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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

MARLIN HORST

As you read this we are starting a new summer season at the lake. I hope that all of you had an enjoyable winter and are looking forward to a great summer at Baptiste Lake.

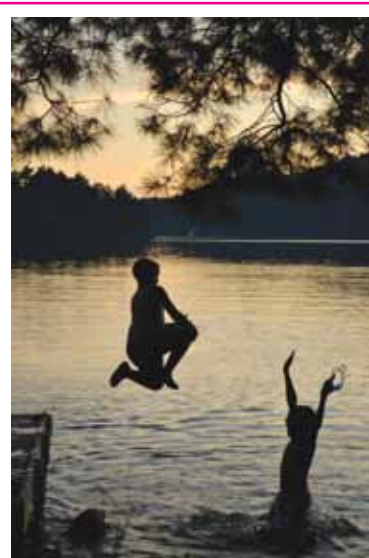
We will once again be holding our spring opening event at Birch Cliff Lodge on May 19. Please note that we are again holding this at Birch Cliff Lodge, NOT at Camp Ponacka. We will be holding a Music Festival on July 20 from 12 to 8pm at Baptiste Station Restaurant. More details will follow on the website and otherwise. I would encourage as many of you as possible to attend. In the past it has been a fun time for everyone and it is a great way to meet many people from the community. In addition to music there will also be local artists. We will also be hosting our annual corn/pig roast on Labour Day Weekend. Watch the website for more details.

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Our Annual General Meeting will be held on August 10, 2013 at Birch Cliff Lodge. Please attend to hear in more detail what your organization has been doing and plans on doing in the future. More details will be provided closer to the date.

As many of you know, the Provincial and Federal



Joy of Children at Baptiste
by Shelley Pickard

governments have been negotiating a settlement to the land claims made by the Algonquins of Ontario. In late 2012 a preliminary agreement was released for public consultation. Many of you likely attended the information sessions held in

Bancroft or Toronto. Of particular note, the preliminary agreement calls for ownership of two parcels of land on Baptiste Lake to be transferred to the Algonquins of Ontario. These parcels are located in Hamilton Bay and Hay Bay. The Hamilton Bay parcel, which is the largest, has been designated for environmental protection. Essentially what this means is the parcel will not be developed and may be used for hunting. No permanent structures will be permitted. The Hay Bay parcel is slated for economic development such as a four season cottage/resort. I attended the Toronto information session and spoke to federal and provincial representatives as well as one of the negotiators for the Algonquins of Ontario. I also spoke to the Economic Development Officer for the Algonquins of Ontario. My main concern is that any development on the Lake be subject the same rules, requirements and oversight that any other development would be subject to. I was assured by all representatives that such is the case. The

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Economic Development Officer for the Algonquins of Ontario also confirmed that environmental protection will be part of any planned development of the site. It seems to me that any development is many years away, but I did ask that the BLA be consulted with prior to any plans being finalized and was assured that all stakeholders will be consulted in connection with any development. We will continue to monitor the settlement activities and try to keep you informed to the best of our ability.

We would like to hear from you. What is it you would like from the BLA? Is the BLA providing what you are looking for or are there areas where it can be improved. Apart from the social advantages of being a member of the BLA there is the good feeling that comes from knowing you are helping to preserve our environment though the implementation of the Lake Plan. The more members we have the more clout we, as an organization, will have with Municipal, County and Provincial governments. Our membership in FOCA gives us some clout along with other waterfront owners in regard to provincial and some local concerns. From a local perspective the larger our membership the more likely it is that local governments and other stakeholders will listen to what our organization says. Please feel free to e-mail myself or any other member of the Board with any suggestions on how your organization can be improved.

