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BLA 2026 Events

OPENING EVENT

May 17, 2026, Birch Cliff Lodge, 5:00 to 7:00 pm

CANADA DAY PARADE

July 1, 2026 Paradise Landing and ends at Dog Bay

FISHING TOURNAMENT

Saturday, July 4, 2026, 7:30 am to 3:00 pm
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Marlin Horst

As you are reading this many of the seasonal cottagers will have opened the cottage (or are planning to) and welcomed a new season. For those of you who have year round places on the lake I can only express my jealousy. I certainly miss the lake during the winter. As I write this in early March we are in the midst of a very snowy winter. If this weather continues we will certainly have a late spring. While warm the day I write this, winter is not over so we will see what happens.

We continue to have a full list of events taking place this summer. Please see elsewhere in this Newsletter for details of all of the events. I encourage each of you to attend as many events as possible. It is a great way to meet new people and to get caught up with people you may not have seen for awhile.

After the great success of last year's Regatta, we are going to have a Regatta again this year. I encourage all of you attend. Lets make this a great event with people of all ages in attendance. A big thank you to the many volunteers involved in getting this going again and

especially to Camp Ponacka for allowing us to use their facilities. I hope to see all of you there.

We continue to be active in the Hastings Highlands InterLake Group which is made up of lake associations in the Municipality of Hastings Highlands. This year the Interlake, along with the Municipality, will be sponsoring a fire safe event in

Maynooth. Please watch for more information on this initiative. In addition the Interlake Group is considering holding an all candidates meeting in respect of the Municipal election being held in October. Please also keep you eyes open for this event.

As stated above, 2026 is a Municipal Election year. If you or your spouse own a property in Hasting Highlands you are eligible to vote in Hasting Highlands. This does not take away your right to vote if your permanent residence is in a different County or Municipality. I encourage all of you to vote. In the past Hastings Highlands has set up online voting and telephone voting. I have no reason to believe they will not do so again this year. With the ease of voting there is no reason why you should not vote. Find out what the candidates stand for and elect candidates that you think will best look out for your interests on the lake.

You will read elsewhere in this newsletter about a proposed development which, if approved, would likely change the very nature of Baptiste Lake quite dramatically. The proposal now is for the development of just under 100 homes on the 2,000 acre property bordering on Elephant Lake. However, the long term plans call for up to 1,200 homes on the site. This development is larger than many of the villages and towns in Haliburton and Hastings County. This is likely the largest threat to our lake in many years. The lands proposed for development are provincially significant wetlands and are not capable of supporting this type of development. The Lake Association has hired a lawyer (to be paid for by a few volunteers) to defend our interests as this is a real threat to the ecosystem of our lake. We will be providing updates on this development regularly. We anticipate that this will be a years long slog and we have to be prepared to fight this inappropriate development.

If anyone has any concerns regarding actions taking place around the lake please feel free to contact the Municipality for actions over which they have jurisdiction. Many by-laws are complaint based so the Municipality

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needs to hear from us. They generally do not take any actions on their own.

The BLA has been a member of FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottagers Association) for many years, which is an association of over 550 lakefront owners associations. As a result of the BLA's membership in FOCA, the members of the BLA also have access to many benefits available through FOCA. Please go to their website at www.foca.on.ca to see the many benefits membership in FOCA provides. You can also sign up for the FOCA newsletter which is delivered by e-mail every month and has links to many informative articles and updates on what is happening in connection with waterfronts in Ontario. There are also many FOCA events which can be signed up for on the

website.

Please visit our website regularly to see what is happening around the lake. 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 along with your cottage address to Membership (contact details elsewhere in Newsletter). 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.

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MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Tony Fitzgerald

As I write this article at the end of March, winter is refusing to let go, with continued snowfall and cold temperatures. By the time you read this article, hopefully we are basking in the warm sunshine and swatting black flies. To our seasonal residents, welcome back!

The big news story is the funding announcement made by Hastings-Lennox & Addington MPP Ric Bresee on March 16, 2026. Namely, that the Province of Ontario, through the MTO, is funding the complete rehabilitation and resurfacing of Hastings Highlands Road 62 (formerly provincial highway 62) to the tune of \$25 Million. This will cover shoulders, guiderails, paving and structures, such as bridges and culverts, for the entire distance of 28.8 km. This goes from the four corners in Maynooth to the Renfrew County line near Combermere. This is the result of over two years of intense lobbying and negotiating with the Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria, with the consistent support of MPP Ric Bresee. Design work (engineering,



Mayor Tony Fitzgerald and MPP Ric Bresee

environmental assessments, Indigenous consultation, etc) will happen in 2026, with construction to start in 2027. Completion is anticipated to be done by late 2028.

January 1, 2026 saw the municipality switch over responsibility for our recycling to Circular Materials Ontario through the Producer Responsibility Program. Other major events happening in HH include a Fraud Presentation in Emond Hall on Saturday March 28, 2026. This informative event is focused on seniors and is being put on by the Bancroft Detachment of the OPP. HH continues to work with the MNRF to secure permits to make improvements to our many boat launches. HH is also hosting a Wild-fire Community Preparedness Day on Saturday June 20th, 2026, being organized by the Hastings Highlands Interlakes Group, with participation by HHFD staff.

HH Council passed our 2026 Operating Budget of almost \$14 Million on March 18, 2026, including a weighted property tax increase of just under 4%. This is in addition to our Capital Budget of \$4 Millions passed in December. This included the purchase of a new tandem plow truck, a new loader, a new firetruck and the paving of just over \$1 Million of roads. Finally, in December 2026, HH will officially become debt free! Barring any unforeseen emergencies, hopefully we will be able to stay that way.

In conclusion, I am very proud to be able to preside over a supportive Council that makes progressive decisions in a fiscally responsible manner, supported by incredible staff.

An advertisement for North Hastings Hospital. The top half features a scenic photograph of a lake surrounded by evergreen trees under a purple and blue sky. The text 'Ready for a change of scenery?' is overlaid on the image. Below the image, the text reads: 'Quinte Health NORTH HASTINGS HOSPITAL Located in the beautiful town of Bancroft'. A blue speech bubble contains the text 'WE'RE HIRING!'. Below that, it says 'IS SEEKING ADDITIONAL EMERGENCY MEDICINE PHYSICIANS'. The Quinte Health logo and website 'www.qhc.on.ca' are at the bottom.



MPP ANNOUNCES \$25M FOR THE REBUILDING OF 62 NORTH IN HASTINGS HIGHLANDS

By Office of MPP Ric Bresee

The Ontario government is moving forward with the rebuilding of ON-62 North in Hastings Highlands, reinforcing its commitment to improving transportation infrastructure and enhancing road safety across Hastings–Lennox and Addington and all of Ontario.

Today, Member of Provincial Parliament for Hastings – Lennox and Addington Ric Bresee announced \$25 million in provincial funding for reconstruction work that will proceed on ON-62 North in Hastings Highlands.

