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We hope the content helps us get to know ourselves, each other, and our shared past, present and future better. Wildly imperfect, but also wildly beautiful and wildly fun, the content is written by the people, for the people. Many thanks to the volunteers who made this happen in 2022, including Deborah Alexander, Barney Baker, Steve Dunsford, Gabriela Hairabedian, Edward Lentz, Loretta Neil, Kelly Martin, and Angela Pollak. Published in Whitney, Ontario, Canada by the South Algonquin Business Alliance (SABA).

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Letter from the Editors

Dear Readers,

G'Day and welcome to South Algonquin -Ontario's Hinterland - a region off-the beaten path, just beyond the big city.

While we started with an idea, a wish and a shoestring budget last year, your support and enthusiasm has turned our little community experiment into a community delight. It took longer than we thought, cost more than we estimated, and mistakes were made along the way, but our wildly imperfect journey also prompted some delightful conversations with people in the community and many, many, many requests to do it again. With your generous reminders that the thought counts more than perfection warming our hearts, it is with great pleasure that we bring to you issue 2 of One Fine Day in South Algonquin, and announce that our community zine will now be an annual publication. It's official folks - we even have our own ISSN. No going back now.

We're so grateful to Kelly Martin of Total
Sports Media who has volunteered to help us produce the zine this year. You will no doubt notice an improvement in the quality of the layout – it's because she's taken on all the tasks we discovered we weren't very good at, and helped us understand how to create a product that will pay for its own distribution.

Which brings us to our second delightful announcement. One Fine Day will also be available **free of charge** from now on.

We are distributing 5000 copies of the zine, available for pickup at locations in our com-

munities, neighbouring communities, and in Algonquin Park. Orders can also be placed for remote delivery by mail (shipping fees apply) if you're out of town and want a copy. You can also view the zine for free online at www. MySouthAlgonquin.ca.

If you are a local reading this zine, we hope you see yourselves in these pages. Your friends, neighbours and colleagues have shared memories of people and places that we hope will remind you of home; people and places that are uniquely South Algonquin.

If you are a visitor reading this, we extend a warm welcome and invite you to browse the pages, meet our friends, neighbours and colleagues and learn more about what it's like to live, work, and play here in a land beyond... beyond the rush of city life, beyond Muskoka, beyond your expectations. Browse the advertisements, shop at our local stores and stay over night at our local accommodators.

When you're done, visit our brand new accessible website (www.MySouthAlgonquin. ca) or download our free app from the Apple or Android stores so you can take information about South Algonquin with you on the go while you're out and about, no wifi connection needed.

CAll our best,

Loretta Neil and Angela Pollak





In a nod to our logging and blacksmithing past, the Where's the Mare contest is back. Spot the mare hidden carefully among these pages, then send the page number you found it on, your contact info and t-shirt size to gday@mysouthalgonquin.ca before December 31, 2022. We'll draw from the winning entries and give away a free My South Algonquin t-shirt.

Congratulations to Elaine Davis, our 2021 winner, whose determination to find it got her outta bed at 5 am. (It was on page 55, near the H Tree).



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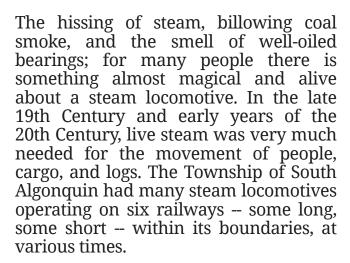




The Ghost Railways of South Algonquin Township.

By Roderick MacKay

Roderick MacKay is the author of Algonquin Park – A Place Like No Other: A history of Algonquin Provincial Park. It is available through The Friends of Algonquin Park.



The first, and most famous of the railways into or through what is now South Algonquin Township was the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway. Its construction was paid for by the Ottawa lumberman John R. Booth. According to Niall MacKay's book *Over The Hills to Georgian Bay*, it was one of the longest railways for which one man was responsible; 265 miles (426 km) from Ottawa on the east to Georgian Bay on the west.

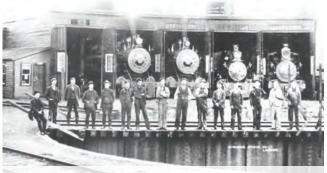


Beginning in 1892, Booth built the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway initially to support his previous business investments. Lumber cut at his Ottawa sawmills had been shipped to markets in the United States by barge through a series of canals. Winter ice stopped those shipments. Booth put a lot of money into construction of the Canada Atlantic Railway, from Ottawa to Burlington, Vermont. When it opened in 1888, his lumber could be transported all the way to the seaport of Boston throughout the year, and consumer goods could be transported back to Ottawa. The route of the railway did pass near Booth's stands of pine. However, his real goal was to tap into shipments of prairie grain, carried by ship on the Great Lakes.

Without that railway, it is unlikely the communities of Whitney or Madawaska would have had their start when they did.



Rails reached Madawaska on November, 1894. Since it was at about the half-way point along that railway, an announcement was made in the Renfrew Mercury on 30 November, 1894 that Madawaska would become the Division Point. Locomotives would be serviced in a roundhouse, originally with space for 5 locomotives; later expanded in 1907 to 14. There was also a coal chute, a water tank, freight sheds, a station with a restaurant, and a number of company houses. All of those buildings were supplied with electricity by a steam driven generator. As stated in R.J. Losole's book, *Reflections* of Madawaska, "Madawaska was a very busy place while it was a railroad centre."



Madawaska. n.d. Canada Atlantic Old Boys. LAC C23910

The Canada Atlantic Railway and Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound railways combined in 1899. They were then bought by the Grand Trunk Railway in 1905. In 1923, that railway became part of the Canadian National Railway. Passenger and freight trains travelled through Madawaska daily, going both east and west. At one time, the single-track railway carried a train every twenty minutes. Sidings along the line allowed trains to pass at set times.

Not only was Madawaska among the most important stations on the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway, it was near the Egan Estate station and junction point with a second railway, also constructed by J.R. Booth. The McCauley Central Railway, a 15 mile (24 km) logging railway into one of Booth's most important timber limits, was laid

in 1899. It went past Major Lake, then northward to cross the Opeongo River, to its terminus at Kitty Lake. Booth was a very hands-on man, and if one can say he ever took a vacation it was when he was out inspecting the operations on his own timber limits before retiring to his own private railway car, at his own headquarters on his own railway, just north of the main line he had built.

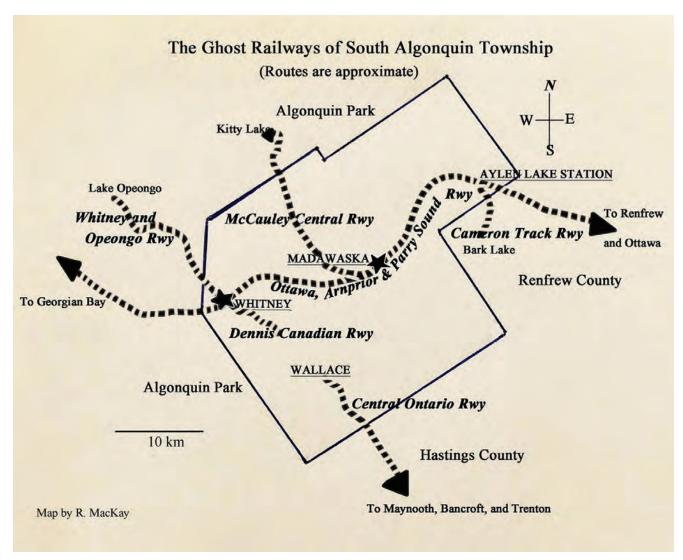
One of the difficulties in running any sawmill was getting an uninterrupted supply of logs, particularly in winter when logs could not be transported by water. Booth's mills were at the Chaudiere Falls in Ottawa, about 300 kilometres and months away by seasonal river-drive.

McCauley Central Railway. ca 1905. LAC PA-120341



However, with his logging railway and the main line he had built to Ottawa, it was only about twenty-four hours from stump to saw, all year long.

In the fall of 1894, construction on Booth's Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway continued westward, along the survey line to the Madawaska River and Long (now Galeairy) Lake. According to Brian Westhouse's book, Whitney: St. Anthony's Mill Town on Booth's Railway, E.C. Whitney had purchased land there for a new sawmill and townsite. Construction had begun in early September on the framework of the St. Anthony Lumber Company mill.



By early December 1894 that work was complete, but the mill was not ready to operate. Its machinery was to arrive over rails not yet laid. Railway construction had begun on that section in mid-August. Rails were laid to Whitney in April 1895. Sawing began at the St. Anthony Lumber Company mill on July 25, 1895. In brief, the mill was up-to-date and impressive in its size. A generating plant delivered electricity to supply light inside the mill and for the yard. The mill had ten miles (16 km) of small railway and five miles (8 km) of standard gauge railway which connected with the main line. This allowed the shipment of sawn lumber to market along Booth's railway.

Some of the St. Anthony Lumber Company's timber limits included Lake Opeongo, the largest lake in the newly established Algonquin Park. In 1902, construction began on the Whitney and Opeongo Railway. It ran from Sproule Bay to the outlet end of Galeairy Lake, a distance of 15 miles (24 km). There, logs were dumped and floated in a boom across to the mill at Whitney. The modern route of Highway 60 and the Opeongo Road to Sproule Bay follow much of the route. The standard gauge railway took fifteen months to build at a cost of \$200,000. Rolling stock included two locomotives leased from the Canada Atlantic Railway and twenty-five Canada Atlantic flat cars for carrying logs.

In January 1910, the St. Anthony Company's timber limits, mill, Whitney town-site, and Whitney and Opeongo Railway were sold to the Munn Lumber Company of Orillia.