We continue to develop and work on our website. New features are becoming active all the time and I would encourage you to visit the website often. We hope that the website will become one of our primary means of communication. In addition if you have not provided us with your e-mail address please do so

as this is one of the most effective ways to communicate in the modern world. Please be assured that we use e-mail addresses only for the purposes of the BLA and we do not inundate you with messages. Please send your e-mail to membership@baptistelake.org along with your cottage address. Finally if you are not a member I would encourage you to become a member. The cost is minimal (\$25 per year or 3 years for \$60) and benefits are so much more. **Note: Your membership status is written on the label of the newsletter envelope.**

As a public service we inform you that "The County of Hastings and the North Hastings Economic Development Committee are carrying out a survey of seasonal residents of North

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Welcome Back Event

*In support of the Baptiste
Lake 2013 Wetlands
Evaluation*

**Birch Cliff Lodge
Sunday, May 19th, 2013
5:00pm – 7:00pm**

We do everything in our power to make it to our cottage every weekend.

We make that effort for several reasons....Our cottage is in a state of constant renovation and we truly enjoy the work required to make it our own place; our time on the dock is one of the only places we can truly relax; and we love the fact that our lake is a pristine environment that we are granted the use of whenever we choose. We look forward to this point in the year, even with all the work that it precipitates. Spring brings a new year of cottage activities, engaging events and opportunities to see our lake friends and family.

This spring is no different in that we can all look forward to the BLA opening event on Sunday May 19th; however, this spring does differ in our focus of the opening event.



Wetland Splendour

Once again we are very fortunate to have Peter Oliver and

Birch Cliff Lodge generously sponsor the opening event that will be dedicated to raising awareness and donations for the upcoming Wetlands Evaluation. In harmony with The Toronto Zoo, a team will be conducting an evaluation of Species at Risk (SAR) on our lake in early spring and midsummer 2013. Come enjoy a wonderful meal and a beverage, and learn about how you can make a difference in our lake quality, and how we can ensure its quality for generations to come.

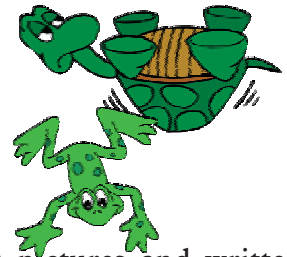
by Christopher Fabricius

CALLING ALL FROG & TURTLE ENTHUSIASTS...ESPECIALLY CHILDREN!

Can you help the BLA and the 'Ontario Turtle Tally' collect data about these wonderful amphibians?

You would start in the springtime at the lake, or on your way up to the lake, as turtles are often on the roads at that time. In a small logbook, please write down all your sightings of turtles, frogs and toads. Use the parameters as follows: date, time of day, where (even GPS location if you can), description and a picture if possible! As well, you can also submit your observations on-line at: www.torontozoo.com/adoptapond/TurtleTally.asp

If you find a turtle on the road, stop and help it to the side of the road in the same direction it was heading, so it won't get hit by a car.



We will gladly send you pictures and written information on these wonderful creatures, so you can identify them. Simply phone Chris Chhatwal at 1-613-332-5167 or email her at: chrischhatwal@hotmail.com

Better still...come to our opening event on **May 19th at Birch Cliff Lodge from 5-7** and we will give you information on turtles and frogs.

Parents: Please encourage your children to help with this project! It will be fun, informative and they will be doing their part for the ecology of our lake and the world.

N.B. The Kawartha Turtle Trauma Centre can be contacted if you find a turtle in distress at:

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The Baptiste Lake Association extends an open invitation to family and friends to join us in support of your Lake Plan activities at Birch Cliff Lodge, 5:00pm – 7:00pm.

SUNRISE LODGE: A BRIEF HISTORY

BY HILARY PHILLIPS, ANNE COLEMAN AND JOHN VAN DER ZALM

Sunrise Lodge has been part of the Baptiste lake landscape for 65 years. A three-acre parcel on Lake Baptiste was sold to Jim Burlison and his brother after the Second World War. Jim had served as a pilot for the Canadian Air Force for a period including the greater part of the Second World War and when world peace allowed, this ambitious young man decided to make a dream come true. He and his young bride wanted to break ground with their partners in 1948 but first needed to forge a road through the forest from North Baptiste Lake Road to get to their acreage.

That first summer saw the completion of the road, and a small hut, now the upper boathouse, which held four bunks and a cook stove, their only quarters that summer. They used all of the wood from that clearing to create a single small two-bedroom cottage at the far point, now known as #6 Cottage. This rough building was rented out that same summer to enthusiastic visitors from the States who didn't mind the use of an outhouse nor the fact that there was no running water. That same cottage was later pushed down the hill from its first location to where it stands today, by a car put into gear by a young Burlison child...a much better location at that.