“This project is a wonderful example of the importance of a positive relationship between the province and municipalities,” said Hastings – Lennox and Addington MPP Ric Bresee. “I want to express my appreciation for the strong advocacy and excellent technical presentation by Mayor Tony Fitzgerald, CAO David Stewart, and their whole team. Together, we are making a difference for all the users of 62 North.”

The project will include rehabilitation and resurfacing of the roadway, along with improvements to drainage, shoulders, and other key infrastructure components. These upgrades will extend the life of the highway, enhance driving conditions, and ensure the route remains reliable for commercial and recreational traffic.

“Highway 62 North is a critical route for families, workers and businesses in Hastings Highlands,” said Minister of Transportation Prabmeet Sarkaria. “Our government is rebuilding this highway to improve safety, strengthen this vital connection for local communities, and keep people and goods moving across eastern Ontario.”

The Mayor for Hastings Highlands added, “With this financial support from the Province, the Municipality can restore this regional transportation corridor to modern standards supporting both regional

commerce and community resilience.”

Highway 62 North is a vital corridor connecting communities across eastern Ontario and serving as a key route for local residents, forestry operations, tourism, and goods movement.

Hastings Highlands CAO David Stewart said “A project of this size and scope will leave a legacy on the Hastings Highlands community and I’m proud to be a member of the team leading the charge.”

Construction timelines and additional project details will be shared by the Municipality as work progresses.



Photo by Anne Coleman



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PROPOSED MONSTER DEVELOPMENT

By Marlin Horst,

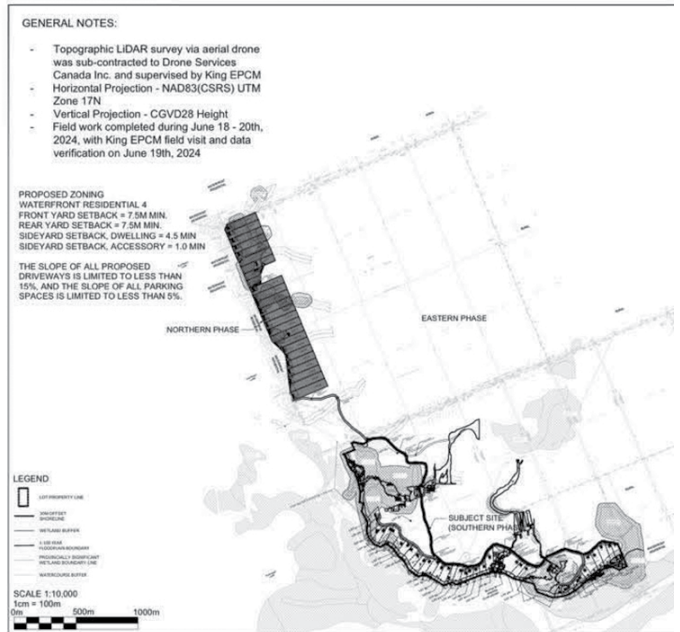
President of Baptiste Lake Association

PROPOSED MONSTER DEVELOPMENT ON ELEPHANT LAKE

What is likely to be one of biggest threats to the Baptiste Lake area in quite some time, is taking place in our neighbouring municipality of Dysart et al in Haliburton County.

A developer (2463756 Ontario Inc.) is seeking approval for a 63-lot subdivision on the shores of Elephant Lake and Benoir Lake in Dysart et al. The application includes both a Northern Phase (25 backlots) and a Southern Phase (38 waterfront lots), connected by a private condominium road network. The submitted plans include a shared clubhouse, boat launch, petting zoo, golf practice range, community garden, outdoor museum, exhibition space, and children's playground. The developer controls over 800 hectares, and their own stormwater report references an "Eastern Phase", but that phase is not analyzed in any of the 17 submitted studies and is not part of the current application. Their own website states their intention to build over 1,200 units in total in the development.

Dysart et al. has already denied the Official Plan Amendment and rezoning for the Northern Phase. The developer appealed that denial to the Ontario Land Tribunal. They are now resubmitting both phases to the County for subdivision and condominium approval. The full Eastern Phase remains unaddressed. Municipal planning staff told the developer in 2021 that the Northern Phase lots don't meet the Official Plan's standards. The developer's planning reports don't acknowledge that staff direction, let alone rebut it.



This map depicts the 95 Developments proposal as presented to Dysart et al.

The developer is pushing this smaller development of 63 lots but this is the thin edge of the wedge when it comes to the development as a whole.

The developer has already built roads and cleared shoreline vegetation before obtaining approvals, demonstrating a pattern of disregard for the planning process, the environment, and the communities that depend on this watershed. The developer is attempting to push this development through multiple approval channels simultaneously by appealing Dysart's denial at the OLT while resubmitting to the County. Through all of this at no point have they assessed what this means for Baptiste Lake or the residents of Hastings Highlands. When you look at the documents and reports provided by the developer it is if after Elephant Lake and the York River nothing exists. The developer is counting on Haliburton and Dysart only being concerned with their own jurisdiction and ignoring Hastings Highland and in particular Baptiste Lake.

Benoir Lake drains downstream through the York River and Elephant Lake system into Baptiste Lake. Not a single document in the developer's submission assesses downstream impacts on Baptiste Lake or the Hastings Highlands.

It is not necessary to go into detail but the developer's

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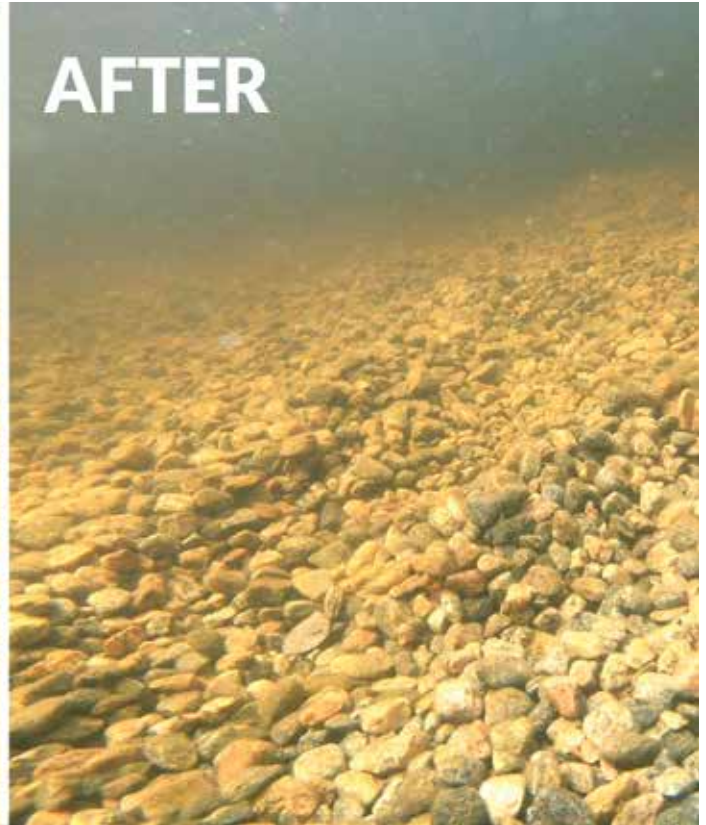
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Watersheds Canada continues to preserve precious spawning beds and a potential large scale development may impede these efforts. Images by Melissa Dakers, Watersheds Canada

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own reports state that effluent from the 63 proposed lots (forgetting about the over 1,100 additional proposed lots) will be discharged into shallow ground water, which will of course make its way into the watershed and ultimately Baptiste Lake.