Their harvesting methods within Algonquin Park were found less than desirable by tourists and the Park Superintendent. Not surprisingly, November 1910, the government took away their logging licence. In exchange, the company was to be paid \$290,000 for the mill, town and other holdings. It was also to remove the rails on its logging railway. In 1911 rails were taken up. The Munn Company's single locomotive and 12 flat cars were sold. Likely they had been used in the mill yard.

The fourth railway barely entered into South Algonquin Township. It was built in 1909 by W. Cameron and Company of Ottawa. The Cameron Track ran between his sawmill at Bark Lake and the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway at Aylen Lake Station. It was just a spur line, less than about 3 miles (5 km) long. In September 1912, the Dennis Canadian Company was formed and arranged to take over the Cameron and Company timber limits, their mill at Bark Lake, and their spur line. That took effect on 1 October, 1912. At some later date, the

saddle tank engine that was used on that spur line was lost, according to Brian Westhouse, "when it plunged into Bark Lake." It was later pulled out of the lake.

The fifth railway was shortly after begun announcement an in January 1913 that the Dennis Canadian Company had bought the Whitney sawmill. According to Bob Lyons, author Whitney: of Island in the Shield, the Dennis soon Canadian Company got full production. into Construction began a narrow-gauge railway from Whitney

toward Hay Lake. On August 15, 1913, an article was published in *The Canada Lumberman and Woodworker:*

"A large portion of the timber being hardwood makes [it] necessary to adopt some method of lumbering other than floating down the streams, as heretofore has been done. For this reason a logging railway is under construction from Whitney which will eventually extend about twenty-five miles southeasterly from that point. Eight miles of road, six of main line and two branches of about a mile each, are at present under construction and will be completed this season. The line will be extended from year to year as necessary to secure the log supply for the mill . . . The railroad equipment has not been delivered as yet, excepting a few flat cars and one 50-ton Shay geared locomotive. A second locomotive, steam loaders, and logging cars will be added before the beginning of log hauling in November. It is intended to keep the mill running throughout the year"





The Dennis Canadian Company operated until 1922. The original mill at Whitney was destroyed by an accidental fire. In 1923, their railway was taken up and the equipment was sold.

The sixth railway in South Algonquin Township was the Central Ontario Railway. Its southern terminus was at Trenton, on Lake Ontario. The railway was originally intended to join with the Ottawa, Arnprior and Parry Sound Railway.

According to Bob Lyons, "When the Central Ontario Railway struggled up from Trenton, through Hastings County to Bancroft, it kept going another 41.7 miles (67 km), through Maynooth and Lake St Peter, to the little hamlet of Wallace, just 8 miles (13 km) short of Whitney". There construction northward ceased. In 1911, rails were laid to Wallace from Maynooth. The hamlet became a shipping point for a handful of farmers and some small lumber mills. The Central Ontario Railway was purchased in 1911 by the Canadian Northern Railway and in 1923 by Canadian National Railway. Later, as Lyons wrote, "Wallace got a boost during the Second World War, when J.S.L. McRae moved his mill from Lake of Two Rivers in Algonquin Park to Hay Lake in [what was then] Sabine Township." From 1943 to 1952, lumber from that sawmill was hauled by truck to the railway siding at Wallace. McRae Company lumber was also trucked to the railway siding at Whitney. There were no lumber shipments from Wallace after 1955. Until the late 1950s, an engine and a few boxcars went to Wallace every Wednesday. The locomotive was turned around for the return trip, at a "Y" siding. The rails from there to Maynooth were removed in 1965. Wallace became a "ghost town", as the Central Ontario Railway gradually faded away to the south.

The last of the logging railways, the McCauley Central Railway, ceased operation sometime after 1941. Even Booth's formerly successful railway across central Ontario eventually fell into decline. In 1933 a section of the line built by Booth had been abandoned by the Canadian National Railway. Highway 60 replaced the railway as the main means of transporting goods. Eventually the ties and rails were removed from Cache Lake to Whitney. The Whitney and Madawaska station buildings were removed sometime in the 1970s. The rails from Whitney and Madawaska were taken up in 1982-83. An era had ended.

Today, it is residents and recreationalists who are the ones laying down tracks of other kinds. Portions of some of the six abandoned railway routes in South Algonquin Township can still be travelled and enjoyed by automobile, ATV, snowmobile, and on bicycle or by foot. My hope is that knowing some of this history will make these journeys even more interesting and enjoyable.

With thanks to Tim Pychyl, Steve Dunsford, Robert Corrigan, Jack Mihell, Donald Webb and Bob McRae.

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Best Senior Joke Ever

Submitted by Hazel Switzer



A little, silver-haired lady calls her neighbor and says, "Please come over here and help me. I have a very difficult jigsaw puzzle, and I can't figure out how to get started."

Her neighbor asks, "What is it supposed to be when it's finished?

The little silver-haired lady says, "According to the picture on the box, it's a rooster."

Her neighbor decides to go over and help her with the puzzle. When he arrives, the old lady shows him the puzzle spread out all over the table. He studies the pieces for a moment, then looks at the box, then turns to her and says:

"First of all, no matter what we do, we're not going to be able to assemble these pieces into anything resembling a rooster." Then he takes her hand and says, "Secondly, I want you to relax. Let's have a nice cup of tea, and then..." and he says this with a deep sigh... "Let's put all the Corn Flakes back in the box."

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/the-best-senior-citizen-j_n_884151

A Funny Camping Story

Submitted by Kelly Martin

A young boy goes camping in the woods for the first time with his dad.

After they set up camp he asks his dad where he can go to the toilet.

"That's the beauty of camping in the woods," the father replies, "You can go to the toilet wherever you want."

After five minutes or so, the young lad wanders back to the campfire.

"So, where did you go to the toilet then, son?" The father asks.

"In your tent," the boy replies.

In memory of Oscar Parks (1907-1975)

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The Best of Both Worlds

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By Lisa Kmith

I am not good with words but I will give it a shot. I hope I can do my Grammas PROUD!

As many of you know, my two Grandmas were the complete opposites. I couldn't love either one any less. Both had unique qualities that have been instilled in their children, grandchild and great grandchildren throughout the generations. Both women had a strong Catholic faith. Grandma Bissonnette played the organ and she lead the children's choir every holiday. Grandma Kmith would walk out to the road to hitch a ride with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kukhta. Her laneway was about a mile + long. Rain sun, snow or freezing cold she bundled up and trekked out to the road. Grandma Bissonnette grew up in an orphanage whereas, Grandma Kmith grew up in Sabine in Whitney.

At the age of 8-9 (grade 3) Grandma K had to quit school to help Grandma Babshe look after her younger brothers and sisters. Grandma K never learned to read or write but that never stopped her from being an amazing mother and grandmother. She was married very young and raised her family on the farm. She would have to pump water from the well for drinking and cooking. I still remember the pail at the end of the counter with a white enamel pot for drinking. She could cook a mean pot of Borscht with fresh crushed garlic all from memory. Isn't that true Gary Kmith, Allan and John Thompkins? (Have yet to taste anything close to it). Her French fries were always cooked to perfection. Her scones or fried bread with butter would melt in your mouth. (Again all from memory) She heated her home with an old cooking/wood stove, which she also used as a cooking source.

There is nothing like the smell of fresh homemade baked bread. I remember coming from sleigh riding and putting my feet on the oven door to warm them up. That's when life was uncomplicated. Her rows in her garden were the straightest I have ever seen. Her vegetables they always produced more than enough to share with the neighbours. OMG her pea patch eh? It was an endless supply. It just produced and produced just like all her other vegetables. Right? Krista Kmith and Tanielle Sawyer! We ate till we almost puked.

A typical weekend after getting off the bus was to have supper, clean up and watch JR and Dallas. If she had a quilt up Krista, Tanielle and I would make a fort under it. What a talent! We would then settle to bed after making sure the stove was filled with wood for the night. We would say our prayers in English/Polish/Ukrainian, wish I could remember. Saturday morning started with breakfast, then bringing in wood for the day, doing laundry in the old wringer washing machines and hang it on the line as your hands froze. After supper we would have a bath, watch Tommy Hunter and then Hockey Night in Canada. Retire after the game and up for church on Sunday.

I remember Grandma travelling to Poland a few times to visit family. When Grandma would get a letter from Poland she would go to Mrs. Hetmans and she would read them for her and respond back in polish. I could go on but I only have limited amount of space.

Grandma Bissonnette was a teacher/principal who loved to sing and play the organ. Grandma lived in Kapuskasing where she taught for a few years. When she returned to Whitney she became the principal of St. Martin's Catholic School where she was well respected within the community. I can remember my mom saying one time that" if there was trouble in the playground and whether her kids were involved or not they were disciplined too."

ICE UPON A TIME.

She never wanted the community to think that she showed favouritism towards her own kids. LOL Grandma B made the tastiest butterscotch marshmallow treats. These are still one of my favourites today. Right? Luanne Hilderbrandt! When I stayed at Grandma's I would set her hair in curlers and take them out for church. It would depend on when Grandma had to play in church whether we went Saturday or Sunday. Did you know that Lois Fredrick and I were the first female altar servers in our church? Grandma was always helping out at the church. Funny story I can remember when she was washing the linens for the altar but used too much starch....needless to say the starched linens far exceeded the length of the alter LOL. That never stopped her from doing them every week. Grandma loved to knit slippers (I still have a pair). At least once a month Grandma would invite Eugene Dechane, Bud Hiezeman, Theresa and Patsy Cannon and our beloved Father Afelskie over for dinner. She had the biggest heart and loved everyone equally. Remember Halloween and Bud's Fudge? I could sure go for a piece now yummy. Grandma had a great devotion to our lady and always offered up her intentions to her. When our extended family would gather at grandma's for any reason there was always lots of laughter and love. The respect her children displayed towards her just showed what a strong mother she truly was. A running joke at our house when Grandma was around was....vou better not leave your plate unattended for a split second, at least keep your elbow on your plate, even with food on it because she would snap it up, wash it, dry it and have it in the cupboard before

you could say "pass the pickles please". She loved to do the dishes.