From that summer on, the Burlison's added a cabin each year until they had 7 cabins and a large building, the Lodge, where eventually, Mrs. Burlison and her sister in law cooked breakfasts and lunches for her guests. She told us, "I couldn't boil an egg when the idea



Old Sunrise Lodge Building
by Anne Coleman

came to me that we should provide food services for the guests. However I became quite good at simple meals and that is what people enjoyed." Her Grandfather was a ship's captain, and she used his Ship's Bell, mounted on the front of the Lodge, to announce meal times. It could be heard clear across the lake, but she was

tough, and said vigorously, "If they were late, they didn't eat!" Sunrise Lodge even became a favoured spot for Thanksgiving dinners attended by cottagers enjoying their last rides across the lake in their boats, before winter set in.

Jim worked at a full time job while building Sunrise Lodge, which is marvelous considering that they also developed so many other features on the property. For example, they expanded the boat house and created a fish cleaning centre, a bear cleaning centre and a general store. There was a gas pump installed close to the water allowing people from around the lake to gas up; a

diving board set in concrete; lots of row boats; docks set on cribs which of course we cannot do these days; oil heating in the cabins and yes, eventually running water but not hot water except in the Lodge building.

They had visitors from the United States flown in for hunting and fishing on the so-called 'American Plan'. This entire process included the

raising of several children, who have since revisited the property and were delighted to find some of the messages, individual markings and



Sunrise Lodge Cabins Winter 2013

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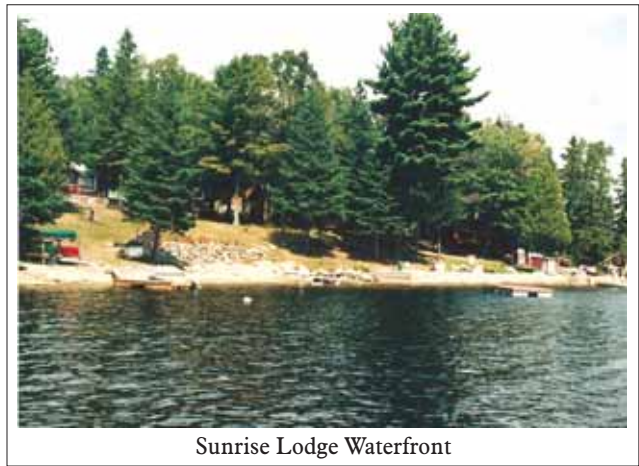
Sunrise Lodge *Continued from page 4*

structures, remembered from their youth, still intact.

The Burlison's owned and operated Sunrise Lodge very successfully before the time of high speed internet, face-book and other multimedia which can now so easily promote a business. It was in fact, word of mouth, which was their greatest advertiser. Time and interest in other endeavours took the Burlison's to England for a period in 1968, so they decided to sell.

The next owners changed the use of a building set to the north side of the property from a hotel setup, which the Burlison's had just created before selling, to a laundry and sleeping quarters for the staff. The family-run business was smooth for a while and then the expense of having a full staff and not having full occupancy for a few summers proved too much and the property again went up for sale. The last group, a husband and wife team with two younger children tried to keep the place running, but the work was overwhelming, especially for the non-resident owners. By 1976, when the property again went up for sale, it was in quite an overgrown state and many of the cottages needed upgrading, cleaning and in one case, with a tree growing up through it, rebuilding.

The first time John and Mary van der Zalm saw the property, they were touring as first time visitors to the lake, never dreaming they would own it in the future. When later they looked at the property as buyers, John and Mary van der Zalm saw Sunrise Lodge as a tremendous opportunity for themselves and their family, 8



Sunrise Lodge Waterfront

children, to use some hard working Dutch ethics to bring the place around to its former allure and for the next 27 years, they and many others created a holiday place designed more for families than the initial hunting and fishing atmosphere.