All of this flows downstream to Baptiste Lake, and nobody has assessed what it means for Hastings Highlands.

These are only some of the issues. I want each of you to imagine what the addition of 1,200 housing units on the shores of Elephant Lake will do to the boat traffic in Baptiste Lake. Even forgetting the issues regarding noise and overuse of the lake this could be disastrous for fishing in the watershed.

For the above reasons and more the Baptiste Lake Association has hired a law firm to object to the development in the most strenuous means possible. The legal fees will be covered by a group of volunteers who have the best interests of the lake in mind. In the future the association may reach out to its members at large to assist with the costs involved in fighting a developer with deep pockets and no apparent love of the outdoors.

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DYSART TO FIGHT ELEPHANT LAKE DEVELOPMENT

By Lisa Gervais

Dysart et al mayor Murray Fearrey told County of Haliburton council at its last meeting that his township will continue to fight a proposed development of 25 residential lots, 38 cottage lots, and three blocks for waterfront access, as well as condominium roads, fronting Elephant Lake. Director of planning, Elizabeth Purcell, brought the file to the Feb. 25 County council meeting. Her report included background information on a proposed draft plan of subdivision and common element condominium. She said some of her initial key findings are that the land contains provincially-significant wetlands, watercourses, and regulatory floodplain areas, “creating significant environmental constraints.” She added her preliminary review, “identifies potential consistency issues with the 2024 Provincial Planning Statement, particularly regarding rural development, natural heritage, and flood hazards.” She said the developers are proposing private wells and septic systems, with multiple technical studies having been submitted to

support the suitability. She said other, key, supporting studies, such as an environmental impact study, hydrogeology, lakeshore capacity, boating capacity, stormwater, archeology, and landfill review are now under third-party peer review. Purcell noted a related official plan amendment was denied by Dysart et al council and appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

Mayor Fearrey condemns development on sensitive wetlands

Jennifer Dailloux asked about the sensitive wetlands, and the fact the developers are saying property owners would not be able to access them to get to the shoreline. Rather than every lot accessing the lake, the plan calls for three blocks for waterfront access. Dailloux asked how that would be enforced to ensure people are not accessing the lake from their lots. “Who would be responsible? How often would they be checking. What’s the teeth behind that?” Purcell said it was a bit of a “precarious situation because people are people and if you have a shoreline lot, a lot of people would like to access the water from their own lot. It would be an enforcement matter through the Municipality of Dysart, or through the province, as it is a provincially-significant wetland.” Dailloux then asked Dysart what it thought would be possible from an enforcement standpoint. Fearrey told her, “that’s one of the reasons we turned it down. We can’t handle this. If they get this approved, then we might as well forget about trying to protect our lakes and our wetlands. It’s just a terrible proposal. So, we’re going to fight it as hard as we can to make sure it gets defeated.” Purcell said the land is now vacant with existing access via Benoir Lake Road. She said the site is 122 hectares, with a little over 1.6 km of frontage on the road, and more than three kilometres on the lake. The planning director said the County received the file Feb. 9. Staff will make its recommendation at a later date. People can submit comments, be notified, or get additional information from epurcell@haliburtoncounty.ca or 705-286-1333 x222. Purcell noted if a person, or public body, does not make written submissions to the County before the approval authority gives, or refuses to give, approval they are not entitled to appeal the decision to the Ontario Land Tribunal.



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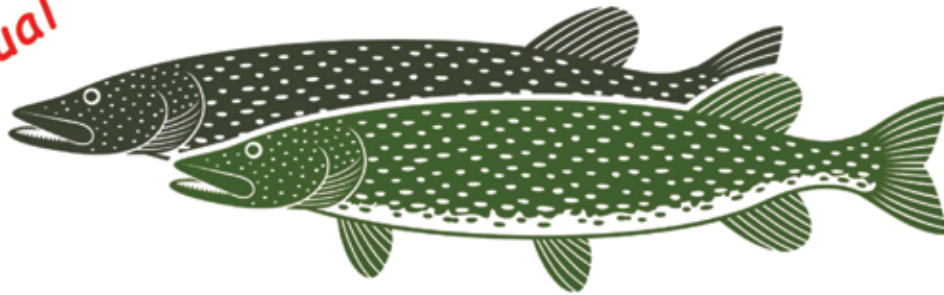
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GET YOUR RODS READY: THE 2026 BAPTISTE LAKE PIKE DERBY!

By Gary Pirko

Calling all anglers! It's time to gear up for a day of sun, scales, and friendly competition. This July 4th, the Baptiste Lake Association is proud to host our 6th annual Pike Derby. Whether you're a seasoned pro or a weekend warrior, we want to see your boat out on the water for a high-stakes day of fishing.

Boats will push off at 7:30 AM and return at 3:00 for the weigh in celebration. The entry fee is \$50 per boat, all anglers are to follow the MNR fishing regulations. We anticipate 75 Boats with tickets required. Register early as we expect to be sold out.

We're putting some serious skin in the game this year. Cold hard cash will be paid out to the top angler boats in the following categories:

- Largest Fish: Take home the prize for the single heaviest pike of the day.
- Most Total Weight: We are paying out cash to the top 5 places for cumulative weight.

Not topping the leaderboard? Don't worry. We have plenty of sponsor door prizes up for grabs, plus a 50/50 drawing where you could walk away with a

heavy pocket just by participating!

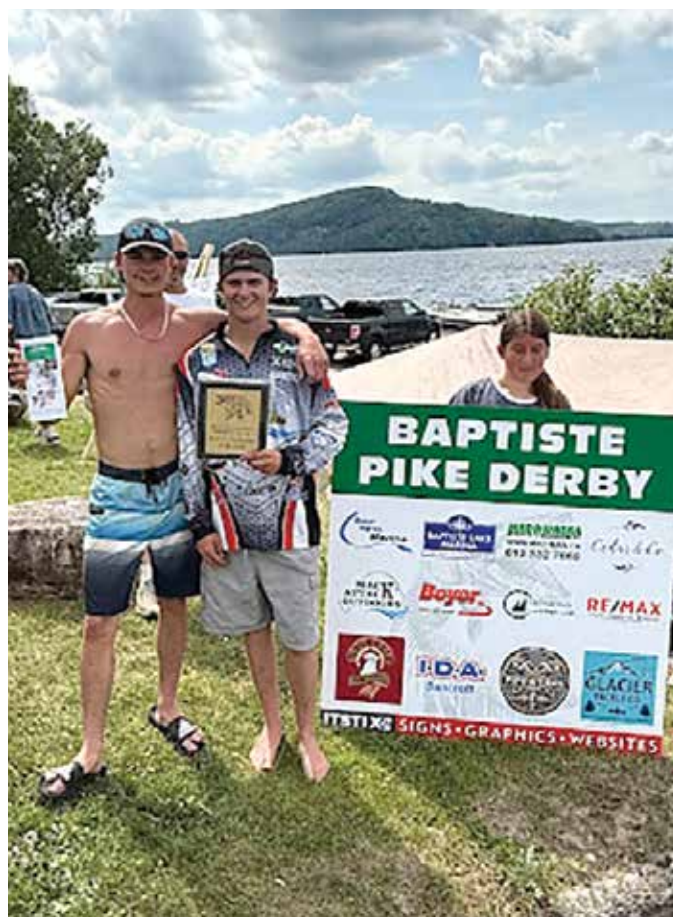
Fishing for a Cause: Why Pike?