That's one trait I can honestly say I did not inherit.

However I have thankfully inherited many of their traits....

- love of gardening
- Belief and love of God
- Respect for my parents and family
- My love for my family
- Never take anything for granted

As I was writing this so many emotions have come flooding back. Remembering how they dressed, walked, smiled etc. My only regret is that these two beautiful ladies never got to meet my amazing children Jeremy and Kelsey Paplinskie and their cousins, BUT I know they are looking down and smiling on us all saying "HEY WE STARTED THIS"

Yes my lovely ladies you did. You raised one hell of a daughter (Camilla) and son (Nick) (who was taken too early). I am grateful for my stepdad (Faron) and for **ALL OF YOU** who made me woman I am today.

Never forget your roots. They are the foundation of who we are.

By Lisa Kmith





Helen E. Grose is a professional photographer, certified drone operator, and gallery owner who lives in the heart of Muskoka. She photographs real estate, sports, pets, and people, but Helen's real passion lies in nature and wildlife. In particular, she has a soft spot for Algonquin Park, and loves introducing people to her favourite places and

faces through guided adventures, and her fine art photography.

About Helen's Photography

Helen turned her hobby into a full-time career in 2011 when she started travelling throughout Canada, the United States, and Europe to photograph professional sports events. Since then, she's been fortunate to capture everything from celebrities on the red carpet to families sharing unforgettable moments. Helen's work can be found worldwide – published in magazines, newspapers, and websites, as well as hanging in private collections. After a few years of travel, Helen's heart led her to Muskoka where she opened a small gallery in Port Carling and started leading workshops in "The

Park". She also became an instructor of nature and landscape photography at Georgian College in Barrie. Today, Helen continues to teach private lessons and lead workshops and adventures in Muskoka and Algonquin, but she also operates a large art gallery and teaching space on her 80-acre property just outside of Bracebridge.

About Helen's Passion

Helen describes herself as truly, madly and deeply passionate about wildlife. Spend two minutes speaking with her and you'll have no doubt about that! Her fascination with nature has led to countless hours of hiking, snowshoeing, fighting off swarms of black flies, inspecting tracks and scat (a fancy way of saying poo!), and living some of life's most exhilarating and aweinspiring moments.

She believes the most important factors in making images come from outside the tools and techniques used to take pictures. It starts with an understanding of, and respect for, wildlife and the wild spaces we share. Helen loves a good adventure, practices ethical wildlife photography, and is a proud dog mum to three rescue pups.

Read more about Helen at Helengrose.ca







Helen Grose lives in Muskoka and is a full-time, professional photographer who offers small group workshops, private lessons & guided adventures in Algonquin Park. She owns and operates a large gallery between Bracebridge & Port Carling that is open to the public year-round. Register for a workshop or book your own adventure with Helen today!

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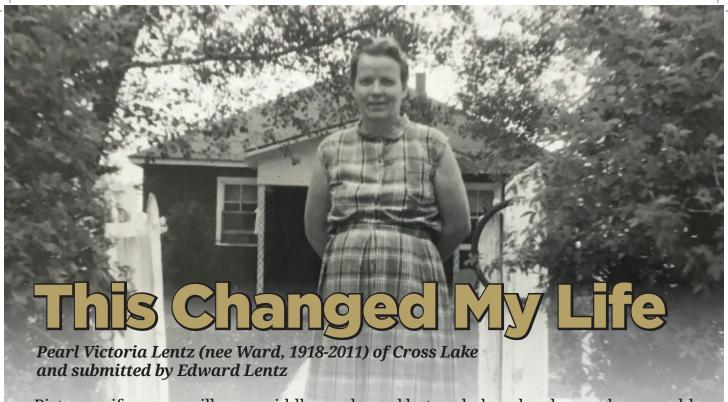
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We Love and Miss you Grama Ivah Parks 04.22.33 - 08.30.90 Love Always Jeremy and Josh

In Loving Memory of Clifford & Charmaine
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The Shane Family



Picture, if you will a middle-aged housewife, a mother and just beginning to get accustomed to being a grandmother also. Then like a chain reaction type of happenings, it caused that picture to change so suddenly, that contented me, with just a glimpse of a pause in my busy job of wife and mother of five, found myself in a completely different environment, with the addition of a chosen child, who hopefully would become our own.

We, that is my husband and I and the children as they came along, lived in a quiet little village in Ontario. Hubby had been cook at the same lumber mill for almost thirty years. I had been born in this village on a small farm, with the woods and lakes and streams waiting to be explored, hunted and fished. And our growing family spent their leisure time there, when not acquiring their formal education. The children were now all grown; two were married with families. one working out, and two in school. With this pause in my busy life came the urge for another baby to love and enjoy, and share the wonders of the world with. After a difficult pregnancy and childbirth, our baby was born dead, my agony of body and spirit was so intense that I prayed I could die too, and I was so sure that God had forsaken me that I rejected and hated Him. This was Hell for me, where despair

and hate ruled, and no love or hope could enter. Gradually the words of scripture came to me, "Lo, if I make my bed in Hell Thou are there," and the power of love and hope, and yes life reached out to me, and I gratefully grasped it, and committed all of whatever future life I had to that Enduring Love, that had triumphed over Hell and Death. This Love was also manifest in the love and help of my husband, family and friends and my minister, and supported me in the slow return to health and strength. Out of this deliverance from death grew a covenant with God to give of myself to a child in need of care and love, The Spirit has guided, yes and prodded me along the way, by many ways and means, in the course of my life that led to the adoption of a chosen child into our family.

Before this event, my husband decided, as well as felt called to enter the lay ministry of our church, which surprised all of his friends, also the family and myself. I was happy for him in his choice but the thought of leaving the friends, and the place where I was born and lived for all of my life so far, was appalling. After this decision we received word that a child had been found for us by the agency, from whom we hadn't heard for almost a year, and to come and visit him.

This we did and after a week or so, we went and brought him home with us. After raising through childhood, five children of different temperaments, and thinking that I knew all the quirks of nature, he sure showed me a few more, which I struggled with difficulty to understand and cope with. With the love and understanding of family and friends, God's greatest gift to me, we survived as a family in the ensuing months and years.

About a month or so after he came to us, we moved to my husband's first charge, over a hundred miles away. This period of adjustment was difficult for all of us for a time but we were all in it together and could understand better the struggle the new member was going through. We

were a family in a different fellowship, working through the church, helping one another in our Master's service here and throughout the world.

For me the role of minister's wife was much the same in the keeping of the home, and having a garden as I had always had. Though the attitudes of people toward me as such I found very different, and still feel that I seem to be unable to have a close friendship with people

as I did have before but have fellowship with wonderful people in the ministry of the Churches which compensates in many ways. I also have my husband at home when he isn't out about the Charge visiting or away for studies, which he very seldom managed to be on his other job except on weekends in the later years. He helps with the burden of childrearing and his encouragement and stability have helped immensely, and in no small measure accounts for the chosen one's progress from a failure in Grade 1 to a 75% average in Grade 6. In fact I'm sure he as I, sometimes wonder where is the greatest challenge; to become an ordained minister or raise a family of six to maturity. We can only seek God's grace and guidance, for each new day and be extremely thankful for His many gifts, and the many people who have supported us along the way.

There is the need still for homes for children, especially so for those older ones over five years old. A child needs a home where they can love and find love, have care and guidance as they grow into responsible youth and adults. There are many pitfalls along the way despite the good and useful help from your social aid workers. As I would like to be of help to those who take one of those children into their hearts and home, as well as to that chosen one, I will be positive in all my thinking with you. Be loving and kind, despite many rejections on their part, firm but gentle in your instructions,

concerning his health and well being. Build up a confidence in them, as to their importance as a child of God, and a member of the family. Needless to say, every child is different; some more confidence themselves than others have. The influence and fellowship of the Church and the school within the security and care of a family is of unquestionable help in the growing up of any child. The amazing gift of love our Creator has given to each of his creatures, free to all to possess and use in everything

we do or say in our lives together, its power exceeds any this world has known. Children need it especially to develop physically and mentally, indeed we all do. Our world depends upon it to survive, and in our day to day living and beyond, this wonderful gift is my accepted guiding Light and hope, in this life and beyond, a link with God and His creation.

The life of a minister's wife, as well as mother and making a home of the manse is a challenging one, and as I enjoy it and people I will keep with it, despite my keen dislike of moving every few years, The life of loving service to God and his people I am happy to share in.

Pearl Lentz

South Algonquin

Where dreams are today's adventures and tomorrow's excitement.
Natures beauty greets us with each Sunrise and promises its
return with every sunset.

The quiet whispering of the winds through the trees and across the lakes makes for a serenity unlike any other.

Where neighbors are friends, and good deeds never go unnoticed.
Where community is strong and children flourish with the
freedom nature brings.

Pretty beaches, endless hiking trails, and breathtaking views that encourage peace and wonder every time we blink.

South Algonquin is a place that holds our memories, embraces our futures and feels so good to call home.

Home to many of us but a place of comfort for so many visitors.