The transition of ownership took some time since the previous owners had allowed local cottagers to get water from the Sunrise well, others came to play on the large pinball machines set up in one of the rooms of the lodge, still others were looking for the next "dance" since there was a jukebox in the dining room. That jukebox was stocked with the most amazing collection of 45's and was kept in good running order by Paul, one of the 8 children for years after the Van der Zalms took over. There were some very good times for the family in that building.

Over the next few seasons, each of the cottages saw a renovation which included ripping out old insulation, walls and in many

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WILDLIFE SURVEY UPDATE FROM BANCROFT MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SUBMITTED BY KATRINNA DEMERS, MNR TECHNICIAN



Moose aerial inventories (MAI) have been conducted in Ontario since the 1950's. MAIs are

conducted across the province with the aim of surveying each of the Wildlife Management Units (WMUs) in the main core of moose range generally every third year. Information collected is used to monitor trends in moose numbers, structure and density, which is used in conjunction with hunter effort and harvest levels to plan for a healthy subsequent harvestable moose population. WMU 60-61 and 62-63 were flown this year (2013) in the Bancroft area. Both are amalgamated surveys which generally occur when you have two adjacent WMUs with very similar habitat where it is more suitable to fly the surveys as a joint survey rather than individually. Surveys are generally flown between December-March however appropriate conditions are crucial when flying. With the inconsistent weather patterns this winter, flying has proven to be quite difficult however with a good snow fall late winter the Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) has been able to wrap up the 60-61 and 62-63 amalgamated surveys. To decide what areas to fly within a survey area, plots are randomly selected to eliminate any bias. A standard plot is 2.5km by 10km with 5 transect lines within it; each line

is flown to cover the area within the plot. The number of moose per plot is counted, and the number of bull, cows and calves is determined. These numbers are used to estimate the population across the entire WMU and a confidence interval is calculated with the assumption that not all moose are seen when flying the survey. Sex and age identification is used to

obtain a ratio of bulls, cows and calves; bulls are classified based on their antler size when applicable. Other aspects that are taken into account

are the number of calves per cows, with a ratio of at least 30 calves per 100 cows considered healthy. A comparison of the number of bulls versus cows is also calculated, with an objective of reaching 40 bulls per 60 cows. Once the survey is complete it



is time to crunch the numbers, comparing it to the last survey flown in that WMU. In this case, surveys were last flown in 2008. WMU 60-61 was found to have a bit of a population decrease over the past 5 years, approximately a 20% decline while WMU



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62-63 appears to be stable. However the calf component of the population is above the objective, which indicates that the potential for population growth is good. There are population objectives for each WMU. Based on these objectives the moose population in 60-61 and 62-63 still falls within the acceptable range however at the lower limits. Therefore harvest quotas were adjusted slightly in WMU 60-61 to allow for a bit of an increase in the population to maintain a healthy sustainable moose population.



Elk surveys are done with a different approach to monitor and track the elk population. In 2000 when the original group of elk were reintroduced to the Bancroft North Hastings (BNH) area all the elk received radio collars. This aided in the ability to accurately track and monitor the population and any migration patterns. As the population grew throughout the years, collaring continued with selected elk in each of the groups. With no previous survey method to track and

monitor the new populations the collars were the best method to not lose sight of them. However, small groups and occasionally lone animals have been showing up in new areas with groups seeking out new territory. Each year generally in the month of January the elk survey is flown, using known locations of all elk with radio collars to concentrate flights in those areas. Radio telemetry equipment is used in the helicopters with one individual zoning in on any collared animals in the area of interest. Once the group is sighted the observers in the helicopter get a count on animals and pictures are taken. Once back in the office the pictures are reviewed where the number of bulls, cows and calves are determined also getting a count on the number of radio collars present. The estimated number of elk observed is entered into a population model where a population range is determined. A combination of factors play a role in the estimated population, this includes natural mortality, hunting mortality, natural dispersal of animals away from the core area, survey conditions, and differences caused by the statistical model that generates the estimate. Based on the elk survey for 2013, the elk population is stable and within the population objective. The current objective is to maintain the population between 400-600 elk in the BNH

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cases, toilets. It was plain simple hard work done mostly by the immediate family and steered by John and his nephew James Vallentin. The entire family worked extremely hard and well together to raise the level of hospitality readiness for the arriving cottagers. Lots of music, good food and laughs kept the renovation going. In 1978, a new building was added. The Recreation building stood in the center of the property and housed laundry facilities, showers, a Rec Room and a wood heated Sauna room. The latter being a favorite, especially for those skinny dipping types who were inclined to race between the lake and the sauna in the wee hours.