While we love the thrill of the catch, this Derby serves a vital ecological purpose. The primary goal is to balance the fish species population in Baptiste Lake. By targeting pike, we are working together to manage their numbers and ensure a healthier, more diverse aquatic habitat for the entire community to enjoy.

How to Register

Spaces are limited to the first 75 boats. Don't miss your chance to support the lake's health and win some cash! Tickets on sale at Mack Attack Outdoors, 62 Hastings St N, Bancroft, Email Events@fish-hatchery.ca, call Gary Pirko 757-719-7113, or use QR Code for Credit Card on Zeffy.

We can't wait to see the community come together for a great cause. Let's make the 2026 Derby the biggest one yet!



Last year's winners, Caleb Grant and Isaac Laundry, challenge newcomers to remove them from the first place winners' position. Photo by Gary Pirko

LAKE TROUT FRY TRAPS PLACEMENT PLAN TO ENHANCE YOUR LAKE TROUT

Edited By Paul Coleman

The MNR has recently updated the Licence to Collect Fish for Scientific Purposes for our lake under Kathy Irwin's name. Kathy has been working closely with the Baptiste Lake Association (BLA), and the North Hastings Community Fish Hatchery (NHCFH) to identify Lake Trout spawning beds that have been here for thousands of years.

The Plan: This past September, Kathy, husband Bob, and Gary Pirko used the Hatchery's FiFish underwater drone to identify spawning beds off South Baptiste Road. These spots were marked on a Garmin GPS. The planned timing to collect fry was set for late February to open holes in the ice, to set the traps and then in April collect emerging fry as they hatch in nature.

The Anticipation: We are thrilled to report that our expedition on Saturday February 21st, was a fantastic success! Despite the challenging slush on the lake, we successfully placed six fry traps onto designated Lake Trout spawning beds off South Baptiste Road.

The consensus from the day was that it was a "fun success." It was a great display of community spirit and stewardship in action. Sixteen brave Volunteers defied the elements. The Team consisted of *Colleen Baehre, Larry Byers, Cain Dagenais, Kathy Irwin, Frank Kuray, Jordan Kuray, Josef Laundry, Mark Levia, Fred McConnell, Kim O'Brien, Kevin Vance, John Vanderpas, Mike Wooton, and Brodie Poulain.*

Highlights from the day:

- **Precision Placement:** We used the FiFish underwater drone, piloted by Fred McConnell, to confirm that each 30"x30" trap was stable and perfectly positioned over the spawning rubble.

- **The "Slush Valet":** A massive thank you to



Dropping the drone. Photo by John Vanderpas

Kevin Vance, who used his tracked Side-by-Side to ferry volunteers and equipment across the lake — we couldn't have done it without that extra horsepower!

- **Team Effort:** Under the technical guidance of Kathy Irwin and Frank Kuray, the crew worked efficiently to drill and saw the 48"x48" holes needed for the mission.

Photos of the Mission: John Vanderpas did an excellent job capturing the day. You can view the photos at the following link: https://photos.google.com/share/AF1QipN5ewjOrF11VUE1PREAYIX-rGbt-zTM8zI5-eDodRYAx7nNLOWnk2N-WRY-X0FU_6Iw?key=a2kzV0dmeHoyajNqcHdYNz-V3UDdLVG9uWFNBdVVRB

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Fry Trap Group. Photo by John Vanderpas

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Fry Trap Mission Q&A with Kathy Irwin

How was the fry trap event on Baptiste Lake? The day went very well and only took us a couple of hours to the fry traps. The volunteers had all the necessary equipment ready to locate the site with gps and drill the holes. Fred McConnell used the underwater drone to view the bed prior to setting each trap and to check that each trap was successfully placed level on the rock rubble.

How has your professional experience as an MNR biologist contributed to this initiative? I spent a lot of my career studying lake trout and their habitat, along with other fish and wildlife species. The setting of fry traps is not done very often. I have had experience with both lake trout and walleye fry traps and utilized this technique only a handful of times during my career. These were only used to verify if indeed eggs are deposited and hatch from the spawning beds. Fisheries scientists are likely more involved in using this fisheries technique.

What results have you seen in previous years and what results are you hoping for this year? Some are failures and some are successes. We are hoping to be successful, but it's not the end of the story if we are not successful. The purpose of this initiative is to verify that this historical spawning bed is still being used by

the lake trout of Baptiste Lake. The lake trout would have spawned last fall depositing the eggs on the bed

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Fry Trap goes down. Photo by John Vanderpas

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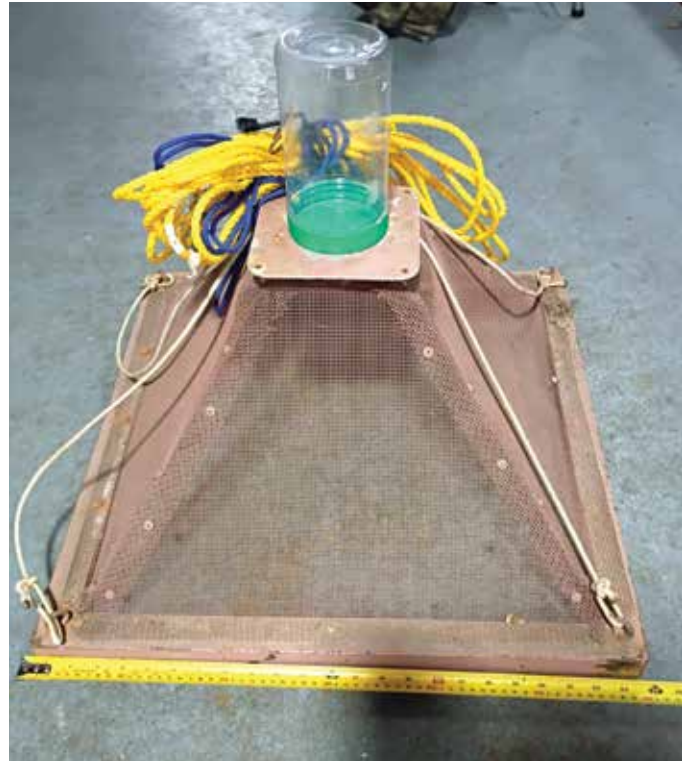
and the eggs would have started immediately developing by degree days. Once the required degree days are accumulated, they develop into the swim-up fry stage. The unknown part of the story here is the actual timing of the swim-up fry stage. It could already have happened before the traps went in or we set the traps just in time. Unless you know exactly when the spawn occurred and know the number of degree days the eggs accumulated until Feb 21st, it is difficult to know the exact timing of the swim-up stage.