Night skies filled with billions of stars, underneath them the sound of a puck hitting the boards at our local rinks or in the spring of the peapers intensely proclaiming their excitement.

A place to take your shoes off and to allow your feet to dig

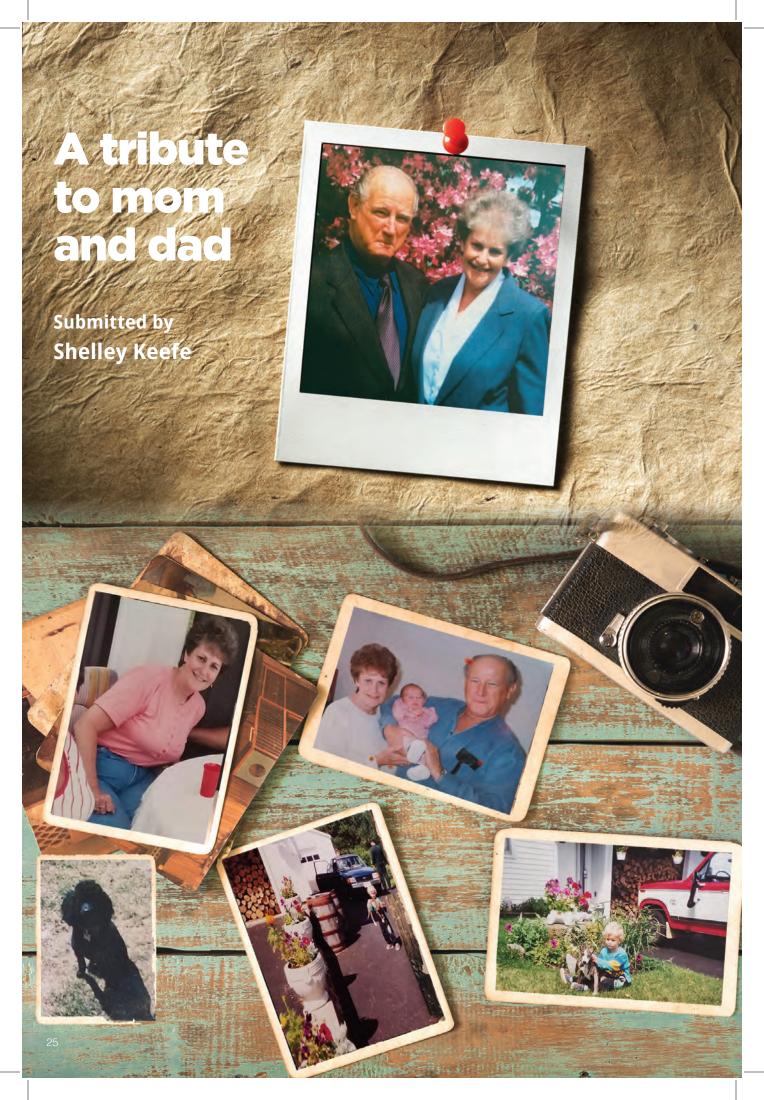
A place to enjoy wildlife, campfires and nature in its simplicity.

South Algonquin reminds us to slow down and smell the smells.

Breathe the air. Wander in the wilderness.

It's not just a place but a moment in time. Whether you're visiting or a resident it's never far from your heart.

Shannon Lynch







HIKING IN SOUTH ALGONQUIN

We have over 800km2 of land in our township, which creates a lot of opportunities for hiking. The Old Rail Trail is probably our most famous trail, which forms part of the decommissioned Ottawa-Arnprior-Parry Sound (OAPS) railway that used to run from Parry Sound to Ottawa carrying logs for export. (see The Ghost Railways

of South Algonquin Township on page 8 for a story about the town's logging history) Locally the trail now runs from Airy ward in Whitney, all the way east past South Algonquin's borders. It's great for walking, but people typically enjoy it using ATVs or snowmobiles. Point your camera at these QR codes to check out other fantastic hiking options. Look up the locations on the township map in the centrefold of this zine (pages 28-29).

very seldom crowded compared to other more well-known spots. Whether you want to swim,

play with the kids or just enjoy the sun or a

picnic lunch, we've got the spot for you!

AllTrails.com



List of the top trails in this region based on

feedback from people who love to hike! See more information about Kluke Lookout Loop, Spectacle Ridge, Spectacle Lake Lookout, Eagles Ridge, Bear Lake Trail, Galeairy Lake.

Spectacle Lake, Bear/Burnetts Mountain



Visit the Spectacle Lake Bear/Burnetts Mountain

Trail System website for trail maps, photos and FAQs for the trails in this amazing system. This extensive network of trails is located at the eastern end of South Algonquin on Highway 60.

RCATV Association



The trails in South Algonquin are a hotspot of

activity in the summer as ATVers visit the region. Use the QR code below to access a map showing the Top B Trail (the old rail trail), Loggers Loop, and the Opeongo trail.

SnowCountry



Snowmobile trails are a popular winter activity

in South Algonquin.
Check out the QR
code below for more
information about
the Round-AlgonquinPark (RAP) trail or
one of the many other
connector, feeder, club
and trunk trails in this
region.

SWIMMING

Our public beaches are second to none, and you'll be pleasantly surprised to know they are

Galeairy Lake Beach (Whitney)

A lovely sandy beach, two docs, public bathrooms, picnic tables and a shelter. Occasionally frequented by loons, you'll never forget their haunting call. Excellent place to watch the summer sun set especially on cloudy days.

JR Booth Park (Madawaska)

Ever wanted to swim in the mighty Madawaska River? Visit JR Booth Park in Madawaska for a splash. The park includes a level sandy beach, playground for the kids, interpretive signage and great view.

Tom and Mick Murray

This is the township's best kept secret on Bark Lake. Flat, sandy shores and shallow water overlook an eastern view, great for early walks in the morning sun.

Pet Friendly options

The beaches above have signage prohibiting pets, however, there are a few options for your furry friends not too far away. Ask your accommodator where they recommend for people with pups, or visit Canisbay, Lake of Two Rivers, Mew Lake, Raccoon Lake, or Rock in Algonquin Park for a sure thing.

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Perhaps you'd rather be in the canoe and on the water? In that case, check out these great options for paddling and boating opportunities. Motorized vehicles are permitted on lakes in the

township. Point your camera at these QR codes to check out other fantastic boating options or look up the locations on the township map in the centrefold of this zine.

Algonquin Park Access Points



access points to backcountry canoeing and camping adventures inside Algonquin Park from our doorstep. Hay Lake (1)

Hay Lake (Access point 16) Galeairy Lake (Access point

Aylen Lake (Access point 18) Shall Lake (Access point 17)

Canoe Rentals



Opeongo Outfitters in Whitney Algonquin

Bound in Madawaska East Gate Motel in Whitney

For more information, see the South Algonquin **Business Directory** under "Outfitters"

Exclusive Experiences



Are you looking for an exclusive experience? Try canoeing into our township from access points in Algonquin Park. The Upper Madawaska River and Opeongo River provincial parks are contained entirely within South Algonquin borders, but you can only get to them from inside Algonquin Park.



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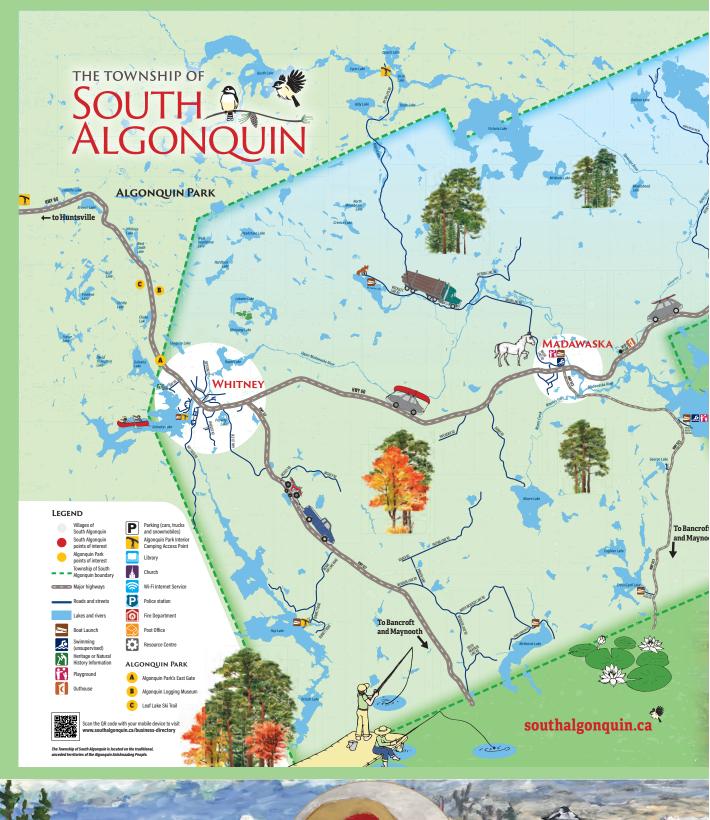