The entire van der Zalm family enjoyed the ensuing years, getting in their first water ski runs thanks to the ski boat and the constant enthusiasm of many drivers. The little guys used the ski board that the Burlison family had also used to teach their little ones. Priceless memories are attached to that simple piece of plywood, still in the boathouse. Practical skills in construction but more importantly, water sports, skiing, boating, fishing the lake, cliff jumping, hiking and of course, winter sports kept the young growing families together. Sunrise was a haven to many a soul overly busy with the urban buzz: from all over Canada, the US, Holland, Australia, Germany, New Zealand, Brazil, France, Belgium, England, clergy from Pennsylvania and Mennonites from Bancroft.

Mary and John loved the lake and the lodge enough to build a permanent home attached to the original lodge. They moved from Stoney Creek into their self-designed beautiful new home, again built with the blood, sweat and tears



Sunrise Lodge Waterfront

of their family, to stay for 15 years until Mary passed away in 2000. John stayed on for a few years but working the business and being by himself without his main support, Mary, proved too much. He sold in 2003 to the young couple living next door and a new chapter in Sunrise Lodge began.

When Greg Gibbons and Hilary Phillips took the reins of Sunrise Lodge in 2003, they had no idea that they were actually reins, attached to the speeding stagecoach of a well-established cottage resort in full swing. The learning curve was steep for the two green, film animators and their two small children. However, close neighbours and the 'regulars' pitched in pointing out shutoff valves, taps, pipes and fuse boxes that they had all become well acquainted with over the years, and John van der Zalm was called for advice countless times, mostly in a panic. Their first season almost came to a grinding halt when three young teenage girls, who had practically grown up on Sunrise summers, stood on the hill, hands on their hips, staring at the waterfront, and cried, "No, no, no! The floating raft doesn't go there, it goes there!" Not ones to mess with childhood memories, they moved the raft immediately. Thus, by popular demand, many things have remained just the way the Burlisons built them...until 2008. At that time the property was severed, Greg and Hilary retained and ran 7 cottages as Sunrise Lodge, and the original Lodge with the adjoining Chalet (John and Mary's house), are now owned by Paul and Anne Coleman, Anne is one of John and Mary's

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Music Festival 2012

BAPTISTE LAKE MUSIC FESTIVAL 2013

MICHAEL MOXAM

The planning is well underway for the third annual Baptiste Lake Music Festival to be held Saturday, July 20th from noon to eight pm. Once again, thanks to Susan and George Poulton, the event will be held on the beautiful lake front lawn of Country Fare in the Village of Baptiste.

As you read this, the artists are being lined up with much interest expressed from many local musicians. Confirmed artists include Amelia and The Mayor, Gravel Road, Blue Son, Noah

Zacharin and Natural Radio. Once again the day will feature the artists' village, a silent auction, and lots of food and fun for all.

Our sponsors for the day are currently in the process of being lined up. This year we welcome The Mill Street Brewery as a new key sponsor.

The festival has two key objectives:

- To raise funds to facilitate BLA Lake Plan Implementation initiatives.
- To connect the Baptiste Lake community with the broader community through the mediums of music and art.

So come on out for a great day of music and fun. Let's all hope for a beautiful and sunny day.

See you there!



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ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES ARE ABOUT US, NOT EARTH

BY KYL CHHATWAL ORIGINALLY PUBLISHED IN THE KW RECORD, MAY 24, 2005

Sometimes I think the word environment was the worst thing to ever happen to the environmental movement.

Take for example, how we talk about consumer products being “environmentally friendly” or “good for the planet.” With our language we separate ourselves from an “Earth” that is out “there.”