How did you and Mr. Kuray plan your event day? We had a zoom meeting the week before with the major players and we had a good handle on what equipment was required, who was supplying it, and what time we would all meet.

Were there any challenges or difficulties that arose on the day? Not at all. Slush on the ice was a bit of a challenge but nothing that stopped our progress.

What was the best part of the day's activities and why? Everyone pitched in and we were thankful for the three young men that helped out as most of the volunteers are retirees. They got to work and did most of the more demanding efforts such as drill the holes and lowering the traps.

Is there anything else you'd like to add? I applaud



Fry Trap and bottle. Photo by Kathy Irwin

not only the MNRF biologists that took the time to listen to our plan, supported us, approved our licence for the initiative, and supplied the required equipment, but also the volunteers for their never-ending efforts and will-power in supporting our local fish communities.



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CAROL COULTER



Photo by family

Sadly, Carol Coulter, a devoted 40-year summer resident of Baptiste Lake, passed away in her 82nd year.

For four decades, the Coulter cottage on Baptiste Lake has been a place of beauty and respite. Carol's gardens were well known around the lake — thoughtfully designed in colour-themed palettes and timed so that something was always in bloom. Neighbours and friends often benefitted from a tour of her garden each season, with a glass of wine in hand and laughter from the stories she would tell.

The cottage was also where Carol devoted herself to her grandchildren, patiently teaching them to swim, sail, and water ski. Through her encouragement she passed on not only skills, but a deep love and respect for the water.

In the 1990s, Carol stepped forward to serve the broader lake community during an important time for stewardship and shoreline rights. As a two-term

President of the Baptiste Lake Association, she helped rebuild membership and strengthen community involvement, recognizing that a united association was essential to protecting the lake's future. She was a strong advocate for cottage owners to purchase their 66-foot road allowances, helping secure property rights and promote responsible shoreline management. She also worked to support and encourage a dedicated slate of local officers who would continue to safeguard the lake we all cherish.

Carol's legacy lives on in the beauty she cultivated, the family traditions and friendships she nurtured, and the culture of stewardship she helped strengthen within the Baptiste Lake community.

Carol will be deeply missed, but never forgotten — truly a life well lived.



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A WORD FROM HASTINGS HIGHLANDS PUBLIC LIBRARY

By Anne Coleman

Wendy, Kristin, Jessica and Amy have done it again. People gather in the library for many reasons, and our team is consistently there to make all feel welcome. The school kids are there each week for reading time and borrowing books. A very vibrant book club has developed from this habitual visiting, consisting mostly of young boys. That is the work of Wendy, serving them tea and having lively discussions.

We had great celebrations at Christmas and soon, Easter eggstravaganza. Summer programming is underway including an Astronomy in Action on June 10 to satisfy all ages, Seniors' Expo on June 5th, Wild-fire Preparedness and Education on June 20. There is the book sale, TD Summer Reading Club, Butterfly kits and pollinator event plus Service Canada's General Income Supplement clinic. Check the website, or come into the library for clarifications on all these events.

This is the final year of the term for the Library Board, who have participated in all the events of the library with enthusiasm. Should you be interested in becoming a trustee, one can apply through the municipality later in the fall.

The following are testimonials notes sent to Wendy, our CEO, from patrons, newly arrived in the Highlands:

"Good morning Wendy,

I just wanted to drop you a little note to say thank you for all that you and your staff do at the library. It truly is an important community hub.

When I arrived in Hastings Highlands, I wasn't sure how to get connected with the community and get engaged in activities. Not only did I find a library filled with a great collection of books, magazines and AV materials, but the amount and variety of activities offered is astounding. The book club, craft groups, language practice groups, children's activities, etc. offer so many ways for newcomers and long time residents to be engaged and to make social connections. This little library rivals that of any large city.

I am so grateful for this amazing community spot in the heart of the Maynooth.

Please pass along my gratitude to the entire staff.

Regards,
Zoe"

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Part of Brighten The Night Activities included Santa in the Library. Santa's helpers are Wendy, Anne, Nancy and Colette. Photo by Jessica O'Reilly

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Parade through Maynooth. Photo by Paul Coleman

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“I just wanted to reach out and express how thoroughly happy I was with the programs at the Library in Maynooth over March break for my kids. It was hard in the area to find something to do with them over the break but my 2 sons kept wanting to go back everyday.

What an amazing addition to the area and so needed for many kids.

If you could forward this to someone in your department who deals with funding for the Library it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank-you for your time and the programs over the break. - Ashley Kelusky”

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ANAX JUNIUS MUSIC STUDIO

By Anne Coleman

I have devoted many articles to the artists in our immediate Baptiste area but this is the first one dedicated to the art of music, the most ephemeral of human expression. Take 8 notes and play with them. The artistic musician has done this for centuries and we learn to love certain pieces because of their arrangements. The infinite results of manipulating 8 notes is awe inspiring. We are most fortunate to have such a musical artist living very close to us and his path in composition, playing in bands and mixing music for himself and others is fueled by passion. Richard Joudrey is our artist. He has created a setting in his studio for mixing and producing music, which is cutting edge.

He was six years old when his older brother by 4 years, handed him a guitar and said, “Let’s play”. Richard spent 18 years playing professionally with many musicians, forming a variety of bands and performing in the GTA area. Between 1979 and 1985, he played bass guitar for Blue Peter. He continued with other groups, all the while, paying strict attention as to how the music was mixed. The technology of enhancing the performers’ sounds was and still is, his curiosity’s passion. He maintains that he learned the craft of production from amazing master mixers. Forty years of mixing, composing and producing have now made him, in a true sense, a master.

The master hears nuances and fluctuations in sound, determines what is to be eliminated or which sounds will make the main theme pop. He draws on the instrumental expertise of people like Tom Fitzgerald, the Salt Cellars, Scott Stewart, Ron Kapitain, Jane Bunnett and Larry Cramer, to mention just a few. A musician may walk in to ask to have a composition recorded and Richard can bring in the sounds created by extra musicians to enhance the piece, or suggest eliminating sounds to clean the overall result. His technological equipment and setup of the studio have been tweaked, improved and engineered resulting in an optimum experience and, of course, product. Richard devotes his entire attention to one project at a time in order to explore all the possibilities and not be distracted by another composer’s sounds. He has relied on the technologi-

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cal advice of people such as Dee Long of Klaatu who recently suggested a special set of headphones, which could define the most intricate of sounds which were eluding Richard in a recent, ongoing project. To appreciate a single person's ability to build a beautiful recording is to recognize his delicate approach to identifying the mating and movement of the 8 notes. That is the art.

His Studio has the following mission statement:

Anax Junius is the latin word for the Common Green Darner Dragonfly. In the spring we welcome the return of these beautiful, agile hunters of the air.