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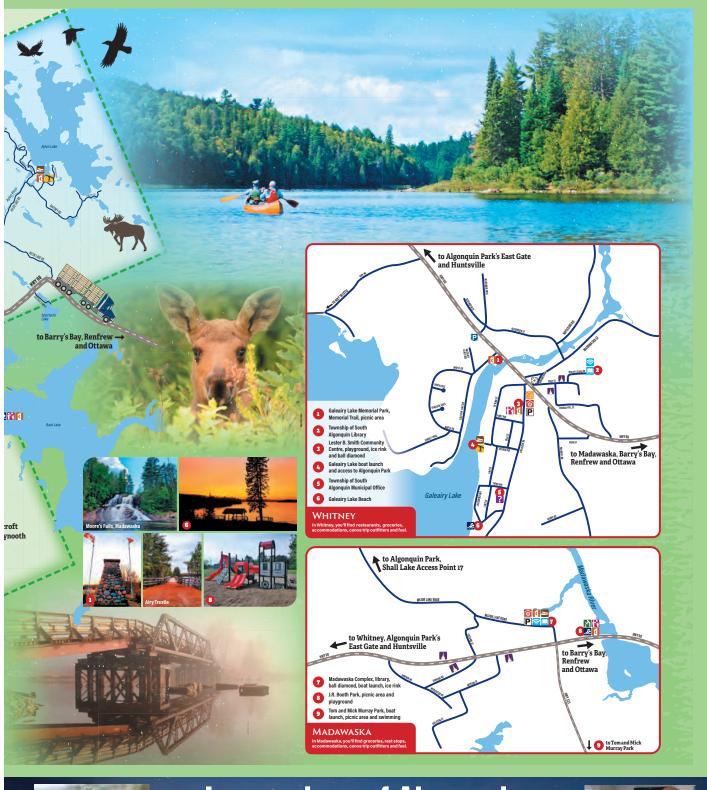


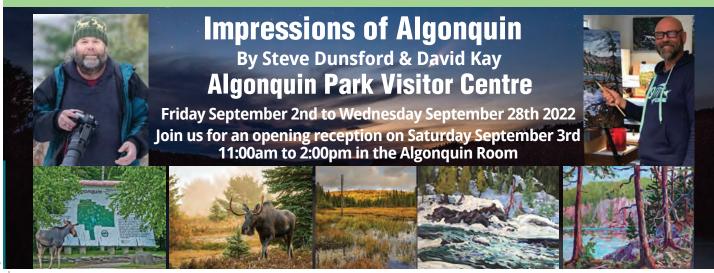


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ST. MARTIN OF TOURS CATHOLIC SCHOOL LOVES OUTDOOR EDUCATION

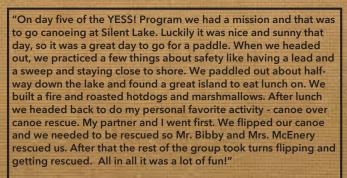
"My favourite outdoor education trip was probably canoeing. We went to Mew Lake in Algonquin Park. I had been in a canoe once before the trip. I got to learn new things about the canoe. We learned how to make our canoes go together like a pizza to talk to Mr. Bibby. We paddled to make our pizza go around in a circle. We learned to do donuts in the canoe and make figure 8s. We played follow the leader with Mr. Bibby. One of the student's canoes got to be the leader too. We saw lots of ducks on the water. We swapped seats while we were in the canoe and it was very scary because it was rocking while we were moving. After canoeing we went on a hike. Overall the day was lots of fun! "





"There were ducks that swam around close to land and came on the land too. I wanted to feed them. They came right up to me and swam around me."

"I really liked it when we went canoeing in Algonquin Park, I really liked the ducks and that they knew no one would hurt them. The scenery was beautiful, and the picnic was fun."



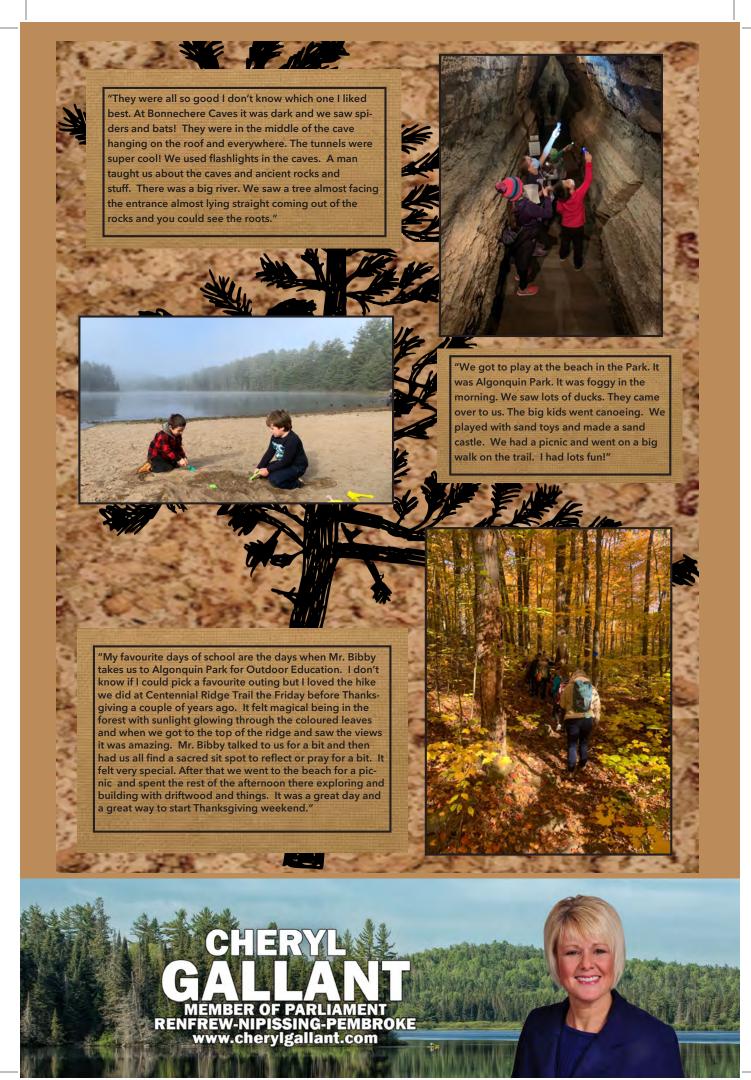


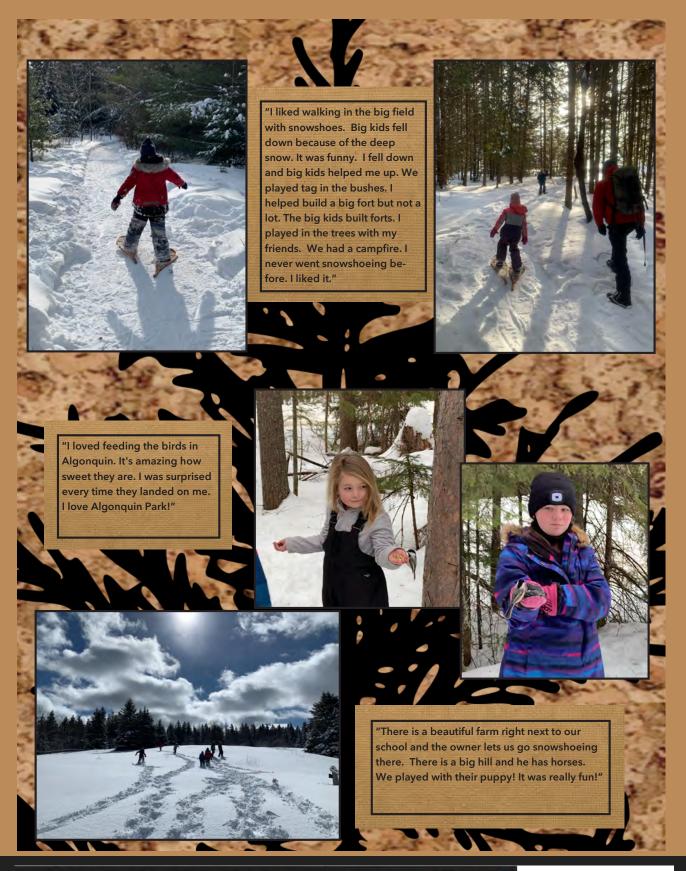


2022 First Annual South Algonquin

Junk in the Trunk Community Yard Sale & Swap Meet

Date: Saturday May 21, 2022 Time: 9:00am-1:00pm **Place:** Four Corners Algonquin, 29924 Hwy 60 **Cost:** \$10/seller – Lookers & buyers are free Refreshments will be available for sale







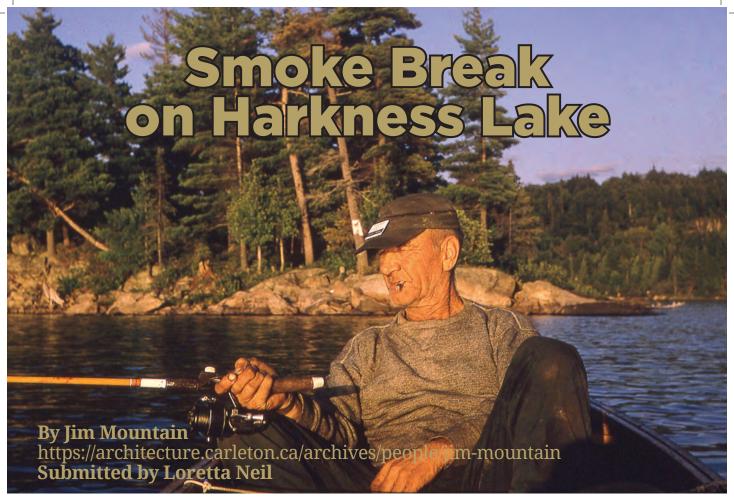
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It was July 1969 and my partner and mentor, Oscar Parks and myself were portaging all our gear from Head Lake to Harness Lake, which was part of our "beat" south of the Park's Highway 60. I usually carried the canoe and my personal pack on the first trip, and Oscar would portage a big Woods pack - chain saw on top – and the gas can hanging off the bottom of the pack, with his axe in one hand.