Furthermore, we talk as if we can do the earth favours, or harm it, making it happy or sad. But this sort of talk is a misconception that just makes environmentalism sound cute. I think it's founded on profound public ignorance about Earth history.

Let me explain. I think there is a general myth that most people believe in, called nature. Nature is the equation of the world minus humankind. Furthermore, Nature is completely static, like an untouched Garden of Eden.

Let's get specific and talk about global warming, because that is really what this article is about. Precisely as with other environmental issues, we have this idea of there being a natural state independent of us, and we believe that global warming is really about fouling up that natural state. But that's where we're wrong.

That's what makes us think of global warming as another “us” and “them” scenario—where “them” is this concept of nature. That's what makes environmentalism seem like a sentimental pastime for people who want to do good for the “them.” That's why environmental organizations are treated like charities.

But I've got news. There is no static natural state. Ecosystems are not predesigned paradises; they are an arbitrary set of changing conditions to which life constantly struggles to suit itself.

Let's talk about climate and atmosphere in particular. Throughout Earth history, the global climate has fluctuated between ice house and greenhouse conditions multiple times, on multiple scales. There were times when the Earth was so warm that oceans flooded most of North America and temperate forests grew to 80 degrees latitude. For



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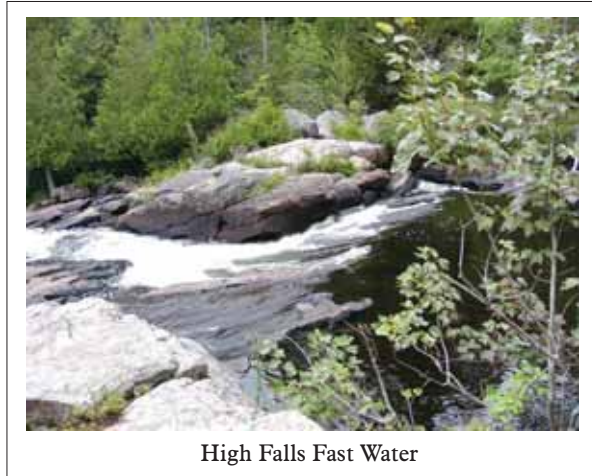
GREETINGS FROM HASTINGS HIGHLANDS

BY COUNCILLOR LORRAINE FELL

After one of the snowiest winters in years, an early spring will be most welcome. Council has been busy on a number of fronts: Rumours of our interest in Amalgamation with Bancroft or North Hastings Municipalities have finally been put to rest. A hot topic in the Press, I introduced the issue recently for Council discussion. By consensus Council agreed that the prospect of Amalgamation would not be in the best interests of Hastings Highlands (HH) at this time: In 2012 HH had the 2nd lowest tax rate in Hastings County. Limerick has the lowest. If HH joined together with any other municipality, their tax rate 'blended' with ours would result in a major tax increase for our ratepayers.

In 2013 Budget talks our aim is to maintain the present tax rate in line with inflation. In this struggling economy we plan to work with other North Hastings Municipalities for the economic benefit of the area.

Currently we are working with Bancroft to integrate our Fire Departments. Volunteer Fire Departments today are subject to the same rules of operation as paid Fire Departments, requiring a qualified Fire Chief. Bancroft's Fire Chief Pat Hoover made an impressive presentation to Council on how integration can work to our mutual benefit. Each Department would still operate separately and maintain its own equipment. But Fire Chief Hoover would oversee



High Falls Fast Water

the total operation. This will create greater efficiencies in our Fire Department, and more importantly cover liability concerns with the advent of new regulations. The next meeting will address cost/sharing.

The Septage Project is slowly moving forward with hope for a final site selection this spring. The Secondary Plan for Bird's Creek is in the hands of the County Review Committee. We expect it to be approved in the Official Plan in the near future—allowing for growth projections in Bird's Creek & area to be realized.

Ten Towers planned to bring cell service and high/speed internet to 95% of Hastings Highlands residents recently met with opposition from Maynooth area. The need for these services, initiated by the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus (& former Chair Ron Emond),

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convinced the province to provide \$70M toward the cost. The mammoth project is designed to enable all of Eastern Ontario to 'catch up' and compete economically with Western Ontario.