The Dragonfly symbolizes:

- *transformation and change
- *joy and lightness of being
- *an invitation to delve deeper into emotions
- *staying open to the enfoldment of personal

journey

It is our goal that musicians who come to this stu-



The inspiration of the studio came from having many of these dragonflies around their place.

Photo by Mr Shield

dio, will be given an experience that will allow their talents to flourish and grow beyond expectation.”

His present project is partnered with Jody Timgren, from Haliburton under the name Silva Musica. He plays all of the instruments on the recordings except when a specialist is needed. Adding this to her beautiful voice, which is very moving. Some of their tracks are played by the Canoe Radio in Haliburton, a station that showcases Canadian artists, something very necessary for the health of the musical scene in Canada.

If you want to know more about Richard and his mixing genius, he has a Bandcamp site called,



Studio interior. Photo by Anne Wilde

“Silva Musica” <http://silvamusica.bandcamp.ca>. He has also an email for the studio: anaxjuniusmusic@gmail.com if you wish to learn more about the music recording process.

Life in the Baptiste community is better for having generous people like Richard, and his partner, Anne Wilde, who moved from Uxbridge to be in an area where one has room to think and appreciate the basic environment that nurtures us. Listen to the music.

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HOW STUFF WORKS

Freshwater Bryozoan Colonies in Baptiste Lake:
Natural Indicators of Clean and Healthy Water

Across the quiet shorelines and sheltered coves of Baptiste Lake, observant residents and visitors occasionally notice unusual gelatinous masses attached to submerged branches, docks, or rocks. Often mistaken for algae, fish eggs, or even pollution, these soft, jelly-like formations are in fact freshwater bryozoan colonies—a fascinating and beneficial component of the lake’s ecosystem.

Bryozoans, sometimes called “moss animals,” are tiny aquatic invertebrates that live in large colonies made up of thousands of individual organisms known as zooids. These colonies can resemble brown or translucent blobs, sometimes growing to the size of a grapefruit or larger.

In freshwater environments like Baptiste Lake, the most commonly observed species is *Pectinatella magnifica*, which forms rounded, gelatinous colonies just below the water’s surface, attached to stable structures.

Despite their unusual appearance, bryozoans are completely harmless to humans, fish, and pets.

One of the most important roles bryozoans play in lakes such as Baptiste Lake is natural water filtration.

1. Filtering Algae, Bacteria, and Particles

Bryozoans are suspension feeders. Using tiny tentacles, they capture microscopic food particles—including algae, bacteria, and organic debris—from the water.

This process:

Reduces excess algae (helping limit blooms)

Improves water clarity

Helps stabilize nutrient levels

In effect, bryozoan colonies act like living water filters, continuously cleaning the surrounding water.

The presence of bryozoans is widely recognized as a sign of a healthy aquatic ecosystem.

They tend to thrive in:

Clean, oxygen-rich water

Balanced nutrient conditions



Photo is taken by Krystal Rallon, a yearly visitor who observed this strange blob while kayaking.

Stable, undisturbed habitats

2. Supporting Aquatic Food Webs

While not a primary food source, bryozoans contribute to the lake’s biodiversity:

They provide habitat for microorganisms

They are occasionally consumed by fish, snails, and insects

They help cycle nutrients within the ecosystem

This makes them part of a broader, balanced food web that supports fish populations and overall lake health.

3. Contributing to Nutrient Cycling

By feeding on suspended organic matter, bryozoans help recycle nutrients in a controlled way. This prevents excessive nutrient buildup, which can otherwise lead to poor water quality or algal overgrowth.

Conclusion

Freshwater bryozoan colonies may look unusual, but they are one of nature’s most effective—and overlooked—tools for maintaining clean water. In Baptiste Lake, their presence is both a biological benefit and an environmental indicator, demonstrating that the lake continues to support a healthy and functioning ecosystem.

Protecting shoreline habitats, limiting nutrient runoff, and preserving water quality will help ensure that these remarkable organisms—and the benefits they provide—continue to thrive for years to come.

HOW TO BEAT THE DEER FLIES

By Paul Coleman

Our friends at Cedar and Co Botanicals in Bancroft, who have been instrumental to our Pike Derby's success, may have come up with the solution to our nasty Deer Fly experiences.

Their very own inspired formula has received rave reviews and we highly recommend that you try Wilderness Body Bath, Botanical Mist and b3.

The all natural, nasty free Wilderness trio is everything you need for outdoor protection this summer. For maximum results they recommend you lather up in the Wilderness Body Balm and then spritz liberally with the Wilderness botanical mist! b3 will alleviate itching and swelling. This is the perfect Trio for camping, soccer and working in the woods. Check out the ingredients and be amazed!

Wilderness body balm (120ml/4oz)

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osus, *Eucalyptus globulus, Eucalyptus citriodora, *denotes organic

Wilderness botanical mist (240ml/8oz)

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b3 (bug bite balm)

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With the growth of new cottage developments, cottage-to-home conversions, and commercial and industrial developments along shorelines, these sen-

sitive areas are threatened. With the loss of natural vegetation, several benefits to the lake are compromised, including water clarity and quality, safe swimming areas, and loss of wildlife habitat. Participate in the Natural Edge – Landowners

The Natural Edge is a shoreline naturalization program available to waterfront property owners to plant native trees, shrubs, groundcovers, wildflowers, and grasses along the water's edge as a nature-based solution. With support from our regional delivery partners and generous funding support from Ontario Trillium and the Daniel and Susan Gottlieb Foundation, Watersheds Canada is able to provide landowners with:

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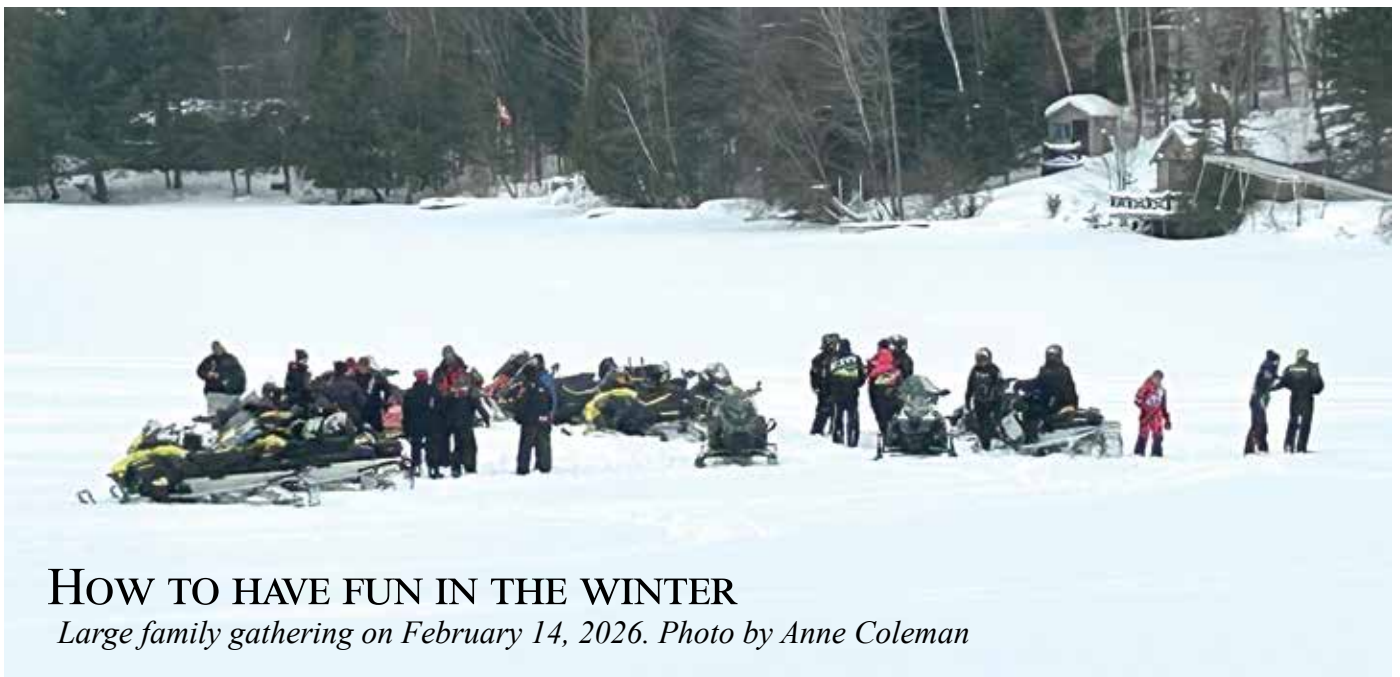
By Robert Pearson