On this occasion, when we arrived at the landing at Harness, we looked up and saw two canoes approaching. Each canoe had a young couple paddling, but the first canoe also had another traveller, and upon hitting the shore I almost fell over—it was a chimpanzee, about three feet in height, and he (as the girl in canoe #1 explained) was very passive, and fairly elderly in age.

The girls were quite attractive, I must say. The guys to me, seemed

immature, and disrespectful in their attitudes to us, and even their female partners. They loaded the girls up each with the heaviest and largest packs, and sent them on their way across the portage. The two of them complaining proceeded to hoist one canoe between the pair of them and lurched off, leaving the second canoe at the Harness landing.

Oscar had heart issues. At age 63, he'd led a life of logger and horse teamster for several of the logging companies in the 1930's and 40's. He'd been a guide at the Highland Inn – the big railway hotel at Cache Lake, and yes – a "poacher" at times, for he explained that money for a lot of his family and many in the Whitney area, was scarce to non-existent during the 1930's and in many years thereafter.

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That summer of '69 turned out to be Oscar's last in working the full beat south of the Park's highway. He often took nitroglycerine pills through the day to keep his heart going from the strenuous aspects of portaging. So I became the main pack horse in our partnership, usually making three trips to his one, in order to get all our 10 days worth of gear and food across each portage.

Back to our two couples and their chimpanzee. With the two guys carrying one canoe, and the girls with their big cumbersome packs, one canoe remained at the Harness landing. I said to Oscar as I made ready to go back to Head Lake for more of our gear, "I might as well take this canoe with me ", and he nodded in agreement. I then noticed the chimpanzee was still with us, sitting astride two more packs left by our guests.

I picked up their canoe – it was light – constructed of "see through" fibreglass, considerably lighter than our canvas and cedar-strip Chestnut canoe that was Oscar's assigned, and preferred canoe. I could literally trot with this canoe and I easily caught up to the two carrying the first canoe. I put on an extra fast trot by these two guys – yes – just to show them up a bit, I admit – and they were, to my inner satisfaction, somewhat incredulous as I quickly passed them and trotted out of sight. Several minutes later, I caught up to the girls who were having a challenging time I could see, walking along with their cumbersome, bulky packs. Yes - I slowed, and walked along with them- for they were really pleasant, and I welcomed being in their company.

I made it to the Head Lake landing – offloaded their canoe – picked up more of our gear and headed back across the one-kilometre portage back to Harness.

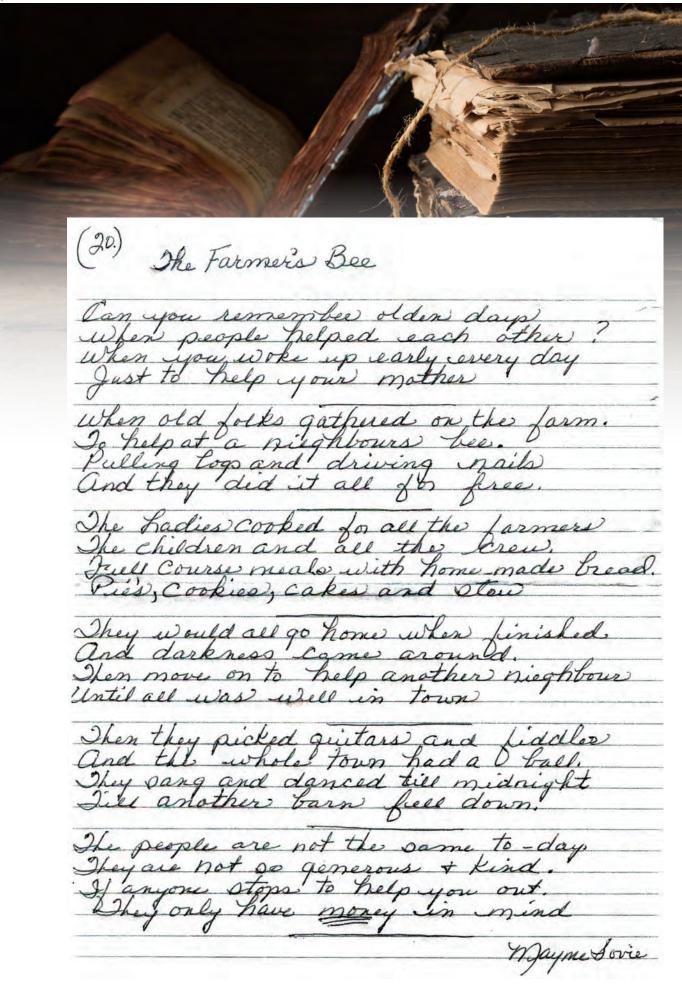
When I got back to the Harness landing, there was Oscar sitting on a big old log smoking one of his "roll your own" cigarettes (Ogden Tobacco was his brand). The chimpanzee was seated right beside him. Both were gazing stoically across the lake, legs crossed, and the chimp was also smoking one of Oscar's roll-yer-owns!

I said "Oscar – holy geez – how did he get one of your cigarettes?" Oscar answered "Well, sir. I decided to have a smoke, so I rolled one, and put the package back in my pocket. This little (bleep) walked over and reached into my pocket, so I thought ok – you want one too, so I rolled one and lit it and here we are!"

I sat with them – they finished their smokes – and we waited and not long after, the girls (notice – not their annoying boyfriends) arrived for their remaining packs – and the chimp. They thanked us profusely. I did not mention anything about the cigarette break he and Oscar had just had. Oscar gave me "a look" which was a gentle prod to not elaborate on what had transpired. They hoisted their packs – one of the girls hand-in-hand with the chimp. Was it me, or did he look back at Oscar as if to say thanks?

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In John 16:11, Jesus said "I have overcome the world, and in Me you will have peace". We can overcome the world too in Christ, by and through faith, 1 John 5:5. Our opinions of the "degree" of faith required really do not matter, we need to seek God's.

About faith in general, there is understandably a reservation from the world to discount it.

Jesus prayed that "we all be one that the world may believe You sent Me". The basis was given by God in His word to achieve that oneness or unity. For example in Eph 4:4-6, "we need to keep the unity in the Spirit, there is one body (or church); one Spirit; One Lord; one faith; one baptism; one God and Father above all". Hm, One Faith? How are we doing with that 2000 years later? There are thousands! One body which is the church? Yet are there not thousands of denominations? Is it any wonder then that the world does not believe as they ought? How can we fully believe in the person Christ and all He spoke, seeing as how we could not keep the unity of the doctrine given? Remember Jesus' prayer? There was to be no division (or another word is denominate).

In 1 Cor 1:10, the apostle Paul had this to say, "now I plead with you brethren that you all speak the same, that there be no divisions among you." That which they were to speak and be united on was the word of God! What are they dividing or denominating from? The truth, the "one written faith" of Eph 4, "that we are to contend earnestly for, and was once for all delivered, *Jude 9*". Instead we see confusion, and resultingly, varying degrees of nonbelief. But don't throw the baby out with the bathwater, for God is not the author of confusion but of peace 1 Cor 14:33. Remember there is still the "one faith" by which we can overcome the world. God's word is truth (John 17:17), and obedience to the gospel will render you to be saved through Christ's shed blood.

We need to go back to the bible, God's saving word! The apostle Paul found those in the city of Berea to be fairminded, because: 1) they received the word with all readiness and 2) they searched the scriptures daily to find out if what Paul was teaching was true. Did Paul think, How dare they question a spirit filled apostle?

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How dare they not be tolerant to whatever I teach? No, Paul thought highly of what they did instead. We need to do the same. Jesus intends for us to "hear & do" (Mtth 7:24), we will be judged in the last day how we have (Jo 12:48). We need to develop faith in God's word, for ourselves as He intended, Heb 8:10-11. It is impossible to please God without it (Heb 11:6). How do we develop faith? Faith comes by hearing the word of God (Rom 10:17) elementally, then acting in obedience to that which we hear, we are saved

through (an action) our faith. If we follow blindly what is taught to us, how will we know if it is the truth? Those in Berea did not accept such a standard, and we need not either. So don't be satisfied with what you have, develop the faith required!

A good way to begin is respond to the ad (below), for a 6 lesson bible correspondence course (with scriptures already printed for your convenience) that you may learn and apply the scriptures for yourself!







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South Algonquin **Per Politics Facebook** Group

A few years ago we created a Facebook page to allow for Township Residents to voice concerns, ask questions, and try staying up to date with Township Happenings.

The group was well received and we are now close to having 350 members, and many just pre-viewing!



A place for discussions, debates, over various topics, from bylaws being implemented, permits, you name it! If it's happening in South Algonquin, Politics posts are immediate.

We host fun games with prizes, where everyone is welcome to join in.



We are tremendously supported by South Algonquin Business Alliance, it's our pleasure to return support and post happenings for the Alliance. They are a great asset to our township and are accomplishing many things!

CONGRATS TO ALL YOUR HARD WORK!

We are Encouraged by interactions of residents who respond and engage with each other and share opinions on topics being discussed ... The generosity from businesses and constituents enables our games and giveaways, and for that we are forever grateful.

After all, we Love South Algonquin, we are strong and Proud and we will

continue to strive to be bigger and better.

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Respect from Andrew and Loretta **Admins of South Algonquin Politics Group**







South Algonquin Business Directory

The following South Algonquin Businesses have been identified through public websites. Many of our businesses are small part time operations and they may not have a storefront. Please enquire about operating hours before visiting. If you see something below that is missing or incorrect, please let us know. If you are a local business and would like to be added to the list at no charge, please reach out to gday@ mysouthalgonquin.ca for more information.