The residents opposed fear health issues from proximity to the towers, and claim the visual impact will become a blight on the rural landscape.

At the Feb. 20th meeting Council voted for the company to begin the process of finding suitable sites for the towers, then with public consultation, to choose sites appropriate to Industry Canada standards with the least impact on residents. We've been waiting for more than two years for this project to reach us: Already operational in south/east Ontario, our hope is to extend it to us in the north; otherwise we will remain isolated, cut off from the essential tools of communication needed for economic growth here.

Good news: Our Hastings Highlands Library has won the prestigious provincial prize for 'Innovation'—the best in Ontario! Our proud Librarian Kim McMunn is to be congratulated for the innovative projects she initiated to put our Library on the Ontario map—in first place.

Mayor Bloom was pleased to present three residents with the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medals for outstanding service to their community. The winning candidates were: Donald Bloom and Joe Shulman of Maynooth, and Ron Emond of Herschel, our recent Mayor, without whom we would not have achieved our great new Hastings Highlands Center, nor have access to the prestigious Library we enjoy today.





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Reception/Awards Fri. May 10
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"The Presence of Nature"

Works by **Ingrid Monteith & Donna Caldwell**
Reception Fri. Jun.7 at 7:30 p.m
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July - Wed. July 10 to Sun. Aug. 4
"Wild Women – Painters of the Wilderness"
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Reception Fri. July 12 at 7:30 p.m.
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August - Wed. Aug. 7 to Sun. Sept. 1
"New Directions"

Gretel Boose – Multi Media Artist
Reception Fri. Aug.9 at 7:30 p.m.
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September - Wed. Sept. 4 to Sun. Sept. 29
"Fresh Paint"

Cheryl Ellenberger - Painter
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October - Wed. Oct. 2 to Sun. Oct. 27
"Fiber Works"

Anne Garwood Roney – Member of
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Baptiste Lake Association Events Calendar 2013

Opening event
Birch Cliff Lodge
Sunday, May 19th, 5-7pm

Music Festival
Country Fare Lawn
Saturday July 20th, 12-8pm

AGM
Birch Cliff Lodge
Saturday, August 10th, 10 to noon

Pig Roast
Camp Ponacka
Saturday, August 31, 5-7pm

November - Wed. Oct. 30 to Sat. Nov. 24
"Early Christmas at the Gallery"
plus guest artist
Reception Fri. Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m
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December - Wed. Nov. 27 to Sat. Dec. 28
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more than half of Earth's history, there was no oxygen in the atmosphere at all, so by human standards, the air was completely toxic; Some 'Garden of Eden'!

Furthermore the climate is prone to change from a myriad of causes: rising mountain chains can cool the Earth, while breaking supercontinents can warm it up again. The Earth system, in reality, is a hair trigger.

Now to those who think I'm trying to explain away human responsibility for the present threat of global warming, think again. I mention all this to show that the Earth is not going to care, one way or another, about what we do. We're not even the first life forms to significantly alter the atmosphere's chemistry. The evolution of photosynthetic organisms in the early oceans was what oxygenated the atmosphere in the first place. To anaerobic organisms, oxygen was catastrophic "pollution," and it led to their demise. Clearly they didn't listen to their environmentalists.

No, the Earth doesn't care, because it simply settles into a new homeostatic equilibrium. What does care is the life that has adapted to the particular conditions that are altered. After every major rapid global climate change in Earth history, there was a mass extinction, followed by a radiation of newly adapted species. It's an old story.

So what's my point? It's this: when the global climate undergoes a hasty change, the loser is not the earth or even life; it is life at that point in geologic time. What are changed are the unique conditions that uniquely evolved organisms need, to survive. Furthermore, the ones most affected are the ones at the top of the food chain—the specialized ones (that is to say: us). Earth doesn't care, but we should. Once again, it's an old story.