Winter settled in
all round
Chilled to the bone
Day light struggles
Against the dark
Air is still, frozen
Branches motionless
Beasts and fowl
Retreat into the glens and forest
Sun lies low below
The treetops
Sky turning
Lemon to
Butter Yellow to
a Rose Blush
All melding
into the Steel Blue nite sky
Barbecue futile
Frozen air defeats
The heat
Fireside and silence
Fragrance of soup wafts through out
Warms the belly and bone



*Bartlett Trail, pastel on paper.
Painting by Krys Bradley*

*Krys Bradley / Robert Pearson is an artist who lives on Baptiste Lake and has participated in the local Studio Tour in the past and will be presenting again this year September 19th, 20th and 26th & 27th
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HOW TO HAVE FUN IN THE WINTER

Large family gathering on February 14, 2026. Photo by Anne Coleman



UPCOMING SEASON

By Daniel Porter

At Tweed and Company Theatre, spring is in the air, and it only seems fitting that our 2026 season motto is “Grow with Us!” Tweed & Company is a registered charity and has been producing professional theatre since 2009, right here in Hastings County. Managing not only the Village Playhouse in Bancroft, but also the newly renovated Marble Arts Centre, and Outdoor Stage in Tweed. For the fourth consecutive year Tweed & Company has been named one of Festival and Events Ontario Top 100 Attractions.

There is lots of excitement building at the Village Playhouse in Bancroft for our upcoming season. With an assortment of spring concerts including The Great Canadian Comedy Caravan, Tommy Youngsteen: CCR, Valdy, That 70’s Rock Show, Maggie’s Wake, and Tanglefoot...many of which will be sold out events. We’re also excited to welcome local talent like The Detention Club featuring Bancroft’s own Blue Hazel, and Floyd Factor, a Pink Floyd tribute band. There’s something for everyone from rock concerts to comedy shows, folk music or tribute bands and a fully licensed bar in the lobby to enjoy a beverage.

Spring classes are already underway at The Village Playhouse, engaging youth in a variety of dance, music, and acting lessons. Registration for Fall classes will be opening later this summer. Tweed

& Company is running two sessions of Summer Youth Camp in Bancroft for kids ages 7-13. These weeklong sessions will culminate in an on stage performance for friends and family. 2026 Season Passes are available for purchase for our 3 major musical productions. Kicking things off in July is The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee, followed by our biggest production to date - Fiddler On The Roof - featuring an ensemble of local talent alongside this professional cast, including members of our young company program. Our Holiday Panto returns in December, this year is the telling of Snow White in a way you’ve never seen before!

We will be holding young company auditions in the coming months. Through the fall Tweed & Company will be touring their production of Million Dollar Quartet, making stops in Orillia, Pembroke, Brockville, Whitby and Stirling.

New this year, The Village Playhouse is excited to host the Paddling Film Festival, a day long event in the fall. Watch and be inspired to explore rivers, lakes and oceans, push extremes, appreciate wild places and embrace the paddling lifestyle.

Earlier in the year Tweed & Company launched it’s 2026 Capital Campaign for the Accessible Lift Addition at the Village Playhouse. This major upgrade to the beloved Village Playhouse will make the building fully accessible for patrons and performers alike, making theatre available to everyone! In an effort to raise the funds needed to complete the project this fall, Tweed & Company is hosting The Great Big Fundraising Party on Saturday, May 30th. Tickets are \$75 and will include dinner and a drink as well as admission to a concert by Off The Rock - a Great Big Sea tribute.

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ART IN THE COMMUNITY: THE AGB IN 2026

By Molly Moldovan

Here we are, officially the first day of spring, and yet... it's still snowing and the beautiful landscape outside my studio remains excessively white. Even so, the AGB is marching into spring with excitement and joy at being surrounded by the creativity of artists young and old.

In February we followed up on last year's successful fundraiser with 44!!, celebrating our 44 years of existence as a public gallery. 44!! Featured an online auction of beautiful artwork donated by artists from across Ontario as well as a Mystery Art Grab. For the Art Grab, we invited 44 artists to each create a 10"x10" artwork which would only be signed on the back and were hung on the gallery wall in a grid formation. 44 numbered tickets were sold; and when their number was drawn, ticketholders went up to the wall and removed the artwork of their choosing. Only then did they know whose artwork they had chosen! 45!! is already in the planning stages, and will likely be held in June, so that we are not held hostage by unpredictable weather and seasonal residents can more easily participate.

The annual, juried Under 19 student exhibition in March was an amazing display of artwork by local youth. The breadth and depth of their talent is astonishing.



The artist is Annika Gervais, age 15 (grade 10, Haliburton Highlands Secondary School). The artwork is entitled, Ecosystem Engineers. Size 16 x 20", executed in acrylic on canvas.

April's Through a Magical Lens features wall-mounted sculptures of endangered creatures fashioned entirely from upcycled materials and found objects, by Yulia Shtern. Ms Shtern will also be teaching a workshop.

May's Finding Community is a joint exhibition of work by our 2025 artists-in-residence, Kayla St-Pierre and Elizabeth Broere Jackson. From two vastly different demographics, these very talented artists each spent

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Moose Alone. Photo by Beth Greenberg

An advertisement for Creighton Docks & Boat Lifts Ltd. The ad features a central image of a worker in a white cap and dark shirt leaning over a dock. Above the worker are logos for "CREIGHTON Docks & Boat Lifts Ltd.", "Naylor SYSTEMS", and "MAGIC BUOY". To the right, there are two smaller images: one of a boat lift structure and another of a boat on a lift. At the bottom, a blue banner lists services: "POLE & FLOATING DOCKS · BOAT LIFTS · BOATHOUSE LIFTS", "CANTILEVER DOCKS · MARINE RAILWAYS · DOCK IN DOCK OUT SERVICE". Below this banner is the name "Craig Creighton" and contact information: "Cell: (705) 934-1516 · Office: (613) 332-4183", "Email: cddbancroft@gmail.com". There is also a "Find us on facebook" logo and a "MADE IN CANADA" logo.