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hay Lake

Elder's Cottage
vrbo.com/en-ca/cottage-rental/p719217vb
Hay Lake Cabins
haylakecabins.ca
Hay Lake Lodge
haylakelodge.com

Madawaska

Algonquin's Edge Resort algonquinsedgeresort.com **All Star Resort** allstarresort.com Madawaska Lodge & Restaurant madawaskalodge.com Nick's Retreat nicksretreat.ca **Red Deer Log Cabins** reddeercabin.ca Riverland Camp & Lodge riverlandlodge.com South Algonquin Historic Log Cabin (613) 203-8104 Spectacle Lake Lodge spectaclelakelodge.com

Whitney

Adventure Lodge adventurelodge.com **Bellwood Inn B&B** algonquindream.ca **Camp Bongopix** bongopix.com **Couples Resort** couplesresort.ca **Dreamcatcher Motel** algonquindream.ca **East Gate Motel** havlakelodge.com MadMusher madmusher.com **Rolling Rapids** algonquindream.ca Waterfront Gallery House of David Kay galleryhousebydavidkay.ca **Whitney Cabins** whitneycabins.com

Airbnbs

Algonquin B&B, Algonquin Country Deluxe Couples, Algonquin Edge Retreat, Algonquin Great Healing Pod, Algonquin Paradise Apartment, Algonquin Riverside Bunkie, Algonquins of Ontario, Camping Cabin, Forest Retreat, Mighty Madawaska, One Bedroom Apartment, Private Cabin, Pristine Lake, Romantic South Algonquin Cottage, South Algonquin Little Home on the Hill, Whiskey Jack Shack, Very Private Cottage

BAKED GOODS

Little Bear Bakes in the Woods facebook.com/littlebearbakesinthewoods

CAMPGROUNDS

Barkwick Camp barkwickcamp.com Four Seasons Algonquin Cabins fourseasonsalgonquin.ca Four Corners Algonquin fourcornersalgonquin.ca

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Aylen Lake Community Association aylenlakecommunity association.ca

Aylen Lake Cottagers facebook.com/groups/2229080347 Flying Feathers Archery facebook.com/ flyingfeathers archeryclub South Algonquin Business Alliance MySouthAlgonquin.ca

CONVENIENCE

Madawaska Country Store (613) 637-1149

CONSTRUCTION

Atcon (Aggregate)

atconmadawaska.com

Madawaska Stove & Chimney
facebook.com/pages/category Chimney-Sweeper/
Madawaska-Stove-Chimney-144029139118310

Jet Ski Floating Docks
jetskifloatingdocks.com

KM Construction (613) 462 2560

CULTURAL SERVICES

Waaseyaa Consulting waaseyaaconsulting.ca

ENTERTAINMENT

Camp Bongopix (Music) bongopix.com

FIREWOOD

Bellwood Inn B&B
algonquindream.ca
Dreamcatcher Motel
algonquindream.ca
East Gate Motel
algonquindream.ca
Four Corners Algonquin
fourcornersalgonquin.ca
Downtown Whitney
Hwy 60
Rolling Rapids Motel
algonquindream.ca
Madawaska Country store
29890 Highway 60 Whitney

FOOD/RESTAURANTS

Madmusher madmusher.com Lakeside Grill spectaclelakelodge.com

Bongopix
bongopix.com
Madawaska Lodge & Restaurant
madawaskalodge.com
Algonquin Lunch Bar
algonquinlunchbar.com
Moccasin House (ice cream)
opeongooutfitters.com
Opeongo Outfitters Fish & Chips

opeongooutfitters.com
Perry's Pitstop Ice Cream Truck
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FUEL

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Gallery House by David Kay
galleryhousebydavidkay.ca
Gertrud Sorensen
gertrudsorensen.com
Impressions of Algonquin
impressionsofalgonquingallery.com

GROCERY & LIQUOR

Freshmart in Whitney LCBO Madawaska Country Store LCBO

Hay Creek Rd, Madawaska

GUIDES (Hunting & Fishing)

Wild North Outfitters wildnorthoutfitters.com

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Whitney Pharmacy (613) 637-2777

INDUSTRIAL

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MAPLE SYRUP

Madawaska Maple Products facebook.com/ madawaskamapleproducts McRae Family Maple Syrup ontariomaple.com/vendor/mcraefamily-maple-syrup/ Carrick Brothers Maple Syrup carrickbros.com

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Store (General)
algonquinbound.com
Camp Bongopix
(canoes, winter sports)
bongopix.com
Opeongo Outfitters
opeongooutfitters.com
Four Corners Algonquin
(accessibility devices)
fourcornersalgonquin.ca
East Gate Motel
(bicycles & canoes)
algonquindream.ca

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RETAIL

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SERVICE - TRUCK /AUTO

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"Wow that's so amazing!" "I can't believe how many stars there are!" "It's so quiet and beautiful!"

These are just a few of the things that I've heard people say who I've taken out at night in this area for the first time, when they get to see the night sky unobstructed by light pollution in all of its natural beauty.

For myself, after living in Whitney for 28 years, this is my normal. I almost can't remember what it is like to live

in the city where you are lucky to see only a handful of stars at night. The wanderlust doesn't stop with the stars. There are also other breathtaking celestial events to see when the sun goes to sleep and the moon comes out to play.

What makes South Algonquin such a breathtaking, great place to observe and photograph the night sky is that there is very little light pollution other than in the villages. You only have to travel a few short minutes to find a spot away from the villages where there is opportunity to see the Milky Way and on some nights; the northern lights, meteor showers and occasionally even comets.

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For many years I've enjoyed the peacefulness of being out at night and sometimes had the stillness broken by the call of loons or howling of wolves. But for the longest time I'd never attempted to photograph the night sky.

That all changed about ten years ago when I saw a post on Facebook from someone who was coming up to this area and wanted to know if anyone was interested in joining him to photograph the Milky Way.

Needless to say we met up and after giving me some lessons we spent several hours taking photos of the Milky Way. This lead us to become friends. Wesley Liikane and I have spent many nights since capturing

the night sky not just in this area but also in Iceland and northern Ontario. Although I have spent many hours over many nights watching and photographing the night sky the experience never ceases to amaze me. It's always fascinating and so different being out at night under the stars. The quiet, the peacefulness and the tranquility just make you feel incredible in a way that is difficult to put in words.

There is no right or wrong season to come and see the night sky, it's here all year long. There are many excellent, easy to get to locations in South Algonquin. Come visit and enjoy the night sky and I promise you it will be an experience you'll never forget!



Stargazing & Astrophotography in South Algonquin

Check out the following places to stargaze and enjoy astrophotography in South Algonquin. Details available on the Township map on pages 28 and 29. Parking is available at these easy-to-access locations,

No reservations required...

- JR Booth Park (Madawaska, North-east facing)
- Galeairy Lake Beach (Whitney, West-facing)
- Galeairy Lake Memorial Park (Whitney, south-west facing)
- Tom & Mick Murray Park (Bark Lake, South of Madawaska on Hwy 523, East facing)
- Trestle Bridge (Whitney ask a local for directions, North-east facing)

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Impressions of Algonquin South Algonquin Business A \$31,550 Life Musher also has a party room available to rent for small South Algonquin Local



Spotlight: Steve Dunsford

The Mad Musher, Riverside Rooms, Impressions of Algonquin Gallery

South Algonquin's incredible scenery across every season is an international attraction for people interested in the great Canadian wilderness. Some of our visitors even choose to stay permanently and call this amazing Township home. Meet Steve Dunsford, who

moved to the community nearly 30 years ago. He married Dee, the love of his life, not long after settling in Whitney. The wedding was held at the Outdoor Theatre in Algonquin Park in 1996. Dee worked in the park as an Interior Group Leader and together they spent many hours in their "happy place." Sadly, she passed away in 2001 in a tragic accident while working in the park. Afterwards, Steve spent a few years travelling to many different areas around the world. When he came home in 2003, he bought the Parkland Restaurant and renamed it The Mad Musher. Steve is also a well known local entrepreneur and established nature and wildlife photographer.

The Musher, as it is affectionately known locally, opened in July of 2003 with the hopes of providing Whitney residents, adventure-seekers, and passers-by a place to feed their bodies, lay their weary heads, and nourish their creativity. A former dogsledding guide, Steve was intimately familiar with the possibilities the seemingly sleepy town of Whitney at the entrance of Algonquin Park held.

Since then, The Musher has become a meeting place for artists from all walks of life, the go-to spot on the snowmobile trail, a pit stop for the long haulers, an entertainment hub for trivia and live music lovers, and THE place to enjoy a delicious home-cooked meal this side of Algonquin. Below the restaurant are the Riverside Rooms - simple, clean and comfortable accommodation that includes four private rooms, two shared bathrooms, and a shared kitchen. Upstairs, behind the restaurant, The

private parties, functions and workshops.

Steve is a serial entrepreneur, always looking for ways to serve the local tourism industry and new ways to support the local community. Steve's most recent business venture is the all new Impressions of Algonquin Gallery, which will showcase Steve's stunning photographs. Located in Whitney, Ontario just five minutes from Algonquin Park and right beside the Madawaska river, the gallery is now open for this busy season despite unforeseen COVIDrelated delays.

"It is a great pleasure to be able to show others what I see and experience in the park" says Steve. Steve feels it is a privilege and honour to be able to spend time in Algonquin park, which is located on un-ceded Algonquin territory. "I have been inspired by many artists and other photographers to try to capture my wildlife and nature experiences for you to enjoy. I have explored many areas of Algonquin over the years and there is always something new to see."

