Turtle Rock in 2011, the last of 7 vigils with elders at this sacred place in Algonquin Park. Algonkin elder Harold "Skip" Ross, on the water.



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One Autumn day in 2011, I was invited to take part in a pilgrimage that had gone on in Algonquin Provincial Park for the last six years, and this was to be the seventh and final year. It entailed a fly-in to a somewhat secluded site to a sacred area, but one back-country canoe paddlers have frequented battling the rugged portages of the Petawawa River.

The Petawawa was initially called the Neswabic by Algonkin peoples. An 85-year old Algonkin elder Harold "Skip" Ross knows it well. He was even born along it. As a child, he found a wayward canoe on the shoreline and the dip of the paddle just stuck with him. Ross who was given the name Running River Man in his elder years, recalls his mother pulling an 83-pound Sturgeon from the river. He says you would be hard pressed to find one that size now. Man's input to their environment has taken its toll on the species.

Ross was the seventh elder invited, by archaeologist Bill Allen to the sacred site known as turtle rock. Allen is well-known for his research of First Nations artifacts and its documentation in the park. After discovering the turtle through archaeological papers, Allen had decided that he wished to make a vigil there with one native elder a year for seven years accompanied by a small entourage, whom he chose for their background and interests. Each year, each elder brought something different. Algonkin Grandfather William Commanda of Kitigan Zibi Algonkin First Nation made the second visit bringing with him the nation's Seven Fires Prophecy Belt providing a full teaching of its meaning. The seventh year, consisted of Ross, Christine Luckasavitch, she of Algonkin ancestry and a Provincial Park Personnel at the time, along with Craig MacDonald, who well-acquainted with every corner of the park, has worked many years as

the Park Recreationist and myself an author and researcher focused on First Nation and Metis history and social justice. And I must admit, I am an avid park visitor.

Ross and I make the drive out to Smoke Lake on a sun-filled October day to meet up with Sebastian, our bush plane pilot, and host, Bill Allen along with MacDonald and Luckasavitch. The six of us pack into the plane at the Smoke Lake station, and we take off across the great expanse of Algonquin Provincial Park, soon to learn that Sebastian's known name is Sea Bass. He maneuvers the plane like a fish winding stealthily through a rocky cavern. Skip begins telling of his days fishing at Little Osler Lake and taking a day and half to get there by canoe and shoe and to our surprise Sea Bass peels off our direct route just so Skip can see Little Osler one more time! Back on track, Sea Bass sits the float plane gently down and we each jump off onto the point of land of our intended visit. We each have brought something with us. Some of us to feast the turtle as Skip says, "It must be done to honour the mickinac," turtle in the Algonquian language. We begin our ceremony, and Skip speaks of the turtle as a living being and how it teaches us to take our time, to slow down our lives.

The turtle has been around for eons I suspect. First documented perhaps in the Ojibwa Myths and Tales by Col. G. E. Laidlaw within an Archaeological Report, written around 1921. Laidlaw's description of it then weighing an estimated "30- tons and said to be at one time an Indian god. Indians were accustomed to offer gifts of tobacco, food etc. to the spirit or manitou that they believed inhabited natural objects, such as large rocks, caverns, waterfalls, rapids, etc. to propitiate them for success in their journeyings and undertakings."

Many elders hold the prophecy

that what becomes of the turtle becomes of the earth. The turtle is now missing one leg. And it would seem is a reflection of the unstability of the natural environment as it meets with the sometimes harsh demands of man.

Bill feasts the turtle with a Bartlett Pear being that the first Superintendent of the park was G. W. Bartlett. We have also brought strawberries, the heart berry to the Algonkin peoples. I have carried a jar of water, one that has sat under the full moon and I proceed to do a water ceremony for the turtle. The jar of water and the water teaching bestowed to me by Algonkin Aimee Bailey of Pikwakanagan Golden Lake and coordinator of The Circle of Turtle Lodge- an Algonkin women's group.

The turtle faces south west and Allen tells us the peninsula was once was an island. Once out on the point we see it holds an abundance of wild cranberry bushes. And we also see flaked stone scattered about, mica and chert brought ages ago it would seem- a trade item. The best view of the turtle is probably from the point. Allen and others believe the turtle has a distinct alignment with other such sacred sites. And he is under the impression that it is a part of something bigger and has a vision that it is a larger implication as a "power site".

After our ceremony, and wandering about, we split up. Elder Ross and I head off in a motor-powered canoe with Craig MacDonald to explore Catfish Rapids. It is only fitting that we head for the river portion of the lake. Skip eventually ended up fighting for the Petawawa, taking a stand against a hydro dam proposed for two areas along it. It now remains one of the last major free flowing rivers in Ontario. Since our visit to the turtle, he also has been active in visiting schools across Eastern Ontario to teach Al-

gonkin history and culture and he has been a pipe carrier for the last four years. It's an honour, but largely it's a responsibility.

As we head back, paddling through the waters of Catfish the float plane roars over us. It is Sea Bass maneuvering through the trees and between the shoreline of narrow Catfish Lake, signalling that our time, with the turtle, is coming to a close. It's been a full day and I reflect as the motor roars and we lift off the waters of Catfish, checking the turtle as it gets smaller and smaller from my point in the plane. The state of secluded places like this will always be a tell-tale sign of things to come.

Honouring places and people and respecting the gifts they have to offer is a value of a tribal peoples. We were once all tribal peoples.



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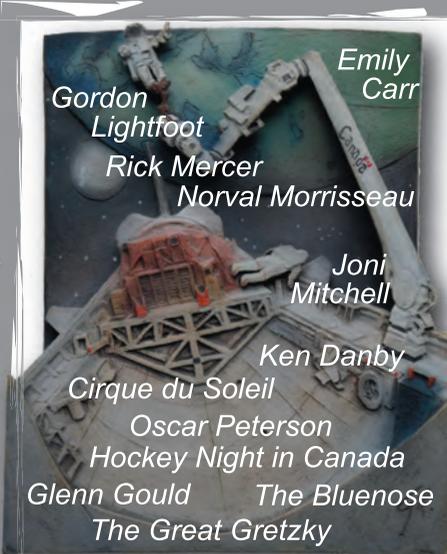
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