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a month working in the gallery, creating art that defined their respective interpretation of “community.” Some of the artworks were made after they returned to their own communities, responding to the contrasts they experienced. It will be a very interesting exhibition!

June brings us Susan Dunlop’s *Round the Bend*, a series rendered in oils that focuses mainly on rural landscapes of Ontario and also her home country of Scotland. Susan has a rich exhibition history; her work is widely popular, collected by individuals and public institutions

In July, William Peltier’s *An Intimate Journey* features realistic macro views of nature rich with complex textures, colours, and subtleties.

August features Delio Delgado’s *In Linear Terms*, which through juxtaposition of lyrical gesture, geometric patterns and repetition, explores the intersections of politics, religion, ethics and belief systems in connection with the divine.

September’s artist, Mary Kroetsch, uses vintage photographs in her mixed-media exhibition, *Changing Frequently and Uncertainly*, deconstructing through



Three Amigos By Anne Coleman. Acrylic on board.

fragmentation and reconstructing those fragments to shift time that was, to time that is, or could be.

October brings Laura Peturson’s *Small Wonders* to the gallery walls. Her work focuses on the ways that the small domestic spaces we inhabit as children form our identity and our conception of our place in relation to family, geography, and nature. *Small Wonders* is comprised of prints created using multi-block or reductive relief technique. Each colour represents a different layer carved into a linocut block and printed over previous colours and under subsequent ones.

November’s *In a Land Where Time Stands Still* features Daryl Phillips’ black and white photography that illustrates the timeless, unchanging topography of Killarney Provincial Park and the La Cloche Mountain range.

December’s exhibition is the highly anticipated, 44th annual juried exhibition, which historically has featured work from more than 60 Ontario-based artists. Our jurors for this exhibition will be announced at a later date – stay tuned!

For anyone new to the area, or new to us, the Art Gallery of Bancroft (AGB) promotes art and the creatives who make art in our area and beyond, by mounting monthly exhibitions and hosting artist talks and workshops by featured artists. This volunteer-led gallery is also home to an eclectic shop filled with exceptional work by local artisans and artists and is also the only art-supply shop in Bancroft.

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As a non-profit public art gallery, the AGB funds itself without operational funding. Memberships form the single largest component of the gallery's operating budget. Members have access to a 10% discount on everything in the gallery's shop other than art supplies. They have a vote at the annual general meeting and receive regular updates on events. An AGB membership makes an amazing gift to anyone in your life who is interested in art and culture. Most importantly, your membership supports the AGB's ongoing activities and, by extension, the artists who exhibit there. Membership ranges from a modest \$25 to \$1,000; tax receipts are available for all memberships and/or donations. You can join online at <https://www.artgallerybancroft.ca/index.php/join-and-support/become-a-member>, or in person at the AGB's front desk.

We hope to see you at our opening receptions, 7:30 pm on the first Friday of every month! You'll find us at 10 Flint Avenue in Bancroft (just off the main street downtown).

Molly Moldovan is a visual artist living and working in North Kawartha since 1989. She is Co-Chair of the AGB's Board of directors and heads the AGB's curatorial committee.

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Many Thanks

Many layers go into creating this newsletter, we depend highly on several contributors who are Hannah Lithographers, Rachel Etmanskie, Designer, Anne and Paul Coleman, Editors, Shelley Pickard, Advertising and several contributors who submit articles and photos. Many thanks from the BLA, we appreciate your constant and enthusiastic support.

HOW MUCH OF A BEAVER IS POND

By Simon Payn

When does a tree end and the forest begin? How much of a pond is beaver? What percentage of me is me? These are the things I think about in the shower. No wonder my propane bill is so high. They are, however, important questions about how the world is made – and they directly affect how we landscape around our homes and cottages. I'll try to explain. We're talking about the fundamental units of life here, and what my hot-water ponderings are teaching me is that it's not as simple as "a tree", "a beaver", and "a human." Look at that sugar maple by your cottage. Its influence extends far beyond its trunk and branches. Its roots feed fungal networks that connect to other trees. Its leaf litter builds the soil that other plants grow in. Its canopy creates the shade and moisture conditions that determine what lives beneath it. You could say the tree is making the forest. But you could also say the forest is making the tree. It would struggle to survive without those same fungal networks – nutrients go both ways. It would be hungry without decompos-

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ers breaking down leaves into food. So where does the tree end and the forest begin? Look at the beaver in the local wetland. Its dam makes the pond, which changes the water level, which creates wetland edges where new plants can live, which builds fish habitat. You could say the landscape is beaver in wood, water, and mud because the whole thing is a creation of the rodent's compulsion to build dams. The beaver is pond, too. It needs the trees it fells, the water flow it redirects, the food and shelter the pond provides. Break the dam and the beaver needs to get busy rebuilding it. Now look at yourself. You host trillions of microorganisms that would not exist without a home in your gut. There are as many bacterial cells in your body as there are human cells. So how much of you is you? It's not a one-way street, either. Those gut bacteria break down foods and provide vitamins. The mitochondria in your cells that produce your energy were once separate bacteria. Perhaps the thing that powers you is not... you? Which all brings me back to landscaping. We're taught to look at the plants as separate units. We go to the nursery and buy "a rose" or "a ninebark" or "a geranium." We're led to believe that each plant functions alone, as an island. Sometimes it seems that choosing plants is like choosing furniture for a new home. You've got a blank canvas and you need to fill it with chairs, a table, lamps, beds. It's clear to me, however, that creating a landscape is nothing like furnishing a room. At least if we want it to function well. That's why I design gardens and



Beaver and apple. Stock photo

shorelines to make communities, working with what is already there and adding to the rich web of relationships in the landscape. Those sedges on a slope have roots that are holding the soil together, providing the conditions for other plants to grow. Those irises by the shoreline are filtering run-off from your driveway, keeping the lake clean and providing conditions fish thrive in. Those goldenrods you chose for fall colour are helping pollinators build reserves for winter. All of these plants need the soil created by other plants. They need the pollinators fed by other plants. Everything is everything else. The grasses are sparrows and the coneflowers are bees. The soil is birch and the butterflies are milkweeds. And us? We are all of those things, too. Which is why when we create landscapes that fit in with the world, we fit in with the world, too. And that, it seems to me, is a nice way to live. Simon Payn owns Grounded, which designs, installs and cares for ecological landscapes in Haliburton County. See groundedgardens.ca



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Bees and Daisies. Photo by Anne Coleman



Successful brush piles. Photo by Watersheds Canada Melissa Dakers



Owl and Dove. Photo by Charlie Ramsay



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Lynx observed on North Baptiste Lake Road. Frame from video sent by Andy and Marion Morrison.

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