Steve and his colleague David Kay, who is a painter, have become so well known for their artistic talent that they have been invited to exhibit their art at the Algonquin Park's Visitor Centre this fall. (See the banner ad on page 28 for details.)

Steve says his goal in capturing photos of wildlife is to have the least amount of impact as possible. "I stay quiet and try not to move around a lot, when an animal continues to do what it was doing before I spotted it then I feel like I have accomplished that goal," says Steve. "When an animal decides to move on then I move on too. It's always a privilege to observe and photograph wildlife in Algonquin

If you're in the region this year, we invite you to stop by the Musher to say hello to Steve and sample the Musher's extensive lunch and dinner menus in a casual atmosphere surrounded by local art - including Steve's beautiful landscape and wildlife photography. If you're lucky enough to be here in the fall, take in the Visitor's Centre exhibit of his work and then stop in to the Musher to tell him how much you enjoyed it!

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Your Thoose Welcome 29588 Hwy 60, South Algonquin, ON (5 minutes east of Algonquin Park in Whitney)

Stevie and her Three Polish Ladies ...

By Tania Jermol

Mid summer and a busy tourist season in the Park, it was a Friday late afternoon and I had just left work to start a much anticipated and hopefully restful week of vacation. I drove home with thoughts of how I would spend the rest of the afternoon and evening seeing no one, talking to no one, and maybe even lounging all evening in my hammock! When I pulled into my driveway there was a car parked at the fork in my road that I didn't recognize. I drove past slowly, somewhat grumpy that strangers were waiting on me, likely wanting to buy eggs.

As I parked in front of my house, I could see three ladies get out of the car and walk up towards me. They were full of questions about eggs, my uniform and did I work in the Park, and "oh my goodness can we please meet that goat we see behind the fence". I took a deep breath, changed my mindset, and complied with their wishes, these three Polish ladies on vacation near Barry's Bay. I don't even remember their names, but there was something special about them and so we were off. As we walked around the yard, chickens, ducks, dog and goat in tow, they marvelled at my honey bees, the forest, the flowers, the little things I have been working so hard to create and had been overlooking... instead I was seeing all the work left to do, the fence that needed to be run, the grass that needed to be cut, the



windows that needed to be cleaned... the weed filled garden. These ladies saw the beauty and felt the peacefulness and as I strolled around with them I started to see it too, through their eyes. I relaxed and embraced their company and revelled in their excitement when they discovered my wildly overgrown patch of mint. Mint... they were so happy to have fresh mint! They loved Bella as everyone does, and were enamoured with Stevie Nicks the goat. They even changed her name. "She needs a good Polish name" one of them said, "I will rename her Stefania!". And so be it! We visited out in the evening sun for well over an hour, and when they left their arms were full of farm fresh eggs and homemade bread from my freezer. They set the tone for my entire week off.

A really fresh and positive mood they left me with. And before I turned to walk into my house, one of them came back up the driveway and very assertively informed me that I live in a Fairy Tale and asked me if I realized how fortunate I am. She said they would be back again to visit me and of course, Stefania. I think about these three Polish ladies often, and how they chose to see the beauty. And I am fortunate. I hope we are all fortunate to be where we choose to be, in location and in life.

Choose to see the beauty.









Remembering Grandma's Recipe.



Hazel Mask's Queen Elizabeth Cake

¼ cup shortening 1 cup white or brown sugar 1 egg 1 cup boiling water

1 cup dates

1½ cups flour

30 minutes.

1 teaspoon baking powder ½ cup nuts

1 teaspoon soda ¼ teaspoon salt

1 teaspoon vanilla

Pour boiling water over dates and allow to stand till cool. Mix cake as usual and bake in a moderate oven,

This is a rich moist cake.

Icing

3 tablespoons butter 2 teaspoon cream 5 tablespoons brown sugar ½ cup coconut

Boil 3 minutes, spread over cake while warm, return to oven and bake brown.

This recipe was dictated to my mom Marcia Jermol (Mask) by my grandmother Hazel Mask (Fournier) likely in the 1950's (my grandmother passed away in 1962). This cake was a favourite of Kevin Ferrigan's while growing up and still is. I was able to make this for his 50th year plaque presentation in Algonquin Park a few vears ago.

To make the batter, be sure to not overmix the ingredients and pour into a pan that has been greased and floured. I have made this one many times, and it fills a 9" square cake pan. P.S. a moderate oven is 350 degrees F.

Remembering Aunt Evelyn's Recipe.



Aunt Evelyn's Country Cake

2 quarts milk, lukewarm 1 lb margarine

4 cups white sugar 2 tablespoons salt

1 ½ teaspoons vanilla

1 teaspoon nutmeg 2 packages dry yeast dissolved in a little bit of water with 1 tsp sugar 1 lb raisins

Mix all together in a large bowl and then add enough flour so that the raisins will stick out when the batter is mixed.

Let rise for 1½ hours. Stir it down. Let rise again. Grease pans. Put batter into pans. Let rise for 1 hour.

Sprinkle top with white sugar and cinnamon and bake about 275 degrees F for 1 ½ hours.

I haven't had this cake in many, many years, and have not tried making it myself yet. This recipe was dictated by my Aunt Evelyn Fúller (Boldt) to my mom, Marcia Jermól (Mask) a long time ago.

If I can remember correctly, it is very much like a Kugelopf. And Aunt Evelyn would make it in a bundt pan and sometimes in loaf pans. It's not a dough like bread, but more of a very thick batter.

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CAMPFIRE SAFETY GUIDE

Campfires are a Canadian right of passage enjoyed for recreation, warmth, cooking, and ceremonies. They also pose a risk for properties, people and entire communities. Read on to learn how to enjoy your campfire safely and within the rules.

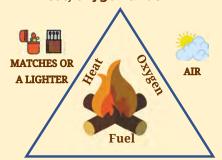
ARE THE CONDITIONS SAFE?

Start a campfire **only** if there is no fire ban **AND** you can answer **yes to all** these questions:

- ✓ Do you have permission of the property owner to have a campfire?
- ✓ Is the fire pit less than 1m in diameter (39"), with a non-combustible ring (metal or rocks for example)?
- ✓ Is the fire pit at least 2m away from other flammable materials?
- ✓ Can the fire burn safely from start to extinguishment?
- ✓ Is there a competent adult in charge of the fire at all times?
- ✓ Can you summon assistance if the fire gets out of control?
- ✓ Are you burning only "Class A" carbon based combustibles such as wood, paper, leaves (no plastic or other materials)?
- ✓ Is it during the prescribed time (no more than 2 hours before sunset, or later than 2 hours after sunrise)?
- ✓ Do you have water available to put the fire out with?

THE FIRE TRIANGLE

Fires need three things: heat, oxygen & fuel



BURN FIRST AID

- Remove any clothing and jewellery. Clothes hold in the heat and can make a burn worse.
- **2.** Never use ice, butter, toothpaste or creams.
- **3.** Apply 20 minutes of cool running water.
- **4.** Cover with a clean cloth, gauze or bandages.
- Seek medical advice if the skin is broken or the burn area is larger than a 25 cent piece.

Note: small cooking fires are permitted at all times, but must be extinguished when cooking is complete.

NEVER use an accelerant to start a campfire

NEVER leave a fire unattended, or kids/pets unattended with a fire

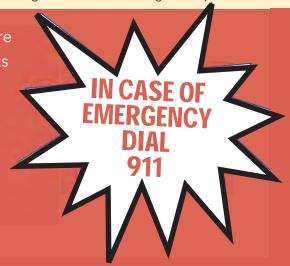
➤ NEVER leave your fire until you are CERTAIN it is out

NEVER bury hot coals or ashes

× NEVER burn plastic, glass or metal

× NEVER horseplay around a campfire

× NEVER light a fire during a fire ban







HOW TO BUILD A CAMPFIRE

1. Gather three types of material. (NEVER use flammable liquids to start a campfire.)







Tinder - dry twigs, paper, lint, cotton, leaves



Kindling – dry sticks no bigger than 1" diameter



Firewood: wood up to about 10" in diameter

2. Choose your campfire style, then build it.



Tipi

Arrange your tinder underneath your kindling. Then stack the wood on top in a cone shape



Crossfire

Place tinder & kindling between two parallel logs. Lay more pieces of wood across the top as fire burns down



Log Cabin

Build layers of wood around the tinder & kindling in perpendicular pairs. Top it off with more kindling

3. Ignite the tinder, and fan the flame to provide oxygen until the logs catch fire.

EXTINGUISHING A FIRE - "DROWN-STIR-DROWN-FEEL"

- 1. Allow your campfire to burn completely to ashes.
- 2. Pour water on it to cool the ashes. Stir the ashes with water to make a 'mud pie'. When you think the fire is out, add more water.
- 3. Check with your hand just above the ash to sense if the ash is still hot. DO NOT TOUCH the ash or you might burn yourself!!! If you feel heat, add more water.
- 4. REMEMBER: If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave!

MORE INFORMATION? CHECK OUT THESE LINKS!



www.fourcornersalgonquin.ca Images from The Noun Project, SVGRepo, Flaticon, Freepic. Ontario Forest Fire Map:

 $\underline{https://www.ontario.ca/page/forest-fires}$

How to prevent forest fires

https://www.ontario.ca/page/how-prevent-forest-fires

Municipal Burn Rules: www.southalgonquin.ca

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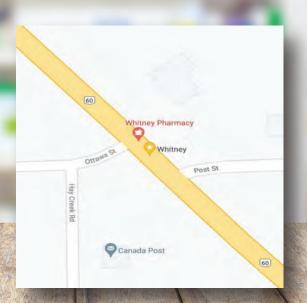
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