So why is the word environment the worst thing to happen to environmentalism? It is because; it allows us to swallow the myth that we are not actually affecting ourselves, but something else. That the past 150 years of manhandling atmospheric chemistry is only "harming" the "Earth" and is thus justifiable when balanced with important human needs, like cars, plastics, riding lawn mowers etc. That we can strike a compromise with Earth, the way we would negotiate with a Third World rogue state.

To every person who thinks environmentalism is just more, cheap left wing sentiment, I've got news: Environmentalism could replace capitalism as the greatest philosophy of self interest in the history of

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BY REVEREND LYNN WATSON

The warm summer sun, a Muskoka chair on the dock, and a cold beverage; children are jumping and splashing nearby and friends wave from their pontoon boat as they cruise by: This is summer at the cottage.

It's good to be a Minister!

And there's nothing like a Sunday morning service at St. Matthew's United Church on Baptiste Lake. When I arrive, usually just moments before the celebration starts, there's music and conversation and children squirming in the seats waiting to go to the hall for Sunday school. I hate to bring it to an end, because for me church has started long before the minister arrives.

There's no "Sunday-go-to-meetin'-clothes" here either. People are in their shorts and sandals and T-shirts, like worship is just one more thing on the list of things to do, like going fishing, hosting a Bar BQ, wake-boarding, or the hard work of doing nothing.

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May 25/26Community Choir Annual Spring Concert –The Playhouse
June 02Bancroft Tailgate Community-Wide Yard Sale
Jun07/08.....Bancroft Home and Cottage Show – Bancroft Curling Club
Jul 01Canada Day Celebrations
Jul 04-07.....Bancroft Wheels/Wings and Water
Jul 05Pig and Lamb Roast Fundraiser for the Fish Hatchery
Jul 06.....Baptiste Lake Marina- 25 Year Customer Appreciation: Rib & Wing Fest; 5-7pm
Jul 12/13Black Bear Rally
Jul 20.....Baptiste Lake Music Festival-12-8pm
Jul 20.....Baptiste Lake Marina Parasailing (book ahead)
Jul 25-28.....Palmer Rapids Music Festival
Jul 27Algonquins of Ontario Nation Gathering
Aug 01-04.....50th Annual Rock hound Gemboree (with guided Mineral Collecting tours
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays during July and August)
Aug 01Meet the Researchers Day in Algonquin Park
Aug 03/04.....Art and Craft Guild Summer Art and Craft Show and Sale
Aug 04Plein Air Art Festival
Aug 10/11Highlands East Studio Tour
Aug 14Bancroft Hastings Jazz and Blues Fest Opening
Aug 24/25Coe Hill Agricultural Fair
Aug 30Bancroft Horticulture-Maynooth Fall Fair contest
Aug 31-Sep 02 ..Maynooth Fall Fair and Highland Heavies Games
Sept 01Maynooth Mud Dawgs
Sept 07/088th Annual Hilly Hundred
Sept 21/22Apsley Studio Tour
Sept 28/29Bancroft Studio Tour
Sept 28/29Oct 05/06- Haliburton Studio Tour
Nov 29/30.....Rally of the Tall Pines

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daughters, they run it as Sunrise Cove. Partnering in this way has allowed Sunrise to be refreshed and renovated, to host many more family reunions, bonfire s'mores, wicked ping pong tournaments, endless swimming and diving, fishing derbies, squirrel relocation projects, weddings, sundry courtships, water skiing, chippy over-feeding, canoeing, frog catching and of course summer star gazing, between sunset and sunrise. The beauty of Baptiste Lake was always the draw and the all important influence of Mother Nature continues to restore the soul of Sunrise guests.

Wildlife Survey *Continued from page 7*

area. Based on the survey information the core population is increasing in some areas and decreasing in others in accordance with more specific management objectives. Sightings and reports from the public indicate elk numbers are increasing outside of the core area where the surveys have not been conducted.



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Please contact Diana Gurley at 613-332-5439 if you have a paddle to donate. Thank you so much for your support

Environmental Issues *Continued from page 15*

human thought.

So it boggles my mind that right winged politicians aren't painting themselves green and riding to work on their bikes every day. Maybe someone should tell them.

Kyl Chhatwal is a writer presently teaching in Coaticook, Quebec and a Baptiste Lake cottager.



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